

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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SUNDAY PROGRAMMING, August 2006

Sunday Services, 10:30-11:30am

August 6: “The Hiroshima Lie: 61 Years and Counting.” Scott Kennedy, cofounder of the Resource Center for Nonviolence, twice Mayor and 3 term Council member in Santa Cruz will join us again as guest speaker. Scott has made more than forty trips to Israel and Palestine during the last thirty years through the Interfaith Peace Builders program of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, meeting with peace groups on both sides of that conflict. Scott will address the 61st anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and its continuing legacy in US foreign and domestic policy. Linda Krenicky is lay leader.

August 13: “Poetry’s purpose is to reach other people and touch their hearts.” So said UU poet Ted Kooser who was Poet Laureate in 2005 and written about in a recent UU WORLD. J.J. Martin will lead the service with our own members and friends reading poems by a number of UU poets including Mary Oliver, ee cummings, Robert Frost, John Greenleaf Whittier and others.

August 20: “Can Neuroscience alone account for the mysteries of consciousness—for paranormal phenomena, near-death experiences, and mysticism? Or do we need a new scientific paradigm that is as true to the human heart as it is to the laboratory?” Guest speaker Craig Hamilton searches the uncertain ground between biology and mysticism for a theory of consciousness that embraces both science and the soul. Craig is best known for his work as managing editor of the award-winning magazine “What is Enlightenment?”, a post he held from 1997—2005. He is currently engaged in several new multimedia projects, including the forthcoming documentary DVD, “Toward a Science of Consciousness”. Lynn O’Keefe is lay leader.

August 27: “Conflict Resolution—Teaching Kids how to Do It.” Martha Kendall’s fans will rejoice as she returns to speak at our Fellowship on this Sunday. Marty says, “When my children were in elementary school, they came home with stories about injustice on the playground, bullying on the bus, and cheating in the classroom. I realized that kids face many of the same ethical issues that adults do, and I wanted to help them develop positive strategies as they dealt with conflicts that begin in childhood but don’t end there. My book includes stories for children to finish, in the process learning that they can control the outcomes of their own real-life stories, too. A few years later I wrote three more conflict resolution books geared for specific grade levels. I’ll share with you some insights I gained about conflicts, kids, and myself.”

We don’t need to be teachers, parents or grandparents to find these insights useful. Come and reflect on what we can each do to improve the world we live in—both private and public.

***** *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!

Weavings from the Web...



Just wanted to let you all know that I am very much looking forward to our partnership during your second Interim year. Like you, I am in the midst of transition. I'm typing this note surrounded by boxes and what seems like endless "stuff". Eight years of "stuff". More years than that, actually, since there are boxes I haven't even opened since I went to my first congregation over 25 years ago. How, I wonder, could I have collected so many books, papers, files, sermons, more books, knick knacks, and even more books? As I sort and winnow it occurs to me that at this big transition time in my life, I might consider letting go of some of it. What a concept! Maybe stop lugging around so much. After all, most of what I need is stored safely in my computer's memory. And a great deal more of what I'll need as I interim with you this year is tucked into my life experiences and my heart's memory.

I hope that when I arrive around the 15th of August I will have lightened up enough to leave lots of room for the new memories we'll be creating together in the coming year. In the time remaining before the kick off of the new church year, which I understand begins with your traditional pancake breakfast on Labor Day Sunday, be sure to collect a little water for the "Gathering of the Waters" Sunday, September 10th, when we will share our first service together. I'm bringing a small film can of water from some of my favorite Oregon haunts mixed with water from my new home among you. It will be good to be together!

See you soon,
Carolyn Colbert

Settled Minister Search Committee Update:

The settled search committee consisting of Jim Beebe, Leslie Jones, Ann Campbell, Jim Stahl, Jo Cooley, Tim Connelly & John Omvik have been very busy. The team has held its kick-off retreat, assigned rolls and responsibilities and defined a calendar with all the major milestones needed to stay on schedule. The group now meets once a week at the Fellowship and will continue to do so until the minister has been chosen.

We plan to provide status updates to the congregation through the newsletter and regular Sunday service announcements. The calendar of events will also be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer as well as on our website.

