



The Mountain Chalice

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May 1, 11:00 am "Planting Seeds" Rev. Meghan Cefalu

The wheel of the year has turned. Flowers and birdsong, longer days and warming sunlight awaken some part of us that knows it is time to plant seeds. When we come together this morning be thinking about the "seeds" you want to plant. What new habit, hobby or intention do you want to bring to your life?

Worship Associate: Carrie Osborn



Please remember to bring contributions of non-perishable food for the Interfaith Food Ministry and pet food for Sammie's Friends on the first Sunday of the month.

May 8, 11:00 am "R.E. Sunday: Big Questions"

Join our children, youth and religious education teachers for this special service that is the culmination of all the big questions the children and youth have been exploring throughout the year. Come hear some profound thoughts from young minds and renew your hope for the future!

Worship Associate: Lindsay Dunckel

May 15, 11:00 am "The Pathway to Joy" Nayaswami Savitri Simpson, Lightbearer/Minister from Ananda Village

Is it possible to feel inner joy all the time in a world full of suffering and sorrow? Is it even right to feel joy under such circumstances? The answer is: we have no choice! Ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new joy is within the hearts of every one of us. We came from joy; we are made of joy! All that is needed is to uncover our joyful essence and then learn how share that state of inner joy with all.

All the Great Ones say that this is not only possible and do-able, it is also inevitable. In this service, we'll explore immediate ways to fill our lives with inner joy.

Worship Associate – Gail Johnson Vaughan

May 22, 11:00 am "Flower Celebration Sunday" Rev. Meghan Cefalu

Our annual ritual celebrating the beauty of diversity inherent in community was created during World War II by Polish Unitarian minister Norbert Capek. Each spring, people in Unitarian Universalist congregations everywhere share in this celebration. Remember to bring a flower for every member of your family! Our choir will sing this morning.

(Our annual congregational meeting follows this service. Members, please plan to attend.)

Worship Associate: Sophia McKean

May 29, 11:00 am - "The quiet quest for freedom" LE Chaplain Carrie Osborn

This Sunday's service will be a day to rest your souls and open your hearts. As was stated by Noah Wiley's character in The Librian- Quest for the Spear "Not all things are thought here but need to be felt here". We as UU's tend to think about the injustices at home and abroad. We rally together for peace and justice singing our values through the depths of our souls. This Sunday I ask you to quiet your mind, rest your soul, and open your hearts as you listen to the stories of three men, on this Memorial Day's service.

Worship associate Matt Wilson Daley



Take Back
Mothers
Day
March

May 8 at 1:00pm

See pg 10



REV. MEGHAN MUSINGS

Warm Springtime Greetings,

Happy Anniversary!! It was fifty years ago this month that the Unitarians and Universalists voted to merge and begin the process of becoming one Association of Congregations. Like any anniversary this is a time of reflecting on our past experiences, with a mixture of pride and, yes, even some regret, and looking forward to our next fifty years together. Because so many of us, me included, are relatively new to Unitarian Universalism – 91% of UUs came from other faith traditions – I think we have a harder time seeing the larger perspective. This month I'm sharing with you (with his permission) a reflection from one of my colleagues, a born and raised UU:

My Hopes for the next 50 years of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

By Mr. Barb Greve, M.Div.

I have been practicing our faith my whole life. This I can say for certain: Our faith is not an easy one to practice! It demands of us that we be in constant awareness and dialogue with the world. Unitarian Universalism requires religious engagement, not just when it is convenient or easy, but in every moment. We have a rich history and complicated theology. One of the greatest strengths Unitarian Universalist theologies offer is an image of life that is in motion and pluralistic. Through our focus on community and covenant, we learn that the holy takes place in our connections to and with one another.

Unitarian Universalism saves lives. This I know from personal experience, as it has saved my life time and time again. And yet, Unitarian Universalism has also caused me some of my greatest heartache. At times, there seems to be a disconnect between the church school lessons I learned as a youngster and how we adults live out our Unitarian Universalist values.

The Unitarian Universalism of my childhood taught me that with diversity comes strength; that through embracing our differences we can better understand the world around us. My years working with adults in our congregations, as a workshop facilitator and religious educator, have taught me

that more often than not, this is more theory than practice.

