May 7
ON THE VIRTUE OF COURAGE
(Bridging Ceremony at 11:00)

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Roger Corman, Deborah Mason
Music by: Susan Panttaja & The UUsual Suspects, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Verity of Sonoma County

We begin our series on the Seven Virtues with Courage. The Unitarian Universalist Association is currently wracked with turmoil over racial inequalities in hiring and leadership. Some folks are facing this courageously, others less so. Whether at the national level, here at UUCSR, or in our hearts and minds it takes courage to dismantle racist structures and habits, and to move together toward the truly equal and respectful multi-racial community that the Spirit of Love longs for us to create.

Today we also welcome our graduating seniors into the community of adult members with a Bridging Ceremony at the 11:00 service.

May 14
ON THE VIRTUE OF TEMPERANCE & MOTHER’S DAY

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Eric Fischer, Millie Phillips
Music by: Sadie Sonntag and the Choir, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Sonoma County Habitat for Humanity

Neither a 13-year experiment in prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcohol in the 20s, nor the so-called War on Drugs in the modern age, failed to eliminate the American appetite for altered states of mind. That is because those enforcement tactics address the symptoms, not the causes, of our discontent. More than not becoming intoxicated (as sensible as that is), temperance is the quality of self-restraint, and it is a highly useful virtue. Just like mom said.

May 21
ON THE VIRTUE OF PRUDENCE

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Sharon McCarty, Millie Phillips
Music by: Robert Howseman & The UUsual Suspects, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Community Action Partnership / Harold’s Home

Ah, dear Prudence. Such an old-fashioned term! Is there a place anymore in our ever-changing, ultra-modern world for caution and careful forethought? Is there a place in our progressive UU tradition for conservative instincts? Today we’ll consider the wisdom of putting on the brakes.

May 28
ON THE VIRTUE OF JUSTICE
(NEW MEMBER CEREMONY at 11:00)

Service Leaders: Millie Phillips, Joe Gabaeff, Deborah Mason
Music by: Sadie Sonntag & The Choir, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Breakfast for our Neighbors

Justice - a concept we UUs correctly affirm and promote and try hard to practice - maybe even a little too hard. Sometimes, in our rush to do the right thing, do we forget to be just to each other, fellow activists, and people with whom we differ? What if we added even more forgiveness, compassion, humility, and good humor to our social justice practices? Today we also welcome new members into our fellowship at the 11:00 service.

June 4
ON THE VIRTUE OF FAITH

Service Leaders: Rev. Barbara Meyers, Cathy Read, Deborah Mason
Music by: Robin Rogers & The UUsual Suspects, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: ACLU Foundation of Northern California

Faith can play a powerful role in getting well. We reflect on several identifiable stages in the recovery of one’s mental health, similar to the stages of death and dying identified by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, and how these play out in our faith-based lives.

Rev. Barbara F. Meyers is a UU Community Minister with the Mission Peak UU Congregation in Fremont, California. Her ministry is focused on mental health issues and includes educational, healing, social justice and priestly functions.
The UU UPDATE

Courageous Conversations

Ancient Greek philosophers were very concerned with understanding what is Good, what it means to be and do Good, and what it means to have a Good Life.

Plato captured some of his answers to those questions in a list of virtues that has endured through the centuries. These four “cardinal” virtues – so called because all other goods are said to flow from them – are Courage, Temperance, Prudence, and Justice. You can find the same list in the Hebrew Bible. Having these qualities gives one an habitual and firm disposition to do the good.

At UUCSR we also wonder about what is good, what it means to be and do good, and what it means to have a good life. Our May services consider the four classical virtues, and then move on to the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity in June. We’ll cultivate our do-gooder dispositions, and try to fend off the seven deadly sins.

From our own simple lives up to the highest levels of U.S. Government, and throughout the world, there is a profound need for more courage, more justice, more hope. Sadly, this is very true right now at the national level of our Unitarian Universalist Association.