In order to find the right person to serve as our full time settled minister, it is very important that the committee fully understand the needs and desires of the whole Fellowship. To this end in the coming weeks, we will be asking all members and friends of the fellowship to provide their feedback through a congregational survey and to participate in one of several "Cottage Meetings" being held in the month of August. We plan to hold four cottage meetings - all at the Fellowship building. Meetings will be held after Sunday services on August 13 and August 20. The other two meetings will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, August 15 and Thursday, August 17. We urge everyone to participate so that all voices can be heard. Please check you calender and plan on joining us for discussion of topics important to the selection of a Settled Minister and the future of our Fellowship.

These are exciting times, and we all look forward to this challenge.

Your Settled Minister Search Committee

ESCAPE TO VERMONT

September 22-24, 2006

Twelfth Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, canoeing, visiting the studios of local artists, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and much more. Registration by August 1, \$225 (single) and \$425 (double). After August 1, \$275 (single) and \$475 (double).

For more information contact uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or (802) 438-2095.

CARING COMMITTEE

Julie Doyle

The Caring Committee met on July 10 with members Lou Yabroff, Lida Kluzek, Barbara Kalmoutis, Nan Bixler, Jo Cooley and Bob Bixler for lunch. (He was fixing the circuit breaker). We decided to change the day of the meeting to

better serve some members and the incoming interim minister. We will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month and our next meeting will be Sept. 21 at noon. The member with the note book for August is Barbara Kalmoutis and for Sept. will be Coralee Linton. Please let Barbara or Audrey know if you hear of a Fellowship member or friend who is in need of a card, a phone call, a hospital visit or a hug! We also need folks who are willing to provide those and other caring services. We will have forms to fill out in the coming months.

We also agreed that it would be a good idea to reinstate the "Touch" cards. These cards will be in the offering baskets on Sunday morning. If you hear someone mention in Joys and Concerns of a person you would like to send a card to, just grab a card, write a note and leave it in the special rack in the foyer. We will address and stamp them. We are also in the revision stage for a new "Caring Network" brochure. If you could help us with that, let us know.

Albert Schweitzer wrote: "Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light."

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.

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

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted (by the **20th** of the month) to **Glen Marchant** at: **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.

Every Sunday during coffee time, the

Thursday Morning Women's Group

members have been carrying around a clip board to ask you to sign up to bring "snacks" for coffee hour. We agreed to ask only for snacks, and some one of the RUMS group were supposed to recruit someone to make coffee for "coffee hour". The coffee volunteers have not been coming forward to help out. On Thursday, July 13, the women's group have made some new suggestions, and we ask for your help.

We will ask for MEN AND WOMEN to volunteer to CARRY THE CLIP BOARD AROUND TO GET VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TASKS AT HAND. We will be asking for 2 people to bring snacks, 1 person to make the coffee, and 1 person to bring flowers for the chancel. We will keep a schedule ahead for 2 months. The Friday or Saturday before the Sunday, a person will call you to remind you what you signed up to do. Adrienne checks this clip board to put your name into the order of service. REMINDER-----THOSE WHO BRING SNACKS AND MAKE COFFEE ARE EXPECTED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE COFFEE HOUR.

Thank you all for volunteering to take your turn in making our coffee hour run so smoothly. If you are unable to follow thru on your assigned job, you are expected to get your own replacement.

Tidbits from the West Room

We all have many things for which we are thankful. One of mine is for the “cool” West Room for coffee hour! Remember how anxious we were in the winter time to have it be warm enough to enjoy the deck? And now how thankful we are that we can stay inside and enjoy the coolness along with fellowship with our friends!! Is this hot weather a part of global warming?

A belated happy return to Ann Campbell after her 3 weeks in France. Ann and her 2 daughters had a grand trip doing lots of exciting things. They all speak French which makes traveling very easy there.

Nan and Bob Bixler made a sad trip recently to Boulder, CO, to attend a memorial service for their daughter-in-law who was drowned in a kayak accident. We give our sympathy to you and her other family members.

Ruth Webb just returned for a marvelous Elderhostel to Santa Fe, NM. The theme was operas and Ruth said it was “the best yet”.

Have you noticed some changes in the chancel? The committee hopes you are enjoying some changes, They have other ideas too. The flowers have been outstandingly beautiful, Thanks to the “givers”. Check with the person carrying the “sign up clip board” to bring flowers, bring snacks, or make coffee.

Jinni Stahl has been going thru some testing and changes in her treatment for MS. She is in a re-hab center, and would welcome cards or notes. Please send them to her home and Jim will deliver. We look forward to your joining us on Sunday mornings. We are sending warm healing thoughts and prayers to you.

