On the Virtue of Faith

9:15 am and 11:00 am

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

Faith can play a powerful role in getting well. Psychiatrist Mark Ragins has proposed that there are several identifiable stages in the recovery of one's mental health, similar in concept to the stages of death and dying identified by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. We will reflect on these concepts and how they might be helpful in your congregation, your faith and your life.

Rev. Barbara F. Meyers is a Unitarian Universalist Community Minister affiliated with the Fremont Mission Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Her ministry is focused on mental health issues and includes educational, healing, social justice and priestly functions. Barbara graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2004.

On the Virtue of Hope

One Service at 9:15 am

Congregational Meeting at 11:00 am

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Scott Miller, Deb Mason
Music by: Sadie Sonntag and the Choir, Roger Corman
Share the Basket: Adrienne Swenson Award

Yes, everyone gets old and gets sick and dies. Yes, our national politics are in the toilet. Yes, there is hateful violence throughout the world. (Add your own depressing thought here.) Still there is no reason for ultimate despair. Our Six Sources provide plenty of hope as we struggle towards personal and collective transformation, even in most difficult times. Trust me, good guys really do win this one in the end!

On the Virtue of Charity

Summer Schedule—One Service at 10:00 am

Reception for Millie Phillips—11:15 am

Service Leaders: Millie Phillips, Rev. Chris Bell, Susan Panttaja, Deb Mason
Music by: Roger Corman & The UUsual Suspects, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: The Living Room

Our final service on Seven Virtues is jointly offered by Rev. Chris and our Intern Minister Millie Phillips, whose final day is today! We celebrate her tenure among us, and consider the virtue of charity. Charity means making a legitimate contribution to the betterment of others, which is a shared goal of all members of UUCSR. Millie’s partner, jazz musician Richard Saunders, will be joining our UUsual Suspects to offer some special music.

Farewell Lunch and Reception for Intern Minister Millie Phillips in social hall after congregational meeting

Tending Our Spirits in Challenging Times

Summer Schedule—One Service at 10:00 am

Service Leaders: Rev. Sue Magidson, Eric Fischer, Deb Mason
Music by: Sadie Sonntag & The Choir, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Breakfast for our Neighbors

Caring for our spirits during challenging times — Rev. Sue Magidson offers spiritual survival strategies grounded in Jewish and Buddhist practices, but which require no particular belief system — you can embrace them even if the word “spiritual” makes you squirm. Some can be woven seamlessly into your day, while others encourage you to take a break.

Rev. Sue Magidson serves as Spiritual Care Coordinator and Chaplain at San Leandro Hospital where she ministers to patients, their loved ones, and staff members. A lifelong UU, longtime member, and now affiliated community minister, of the Berkeley UU Church, Rev. Sue has an M.A. and Ph.D in Education from UC Berkeley, and a Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry.

How Many UUs Does It Take to Change a Denomination?

Summer Schedule—One Service at 10:00 am

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris Bell, Veronica Jordan, Deb Mason
Music by: Claire Beery & The UUsual Suspects, Tessa McClary
Share the Basket: Ceres Community Project

Rev. Chris offers his report on General Assembly, the annual national gathering of UUs. This year, the controversy around hiring practices at the UUA, and racial diversity and justice (or lack thereof) within the movement as a whole, surely will dominate the biz. And we’re electing our first female president!
The UU Upsurge

“...for the land is Mine; with Me you are but aliens and tenants.” Leviticus 25:23

Our time on the Earth is temporary, the Jewish Torah reminds us, in one of the earliest written records of human religious experience.

A Jubilee Year is detailed in Leviticus 25, to occur every 50 years, during which debts would be wiped away, slaves freed and all people encouraged to return to their families and their ancestral homes. Folks were to get their original land back, even if forced to sell it away, since the land didn’t really belong to them anyway.

Wouldn’t that be something?

A Jubilee Year hasn’t happened for millennia. It was only observed when the tribes of Israel were a fairly small and informal confederation, and how completely they followed their rules is open to debate. Once Israelite society opted for kings and palaces and temples, the richest and most powerful folks, unsurprisingly, became reluctant to observe Jubilee, reluctant to give up their privilege and property. Sound familiar?