And yet, I have witnessed our congregations make tremendous progress in embracing this diversity and changing the ways they are in the world in order to accommodate a beloved member of their community. My hope for our future is that it does not take someone already within our community to inspire us to change our ways to be more inclusive and affirming. My hope is that we are willing to change in order to greet all with open hearts.

My hope for the next fifty years of our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is that our congregations continue to engage in holy discourse around diversity and affirmation. My hope is also that we continue to share our presence with the world, exemplifying that it is possible to embrace the pluralistic nature of life.

I would love to hear your own reflections and hopes for the future of our faith tradition and the future of our congregation. I hope you send me an email or call me!

*Blessings,
Rev. Meghan*

**“HOW'S IT WORKING FOR US?”
PLAYSHOP
Sunday, June 5
1:15 to 3:00 pm**

Please join the Committee on Ministry as we take a look at our 2009 - 2014 Long Range Vision Plan to assess how it's working for us. This document was designed to be in service to us as a congregation and it's time to take a look at the goals and ideas we set into place and see if they need some updating. What directions would we like to head? Where would we like to see some energy invested? Join us for this engaging playshop - lunch included!

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT KIA HATCH

WE HAVE FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Aloha! I am still filled with the energy and joy we experienced at our Annual Congregational Dinner at Club Aloha. Bonnie Bennett, our Honorary Chair of the Annual Budget Drive (aka pledge drive!) spoke to all who were present. Bonnie, a shining light in this community, is one of our founding members and has served us all with love, energy and grace over the years. She served as President of the Board of Trustees on two separate occasions and has agreed to be on the slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees next year as Vice President.

Bonnie spoke to us at our dinner. Her moving remarks are here for all of us. What she has to say is way more powerful than anything I could write here this month. Please take some time to read them. (See page 4)

*Peace,
Kia*

FINANCIAL TIMES

Kia Hatch

How do we do it? We continue to put on absolutely great programs in an environment of decreasing resources. Our RE program, our Social Action work, our wonderful worship services with great music, films, concerts, all of our special interest groups, educational classes.... It goes on and on.

As you read this we will have completed our annual budget drive, in which we ask each of you for your financial commitments for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. The early indications are that many of you are increasing your pledges – Thank you! Will it be enough to enable us to continue to support the core of our beloved programs, that we so love? Gosh, I hope so. As I told you last month, it is clear we will end this fiscal year “in the red” by

somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000. We all know that cannot continue, so cross your fingers.

Our programs are the heart & soul of UUCM, what keep us all coming back again and again. We have some ideas on how to help reduce expenses next year while maintaining the integrity of our program – ideas like even more volunteers for RE, for music, carpooling to GA in Phoenix; etc., etc. All ideas are welcome.

The budget decisions we’ll make at our Annual Congregational Meeting on May 22nd will be crucial for us all. We can do this. We can realize our vision.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: UUCM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011

12:30PM

All are welcome to our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be available for all who stay for the meeting. Please check in at the voter’s table to get your ballot & voting cards. If you are a Member and cannot attend, you will be able to vote via proxy. Contact Kia at president@uugrassvalley.org for your proxy form.

Agenda:

Approval of minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting

Reports: Minister, Treasurer, President

Approval of slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees for 2011/2012

Approval of slate of candidates for the Nominating Committee for 2011/2012

Approval of the Operating Budget for 2011/2012

New Business

Anyone wanting to put an item on the agenda for the meeting needs to get it to the President by May 5th.

REMARKS BY BONNIE BENNETT, HONORARY PLEDGE CHAIR, AT THE ANNUAL PLEDGE DINNER ON APRIL 9, 2011

What an Aloha Celebration! This is clearly the Annual Pledge Dinner, but this evening we also celebrate YOUR service to this community. As I look out across the room, I can't help but see more than attractive, Hawaiian-garbed people BUT individuals with passion and skills and enthusiastic dedication to our UUCM programs. Everything we do were, we do together, and it is a lot. Ever notice on any given evening or Sunday all the gatherings: committee meetings, community meetings, singing, meditating, drumming, potlucks?