As our president Bill Haigwood so skillfully describes in his column, there is a major controversy underway at the UUA (The Unitarian Universalist Association). UUs of all ethnic backgrounds are deeply questioning the state of racial equality at the UUA, and how best to achieve it.

I absolutely share Bill’s desire to achieve greater racial and cultural diversity in our covenanted community, and I know nearly all of you do, too. Yet, the truth is, churning on this topic daily since March 27th, I still don’t know really know what to say about it. Frankly, I don’t know how much any of you want or need to know about any of this, beyond what you’ve already read online.

And boy, is that reading fun! Not. Many of those involved seem to write and send the first thing that pops into their heads. Sides are being drawn, and it’s made very plain which views are orthodox and which are heretical when it comes to how “we” are supposed to face problems. Some prudence and temperance on some of the Facebook chats I’ve been loosely following would really help.

I have a bit of an insider perspective serving on the Appointments Committee, a subcommittee of the UUA Board of Trustees. From this vantage point I can see many pieces to the puzzle that is the UUA, the many competing goods and interests at play in this situation. There is so much history.

My ears are open to hear the discomfort and rejection that some people of color have experienced in service to the UUA. And I grieve to witness yet another tragically ill-timed instance of we UUs shooting ourselves in the foot right when we should be marching together. I would like to our UU leaders of every race to humbly pray together for guidance, preferably wearing hair shirts.

I have dedicated my life to affirming and promoting the UU Principles, but I no longer confuse Unitarian Universalism itself with the Unitarian Universalist Association. UUism is a beautiful, ever-evolving way of living a virtuous life. The UUA, I’m sorry say, is a small congregation that is fraught with internal politics, failures of leadership, lack of money, a dearth of faith and forgiveness, falsely-based exceptionalism, and a host of other long-standing problems. Racial dynamics are just one of the issues. Don’t get me started...

I believe we should articulate and share a modern, faithful, ethical joyful path forward to the land beyond oppression; instead the UUA is at functional war with itself, likely compelling the next president to give every waking moment for the next year addressing the scope of the alleged racism among us, which some have even chosen to call “white supremacy.”

I find all of it so terribly frustrating and sad. I’m so sick of talking about what’s wrong with us. I’m sick of being against things. I don’t want to just be anti-racist anymore. I want to be for racial equality, for a just society and for the celebration of differences.

Let me stress to my brothers and sisters of color that I am eager to hear your stories and experiences of our unjustly racialized lives, and to imagine together a faith home that can be both a sanctuary from the evils of racism and a real launching pad for actions promoting racial equality, cultural humility and basic decent behavior.

I recognize that Unitarian Universalism has frequently failed to provide that experience to people of color. A lot of white folks in our congregations still don’t understand how embedded in their privilege they are. Plenty of work remains, and we will talk more about this as the month unfolds. In fact, I will facilitate “courageous conversations” about race and ethnicity after both services on May 7th.

I ask you to pray for our three interim UUA presidents, Rev. Bill Sinkford, Rev. Sofia Betancourt, and Mr. Leon Spencer and for all those who are committed to finding a way forward in love.

Know how much I cherish you, dear members and friends. Call me if you want to discuss any of this business, or anything else. Thank you for genuinely striving to be a courageous, tempered, prudent, and just community, and thank you for your steady donations of time, talent and treasure that helps make it so.

Reverend Chris Bell
Crisis at The Top: Racism Issue in Departure of UUA President

Our Unitarian Universalist faith is currently experiencing a crisis at the top with the sudden and dramatic resignation of Unitarian Universalist Association President Peter Morales, just three months before the end of his current term.

Morales’ departure appears related to UUA administrative hiring decisions that have raised serious questions about possible racism. In fact, the UUA Leadership Council followed Morales’ resignation with an apology for the “unfulfilled commitments to dismantle racism” within Unitarian Universalism and the UUA. The council also pledged to provide pastoral support to staff people of color and to launch a commission to evaluate hiring practices that systemically advantage white people. This would include a “racism audit” of the UUA.