I’m often reluctant to give up the privilege and property I have, even when it’s the right thing to do. How much harder for those who have enormous wealth and power?

From the viewpoint of the Eternal, all human beings are only “aliens and tenants” in this world, even if we live on land in our family for generations. Everything belongs to Earth and Sky and Spirit, to That Which Endures, not to we who are merely passing through.

We are not called to ownership and exploitation; we are called to faithful and caring stewardship of the land. We are not called to dominance and oppression; but to faithful and caring stewardship of society and each other. We are each just short-term servants of the Great Big Verb that gobbles everything up as it moves forward.

The world as it OUGHT to be might have Jubilee years, but the world as it IS, does not. We live in a world of renters, property owners, indigents, scions, transients, well-educated folks, barely educated folks, the well and the unwell, documented and the undocumented, the young and the old. All societies have disparity, but ours is particularly acute.

How it IS doesn’t mean how it OUGHT to be. Inspired by scripture, or by interconnectedness, we must recognize that some have to sacrifice for the well-being of others if everyone is to live with basic human dignity.

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded,” we read in Luke. The Bible says, again and again, that no one should be making a profit exploitatively, that no one should be forced from their home because of another’s greed, and that people who actually live among us should be treated as our actual neighbors — we are all just tenants in the end.

That’s why I’m voting yes on Measure C. Our actual, current neighbors are having their ability to live among us threatened. The goal is peaceful, loving community for all who are in the land. Sometimes that takes bold moves.

I’m also voting for Measure C because I’m so offended by the amount of outside money that got this on the ballot at all, trying to override a long deliberative democratic process on the part of our City Council. The opposing campaign fundamentally misses the point.

Measure C won’t end homelessness, but it will help keep seniors and hard-working folks who also belong here, to stay in their homes while we build more affordable housing.

Finally, as the Israelites understood their relationship to the land and each other, so we might understand our relationship to this congregation. We, too, are a mix of temporary owners (aka members), friends, allies, children, visitors, occasional stoppers-in, and one-and-dones. We are all just tenants, we all belong here, and we are all called to be stewards in our way.

We don’t need a Jubilee year to make things even. The door to service or to leadership is broad, open to nearly all who want it. We all own everything equally. We take care of each other. UUCSR strives to be close to the world as it ought to be, even with some occasional disagreements and bruised feelings and divided opinions. Perhaps such tensions exist in heaven, too, if there is one. After all, there will be probably be at least a handful of Yankees diehards there, among all the many Red Sox fans.

Not to mention Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Germans, Russians, Africans, Americans, your own worst enemy, and me and you. Our traditional Universalist theology proclaims that somehow we completely forgive each other and work it all out Up There. Today we honor that faith by trying to work it all out Down Here. We may have different means and different levels of commitment, but we are all called to steward the community and to ensure its enduring service to our Principles.

Two great reservoirs of power at UUCSR, the money we give to each other and the hours we give to each other, organized money and organized people, are the sources of all power. In our case they provide spiritual power, which we share with anyone who wants to join us, and which we then share with the wider society. I pray that you will join in that great effort. What can you give as we struggle together toward the world as it ought to be?

Reverend Chris Bell
The President’s Column

The Meaning of Life: Abridged Version

My life as a writer was hatched in a used bookstore. As a Berkeley High School sophomore, I was one of Moe Moskowitz’ first customers in the one room storefront on Shattuck Avenue where he opened Moe’s Books in 1962. I could afford half-priced paperbacks. And Moe had a particularly subversive collection of Beat fiction, Marxist polemics, and revolutionary periodicals that drove my Republican parents crazy. Nothing could be more satisfying for a teen of the 60’s than to leave a dog-eared edition of Naked Lunch on the table and watch as a guileless parent picked it up, browsed a bit and then promptly freaked out.

I’ve spent my life writing, from more than thirty years as a journalist to the books I’ve recently published and the counseling people so bereft of life’s meaning they wished for a second lifetime you have…Go home, hug your kids and make a deep human connection, protect the heart and mind from terror, enjoy our time alive, or fulfill a destiny.