I am present here at this Aloha Celebration to speak about our service and connection to each other, about why we have Faith in Our Future, plus I'd like you to consider answering some important questions about your pledge this year.

First, service. I serve because I want something more than just "stuff" in my life. We know that this culture is pretty consumer oriented. I do enjoy my overstuffed turquoise chair, my closet full of clothes, and my pretty pink-flowered dishes, but it seriously doesn't provide me with the deep meaning and purpose in life that I seek.

It's always comforting to me on Sunday morning when Meghan greets us with "Welcome to a celebration of life." It is my anchor and a weekly reminder why I give of my time, energy, and financial resources. As far as my personal time and energy, I have two passions currently. One is our Leadership as a Spiritual Practice class which emphasizes the "journey not the destination" (truly listening to each other in meetings, honoring other members for their different talents and gifts, and seeing our work here together as actually a spiritual practice).

Until we master our personal relationships, how can we create a better world? And that leads me to my second current passion: Social Justice. I had the privilege of helping with this year's Season for Peace and Nonviolence. Something like 14 faith communities and nonprofit groups came together to provide inspirational speakers, panels, films, and celebrations in Nevada County. At UUCM, we desire to create a more compassionate world where "world peace" and "economic justice" aren't just weighty phrases.

I ask YOU to think about why you serve. What are your passions? Why do you give of your time,

energy, and financial resources?

Definitely, Religious Education must be a passion for some of you. We do have a thriving RE program. I have heard parents say so many times over the years that they found UUCM so that their children could become versed in a "free faith," learning cooperation and an acceptance of all religious traditions. Years ago, I attended a UU District Growth Conference, and in my small group we brainstormed ideas about how to attract young families to our communities. Look around! When I turned 50 at that year's Annual Pledge Dinner eons ago, I was considered very young.

You must have noticed that we have a youth representative on the Worship Committee (Sophia). We also have a youth represented in our Leadership as a Spiritual Practice Class (Haley). Ian Osborn will be UUCM's representative to the Youth Caucus at General Assembly in North Carolina in June. Faith in our Future here at UUCM is strong, indeed,

What are your favorite programs? How do you want to grow as an individual while serving this community? Lots of opportunity. We love our programs, and we want to continue them and expand and accelerate in educating our children and youth, providing inspirational services and music, and reaching out to the community and the world, all while we support our connection to each other. With this in mind and as you consider your pledge to UUCM this evening: What gift can you give that will be meaningful to you--that will give you strength and clarity in the months ahead? What gift would be exciting to you? What can you give of your resources to the ministry of love and justice?

In closing, I had a near "meltdown" the other day because I was overwhelmed with my tasks. To the rescue were Kia with her bright smile and Meghan with her deep listening: "You're not alone," and Keith putting it all in perspective with a chuckle: "Bonnie, you're good. Now, it's not like you have to single handedly negotiate a cease fire and bring democracy to Libya." Heartfelt support!

It's the power of love not the love of power that keeps us coming back every week and every year. A Sunday speaker once said that power is the "booby prize" and that LOVE is what we really seek.

For me this connectedness, my passions for service, and seeking a higher purpose in life is what I'll be thinking about when I fill out this form, put it in the envelope, and send it on its way.

CARING NOTES

by Robin Hart



After a long snowy Winter, Spring has finally come into it's own in the Sierra. Everywhere you look, a fresh green carpet is spread over the foothills. Flowers bloom, trees leaf out, waking from their long Winter slumber. All around are signs of rebirth, as the cycle of life renews itself with with fawns, chicks and other wildlife. In the month of May, we honor mothers and mothering in our community, and all the bright promise that Spring brings.

Left empty for privacy

Also light a candle of concern and keep a special place in your hearts for: James Staggs, Jennifer and Steven Bigelow, Hazel and Mike, Leo Winters and for all those others in our UUCM community who are not named but who need prayer and healing energy at this time.



WOMEN'S STUDY CIRCLE

A High Tea Party is a gorgeous excuse to catch up with the girls!