Bob and Madie Shebesta’s grandson Nate is now in remission. Blessings to him. Bob and Madie are now living in Folsom, CA, but Nate and family are here in San Jose.

Congratulations to Karen and Bill Scarvie on the sale of their toy store called “The Wooden Horse”. We will miss seeing their shining faces in the store, but are happy that they found the “right” person to buy them out and carry on their high ideals for small businesses . We are delighted to know that they will not be moving away for a long time. Congratulations to Bill for volunteering to become our Social Justice committee chairman. He will be serving on the Board of Trustees.

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Many of you have talked about the carpets in the sanctuary being so stained. That is true. I was at the building and grounds committee meeting last week, and they are making arrangements to have the carpets professionally cleaned!! Thank you from all of us. We will really look “clean and sparkling” when our new minister comes in mid August.

Just a reminder to the women---August is vacation time, so NO MEETING for the Thursday Morning Women’s Group.

Something else is in the works-----after the building and grounds committee, I saw people with tape measures, yard sticks, talking about doors, etc, so sounds like a kitchen change is about to happen. Hopefully this means a dish washer for all our coffee cups and no more plastic and styrofoam.

Prayers for and blessings on all those who are house bound and can be with us in community for church services and committee activities!

Happy Birthday to all you August folks---who are---
Aug 2--Hudson Washburn, Aug 3--Jane Lundgren, Aug 8--Harry Campbell and Perley Payne, Aug 9--Kendra Dunham, Aug 12--Kassandra Omvik, Aug 15--Sharon Graham, Aug 20--Betty Feldheim, Aug 22--Therese Gordon, Aug 23--JJ Martin, Aug 27--Linda Krenicky, Aug 28--Bill Scarvie, Aug 31--Connie Springer.

You got news? Talk to Lou.

Come to the UUA-PCD 2006 Labor Day Camp at Mendocino Woodlands.

This year’s camp in the redwoods will be September 1-4. This annual gathering (for ages 18 and up) offers picturesque cabins, music and arts activities, great meals, spiritual opportunities, and plenty of relaxation. There’s an early arrival option for those wishing to start on August 31. Registration fees are discounted if paid before August 7.

Look for a registration form at your local church or on the PCD Camps website at <http://www.unitariancamps.org> <<http://www.unitariancamps.org/>>. For questions or a flyer, contact Mark Meierding (markmeierding@sbcglobal.net or 707-585-1206) or Kathy Bowman (kibowman@ucdavis.edu).

CALENDAR ITEMS

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| Aug 1 | 10:00a -12:00p
4:00p -5:00p | Chalice Circle Meeting, By Invitation. Contact Katie Rall
UUFLG Long Range Planning Committee. Contact Harry Campbell at 374-8844 |
| Aug 2 | 9:00a -1:00p
1:00p -2:30p
7:00p -9:00p | Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
UUFLG Membership Committee Meeting. Contact: Lou Yabroff or Harry Campbell
SGM Meet - L By Invitation. Contact Julie Doyle |
| Aug 3 | 12:00p -1:00p

1:15p -2:30p

7:30p -9:00p | RUMS Lunch on the deck. Brown bag lunch on the deck (or inside if it is cold or rainy) for men with flexible time. Come and enjoy an hour or so of sociability. Contact Bob Bixler 356-5697, rbixler@jps.net for information.
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting - East. All are invited. See Bob Bixler for info.
Search Committee meeting. Ann Campbell or Jim Stahl |
| Aug 6 | 8:30a
10:30a -11:30a | Chalice Circle – Lounge. By Invitation. See Susan Parks
Sunday Services - Building. |
| Aug 9 | 9:00a -1:00p | Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building |
| Aug 10 | 7:30p -9:00p | Search Committee meeting. Ann Campbell or Jim Stahl |
| Aug 13 | 10:30a -11:30a | Sunday Services - Building. |
| Aug 14 | 7:15p -9:00p
7:30p -9:00p | omen’s Spirituality Group – Lounge. Contact Ann Campbell - 374-8844
Great Books – E. Contact Brent Browning if you wish to attend, 353-6340. |
| Aug 15 | 10:00a -12:00p
4:00p -5:00p | Chalice Circle Meeting. By Invitation. Contact Katie Rall
UUFLG Long Range Planning Committee. Contact Harry Campbell at 374-8844 |
| Aug 16 | 9:00a -1:00p
7:00p -9:00p | Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
GM meeting – Lounge. By Invitation. Contact Julie Doyle or Doug Doughty |
| Aug 17 | 12:00p -2:00p
7:30p -9:00p | Caring Committee – West. All are welcome. Contact Julie Doyle for info.
Search Committee meeting. Ann Campbell or Jim Stahl |
| Aug 20 | 10:30a -11:30a | Sunday Services - Building.
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| Aug 23 | 9:00a -1:00p
12:15p -2:15p | Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building
Stitch & Bitch – West. contact Connie Springer |
| Aug 24 | 7:30p -9:00p | Search Committee meeting. Ann Campbell or Jim Stahl |
| Aug 27 | 8:30a
10:30a -11:30a | Chalice Circle – Lounge. By Invitation. See Susan Parks
Sunday Services - Building. |
| Aug 28 | 7:15p -9:00p | Women’s Spirituality Group –Lounge. Contact Ann Campbell - 374-8844 |
| Aug 30 | 9:00a -1:00p | Janitorial Service. Edgar will be cleaning the building |
| Aug 31 | 7:30p -9:00p | Search Committee meeting. Ann Campbell or Jim Stahl |