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The second realization appeared as I sat back and embraced the vast, imaginative diversity of these contributions. While ideas about life’s meaning were germinated from seemingly idiosyncratic silos of experience, they were united in the firm conviction that life—all life—held a profound purpose and if not a reason, at least a call to action. In most cases, an action was needed to assert good will, make a deep human connection, protect the heart and mind from terror, enjoy our time alive, or fulfill a destiny.

This is the work each of us undertakes as a Unitarian Universalist. Like the people in this book, we are all different in experiences that form our life meanings and also similar in the ways we bring these meanings into our lives. It is a constant colloquy that shapes our convictions and beliefs and that makes our lives meaningful. It is fortunate for all of us that we share in a faith that promotes and encourages a wide, most diverse embrace of thought and experience. For some faiths, the answer to the question of life’s meaning is provided as an inarguable liturgy. For Unitarians, the mind is always open to discovery and to ways of thinking about experience which is specific for each of us, yet still widely inclusive of others.

I draw much of my meaning in life from books—a used bookstore an experience akin to visiting a sacred vault. The wonder of Unitarian principles for me is the way they encourage us to search our own experiences for meaning while also connecting us in common regard with the deepening searches of others.

Bill Haigwood
President UUCSR Board of Trustees

Dear UU Friends—As I complete my term as your president, I’m grateful to all of you for the kindness and support you’ve given the congregation during the past year. We have grown both in body and spirit and, with your help, our growth will continue in the years and decades ahead. — BH
MY LAST COLUMN ...

By Millie Phillips

Here it is: my final newsletter column. My last day with you will be Sunday, June 18th. I hope you will be able to attend the service that day. There will be great music (happy to announce my husband will sitting in with the UUsual Suspects) and a lunch reception will be held after.

I’m reminded of the old Grateful Dead line: “What a long strange trip it’s been.” Yet what an amazing one!

I have been honored to learn from such an enthusiastic, active, welcoming congregation. My two years with you have held some lows as well as highs, as I've struggled to learn many things that were totally new to me, but the highs so outweighed the lows.

Throughout this internship, I felt supported in a way I had never truly experienced before. And not just from Rev. Chris, the staff, and the intern committee, who have been incredibly helpful, but from the whole congregation.

From your encouraging comments after services to your trust in sharing your life stories with me, from your willingness to include me in the most sensitive aspects of church management to your allowing me to sing in the choir, you have my profound gratitude.

During my time with you, I have developed my service-planning and sermon skills, learned basic teaching methods in both adult and children’s religious education, visited ill and even dying congregants, officiated at memorial services, challenged myself to better articulate my own theology and to become more engaged with other theologies, gained greater knowledge of church administration, represented us at interfaith gatherings and coalitions, and marched with you for social justice on many occasions. Most importantly, I have grown as a person.

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Religious Education for Children & Youth  
Director of Religious Education, Deborah Mason

SUMMER R.E. SCHEDULE  
JUNE 18—AUGUST 27  
Children’s RE Classes held at 10:00 am  
Childcare for babies & toddlers available at 10:00 during Summer

Religious Education this Summer  
Children’s R.E will be in full swing throughout the summer months: June through August.  
Each Sunday we will have Children’s Chapel, a morning worship that includes the lighting of the chalice and the sharing of joys and sorrows, and a wisdom story from the book After Aesop: Stories for All Ages, by UU Minister, Aaron McEmrys.  
Reverend Doctor Marilyn Sewell describes After Aesop as a generous keepsake of a book- a great gift from a gifted minister. Inspired by Aesop, Sufi talks and interpretations of scripture, Rev. McEmrys has taken his model for After Aesop from ageless tales. The stories are full of humor and satire, with themes that are universal such as finding strength in adversity, the nature of greed and the grace of forgiveness.  
Our summer program will combine life lessons through story with activities that are fun, creative and sometimes very silly. Activities include cooperative games, painting and other forms of visual art and improvisational games.  
The summer schedule begins June 18 with one service and RE at 10:00am.  
We will need the help of adults in the congregation who will share their talent with our kids. If you are able to dedicate one Sunday morning this summer to our awesome kids, PLEASE contact DRE: Deborah Mason: debmasonuu@gmail.com or 707-568-5381  
It will be a lot of fun!!! Deborah Mason

What’s Happening In RE Classes this Month:  
The Youth Group (grades 8 to 12) meets Thursdays from 4-6pm. Youth Group will go on summer hiatus beginning June 22nd. The group will reconvene on August 17th. Deborah Mason, Danny Millsbaugh and Rev. Chris serve as Youth Advisors. Contact Deborah (debmasonuu@gmail.com) for more information.  
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.  
Summer RE Schedule begins on June 18 when RE and Sunday worship will be at 10:00am. Childcare for babies, toddlers and preschoolers will be provided by Raechel Garner and a volunteer from the congregation at the same time as RE is offered.