What? Unitarian Universalists, racist? UUs who have worked tirelessly for social justice, sought to provide sanctuary for immigrants, supported Black Lives Matter, and who trace their American roots to the 19th century Transcendentalists and their fierce and fearless efforts to end slavery before and during the Civil War?

Well, yes.

In an open letter to the UUA board, Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) wrote:

“If the board doesn’t focus NOW on organizing towards the creation and sustenance of the Beloved Community, what will be left is an infrastructure that no one is around to live into: emptying congregations, unattended meetings and fantasies ONCE AGAIN about what could have been. A big tent with no one underneath it.”

And a group of Latinx religious leaders added this:

“We do not see ourselves adequately represented at the leadership level of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and it is not for lack of trying...A UUA President of Latinx heritage has not been enough to offset our increasing marginalization...Before we asked for our seat at the table, now we are demanding a seat.”

We might think our church a tolerant place and a natural “magnet” for people of color. We are, though, an apparent natural magnet for white people who do share a commitment to the acceptance of other cultures and full racial equality. This is good, but to fulfill our intention, to become a truly integrated and diverse church, we need to create a culture that reflects the experiences, concerns and lives of all people.

In 2013, several anti-racism organizations within UU began a movement to amend UUA’s seven principles by adding an eighth that would affirm and promote “journeying toward wholeness by working to build a diverse multi-cultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

We would benefit enormously from a more racially and culturally diverse leadership. But to accomplish this we need to become a more racially and culturally diverse faith. With the election this year of a new UUA president, along with the annual summer visioning retreat of our own UUCSR Board of Trustees, it is a good time to take stock and to look at everything we do from our outreach to our Sunday services with the goal of achieving greater racial and cultural diversity. Welcoming people of all cultures and colors has long been a cherished UUCSR policy. Now it must become a priority.

Bill Haigwood
President, UUCSR Board of Trustees

Support Our Mission: Pledge Now! Pledge Paperless For May Day!
Use the Red “Donate Now” Button on UUCSR Website! Or call UUCSR at 568-5381 for help.

Your Fortune Cookie Today Says: Celebrate Life, Empower People Care For Each Other, Help Build a Better World
May Day is a day of Massive Protest, promoted by many social justice and faith groups, to resist injustice and to build a better world. This recalls the international labor holiday's roots in the US in the 1880s, when workers fought for an 8-hour day and against violent repression of union organizing. May you have a May Day to remember!

Speaking of workers rights, please attend the upcoming hot topic on June 4. Speakers from NBOP and Jobs With Justice, myself, and maybe some others, will be addressing "Which Way Forward for Labor?"

The Fall Class Conversations Workshop has a date and location, October 14, UU Berkeley (Kensington), I am glad to report! Mark your calendar now and consider attending.

Our Financial Condition in 3/4 Time...

At the end of our third quarter, the news about our finances is mostly positive. We are ahead in pledge and donation revenue but behind in fundraising revenue. We’re catching up with Glaser Center rentals and should be on budget by year-end. Expenses are on budget even after paying for unbudgeted improvements to the upstairs. Thanks to all of you for your generosity and care for our wonderful community!

The Buddha said that no true spiritual life is possible without a generous heart... Generosity allies itself with an inner feeling of abundance — the feeling that we have enough to share.

Sharon Salzberg

Consider heading a fundraiser to benefit UUCSR! Talk to Dee Ray, Kirsten Olney or Judy Taylor to find out how. Got a great idea for generating funds? Let them know!

Linda Balabanian, Treasurer

May 28, the second-to-last service that I will lead at UUCSR, will address Justice and I plan to take a more personal look at it: "Not just how can we participate in movements for social justice, but what can we do to treat each other more justly as we do?"