Back in May, I sent out an email with the next two **Habitat for Humanity** dates. I think though that it was too early for most folks, as I have not received any sign-ups to date. So check out the dates below, perhaps you can pop one or to on your calendar. Rest assured though that I will send this notice out again in a month or two, so you’ll get another chance and reminder if this is still too far away ;-)

The two remaining Habitat for Humanity days, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee, are both on Saturdays

from 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM. They are both available to all who want to work (up to ten slots can be filled). The dates are as follows:

- * Saturday, September 23, 2006.
- * Saturday, November 18, 2006.

If you look ahead and see that either or both of these days are open on your calendar, and you would like to work at a Habitat site with us, please respond. I will also send out announcements closer to the date and be at the fellowship to sign people up as the dates approach.

Thank you.

Kristina Strand (408) 395-5886

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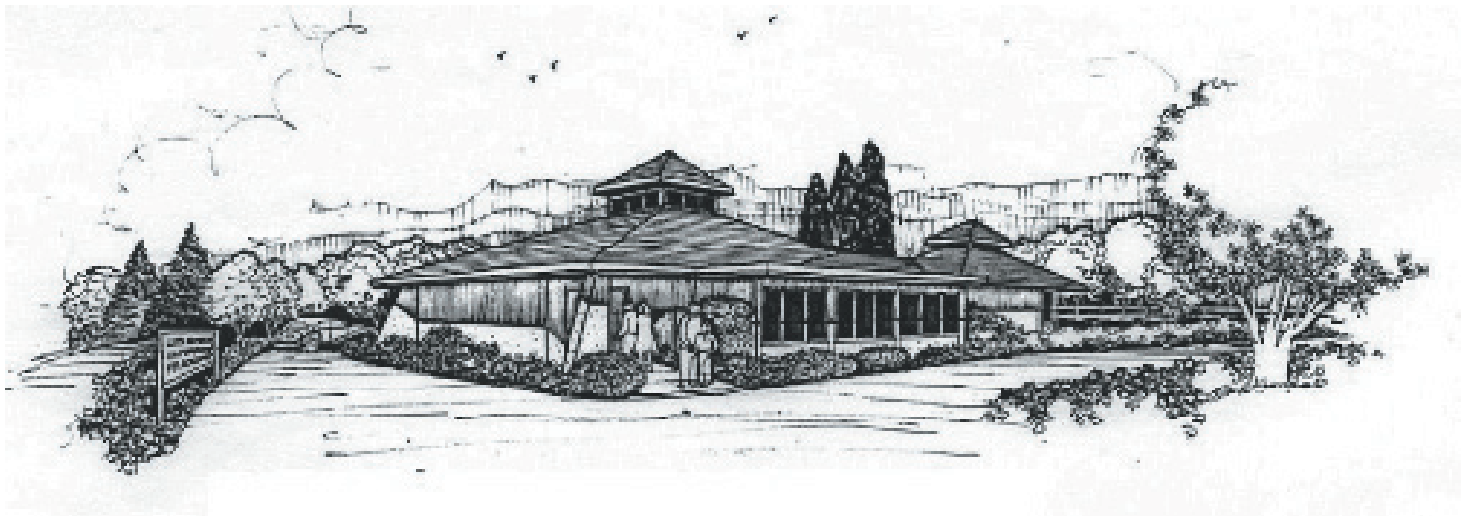
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