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SUNDAY-SOCIAL-HOUR FRIENDS!  
Cori reports that we would love more donations for Sunday Social Hour. Feel free to bring whatever you like- both cookies or more healthy choices like veggies, cheeses, etc.  
Many Thanks from The Social Hour Crew
DON’T MISS

Bridging Impossible Differences

A One Day Workshop with Reverend Cat Cox

Bridging 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!

Discover the difference between empathy and agreement

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

Melt resistance and get “outliers” on board

Find common ground despite your disagreements

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 https://goo.gl/forms/E9iIwY0caz8PeUEI3

Bring a bag lunch! Questions? Email: adultre@uusantarosa.org

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.

Let Peace Begin with Me

By Jane Beach

JUNE Thursdays, 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. Register at https://goo.gl/forms/Zhbgiu8g387MX2yi2, or Adult RE table.

Members of the Adult RE Committee: Rev. Chris Bell, Nadene Carroll, Phil Harriman, Sarita Hazen, Helga Lemke (Chair), and John Speck.
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Read more at: http://www.ericachenoweth.com/research/wcrw/

Want More Non-Violence Training?
Contact Birch Moonwomon at The Non-Violence Training Collective 707-887-1740

In the current political climate, unions face even greater attacks than previously, but there are also new opportunities for organizing, such as the Fight for $15 minimum wage effort.

The North Bay Organizing Project and Jobs With Justice will provide speakers, along with our intern minister Millie Phillips, a former union activist who continues to serve Labor as a volunteer.

Re Dictatorships & Book Reviews

I woke from a dream last night ...my English class was needed at a protest. Before we left I asked the class, “who has training in non-violent action?” Almost every hand went up. My dream -self felt immediately safer, with trained people all around me...


From the authors’ website: “Though it defies consensus, between 1900 and 2006, campaigns of nonviolent resistance were more than twice as effective as their violent counterparts. Attracting impressive support from citizens that helps separate regimes from their main sources of power, these campaigns have produced remarkable results, even in the contexts of Iran, the Palestinian Territories, the Philippines, and Burma.

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Share the Offering

ULICSR shares Sunday offerings with local non-profits which serve greater So. Co., incl. our Saturday Breakfast For Our Neighbors.

June 4: The 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.

June 11: The Adrienne Swenson Award is given annually to a local high school student who is active in peace and social justice activities. The student is selected by our Advocates For Social Justice. The recipient intends to continue being an activist and is planning to pursue further education or training, either in college, trade school or university.

June 18: The Living Room, located on Cleveland Avenue near College, welcomes homeless and at-risk women and children into a warm and safe environment during the day. Caring staff offer lifelines during times of crisis.

June 25: 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.

July 2: The Ceres Community Project supports individuals dealing with serious illness with free, delivered and nutrient-rich prepared meals, nutrition education, and a community of caring. Young people are involved as volunteer gardeners and chefs, giving them direct, hands-on experience of the difference that fresh, healthy foods and community make, and of their own capacity to contribute.
FAREWELL LUNCH AND RECEPTION
FOR INTERN MINISTER MILLIE PHILLIPS

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, June 18th!

Reverend Chris, the Internship Committee and the Friday Afternoon TIE group invite you to join us for a Farewell Lunch and Reception to honor the contributions of our intern, Millie Phillips.

June 18th will be Millie’s last Sunday with us and it promises to be a special service. Millie and Chris will be giving the message and Millie’s partner, jazz musician Richard Saunders, will be joining our own Roger Corman, to offer some special music.