My last service will be June 18. I can promise at least one thing: it will have some incredibly beautiful music.

I am so grateful for having had this amazing opportunity to learn from you and serve you these past two years. As my time with you approaches its end in June, Rev. Chris and the intern committee will be working on formal evaluations of my work here. If you have any input, please send it Rev. Chris and/or Linda Proulx, preferably before the end of May.

Thanks!!!

Millie Phillips, Intern Minister
**Religious Education for Children & Youth**

**Director of Religious Education, Deborah Mason**

**NEW R. E. SCHEDULE!**

Children’s RE Classes held at 9:15am
Childcare for babies & toddlers available at 9:15 and 11:00

**UU YOUTH GROUP**

Grades 8 to 12
Meets Thursdays 4-6 pm
See below left for more info

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**What’s Happening In RE Classes this Month:**

The Youth Group (grades 8 to 12) meets every Thursday from 4-6pm. Newcomers are most welcome! Deborah Mason, Danny Millsapough and Rev. Chris serve as Youth Advisors. Contact Deborah Mason for more info.

**Sunday Morning RE classes meet during the 9:15 service.**

Children grades K-7 begin in the sanctuary for a story for all ages, then go to RE classes. First Sunday of the month is Children’s Chapel with all grades together. On the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays children meet in grade groups, as described below.

**Childcare for babies, toddlers and preschoolers provided by Raechel Garner and a volunteer from the congregation during the 9:15 service.**

| 5/7/17 | Children’s Chapel: COURAGE  
All elementary students together |
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| 5/14/17 | Grades K-2 WISDOM STORIES  
Peace Week In Mrs. Fox’s Class  
By Eileen Spinelli |
| 5/14/17 | Grades 3-7  
MIRACLES  
It’s All In the Timing |
| 5/21/17 | Grades K-2 WISDOM STORIES  
Donovan’s Big Day  
By Leslea Newman |
| 5/21/17 | Grades 3-7  
MIRACLES  
Miracles We Can Make |
| 5/28/17 | Grades K-2 WISDOM STORIES  
Perfect the Pig  
By Susan Jeschke |
| 5/28/17 | Grades 3-7  
MIRACLES  
It’s Still a Mystery |

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**Come Join us for**

**UUCSR Summer Camp !!!**

**Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa**

**September 1-3, 2017**

Ever wanted to have a water fight with your minister? Ask newly-met breakfast companions what is the Meaning of Life? Hold a newborn, listen to some great jammin’ music, and drink wine outside with old and new friends? If you answered Yes! ...

... Consider joining a wonderful group of UUs and their friends from the UUCSR congregation in our annual social / peaceful / connecting adventure called UUCSR Summer Camp, at the Enchanted Hills campground this Labor Day weekend in Napa.

We’ll have our annual “Variety Show” (no talent required), puzzles, games, workshops, a great pool, nice sleeping quarters or very rustic cabins with bunks for a cheaper rate, and really good food.

Bring your bike or your kids’ scooters or wagons—there are concrete paths if you want. It’s handicapped-friendly. I personally love to see all the kids playing, with no phones or gizmos, just running around with each other. Childcare is available - you can check out an interesting workshop (no work, just fun)!

Stay the usual weekend (Friday and Saturday night) or make it an extra long weekend and stay Sunday night also, through to Monday. Enchanted Hills is a wonderful place, run by Lighthouse for the Blind, an easy beautiful drive 45 minutes from Highway 12 and Calistoga road, on the border of Napa and Sonoma counties.

If you’ve never been before, this may be the year to try it out! Come make some new friends! Introvert-accessible! Stay tuned in Later Newsletters and Orders of Service for more information.

From Your Friendly Neighborhood Camp Committee

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Photo above from http://enchantedhillsretreat.com/
DON’T MISS

**Bridging Impossible Differences**

A One Day Workshop with Reverend Cat Cox

*Bridge the divides in our families, communities and world has never been more challenging – or more important.*

Saturday JUNE 10, 2017 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Learn how to express what matters to you in ways others can hear and help others feel understood – even when you don’t agree!

