

U2C2 Connection

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Worship Services

Services are held at 10:30am every Sunday.

Sunday, April 1, 10:30am

The Virtue of Reverence

We UU's don't often think about Reverence as a virtue. It is interesting to note, however, that even among ancient Greek Humanists and Agnostics, reverence was believed to be important.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kate Rohde

Sunday, April 8, 10:30am

Rites of Spring

The first part of this service will be an intergenerational retelling of the stories of spring, Passover and Easter. The second part of the service, will be a short sermon entitled, "Easter for Adults".

Worship Leader: Rev. Kate Rohde and many others

Sunday, April 15, 10:30am

Living With Archie

When I was a college student, a TV character called Archie Bunker became a national symbol for everyday bigotry. Things have changed in many ways since then. However, nearly forty years after the death of Martin Luther King, we have not reached the Promised Land he dreamed of. What are the everyday people and ideas that we still live with and what and who do they look like?

Worship Leader: Rev. Kate Rohde

Sunday, April 22, 10:30am

TBA

Sunday, April 29, 10:30am

TBA

Note: Due to a last minute change in Candidating Week, we do not have descriptions of the services for April 22 or 29. Watch your email for further information.

April 2007

If you have a meeting this month and don't see it listed, please contact the office at 689-2008 or uucc@cwnet.com.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Worship 10:30am Sr. High Grp 6pm UUCU Orientation 6pm	2	3	4 Search Committee	5 Daytimers 10am at church	6	7 Action Auction
8 Sunday Worship 10:30am	9	10 Religious Ed Committee Mtg 7pm at church Chalice Circle evenings 7pm	11 Search Committee	12 Daytimers 10am at church	13 Chalice Circle mornings 10am 2nd Fri Supper	14
15 Newsletter Deadline Sunday Worship 10:30am Finance Committee Mtg 12pm Women's Group 4pm Sr. High Group 6pm	16	17 Board Meeting 7:15pm at church	18 Search Committee	19 Daytimers 10am at church	20	21 Men's Group Breakfast 9am
22 Theater Group Reservations Due Sunday Worship 10:30am Candidating Week	23 Candidating Week	24 Chalice Circle evenings 7pm Candidating Week	25 Search Committee Candidating Week	26 Daytimers 10am at church Candidating Week	27 Chalice Circle mornings 10am 4th Fri Fun & Games 6pm at church Candidating Week	28 Theater Group 8pm Candidating Week
29 Sunday Worship 10:30am Candidating Week	30					

Altar

04/01 Jenn Richard
 04/08 Toni Darling
 04/15 Jim Eastman
 04/22 Peter Morse
 04/29 Gene Anderson

Greeters

Terri Riley & Frieda Fergus
 Terri Riey & John Sugar
 Terri Riley & Becca Saunders
 Terri Riley & Frieda Fergus
 Terri Riley & Eric Walle

Lighters

Oliver B.
 Hannah C.M.
 Ben C.M.
 Jesse C.M.
 Thomas L.

Head Usher:Barbara Schnabel (Terry Chekon - April 29)



From Our Minister: Kate's Corner



As I look outside and see the flowering trees I can't help but be excited by the beauty of the flowering trees and the coming of spring. Why after all these years do I still feel that sense of anticipation? Do you feel it too? After two years in Florida I am particularly looking forward to some of the familiar spring signs we left behind: daffodils, tulips, forsythia, and iris. As lovely as the weather was there, I missed the spring.

This congregation has much to anticipate. We are anticipating the celebration of your new building at a dedication on May 20. Your committee is working hard to decorate the sanctuary in time for this event. We are also anticipating the presentation of a ministerial candidate to the congregation. We are awaiting an announcement of the name and dates, but by the time you receive this newsletter, an announcement will have been made.

Candidating Week is a part of our Unitarian tradition in which the congregation itself chooses and elects the clergy who would provide leadership for it. This week will give you the opportunity to meet and greet the candidate and then to vote on whether or not you are willing to approve the candidate your search committee recommended. Traditionally, an almost unanimous vote (over 90% sometimes over 95%) is necessary for a candidate to accept an offer, so every vote is important. Do come out and meet your candidate and get a good start for your next ministry.

As of this writing, I do not yet know about my own future. I am "cautiously optimistic" having had many good interactions with search committees. This process makes me feel very good about Unitarian Universalism around the country. I am impressed by the dedication of the search committees with whom I have spoken — their dedication to their church and to Unitarian Universalism. Don't forget to thank the members of your search committee. They have worked long and hard on behalf of UUCU. We are grateful for all they have done and are doing.

