

U2C2 Connection

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Worship Services

Services are held at 10:30am every Sunday.

Sunday, June 3, 10:30am

"Looking for Salvation"

Lucy Bunch, who bid on a sermon topic of her choice, asked me to preach a sermon on "salvation". It is an interesting challenge given that a survey of UU's once picked this as their least favorite theological word.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kate Rohde/Worship Associate: Nina weiler-Harwell

Sunday, June 10, 10:30am

"Every Child's Journey"

Youth Sunday will celebrate the journey each child has made in our exploration of Unitarian Universalist goals and purposes. Coming of Age credos, Bar mitzvah torah offerings, a puppet play "Every Child's Journey", and musical offerings will be the highlights of our service presented by our youth members.

Worship Leader: Dawn Rose/Worship Associate: Peter Morse

Sunday, June 17, 10:30am

"Saying Goodbye"

This will be Rev. Kate's last service of this year. We will also be honoring the graduating high school seniors. It is also the time of the annual Flower Communion, so bring a flower from your garden (and if you have an extra, bring one for a visitor). The sermon will address one of the most important life skills - parting well.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kate Rohde/Worship Associate: Allison Claire

Sunday, June 24, 10:30am

"Confessions of a UU Buddhist"

For our first Sunday of the summer season, Lucy Bunch will reprise a sermon she gave in 2001. What are the joys and challenges of being a practicing Buddhist in a UU community? What life's lessons has she learned on this path? What challenges remain? Join us for some questions and some answers.

Worship Leader: Lucy Bunch/Worship Associate: Jim Skow

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June 2007

If you have a meeting or birthday 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	2 Annual Congregational Mtg 10am Action Auction
3 Sunday Worship 10:30am Sr. High Grp 6pm	4	5	6	7 Daytimers 10am at church	8 Chalice Circle mornings 10am	9 2nd Sat Supper
10 Sunday Worship 10:30am Theater Group Reservations Due	11	12 Religious Ed Committee Mtg 7pm at church Chalice Circle evenings 7pm Board Mtg 7:15pm	13	14 Daytimers 10am at church	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Men's Group Breakfast 9am Theater Group 8pm
17 Father's Day Sunday Worship 10:30am All Church Picnic 12pm Women's Group 4pm Sr. High Grp 6pm	18	19	20	21 Daytimers 10am at church	22 Chalice Circle mornings 10am 4th Fri Fun & Games 6pm at church	23 Action Auction
24 Sunday Worship 10:30am	25	26 Chalice Circle evenings 7pm	27	28 Daytimers 10am at church	29	30

Altar
06/03 Celia Buckley
06/10 Gina Guarneri
06/17 Sybil Lawson
06/24 Georgene Tarble

Greeters
Rosemary Miles
Becca Sanders
Rebecca Fain
Terri Riley

Lighters
Miley N.
Annika L.
Ben C.M.
TBD

Head Usher: Georgene Tarble (Richard Leimbach 6/24)

Monthly Greeter: Frieda Fergus

From Our Minister: Kate's Corner

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your minister during this second interim year. I have enjoyed getting to know you and Sacramento, even as we have worked together to prepare you for the next chapter in your ministry to South Sacramento and Elk Grove. While you have taken several big steps on the journey, my hope for you is that you will come back together in the fall with energy to work with Rev. Martha on creating your new life together.

You have asked her to come here and take a big risk with you. You are investing money to provide you the opportunity to reach out. She is investing her ministerial career. Money will not be enough. Nor will hope and good wishes. You will need a renewed commitment and renewed vision. You will need to create a new relationship not only with her, but with one another, including those who enter your doors seeking and the community which surrounds you. You will need to be open to learning and change. You have birthed the baby, but as any parent will tell you, the changes have just begun.

The good news is that the work and ministry ahead can be great fun. Whatever you love: music, service, art, nurturing, social change, writing, cooking, making connections, problem solving, or teaching can be a part of your ministry within this congregation. Whatever your loves and talents, they will be useful to UUCC as you expand your ministry.

