

# **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos**



## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

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### **SUNDAY PROGRAMMING, July 2006**

**Sunday Services, 10:30-11:30am**

**July 2: “How Does One Love One’s Country?”** Senator Frank Church gave this Fourth of July address at Independence Hall in Philadelphia inspiring his son, UU minister Forest Church. Rev. Nancy Roemheld addresses this question on this Sunday closest to the Fourth. Julie Doyle is worship associate. Religious Education for children is offered concurrently with the service. There will be a potluck to celebrate Rev. Nancy’s Interim year with the Fellowship following the service. She will be leaving for her next ministry in Omaha, Nebraska.

**July 9: “We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For.”** The principles of Unitarian Universalism promise a society where every person is supported in their quest to actualize his or her highest potential. Fulfilling that promise is our great responsibility. Will we seize the opportunity, or shrink from it? Worship leader is Bill Scarvie; worship associate is Chris Washburn.

**July 16: “Sound, Sentiment, and Spirit: Music, Culture, and Religious Experience.”** This talk is a brief explanation of the many roles music plays in religious experience across a range of world cultures; how music, and more broadly sound figure in the lives of different religious communities. Don Brenneis, Professor of Anthropology at UC Santa Cruz is guest speaker. He formerly taught at Pitzer College. He is interested more broadly in the relationships between communication—primarily verbal and musical—and social life. Lynn O’Keefe is lay-leader.

**July 23: “Prayers to the Earth: Unitarian Universalism and Earth-based Spirituality.”** What is “Earth-based” or “Pagan” spirituality, and what does it have to do with our denomination? Guest speaker Rev. Bonnie Dlott will explore the beliefs and rituals central to the practice of earth-based religion, and reflect on the ways in which neo-pagan individuals and groups enrich our UU communities. Rev. Dlott did post-doctoral work at the UCLA school of medicine in the field of human genetics prior to being ordained following graduation from Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley. She has been practicing neo-paganism for about ten years, in a closed coven, in open groups, and as a solitary and is currently serving on the board of the Covenant of UU Pagans as the corporate secretary. She lives in Pleasant Hill with her partner and two teen-agers. Linda Krenicky is lay leader.

**July 30: “It’s Elemental.”** The interconnected web of life is built on the structure and bonds of the most basic non-living elements. Before modern chemistry, earth, air, fire and water were understood to all be needed in balance, for the existence of life as we know it. So where does spirit fit in? And what of the stars? Hollie Dunham and Walt Main are co-leaders.

**August 6: Scott Kennedy**, co-founder of the Resource Center for Nonviolence and formerly Mayor and on the Santa Cruz City Council will join us again as guest speaker. He has made many trips to Israel and Palestine during the last thirty years through Peace Builders and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, meeting with peace groups on both sides of that conflict. He will talk about how we can have discussions with people of opposing views in a way that can promote understanding and a way forward.

## **Membership Committee News:**

The Membership Committee will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 in the West Room of the Fellowship starting at 1:00 PM. All members are invited to attend. If you have any changes in your address, phone number or email address please make sure that you let Harry Campbell know so that he can keep your membership information up to date.

Lou Yabroff is the new Membership Committee chairperson for the next year. Other members are Jim Beebe, Ann Campbell, Harry Campbell, Barbara Kalmoutis and Marion Peterson.

We are looking for additional volunteers to work with our Membership Committee members to hand out the order of service prior to each Sunday service and to make visitors feel more welcome. If you can sign up for a month of Sundays your contribution will be most appreciated. Please talk to any member of the committee to volunteer.

## **Member Photo Directory For 2006-2007:**

The Membership Committee is planning to publish the 2006-2007 Membership Photo Directory in September or early October. So, we will have photo sessions at the Fellowship following the Sunday services on July 23rd and July 30th. If you don't have a photo in the current directory or if you want to have a new photo taken just show up for the photo session – no appointment necessary. If you are unable to make the photo session you can give or email a photo to Harry Campbell.

The new directory will include members and friends or the Fellowship. It will have a single photo for all family members or residents of a single address.

Also, as a reminder please make sure that any address, phone number or email corrections or changes from last year's photo directory information are emailed to Harry Campbell at [harry\\_redden\\_campbell@yahoo.com](mailto:harry_redden_campbell@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 408-374-8844.

## **Long Range Planning Committee:**

The Fellowship Long Range Planning Committee is not formally meeting in July. Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM will start again in August. Please check the Fellowship calendar on our UUFLG web site for the most recent information on our meetings.

This committee is preparing a long range plan to help guide our Fellowship in this third millennium. Members are Bob Bixler, Harry Campbell, Linda Krenicky, Katie Rall and Jim Stahl.

Ciao.  
Harry

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## **Notes from your 2005-06 Nominating Committee:**

The Committee was pleased to inform the Board that Joe Rafferty has agreed to join the 2006-07 nominating committee slate. His nomination will be acted upon at the July board meeting, as called for in the by-laws. He will be the fifth member of the committee that was voted in at the May membership meeting-- Nan Bixler, Julie Doyle, Sharon Graham, and Linda Krenicky.