~ Rev. Kate Rohde

From Our Board President: Kurt's Corner

There's tons going on here at UUCU. Read the rest of this newsletter – guaranteed fascinating reading.

The Settled Ministerial Search committee is in the final stages of the current round of interviews and discussions. The Décor Team has solid plans for the sanctuary – that we'll be seeing appear as if by magic! The Membership Committee is firing on all cylinders – how we greet folks and the impression we make is so important, deserving of all the attention it gets. Chalice Circles restarted with two new sessions in March. It's time for the annual Operating Fund Canvass that will be firing up this month with our enhanced vision for this coming year and powering our efforts.

That's about it for highlights for now. But wait – there's more! Read on...!

With Thanks and Love,
Kurt Schmidt

At a Unitarian Universalist worship service or meeting, you are likely to find members whose positions on faith may be derived from a variety of religious beliefs: Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, naturist, atheist, or agnostic. Members might tell you that they are religious humanists, liberal Christians, or world religionists.

All these people, and others who still label their beliefs differently, are faithful Unitarian Universalists committed to the practice of free religion. We worship, sing, play, study, teach, and work for social justice together as congregations - all the while remaining strong in our individual convictions.



From Our Director of Religious Education: Dawn's Corner We Believe in Peace and Justice for All

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

That is a line from a song familiar to most of us. Peace work does begin with ourselves. That means we must learn to listen deeply and learn to see beyond our own circle of reality. The foundation stone for peace is kindness. How can we open our hearts to be kind even to those who we might not be able to like very much. Let us all look for ways to open our hearts wide to love and compassion for all.

On Easter Sunday April 8th there will be an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt! Our Easter Sunday Program will include an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt for children in Religious Education. Each child will be given a map which will ask them to complete various tasks in order to find their Easter Egg Treasure Basket. Please note that each child will receive a map created especially for their age group to follow. Children will enjoy following the path to the Chalice of Spring where their treasure will await!

Our Religious Education Committee will be meeting on April 10th at 7:00pm. Anyone with an interest in our Religious Education Program is welcome to attend. We will be meeting at the church. Contact Dawn Rose or Alison Navas for more information.

The 4th Friday Fun & Games night will be held on Friday April 27th. Doors will open at 6pm and dinner is at 7pm. Join us as we celebrate Spring.

~ Dawn Rose



Ministerial Search Committee News

Cross your fingers and hold the dates! We are working hard on behalf of the congregation and though there is nothing definite to report, we are hopeful that we will have a candidate to present for your consideration next month.

Candidating Week is an exciting time with many activities that allow every committee, every member and friend of the congregation to have opportunities to meet the candidate.

We have set April 22 to 29 as our Candidating Week. The activities start with the Sunday morning service on the 22nd, followed by a full week of meetings, dinners, lunches and coffees; and culminates with another service and congregational vote on April 29.

Please watch your mail (e and snail) for more information, and wish us luck on completing our process and bringing a candidate for your consideration.

Raley Shopping Card Update

We receive a steady source of income by using our Raley shopping card. We get a percentage return from each shopping dollar spent. For the period of July 2006 to March 2007, we have generated a total of \$511.29 in income for UUCC. A great thank you to everyone using our Raley Shopping card! If you still do not have a card, please contact Dick Tarble.



UUCC Chili Dinner and Orientation

Reverend Kate Rhode and the UUCC Membership Committee are hosting an orientation for visitors and new members on Sunday, April 1 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the church. The membership committee invites anyone interested in learning more about UUism and UUCC to enjoy homemade chili, cornbread and salad while satisfying your UU curiosity. Please contact Annette Emery if interested in attending.

2nd Friday Suppers

Thank you to our March hosts, Annette Emery/Patrick Cody and Lloyd/Frieda Fergus. A good time was enjoyed by all. The next supper is April 13th. If you would like to host or attend in April, please notify Gene Anderson.

4th Friday Fun & Games

Our 4th Friday Fun & Games night will be held on Friday April 27th. Doors will open at 6pm and dinner is at 7pm. Join us as we celebrate Spring.

Women's Group

The UUCC Women's Group meets monthly to share events, laugh, cry and eat. The group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. To find out more, call Annette Emery.

Theater Group

We will see "Marisol" by Jose Rivera at City Theatre, Sacramento City College, 12th Avenue and Freeport Avenue on Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 pm. "We must learn to rely on ourselves and not on divine intervention. Painful and painfully funny." Reservations (\$15 and \$10) due by Sunday, April 22. For more information, contact Frieda Fergus.