The summer in most UU congregations is quieter than the rest of the months of the year. So I wish for you a good summer with time to enjoy the sun, friends, and family.

You and I share a wonderful legacy in our Unitarian Universalist heritage. All my best, as you carry it forward into the years ahead and out into the community beyond.

~ Rev. Kate Rohde

Message from Rev. Martha

Thank you to all who helped make my candidating week a success. Your support of this process, despite your busy weekday schedules, is a great sign of things to come! I learned a lot about you, had fun meeting you, talking about your hopes for UUCC, and celebrating all the possibilities that the future holds for us. I'm honored by your vote of confidence and am looking forward to many fulfilling years together!

Yours, Rev. Martha

From Our Board President: Kurt's Corner

We are winding down UUCC's 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. The budget meeting(s) to develop a monetary roadmap for the coming year, will of course still take place after Canvass has concluded. And at the Congregational Meeting on Saturday, June 2, we will be electing three new Board members to fill out the full complement. But the May Board meeting is proving to be my last regular meeting with this most wonderful group of fellow leaders. There will be a "changing of the guard" as of July 1st.

You've read plenty of news in my columns over these last two years. Our accomplishments as a congregation include moving to our new church facility, the comings and goings (or is that goings and comings?) of four wonderful ministers, and establishing a new way of life. We have remained financially solvent and have responsibly paced ourselves through tremendous amounts of cultural change. We've even remained friends pretty much (at least I think so!).

Rev. Kate Rohde has been a fabulous presence for us this year. She has been a consistent voice of experience and reason in our times of turmoil and stress. Kate has been such a nurturing presence too. She's listened and participated on many levels – especially as we established new governing mechanisms and policies. She's been just what we needed.

This year's Board has included Dick Tarble, Maggie Melnick, Steve Bakken, Laura Osborne, Wynne Skow and Ken De Crescenzo. We started the year with a retreat near Angel's Camp, at which we set our priorities and listed the goals that were important to us. I've kept track of this list of some 10 major concepts all year, crossing off the line items as we went. Never would I have thought we could get through all our goals, and to be sure, several items will be ongoing projects. But by golly, as far as what we needed to accomplish this year, we got it all addressed. The board gets to start anew almost immediately – new goals and challenges lie ahead.

I'm thankful for all this. I am proud to consider myself a member of this UU church community. I look forward to remaining active in new ways in the future.

Best wishes to all of you, to the new UUCC Board, and especially to Reverend Kate Rohde as she leaves to start her new life.

With Love and Thanks,
Kurt Schmidt, soon-to-be ex-President

From Our Director of Religious Education: Dawn's Corner

Religious Education News

New Date For RE Youth Service June 10
"Every Child's Journey"

Our youth service on Sunday, June 10 will celebrate and honor the journey of every child in our Religious Education Program this year. Oliver B. and Thomas L. supported by their mentors Peter Morse and Steve Bakken in the Coming of Age Program will be presenting their personal credos. School age children in our Religious Education program will be presenting the play "Every Child's Journey" written by Jennifer Sugar. Various other musical contributions will be made by other youth members. Please support our youth and the future of our liberal religious movement by planning to attend this sure-to-be inspiring worship service.

Religious Education Committee Meeting

Our Religious Education Committee will be meeting on June 12th at 7:00pm. Anyone with an interest in our Religious Education Program is welcome to attend. We will be meeting at the church. Call Dawn Rose or Alison Navas for more information.

~ Dawn Rose



Within UUCC

Women's Group

The UUCC Women's Group will meet at the home of Rebecca Fain on Sunday, June 17 at 4:00pm. The UUCC Women's Group is an informal group open to all women. We meet to share our stories, laugh, and eat. For information on the UUCC Women's Group, contact Annette Emery. To get directions to Rebecca's home, please call Rebecca.

2nd Friday Supper Now Changed to 2nd Saturday Supper

The change has been made to provide people with more time to prepare and travel. The potlucks are friendly gatherings and all are welcome. Thanks to Terri Riley/Richard Leimbach and Barbara Schnabel for hosting in May. The 2nd Saturday Supper in June is on the 9th. If you wish to attend or host, please call or email Gene Anderson.