A reception will follow immediately after the 10 am service. We’ll be serving a light lunch and you guessed it, cake for dessert! All are invited. If you would like to bring a card for Millie, we will have a table with a place for card offerings and we’ll even give you a chance to make your own card! This will be a relaxed opportunity to visit with one another and offer Millie our thanks and best wishes. Hope to see you there.

Questions?
Contact Internship Committee Co-Chair, Linda Proulx.

Caring Connection Committee

Is Seeking New Members!

In our desire to create a stronger community and provide a connection to our members that have mobility challenges, we are providing a list of people that would like to receive phone calls and visits. (Please see insert or ask at office for phone list)

Please call instead of stopping by, to verify their address to schedule a visit.

After calls and visits, please report to the Caring Connections table on Sundays so we know who is being cared for and give us an update on how everyone is doing.

HUNGER IN SONOMA COUNTY

Look around. Have you noticed that friends are going hungry? Maybe trying to hide that they don’t have food in their homes? Maybe admitting they are going “food-light?”, so that they can keep their housing? Haven’t noticed? Look Again.

If you can afford to, why not bring double lunch to work or school? Give it away. Someone probably could use it. Have enough grocery money? Commit to make it spread a little further. Bring real food to that TIE Group, potluck, drum group, or 12-step meeting, such as baked potatoes and boiled eggs. Conspire with more affluent friends to cover events.

Please Share.

BROKEN as BROKEN IS
By Cynthia Stebbins

We are all broken in our own way. Some folks use the term “Depth of Damage” to gauge our barometric broken scale. I disagree with standardizing pain. Broken is as individual as DNA. Something petty for one person may be monumental (and feeling insurmountable) to others. Hope can end in hopelessness. Keeping the spirit alive can drift away with no notice. Many people would like damages to their body and soul to be concealed and hidden.

I practice a different philosophy — as difficult as it can be at times. It is the Japanese art of Kintsugi. It restores the broken item (my mind, body and spirit in my case), by incorporating the damage into the aesthetic of the item, making the object’s past entirely visible. The lacquer resin used to bond the pieces together is mixed with powdered gold, silver, platinum, copper or bronze. The cracks in the finished piece make it more beautiful than the original. The outcome is accompanied by growth and choice….as painful as it can be at times.

APRIL RECIPIENTS

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Thanks for your Generous Support!
**JUNE 9th Full Moon Drum Circle**

**CUUPS DRUM CIRCLE – 2nd FRIDAYS, 7-9 pm**

Come join us second Friday nights and feel Mother Earth’s heartbeat - She heals that which is injured in our souls and bonds us to her all encompassing bosom.

June’s Drum Circle will be on the Full Moon, a VERY powerful night to drum! 7-9 pm

**CUUPS Drum Circle welcomes a variety of hand drums;**
congas, bongos, djembes, ashiko, surdo, Taiko, Bodhran or Native American frame, as well as a variety of other percussion and wind instruments.

**Don’t have a drum?** We were recently blessed with a wonderful donation of different drums and sound instruments from Kitty Wells, which has greatly increased our ability to provide for our ‘drum-less’ participants.

**Our rhythm is unique and we are always open to new people and their drumming skills.**

The CUUPS Drum Circle meets the second Friday of each month. On warm nights we utilize the Courtyard; otherwise we drum in the Board Room or 545 if available.

Put these 2017 dates on your calendar: June 9, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8, (Oct in flux), Nov 10, and Dec 8. Check out our notices on sonocodrumz in Google Groups. Contact Lucia at cuups@uusantarosa.org for more info.

**Blessed Be!**

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**Evening Book Group**

**Thursday, June 8, 6 pm**

**(NOTE EARLIER START TIME)**

The Evening Book Group meets on Thursday June 8th at 6:00 p.m. at 547 Mendocino (note earlier start time).

**JUNE:** This is a finger food potluck. Bring a snack or beverage to share. Also bring recommendations of books for us to read in the coming year, September to May.

**JULY—AUGUST:** We do not meet in July and August. The group will select the books for the following year based on the suggestions presented at the June meeting. Members alternate presenting the books to the group. We read across all genres and make sure books are widely available, i.e. published in paperback by the time of the meeting and available through our library system.

Contact Linda Lampson with questions.