The Settled Minister slate which was also elected includes Jim Beebe, Ann Campbell, Tim Connelly, Jo Cooley, Leslie Jones, John Omvik and Jim Stahl. They will be working to search for a settled minister candidate to present to the Membership next spring. We thank all the members who were willing to take on these responsibilities

## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Jul 2** 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Services - Building.
- Jul 4** NO SUNDAY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH.
- Jul 5** 9:00a -1:00p Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
- Jul 6** noon RUMS brown bag lunch on the deck at noon for men with flexible time. Bob Bixler, contact.  
1:15p -2:30p Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – East. All are invited. See Bob Bixler for info.
- Jul 9** 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Services - Building.
- Jul 10** 7:15p -9:00p Women’s Spirituality Group – Lounge. Contact Ann Campbell - 374-8844  
7:30p -9:00p Great Books – East. Contact Brent Browning if you wish to attend, 353-6340.
- Jul 11** 3:00p -4:30p Membership Committee Meeting. Contact Lou Yabroff 741-7586
- Jul 12** 9:00a -1:00p Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
- Jul 16** 8:30a Chalice Circle – Lounge. By Invitation. See Susan Parks  
10:30a -11:30a Sunday Services - Building.
- Jul 19** 9:00a -1:00p Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
- Jul 20** Deadline for items for next Newsletter. Submit items to Glen Marchant at: [UUFLGnews@att.net](mailto:UUFLGnews@att.net).
- Jul 23** 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Services - Building.
- Jul 24** 7:15p -9:00p Women’s Spirituality Group –Lounge. Contact Ann Campbell - 374-8844
- Jul 26** 9:00a -1:00p Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building  
12:15p -2:15p Stitch & Bitch – West. contact Connie Springer
- Jul 30** 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Services - Building.

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**INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO?** The Board minutes and agendas are listed under “Board Meetings” on the left hand side of the home page of our website [www.UUFLG.org](http://www.UUFLG.org).

**HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE BOARD?** There will be a guest commentary time for members at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Walt Main for more information and to schedule your 3 or 4 minute slot.

Walt: [wmain@earthlink.net](mailto:wmain@earthlink.net)

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted (by the **20th** of the month) to **Glen Marchant** at: **[UUFLGnews@att.net](mailto:UUFLGnews@att.net)**. Please submit articles and e-mail attachments as **single spaced MS Word documents, .rtf** (Rich Text format), or **plain text**, and limit to less than 200 words. The purpose of this newsletter is to foster communication and planning among friends and members. However, due to the size constraints of the printing, we regretfully cannot print opinion pieces.



**The UU Women's Morning Group** will have their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13 at 9:45 A.M. Pauline Stonehill will lead the discussion. Please read pages 26-32 from the summer UU World - Singing in the Shadow of Death. Jonah Eller-Isaacs writes about how a tour of Africa finds music that is helping turn back the African AIDS pandemic. Be ready to explore this poignant story and enjoy the fellowship of the group. Hope to see you on July 13th. Phone Lou Yabroff if you have questions. 741-7586.

**The Women's Spirituality Group** will meet informally during July and August at 7:15 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month for friendship and fun. Bring a craft project to work on or just bring yourself for relaxed conversation. We might decide to take in a movie or find a pool for a swim, so be sure to let Ann Campbell know if you want to be on the email list for announcements of what will be happening and where. All women are welcome.

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**The Membership Committee** is inviting you to consider becoming a member of the Membership Committee. We are a busy group and welcome your help. One of our prime jobs is having greeters for each Sunday Morning. If you would like to help out and take your turn a few times in the quarter, please contact Lou Yabroff at 741-7586. We will have a training time in August and I know you will enjoy this small but very important volunteer job.

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We all want to give Rev. Nancy **a big thank you** for being our interim minister for this last year!! We wish her well in her next assignment in Omaha, Nebraska. We appreciate your service to our community. Peace and love from all of us.

Another big thank you to Jim Stahl who is learning to be a back up person for the bookkeeping job. This is a big job and it assures the congregation that when Irving is on vacation or otherwise absent, Jim knows how to handle our bookkeeping. If you would like to learn our bookkeeping and be an additional backup person, contact Irving Yabroff, iwyaabroff@comcast.net or 741-7586.

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**\*\*\* If it is convenient, Members are encouraged to park on the street to make space for guests.**

**\*\*\* Please remember to wear your name tag on Sunday mornings  
- it makes it easier for visitors to talk to you when they can see your name!**

# NEWS FROM THE DECK IN JULY

What wonderful music the Greenbough Singers gave us this month! Thank you for this musical gift to our appreciative congregation! We look forward to this Fall when you will give us more inspiring and uplifting music.

Nan and Bob Bixler had a super-duper time visiting our former members Joanne and Norman Crane and Sharon and Bob Lindsay in Ashland, OR. Joanne and Norm are settling in nicely and send greetings to us all.