4th Friday Fun & Games

The 4th Friday Fun & Games event will be held on Friday, June 22nd. Doors will open at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. Join us as we celebrate Spring.

Mini FAQ

Question: Where is the Lost and Found located?

Answer: In the Lost & Found box, under the Greeters' table.

Question: Can I still bring paper bags and egg cartons for the SSIP food closet?

Answer: Yes! You can deposit the bags and cartons under the Greeters' table. Someone collects them periodically and delivers them to SSIP.

June 3 First Sunday Collection

Our First Sunday Collection will be on June 3, and will be used to buy braille books for blind children. This is part of the American Action Fund program to encourage blind children to improve their reading skills by providing popular best-selling books in braille for them.

This program also provides other services for the blind including Science Camp, Lending Library, scholarships & grants, hot-line to the deaf-blind and an International Braille & Technology Center with equipment for braille reading and printing.

More information and samples will be available at the back of the church on June 3.

Amy Jaynes,
Social Issues First Sunday Chairman

Honoring Graduates

During our June 17 service, we will honor our graduating high school seniors. Come congratulate the young people who have been a part of this congregation for so many years.

UUCU Picture Directory

We will be making a new picture directory! Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 30 and Monday, October 1 (2:00 – 9:00 pm on both days), Lifetouch will be taking family photographs of us for our new church directory. More information will be coming in the late summer. If you would like to help organize this effort, contact Laura Osborne.

Cell Phones

We collected 17 phones and sent them in to the company. They rejected 10 and paid us \$10.50 for the rest - hardly worth the effort. Thanks to all of you that contributed, even though it only turned out to be a minor success.

~Dick Tarble

Theater Group

On Saturday, June 16 at 8:00 pm, we will see "Intimate Apparel" at Celebration Arts (4469 D Street, Sacramento, CA 95819). It is a Victorian-age drama about loneliness, hope, impossibility, and the tragedy of love. Reservations (\$15 & \$13) to Frieda Fergus by Sunday, June 10.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is submitting the following for election to office on Saturday, June 2:

President	Marion Randall
Vice President	John Sugar
Secretary	Wynne Skow
Treasurer	Steve Bakken

~Annette Emery, Edie O'Laughlin and Dick Tarble of the Nominating Committee

A Message from Your UUCU Treasurer

UUCU sent \$220.00 to the YMCA Middle East Relief Fund for April's First Sunday Plate Donation.

Welcome New Members

UUCU welcomed four new members this last month.

Ardyn and Leslie Gladney visited, sewed and then joined. Yes, this is the wonderful couple that made the curtains and wall hanging that have beautified UUCU. Ardyn is a Psychology major at Sacramento City College who is working towards becoming a Marriage and Family Therapist. Leslie is a seamstress who is working and learning more about couture at SSC and is interested in alternative bridal wear. Ardyn and Leslie have six cats that they adopted after a friend passed away. Ardyn and Leslie feel comfortable at UUCU and were glad that they were able to tangibly contribute to UUCU by sewing the beautiful fabric selected by the decorating committee.

Rebecca Fain has also quickly found a place at UUCU by attending every event offered and also working with the Membership Committee as a greeter. Rebecca is a librarian at William Land School. She only recently discovered UUism but feels that this is a comfortable home for her. Rebecca shares her home with two dogs – Ian and Rocky. Rebecca is also offering her home to the UUCU Women's Group in June.

Sonia Duffoo moved to Sacramento after retiring as director of migrant education in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Sonia was attracted to the cultural events in Sacramento and to be nearer to her daughter, Cris Morales. Sonia feels that UUism shares her belief in justice and the search for truth & meaning. Sonia has a dog and two cats and is looking for her niche at UUCU.

Welcome to all of our new members.