Build collaboration and conflict resolution skills that will make a genuine difference

Find common ground despite your disagreements

Discover the difference between empathy and agreement

Melt resistance and get “outliers” on board

Open the door to real and lasting change

Ground your community-building work in your highest values

Find solutions that everyone can support!

UUCSR 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, Room 545

**When:** Saturday, June 10, 2017, 9:00 to 4:00 pm

**Where:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, Room 545

**Fee:** $25

**Sign up:** At the Adult RE table or online at uusantarosa.org/

**Questions?** Email: adultre@uusantarosa.org

Bring a bag lunch

Rev. Cat Cox’s ministry supports spiritually and ethically committed people who want to give their best to others and the world without losing themselves in the process. She guides them in engaging with others authentically and respectfully by communicating what matters most in ways others can hear. Rev. Cat holds masters’ degrees from Starr King School for the Ministry (M.Div.) and UC Berkeley (M.A.T.) as well as three California teaching credentials. She is certified by Bay Area Non-Violent Communication in conflict resolution studies.

**CONTINUING FROM APRIL:**

**The Western: America’s Mythology**

By Professor Alan Bell
May 3 and May 10
Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm

Alan Bell (UU Member) will present a course on movie westerns in all their forms (Romance western, epic western, the elegiac western, etc.) and show how westerns incorporate and help form America’s myths. Film clips from dozens of movies included. Alan was a public TV producer for 20 years and a professor of media studies for 15 years. Donation suggested.

**AND COMING IN JUNE:**

**Let Peace Begin with Me**

By Jane Beach
Thursdays in June, 2:00-3:30 pm

Jane Beach will offer a four-session class to help you achieve inner peace when dealing with daily life, relationships, finances and uncontrollable situations. She is a Religious Science Minister (retired), speaker, facilitator and author who has written 25 spiritual classes that are currently being taught widely. She recently moved to Santa Rosa and is a new member of UUCSR.

See website for more info. To Register, go to UUCSR website, or sign up at RE table.

Members of the Adult RE Committee: Rev. Chris Bell, Nadene Carroll, Phil Harriman, Sarita Hazen, Helga Lemke (Chair), and John Speck.
The Corruption Of Our Democracy Film Series:
Brought to you by Advocates for Social Justice Film Project

WHY WE FIGHT
Directed by Alex Eugene Jarecki
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017
12:45 pm in the Board Room

We explore war-making with this, our 9th and final film in our current series, THE CORRUPTION OF OUR DEMOCRACY. This 2005 award winning documentary examines the history, since World War II, of U.S. involvement in wars which we, the citizens, have been misled into thinking were “justified,” thereby fueling the military-industrial economy and maintaining American political dominance in the world. The film explores defense spending, foreign policy and the military-industrial complex through a series of stories of everyday Americans touched by war and commentary by familiar military and Washington insiders.

Winner of the Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize, U.S. Documentary, and the Peabody Award, this is a compelling film, as important for us to view now as it was when it was first publicly released in 2006. Discussion, as always, follows the viewing of the film. Please bring whatever you wish to eat. We will offer a snack, not lunch. Thanks!

Jeanie Bates for Social Justice Film Project

HOT TOPIC
THE LIVING ROOM
Sunday, May 7
12:45 pm in the Board Room

Our May Hot Topic will be an update on what has been happening at The Living Room, which provides day services for women and children who are homeless. This past year has been a big transition as The Living Room has moved from their old home across the street at Church of the Incarnation, to their own campus on Cleveland near College.

Katie Phillips, volunteer coordinator and member of the Mother and Children Program staff will tell us about their new location and changes to the program that they have been able to make as a result of the move. Please note we will be meeting on the first Sunday (May 7th), rather than our usual second Sunday.