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**Faith And Fitness**

**Saturday, June 10**

Carolyn Day trail to Fern Lake in the Valley of the Moon

**(DIFFERENT CAR POOL LOCATION FOR THIS HIKE)**

Our June walk on Saturday June 10th will be on the Carolyn Day trail to Fern Lake in the Valley of the Moon, near Jack London State Park.

Mostly easy gradual climb to the lake, off and on shade and views, about 2-3 miles total. Dogs okay, no facilities except near trail head.

**DIFFERENT CAR POOL LOCATION FOR THIS HIKE:** Target parking lot on Santa Rosa Avenue, away from the store, along Kawana Springs Road under the trees. Meet there at 9:30, or at the South end of Jack London Village parking lot furthest from the buildings, off Arnold Drive in Glen Ellen, at 10:00.

Layered clothing, snacks and water advised. Sign up fitness@uusantarosa.org or call Gretchen P. 707-889-3007.

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**DRAWING GROUP**

**Wednesday 1-3**

Join us every Wednesday from 1 to 3 in the Board Room for meaningful fun. Learn that you can draw, even if you thought you couldn’t. Bring a sketch pad, pencil and eraser.

Open to all!

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**Art Hanging at The Glaser:**

“Delicacy and Drama: A Celebration of Landscape”

by Karen Miller and Shonnie Brown

On display through June 26, 2017

Check out “Art Buddies” Article in Press Democrat


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**The UU Upsurge—Our UUCSR Monthly Newsletter**

Electronic Submissions preferred ~ Send to newsletter@uusantarosa.org

Last day to submit electronic copy for the following month is by noon on the Monday immediately following the 3rd Sunday. (Paper copy must be delivered by 3rd Sunday, noon, to newsletter inbox in church office.) Large articles (submissions over 350 words) and full page inserts – recommended to submit a week prior to deadline. (Please submit text in single space, 10 pt font, black. Special formatting requests? Please note in your email.) Questions? Call Editor Susan Williamson at...
The UU UPSURGE

UUCSR’s Annual Auction — this year on November 4, 2017
SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar now!

Musical Notes

On June 11 the choir will perform “The Road Home,” a lush arrangement of an old American tune “Prospect,” originally published in Southern Harmony in 1835. The lyrics wistfully reflect a desire to return to a home “that I left, that I lost, so long ago.” It will be sung in a service that includes the New Member Ceremony, in which folks will be returning—in John Denver’s words—“to a home they’ve never been before.”

Then, on June 18, another musical treat: music from top flight jazz performers in our congregation, including pianist Roger Corman with Ruth Ahlers on sax and flute. It will be Millie’s last service with us, and in honor of that, her husband Richard Saunders on bass will join the musical aggregation. There will also be some music of The Grateful Dead, so it’s hard to believe that our own Dead-lovin’ minister won’t be musically involved somehow...

UUCSR Summer Camp
Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa
September 1-3, 2017
All UU Summer Camp is just around the corner!!!

Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa is the place to be on September 1-4, 2017. Newsflash! This year, for the first time ever, we are offering a 3 night option (a 2 night stay is still available) so you can extend your fun for a full 24 hours!

Enchanted Hills is a gorgeous, peaceful setting. We’ve worked hard to ensure the UU Summer Camp provides time for chilling, jamming music, swimming, taking in a workshop, or participating in the Variety Show (no talent required). There are so many fun options to fill your time! It you have little ones, childcare is provided at certain times so, you can participate in workshops and relax!

The Enchanted Hills accommodations are extremely comfy with REAL mattresses! We also offer a lower priced option at Lower Camp which is definitely more rustic but designed to fit your budget, if need be. We do offer 50% scholarships on a first come, first serve basis. Enchanted Hills is only a 45 minute drive from Hwy 12 and Calistoga Road.

Don’t miss this opportunity to hang with ALL segments of our congregation: singles, families with children and elders. Everyone is invited. Claim your seat at the Enchanted Hills UU table—signups begin at the end of July!