We will miss Kari, Jon and Shelby Sparks when they move to Oregon this month. Thanks to the 3 of you for your contributions to our Fellowship. We'll miss Kari in our children's department, Jon on his various committees and his help in putting up the Christmas decorations in Dec. And Shelby has been such a delight to watch her grow, we'll miss her sweet smile and patter of her little feet. Grandma Pat O'Hare will miss them most of all. Kari will be teaching kindergarten students come this Fall in her neighborhood. Good wishes and thank you for being a part of our Fellowship for this past year. We look forward to your visiting us on your vacations to see Grandma Pat.

Sharon Graham will be having her grandson Anthony living with her for 2 months this summer. He is a lucky little boy to have Sharon for a grandma!

Cal Clauer is settling in nicely in his assisted living arrangements. The men's group, the RUMS, are taking turns in picking him up to come to Sunday services.

The Caring Committee chairman for this month is Lida Kluzek. Give her a call when you hear of a need for the caring committee to help out.

Thanks to the Thursday Women's Group for planning and following thru on Rev. Nancy's 20th anniversary party for the ministry. We all had a good time sharing with her this special occasion.

July 1st is the beginning of our new fiscal year in the Fellowship. New Committees are being formed in the next few months to be ready for the start of our Fall programs. Have you considered being a volunteer on a COMMITTEE? There are many to choose from and now is the time to speak up and say "YES, I want to help my church in its various activities, and be a part of this growing community".

Committees that are available are: FINANCE, SUNDAY SERVICES, MEMBERSHIP, CARING, BUILDING AND GROUNDS, LIFESPAN EDUCATION ( for both children and adults), SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, NOMINATING, AND LONG RANGE PLANNING. These committees and the board of trustees, keep our community functioning. ALL ARE IMPORTANT. When you think it over and want more information, please call me, Lou Yabroff, 741-7586, and we will talk and find just the right place for you. Being a committee member is a great place to share ideas, meet new people, and talk and make your views known.

The Thursday Women's Group has selected new officers for the next 6 months. They are: Ruth Webb for convenor, Phyllis Foxcroft for scribe, Doris Boyd for chaplain, Lida Kluzek and Lynn O'Keefe for project leaders, Gratia Trevey for caller. This group takes August for vacation time. All women are welcome to the next meeting on July 13.

The Women's Spirituality group will meet during July and Aug for informal gatherings, on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights, at 7:15 p.m. in the West Room or on the Deck. Call Ann Campbell for more information. All women are welcome to this interesting group.

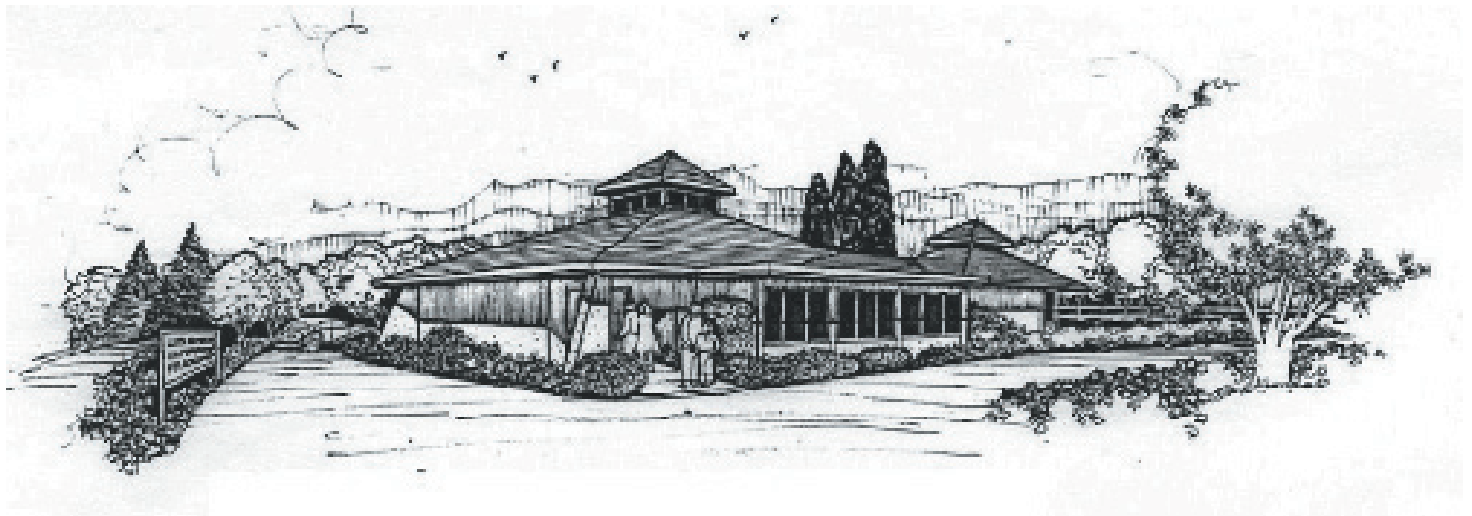
We send good wishes and healings to all in our community who are in need of "tender loving care"!

Happy Birthdays to: Doris Boyd, Leo Boyd, Norman Crane, Jinni Stahl, Alexandra Robertson, Robin Curtis, Leslie Jones, Chris Washburn, Dean Joy, and yours truly.

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