The tradition of High Tea goes back many years to England near the turn of the 19th century. At that time there were two main meals daily - breakfast and dinner. Dinner was served very late in the evening, so it was a very long time between meals.

The Duchess of Bedford (1788-1861) complained about a "sinking feeling" in the late afternoon. **Afternoon Tea** was her invention to keep her going until dinner. She began inviting friends to join her for tea at 5p.m. Other hostesses quickly copied her idea.

Food at tea included such things as thin crustless sandwiches, shrimp or fish pate, toasted breads with jams and regional pastries such as scones and crumpets. The emphasis was on presentation and conversation.

High Tea was a full meal in the evening and was much different. It was so called because it was served on the high table or the family dining table to workers from the fields and/or working class families for their evening meal. It consisted of meats, gravies, cheese, eggs, bread and butter, cake and, of course, tea.

Ok, now that we have that straightened out, we are not going to *be* snobs and insist on proper names. Whether it's High, Low, or Afternoon tea, we will enjoy this languid "social".

The tea meal can be small or large and referred to, for example, as "taking tea".

We will be offering both Sweet and Savory treats. At a Victorian Tea the food is traditionally the kind that can be eaten with your fingers. You are familiar with the phrase "finger food".

Handling the cup and saucer: Tea etiquette states that you hold your cup with the index finger of your right hand through the handle and the thumb slightly gripping the handle above it. The second finger is below the handle. The last two fingers follow the natural curve of the hand and it is actually not proper to raise the pinky. Surprise!

With the tea cup sitting on the saucer, which is held with the left hand, the tea is stirred gently, without hitting the sides or rim of the cup. Replace the spoon on the saucer, behind the cup, with the handle pointing in the same four o'clock direction as the handle.

We will take tea at the chapel on Thursday, May 19th, at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to Clarita Nolan at 530-575-2229 or photosbyclarita@att.net.

Also bring tea cups, saucers and tea if you have some.

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

Sheila Myers



Many of you are probably wondering what the UUA/UUSC is doing in regards to the earthquake devastation in Japan. Here is an update, as printed in UU World magazine with instructions on how to donate to the Japan Relief Fund.

UUA-UUSC Japan Fund supports religious partners after quake
Rissho Kosei-kai congregations in Northern Japan are among the damaged.

By Donald E. Skinner
4.11.11

Unitarian Universalists had donated \$200,000 to Japanese relief efforts as of April 8. On March 11 the northeast coast of Japan was hit with a devastating magnitude 9.0 earthquake followed by a tsunami. More than 12,000 people were killed, 15,000 are missing, and more than 500,000 have been displaced. Japan is also coping with a nuclear crisis, the result of severe damage to a nuclear plant from the earthquake and tsunami.

The funds, donated to the Unitarian Universalist Association-UU Service Committee Japan Relief Fund, will be used to support relief efforts by the UUA's religious partners in Japan, including Rissho Kosei-kai, Tsubaki Grand Shrine, the Konko Church of Izu, the Tokyo Dojin Church, and the Japan Chapter of the International Association for Religious Freedom.

A Rissho Kosei-kai relief team carries emergency supplies to disaster victims in northern Japan.

Donations can be made here: uua.kintera.org/japan.

Checks can be mailed to Gift Processing, Stewardship and Development, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. Make checks payable to the "UUA" and indicate "Japan Fund" on the memo line. The Rev. Eric Cherry, the UUA's director of International Resources, was in Japan for 10 days in late March, meeting with the partner groups. The trip had been planned before the earthquake, to meet with the partners and to attend a meeting of the International Association for Religious Freedom.

After returning to the United States, Cherry said in an interview, "I extended the UUA and the UUSC's condolences to our partner groups and made it clear that

American Unitarian Universalists will be supporting them and all Japanese people in prayer, thought, and other support, over the long haul."

He said many members of the Japanese groups were directly affected by the disasters. "The Rissho Kosei-kai itself has 35 to 40 congregations that have been damaged terribly. Our partners are deeply involved in the support of people who are suffering. They will be involved in the general long-term recovery of Japan, as well."