Email uucamp@santarosa.org or call Carol Kraemer 707-838-3736

Prices:
Upper Camp: Adult 2 nights $180 (3-255); Teen $150 (3-$225); Student $100 (3-$125); Child $30 (3-$30); Toddlers $0
Lower Camp: Adult $140 (3-$195); Teen $130 (3-$185); Student $80 (3-$105); Child $10, (3-$10); Toddlers $0

OLD AGE IS NOT FOR SISSIES
Ongoing Group For Women 80 +
JUNE 12 & 26, 10:30 am in Board Rm

Old Age is Not for Sissies, a group for women 80 and over, meets in the Board Room at 10:30 a.m. every second and fourth Monday morning. Coffee service starts at 10:00 a.m.

If you need transportation, please call well ahead of the meeting date.

Q’s? Call:
Phyllis Clement
Dorris Lee
Shirley White

Women Together Potluck Lunch
June 24, noon-2 at UUCSR

Our April Retreat was such fun, we want to reconvene before we scatter for the summer.

So, on Saturday, June 24th from noon to 2pm, we’ll have an “end of the church year” pot-luck lunch at UUCSR where we can reconnect with old friends and make some new ones!

PLEASE BRING A LUNCH DISH TO SHARE and YOUR OWN PLATES AND UTENSILS (if you bring your own service, you’ll help the committee and all of us clean up faster)! Weather permitting, we’ll enjoy the patio!

Q’s? Contact Linda Harlow.
Your Pledge – Your Promise
A Chance to Serve
--The Stewardship Committee

Two years ago our congregation began an exciting experiment: in lieu of an annual pledge drive, with all the major hassles and workload that entailed, we elected to trust that our members and pledging friends would step up and provide generously – year round! – to UUCSR. We decided to trust that our members really want to build a congregation that works for a more just and humane world; that helps families to raise compassionate, questioning children; that assists in providing companionship to the lonely, and encourages us all to spiritual growth. The stakes are high for this experiment.

So, how does this year-round generosity idea work?
Your pledge is sustaining—that is, what you have agreed to pledge annually remains your pledge until you change it.
Increasing your pledge is critically important—the cost of maintaining a spiritual home for some 350 members increases every year. Since your pledge is an essential brick in the foundation that supports us, increasing it annually is vital to keeping our doors open, our programs in place and our mission of tolerance, love, justice and celebration moving forward.

You can increase your pledge at any time—the Stewardship Committee works to inspire your generosity with special pledge opportunities in the fall, winter and spring. But you can increase your pledge at any time and in ways convenient to the ebb and flow of your income and expenses.

Consider giving when You receive—when a paycheck arrives, a commission is earned, a property sold, or a gift or windfall comes in over the transom, take a portion and spend it as a pledge payment. You receive the immediate gratification of making a significant charitable decision each time you get paid.

Participate in our UU life—our congregation offers many ways to engage. Join us in the activities, education and community outreach we do and support. Your presence gives a strong boost to our good works while bringing to life the many reasons to give.

Use pledging as a way to think about how you spend money—UUCSR encourages you to consider committing 5-10 percent of your annual income to the support of our spiritual community. Whether or not you think you can, pledging will awaken you to the ways you spend the other 90-95 percent of what you have or earn. How do you feel about these choices? Are they always aligned with your values, what you need, or what you think is important?

There are many ways to think about pledging to UUCSR. The important thing is to DO IT. And, whenever possible, please consider increasing your pledge. YOU provide the resources that sustain this loving community!

My Last Column [By Millie Phillips, cont. from p 4]

overcoming old habits of fear and inferiority that had been holding me back from my full potential to serve with joy. One doesn't leave an internship as a fully developed minister. However, thanks to all of you, I now stand on a solid foundation and am confident I can move forward soon into professional ministry.

Many of you have asked me: what's next? Studying for my Ministerial Fellowship Committee meeting, which the hope that I will pass the first time and be ordained next year. And then looking for a job, most likely as an assistant minister, somewhere in the greater Bay Area where my husband, children, grandchildren and I will continue to reside.

You became my church community; the people with whom I worship, as well as serve. I have gotten to know many of you fairly well. However, the UUA's professional boundary rules require that interns no longer participate in, or even communicate with members of, their host congregations for a period of at least a year.

While I understand the need to move on, I am truly sad to be leaving you. Blessings to you all!

—Millie Phillips, Your Intern Minister
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