We will offer a light snack, not lunch.

HOT TOPIC PREVIEW— SUNDAY, JUNE 4
“LABOR: Which Way Forward?”
In today’s political climate, can labor resist, grow again and become a more consistent ally to other movements for social justice?

Speakers from Jobs with Justice, the North Bay Organizing Project, and our intern minister, Millie Phillips.

NB: This Hot Topic Meeting is on the 1st Sunday of June, June 7, rather than usual 2nd Sunday.

May 7: Verity of Sonoma County works to provide support to survivors of sexual violence. A paid staff of 14 plus 60 volunteers provide education, prevention, counseling, and crisis intervention. The volunteers staff a 24/7 hotline for survivors of sexual assault and other violence to access help. Verity also works with the community to end sexual violence by eliminating the conditions that cause or tolerate it.

May 14: Habitat For Humanity of Sonoma County works to eliminate poverty housing. They have rehabilitated numerous houses, and also build new low cost housing for families in need. They rely on volunteers, labor from recipients, and donations of money and land to provide housing with low or no-interest mortgages for needy low-income families.

May 21: Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County Housing Pathways helps move clients from short-term housing to permanent housing, with a focus on the resident’s physical, emotional and financial health. They have a women’s shelter (Sloan House), transitional house (Harold’s Home), and provide permanent supportive housing units.

May 28: Breakfast For Our Neighbors, our own Saturday Breakfast program provides nutritious meals in a friendly atmosphere for our needy neighbors. It is supported by volunteer efforts and financial generosity of our members and others.

June 4: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Foundation of Northern California supports litigation, communications, advocacy and public relations efforts to aid in the fight for equality and freedom.
Hooray for the first of May!
Dancers and Singers and Children of All Ages Welcome and Wanted!

Caring Connection Committee
Caring Connections is seeking new members!

Share-The-Basket
Each week it is our practice to split our offering-basket contributions.

CUUPs May Pole Celebration
May 7, 10:30—11:00 at UUCSR Courtyard

Now the Year leaps from Winter's Cold to Spring's Warm Wonderful Weather...

In other words, Beltane has arrived!
It is time to honor our Mother Earth and her fertility as she brings all the plants back from their long Winter sleep. It is time for the May Pole celebration.

Come and join our May Pole Celebration
Sunday May 7, between Services.

We will have flower hair crowns and Green Man masks for all dancers. We will need chanters to sing us around the circle. We will be celebrating the May Pole in between the services on May 7th. So 11:00 service attendees please come EARLY that day as we begin at 10:30. And 9:15 service parents, you will be driving the 'principal dancers' that morning so please plan to stay later. For more information: cuups@uusantarosa.org or telephone Lucia Kasulis)

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Thank you for your Generous Support!
**The Committee on Shared Ministry—**(Do You Know What THAT Is?)

The Committee on Shared Ministry, known as COSM, is charged with ensuring the health of the congregation by supporting the minister, encouraging communication within the congregation, and providing conflict resolution when needed. COSM also participates in the yearly evaluation of the minister.

Lucia Milburn is currently the chair of COSM. The other members of the committee are Bob Anderson, Alan Bell, Bill Foshee, Mary Lill Lee, Kitty Wells, and of course Rev. Chris. We serve for three-year terms which can be extended to two terms, if desired. There is a rotation system in place to ensure overlap and experience on the Committee. We have lavender name tags and can be approached at any time.

When we provide conflict resolution, we strive to mediate concerns from a neutral position and help people come to a meeting of the minds. We are also available for any concern with or about the minister.

Should anyone have an issue with Rev. Chris, there may be some concern that as the support group for the minister, we may be biased in his direction. Let us remind you that part of being a support group means holding his feet to the fire, nudging him back on the path if we feel he is drifting astray, and doing an annual evaluation of him and sharing it all with him, good, bad and otherwise. In short, we provide constructive criticism.