April First Sunday Offering YMCA Middle East Relief Campaign

In April, our first Sunday offering is being donated to the YMCA's Middle East Relief campaign to deal with the ongoing humanitarian crisis their communities face. The ongoing conflicts and hostilities in the middle east continue to displace thousands of people and destroy the infrastructure of all countries involved. Damages in Lebanon and Israel to homes, highways, schools hospitals and other structures are estimated to exceed \$2.5 billion dollars from the last conflict. Living in these war torn countries are people of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith.

The YMCA's of the middle east have long been the only safe place for people of differing faiths to gather, meet and openly discuss their differences. Now they have joined together to provide aid and assistance to all people in the affected communities. The Jerusalem International YMCA (established in 1878), the YMCA of Lebanon (established in 1890) and the East Jerusalem YMCA (established 1948) stand together to address the needs in their communities to rebuild homes, procure and distribute medicine, promote the "Peace Preschool" where Arab and Jewish Israeli children attend together, and provide on going psychological counseling services for the thousands of children who have lost their homes and loved ones, regardless of their faith or ethnic background. Each YMCA has a different focus addressing the specific needs of their communities.

For more information about these worthy projects, go to:

www.ymca.middle.east.relief.campaign.html.
Checks can be made out to: YMCA of the USA,
Attention: Middle East Campaign.

~ Tonie

A Message from Your UUCC Treasurer

For the March 2007 First Sunday Collection Plate Donation, UUCC sent a total of \$316.00 to the SSIP Food Closet.





Celebration Sunday May 20th Celebrate Our Future

Come to church Sunday, May 20th
for Celebration Sunday!

We will dedicate our new home,
celebrate the ministerial search
results and contribute to our fu-
ture by filling out our canvass
pledge cards in church. We will
celebrate together after church
with a hot lunch.

For more information, please con-
tact Celia Buckley. Please call if
you are available to help with the
day's logistics.





UUA President Honored

The UUA President William G. Sinkford was honored for the second consecutive year by Beliefnet.com as one of the nation's Most Influential Black Spiritual Leaders. Rev. Sinkford shares the spotlight with faith leaders from many spiritual traditions, including Iyanla Vanzant, Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Imam Siraj Wahhaj, and Rev. Johnnie Coleman.

The editors described their selections with these words: "While by no means comprehensive, the list represents some of today's most prominent—and controversial—spiritual figures, as well as those whose lifelong efforts have earned them a place in history."

Sinkford was singled out by the editors for his work in support of marriage equality for same-sex couples and for his prophetic leadership in opposition to the Iraq war. Upon learning of the award, Sinkford said, "It's an honor to be recognized within such a religiously diverse group. The richness and variety of African American spiritual life is a joy to behold."

Beliefnet offers resources and reflections within dozens of religious traditions, with the aim of helping readers explore their own spiritual paths. Beliefnet is a recipient of the Online Journalism Award for General Excellence Online, the highest honor given by the Online News Association.

Stebbins at Asilomar

Stebbins at Asilomar is a UU summer gathering at Asilomar Conference Center on California's Monterey Peninsula where the cypress meet the sea. Choose from daily workshops that stimulate the mind, nourish the spirit and move the body. Dance, sing, discuss, learn, contemplate and grow in an atmosphere of friendship and fun. Grounds include a heated swimming pool, volleyball court, pool tables, ping pong table, gift shop and boardwalks that wind through the dunes of this dramatic oceanside conference ground. Golf courses, Monterey Bay Aquarium and local shops are just minutes away. Asilomar features comfortable accommodations that include daily maid service and great food served semi-cafeteria style in the dining hall. For more information, visit <http://www.serve.com/stebbins>. Links to printable forms will be found at www.serve.com/stebbins. Registration begins on Feb. 15, 2007. Accommodation fees must be paid in full by April 20, 2007. If you have questions, please contact the Co-Registrar, Helen Oxley, 831-430-0211, hao3@aol.com.

UU Beacon Press Books

Jack Mendelsohn's liberal ministry of sixty-two years continues to express his passion for Beacon Press books. As author as well as preacher and prophet, he is esteemed by Unitarian Universalists as well as by a wider lively circle of action-oriented citizens. Here now online Jack celebrates Beacon Press books published by the Unitarian Universalist Association—a precious showcase of real religion expressed as justice, power, civil rights, education, music, love, literature, spirituality, and democracy.

Beacon Press on historic Beacon Hill in Boston is an esteemed member of the Association of American University Presses. See www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/beacon/.

Also note that coming soon is an illustrated Harvard Square Library book featuring over 100 Notable American Unitarians 1936-1961; women and men who changed the world in their respective fields: arts, business, education, government, health, human rights, literature, natural sciences, engineering, philosophy, religion, and the social sciences.