Cherry said it has not yet been determined how the UUA-UUSC Japan Relief Fund will be used, but that those decisions would be made in cooperation with our partners.

He added, "It was clear to me that our support means a great deal to them right now. There is definitely an attitude of hope. This is a terrible tragedy and whatever we can do for them will be welcomed."

Congregations that wish to send notes to the Japanese groups can send them to Cherry's office: The Rev. Eric Cherry, Director of International Resources, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Congregations and individuals are urged to contribute to the fund rather than sending any supplies, Cherry said.

Pass the Plate

Our congregation collected a substantial amount in our plate last month for the UUSC. Our esteemed Treasurer, Jerry Jacoby, informed us that the grand total was \$611.64! This month, the Social Action Committee has chosen Women of Worth as the recipient. This worthy organization provides help for local, economically challenged women to find jobs and transitional housing. Many of these women are moms as well, so remember those checkbooks on May 8th, Mother's Day! Speaking of Mother's Day, I am sure you noticed the other activities in this newsletter... mark your calendars and invite your friends!

Kiva Party

"You are cordially invited to the third annual Kiva Party on May 8 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. As most of you know, Kiva is an internet-based micro-lending organization which makes small loans to entrepreneurs throughout the developing world. In the past two years, UUCM has made four loans to Kiva in the total amount of \$1250. On May 8 we will discuss the status of those loans and decide on future loans. A light lunch will be served. Please join us!"

SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

Other Events

Meditation/Discussion Group: The Ethical Eating study group and meditation was very well attended, indeed. Thanks to David Briggs for facilitating the sessions, and all who attended.

This month, Carol Ann Jones and Sheila Myers will be facilitating the Sunday, 9:30 AM sessions with the UUA's study guide, "Immigration as a Moral Issue." Hope to see some of you there.

Fair Trade Coffee

Keith Johnson would like to remind you that the coffee we order can be purchased only by the case, each of which contains six vacuum sealed bags. If you do not want to purchase that much at once, well, Buddy Up! Talk to your friends and neighbors about splitting a case. The price is quite reasonable and you will be supporting not only the Fair Trade cause, but UUCM as well. Ask Keith about getting an order form to take home.



Many of us enjoyed the documentaries produced by the Woolman students. We are happy to co- sponsor and provide the venue once again.

WOOLMAN SEMESTER STUDENT DOCUMENTARIES FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 7:30 PM AT THE UU COMMUNITY OF THE MOUNTAINS

All are welcome to a screening of Woolman Semester student documentaries Friday, May 20th at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains in Grass Valley. Documentaries on Peace, Justice, and the Environment are filmed, written, produced and directed by Woolman's high school students. The Woolman Semester is a progressive academic school for young people who want to make a difference in the world.

Students in their junior, senior, or gap year come to take charge of their education and study the issues that matter most to them. The screening will be followed by reception with Woolman students and staff. *This event is free and open to the public.*

This event is sponsored by the Social Action Committee of UUCM, the Peace Center of Nevada County, and the Woolman Semester.

PEACE CENTER SECOND SUNDAY CINEMA

The Peace Center of Nevada County presents its Second Sunday Cinema with "Zeitgeist3 Moving Forward." Anyone who saw the first Zeitgeist film will not forget the film's powerful imagery, comparative religions, expose on the American monetary system, and over all inspirational content. The original Zeitgeist was actually not a "film", but a performance piece in New York City but later after it was somehow "tossed" into the internet there have been over 100 million hits as of 2009. Later "Zeitgeist" the event, became "Zeitgeist: The Movie". The Zeitgeist Movement is a grass roots campaign to unify the world through a common ideology which focuses on values, resource economics and sustainability. The Zeitgeist films attempt to communicate how all humans are the same at the fundamental level and how it is time we start to work together on a global

scale to end the perpetual conflict and suffering in our current world society. The Zeitgeist Movement is not interested in traditional ways of resolving the world's problems, rather its function is to find the 'source' of problematic social phenomena and act to resolve it at its core. Zeitgeist seeks to create a society that is truly sustainable and works for the betterment of everyone. Those who come to enjoy the film will surely leave with an unforgettable experience.