Church Picnic on June 17 - Celebrate Rev. Kate's Interim Ministry With UCC

Mark your calendars for this very special event! Following the service on Sunday, June 17, UCC members and friends will gather at Countryside Community Park for a picnic and party to celebrate the end of the church year, thank Rev. Kate for her interim ministry, and say goodbye to Kate and David before they head off for Omaha. The picnic will be potluck style, so bring a dish to share. Beverages and cake will be provided.

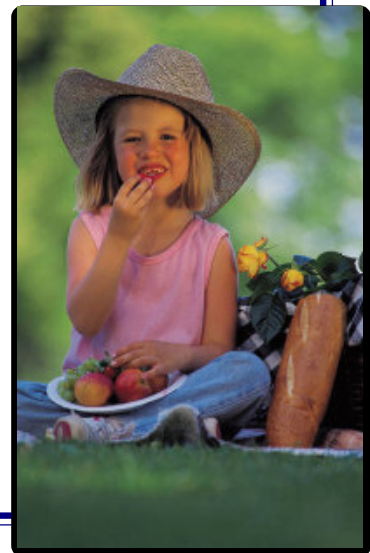
The park features a play structure for the kids, grassy lawns, a basketball court, and playing fields. We will set up our picnic beneath the shade trees. Please bring picnic blankets and/or camp chairs for yourselves and any guests. Frisbees, croquet sets, and lawn games are welcome!

When: Sunday, June 17, 2007, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm.

Where: Countryside Community Park, corner of Power Inn Rd. and East Stockton/Meadowhaven (from the church: turn left out of our parking lot onto East Stockton Blvd., and proceed through the light at Power Inn. You are now on Meadowhaven. The parking lot is on the right.)

Bring: A dish to share, picnic blanket and/or camp chairs, lawn games, hats, and sunblock!

For more information, contact Allison Claire.



Tracking Attendance at Church

The Membership Committee is following our district's advice and is beginning to track attendance at our church worship services. We will be using the tracking system recommended by and used at the UU Church of Berkeley, which has nearly 500 members. Historically, in our small church, tracking attendance has consisted of a couple people sitting down and saying, "You know, I haven't seen so-and-so lately. I wonder if she/he's okay." As we grow, noticing absences becomes more difficult and whenever we move to two services, it'll be impossible. We want to have a solid system in place before that time. Currently, we are finding the increase in the number of returning visitors is more difficult to track than previously. It is time for UUCB to have a better tracking system.

How will we track attendance? Right now one person is checking names off a list of friends/members/visitors and the attendance is entered into our database. Once our new nametag board is up, we will begin tracking attendance via nametags.

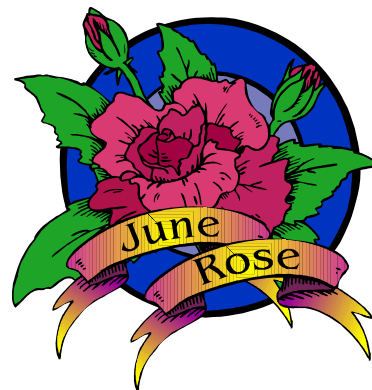
Will we have to do anything different? When we begin using nametags to track attendance, you will be requested to return your nametag into a basket near the door and not the nametag board. We will take attendance via the nametags in the basket, and then replace your nametag on the board for you. The following Sunday, you will find your nametag returned to the nametag board. For the system to work, you will need to wear your nametag every Sunday you are present. We all should be wearing our nametags consistently, as it is a tremendous help to everyone, especially new people and ministers!

When will we start returning our nametag into a basket? Everyone will be notified of the start date via an all church email and an announcement in the pulpit. It will begin after our new nametag board is up.

How will the attendance data be used? The information will:

- help enhance our attention to returning visitors. We will look for patterns of when visitors either join or drop out of our church. Perhaps the Membership committee can do more to help retain our visitors.
- help us notice if there is a sudden change in members' attendance patterns, which may signal a need for some support.
- be invaluable for those doing the difficult tasks of deciding who to canvass and who to contact as we revise our membership list annually.

There are certain systems that work well in a small family-sized church, but don't work well in a larger church. We appreciate your cooperation. If you feel you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact Laura Osborne.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 2 from 10:00 - 11:30 am.