Drumbeat for Darfur

As genocide devastates Darfur, we must be relentless in our efforts to end it. You can help.

At the 2007 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, UUSC will hold a full-day training to increase awareness and organize action to bring peace and justice to Darfur.

This landmark event will feature three inspiring speakers: Darfurian activist Omer Ismail, author and activist Frances Moore Lappé, and UUSC President Charlie Clements.

In addition, small group workshops facilitated by experienced activists will help you build the skills necessary to help organize a Drumbeat for Darfur within your own community. We encourage each participant to attend along with one to two others from their congregation.

There is no charge for attending, and registration for General Assembly is not required. Lunch will be provided.

Space for this exciting opportunity is limited. To learn more, contact Rachel Jordan at volunteerservices@uusc.org or 617-301-4307.

More about our speakers can be found online at www.uusc.org/drumbeatfordarfur/generalassembly.html.

Join the Drumbeat for Darfur campaign and take action today at www.uusc.org/drumbeatfordarfur.

What: Join us to raise the Drumbeat for Darfur
When: June 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: Portland, OR (specific location to be announced)

Rachel Jordan
Associate for Member Development
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
617-301-4307 or 800-766-5236

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures, and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

UUCPA Job Posting

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto (UUCPA) has an opportunity for an experienced Director of Religious Education (DRE) candidate to join our professional leadership team.

As the Interim Director of Religious Education, you will have the opportunity to shape the future of our RE programs through the following activities:

- Provide leadership & administration for RE programs
- Identify the strengths and needs of current RE program and structure, with the congregation's feedback and participation
- Facilitate a process for the congregation to understand, appreciate and support RE programs in an integrated way, actively strengthening and developing each program
- Assist the congregation in renewing its RE vision and creating a unique RE program identity
- Facilitate RE leadership development to reach appropriate long-term goals.
- Build connections between the RE Program leaders and UUA leadership and goals.

Qualifications:

- Training and experience in education required, preferably with religious education
- Demonstrated knowledge of and enthusiasm for RE curriculum & programming
- Understanding of and commitment to UU principles
- Excellent interpersonal & listening skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Ability to inspire the interest, excitement and cooperation of others
- Collaborative work style
- Bachelor's degree

At UUCPA, you will work with bright, diverse, and dedicated people. You will find a beautiful library of resources as well as much interpersonal encouragement to learn and grow. You will enjoy a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits. Our community is located in Palo Alto, CA.

To apply for this position, please send your resume and cover letter to: applydre@uucpa.org. Deadline for applications is April 10, 2007. A job description for this position and additional information about UUCPA can be found at http://www.uucpa.org/jobs/DRE_Job_Description022407.pdf.



Mission

The ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church is to foster open minds, caring hearts, helping hands, and growing spirits in a congregation of all ages. By living and sharing Unitarian Universalist values, our spiritual and intentionally diverse community seeks to bring compassion and justice to the world.

UUC is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Pacific Central District (PCD) of the UUA.

Membership

Would you like to be a formal member of this congregation? We would love to have you as a member!

If you would like membership information or if you feel ready to sign our membership book, you may talk to Rev. Kate Rohde, Annette Emery, or Laura Osborne.

Membership requirements are:

- 1) you must be at least 16 years old
- 2) you accept our principles and purposes
- 3) you make and fulfill a commitment to an annual contribution of record through a pledge of money and/or services.

We are a wonderful congregation and we will welcome you with open arms.

Affiliates

All Unitarian Universalist congregations in California's mountain and valley areas:

www.UUValleySierra.org

Pacific Central District (PCD):

www.pcd-uua.org

Telephone: (510) 601-1437

Unitarian Universalist Association:

www.uua.org

Telephone: (617) 742-2100

UU Legislative Ministry:

www.uulmca.org

Telephone: (916) 441-0018

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee:

www.uusc.org

Telephone: (617) 868-7102

Sacyouth.com - Faith-Based Activities for Youth:

www.sacyouth.com

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP)

Emergency Food Closet:

www.ssipfoodcloset.org

Telephone: (916) 428-5290

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Worship Committee: Jane Churchon (chair), Allison Claire





Make New Friends

UUCC has had a wonderful group of visitors since we settled into our new location. Our visitors have found their way to UUCC and have questions and thoughts about who we are. This is a chance to make new friends by talking to our visitors, showing off our building and finding out more about them. Take the time to talk to our visitors. The conversation may be short, sweet and may lead to future conversations as we see them at UUCC services and events.



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