We are here for both the minister and the congregation.

All of our dealings are held in the utmost confidence. We work quietly and discretely, and often with a good measure of success. We hope this information is helpful to you.

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**Art Hanging at the Glaser Center**

_by Karen Miller and Shonnie Brown_

Will be on display March 29-June 26, 2017

**Questions? Betz Miller**
Dear Fellow Congregants,

Last month’s article in this space was a test. I erroneously reported that the Irish airs would be played in April when they are actually scheduled for May 21. However, no one seemed to notice the mistake. So, with that in mind, on May 7 our guest singers will be Judy Collins and Taylor Swift; on May 14, joining our choir will be Chanticleer; on May 21, as mentioned earlier, Irish airs will be performed by the UUsual Suspects assisted by the Irish Rovers; and on May 28, the Vienna Boys Choir.

Okay, so much for the “alternative facts.” In what some of us call the Real World, May 14 is Mother’s Day, and we will hear Robert Howseman’s composition, A Waltz That I’m Dancing With You, to be performed by the choir. May 21 will indeed feature Irish airs, performed by the ‘Suspects, no Irish Rovers needed, thank you very much. On May 28, the choir is tentatively planning to sing Cat Stevens’ Peace Train. Love that song.

Alan Bell for the Music Committee

Musical Notes

For The Scientists and Other Music Lovers in our Congregation: The Occidental Community Choir comes to Glaser Center on May 14, singing about DNA.

“...How many songs about DNA do you think actually exist? Umm, not too many. But in our own, inimicable OCC style, we’ve added hugely to the genre.... Another typical wild and wooly concert of mostly original OCC music! Hope to see y’all there!”


Feed Your Hungry Dancing Feet on May 13 and Feed Our Neighbors too!

Come Dance To New Horizons Dance Band and Experience The Ultimate Win-Win:
Do Good and And Feel Good at the Same Time!

Occidental Community Choir
Andrew DelMonte, Director
PRESENTS

DNA
Music: It’s in Our Genes

New Horizons Swing Band

Glaser Center at UUCSR
547 Mendocino Ave., S.R.
May 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM

www.brownpapertickets.com
$15 in advance, $20 at the door

Benefits UUCSR’s Homeless Breakfast program and the band

City parking lot located just behind the Glaser Center, entrance off 7th Street
I'm listening yet I don't know
If what I hear is silence
Or God.

I'm listening but I can't tell
If I hear the plain of emptiness echoing
Or a keen consciousness that
At the bounds of the universe
Deciphers and watches me.

I only know I walk like someone
Beheld beloved and known
And because of this I put into my every movement
Solemnity and risk.

by Sophia de Mello Breyner
From Log Book: Selected Poems (Aspects of Portugal)
New Horizons Swing Band

Dance to hits from the Swing Era.
Free Dance Lesson at 6 p.m.!

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The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon TIE Group

INVITES YOU TO VIEW THE FILM

RAW FAITH

Presented two different days and times in the Board Room:

Tuesday, May 9, 1:00-3:00 PM, OR
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-8:30 PM

Raw Faith is the intimate documentary that follows two years in the personal life of Marilyn Sewell, an outspoken, socially progressive Unitarian Universalist minister. Our TIE Group viewed this film and found it compelling and meaningful for the following reasons.

- This film presents a unique life story about a woman who has bravely sought her own truth.
- It presents a true story of transformation—demonstrating that it is possible to change painful and adverse experiences into acts of forgiveness and love.
- Marilyn is wholly present in this film with a rare depth of honesty and vulnerability, and without a sense of audience.
- Woven through the film is an intimate view of her ministry and her relationship with the congregation.
- Her journey in making a life changing decision—retirement and the subsequent loss of community—is documented here, as well as the surprising revelation of love that further changes her future.

“...her story can help to break you open to the raw human faith that will guide you to greater wholeness and compassion.” — John Buehrens, Former President, UUA

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