We will be conducting our Annual Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and approve the 2007-08 Fiscal Year Budget.

Child care and refreshments will be available.

~Your President

Beyond UUC

UUMen Network

UUMen Network is the Unitarian Universalist Men's Organization. The UUMen's Website www.uumen.org includes past issues of our MaleCall newsletter, the winning sermons from our Annual Men's Sermon contest, and topical information such as how to start a Men's Group, boy-friendly RE, and Coming of Age rituals. The website features a forum for the discussion of men's issues, and it offers books and additional resources for your church.

For any members attending this year's GA in Portland, we would like to extend a warm welcome to them to visit our booth and to learn more about our organization.

Dave Woods
President, UUMen

UUSC Announces 2007 Civil Rights Journey

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is excited to announce the 2007 Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey. It is a JustWorks camp that will take you to the most significant sites of the civil rights movement.

Join UUSC for the fourth annual Civil Rights Journey to Atlanta, Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham from July 7-14, 2007. During this intergenerational trip, we will travel together by bus to visit historical sites that were significant to people who worked, often at great personal peril, to register new voters during Freedom Summer 1964. Participants will also hear inspirational stories of people who were there.

The Civil Rights Journey will conclude with electoral-related skills training that will equip participants to return to their communities and campuses as activists.

The fee for Freedom Summer 2007: A Civil Rights Journey (intergenerational 14 and over) is fee \$500. For more information, visit www.uusc.org/justworks. Or to sign up, contact Nguyen at 800-388-3920, ext. 201, or download an application online at www.uusc.org/freedomssummer.

Guest at Your Table & Justice Sunday 2007-2008

Join Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) in advancing justice throughout the world!

Please save these dates on your 2007-2008 congregational calendar.

Guest at Your Table will be held Sunday, November 18, 2007.

Build lasting connections to UU values by taking part in Guest at Your Table.

Join UUs of all ages to learn about human rights around the world while celebrating the interconnectedness of all life.
<http://www.uusc.org/guest>

Justice Sunday will be held Sunday, March 30, 2008.

On Justice Sunday, UU congregations unite to take action on an urgent human rights issue. Join UUSC to organize action for change.
<http://www.uusc.org/justicesunday>

Contact volunteerservices@uusc.org or 617-868-6600 for more information.

Fall Splendor Weekend

The leaves will be changing color; the days will be warm and the nights cool. Come to the Wisconsin Northwoods, the land of beautiful woods and water; come see the loons and the eagles! The Northwoods UU Fellowship in Woodruff Wisconsin www.nuuf.com invites you to join us the weekend of September 28-30, 2007 to experience the most glorious time of year. You will stay with a UU family for two nights; enjoy breakfasts and Friday dinner with your hosts; and join the congregation for a special dinner with entertainment on Saturday night. On Saturday, you can participate in any of our planned activities, such as hiking, fishing, birding, antiquing and more; or you can go exploring on your own. On Sunday, join us for our worship service before you head home. The cost of \$300 per couple (singles and families are welcome at special rates, as well!) will help support the new expansion of our building. For more information or to make reservations, contact Joan Hauer at hauerj@verizon.net or call 715-356-6540.

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 - Faith-Based Activities for Youth:

www.sacyouth.com

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP)

Emergency Food Closet:

www.ssipfoodcloset.org

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Committee on Ministry: Wynne Skow (chair), Allison

Claire, Mark Callicotte

Finance Committee: Mark Callicotte

Membership Committee: Eric Walle (chair)

Openers/Closers Supervisor: Rev. Kate Rohde

Religious Education Committee: Alison Navas

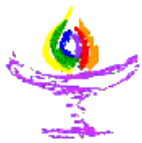
Social Action (Bag Days): Celia Buckley

Worship Committee: Jane Churchon (chair), Allison

Claire

About the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) represents the interests of more than one thousand Unitarian Universalist congregations, on a continental scale. The UUA grew out of the consolidation, in 1961, of two religious denominations: the Universalists, organized in 1793, and the Unitarians, organized in 1825.



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