The film will be shown at the Unitarian Universalists Community of the Mountains, 246 So. Church Street, Grass Valley. Sunday, May 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and popcorn will be offered. Enjoy the film and stay for the facilitated discussion to follow.

\$4 - 10 donation requested.

GREEN SANCTUARY Film Series

by Bill Nolan

“Blue Gold”

On Sunday, May 1, at 12:45 pm, the Green Sanctuary Committee continues to focus on water justice issues. This month we were lucky enough to acquire a copy of Blue Gold, a film about the fight to stop corporate of the world's water, narrated by Malcolm McDowell. This is a subject that impacts us all, one way or the other. You will be surprised to learn about the ways in which corporations are attempting to “own” Earth's water. But you will also learn what we can all do to resist such schemes. Blue Gold is suitable for people of all ages. This impactful film lasts 90 minutes, so we encourage you to bring a snack or picnic lunch and settle in to watch with the entire family.

GREEN POWER POINT

Anita Wald -Tuttle

We're talkin' WATER this month!



Your shower uses 7 gallons of water per minute unless you have a low flow showerhead in which case the flow drops to 2.5 gallons per minute.

To change an 8 minute shower into a 4 minute one - jump in, get wet, turn the water off, soap up, rinse off, and get out! You're saving not only water, but electricity used in heating and pumping the water and the extra costs of waste treatment.

To get even GREENER leave a bucket (with handle) in the shower to fill up with that early cold water and subsequent “gray water” when you rinse off. If you're a “tub” person you can use that bucket to bail out your bathwater when you've finished soaking. This water is perfect for plants (except for anything you plan to eat), the lawn, or washing the car.

Happy H2O savings!



NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Custis Haynes
Library Committee Chair

Waking Up in Time, - “finding inner peace in times of accelerating change” - is by Peter Russell, a psychologist and physicist who studied under Steven Hawking at Cambridge. Thanks to Brabara Hoyt, who donated it to us.

UUCM ARTIST



*Who is
sincere and honest;
patient and kind;
funny and beautiful?*

You

CARD FOR MOTHER'S DAY

featuring Rev. Meghan

UUCM regularly displays original artwork by its talented members and friends.

Currently, Clarita and Bill Nolan are displaying their beautiful greeting cards in the Emerson room.

After Bill lost his job they decided to go into the business of creating and selling greeting cards - something that Clarita had considered for years – in the hope of supplementing their income. They named their business PhotoMagicArt.

Some of the greeting card designs are available blank. There are also thank you card assortments – 8 to a box. Note card sets are the same as the thank you cards sans sentiments.

Their full line of cards is available at Uptown Salon and Ballerina Cleaners in Grass Valley. They can also be seen at PhotoMagicArt on Facebook and can be ordered by emailing photomagicart.greetingcards@gmail.com or calling Bill at 530-575-1268.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Annie Haymaker

Choir News

The choir will sing for the service on May 22. Rehearsals are on Mondays, May 2, 9, and 16, 7-8:30 pm. Come and sing with us! You don't need to read music or have sung in a choir before. For more information, call Dorothy at 272-4787.

Drum Circle @ UUCM

Come explore your natural rhythm in a fun, safe environment. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. The May gatherings will be Wednesday the 4th and 18th from 7:00 to 8:30 in the UUCM Chapel. For more information contact David Ferrier 559-5902 (DavidsDrums@gmail.com).

BUILDING & GROUNDS

by Rick Osborn

Your building and grounds volunteers have been very busy, despite the snow! The painting of the RE rooms continues and is over half way complete. The movie screen has been installed in the front of the sanctuary. The speakers have been installed in the corners and the new hearing impaired equipment has been installed. (Instructions on it's use will be coming shortly). We are still working on the roof leaks now that we have isolated the causes. (just waiting for dry weather). The basement water problem is now under control until new plumbing is installed at a later time.

We are planning to install pavers at the front entrance in the next couple of weeks. These will be done on a Wednesday/Thursday. The Anaconda is still loose in the sanctuary and will be tied down soon as we settle on an exact location.

There is still a lot of work to do at the work parties. (Including spring cleaning of the basement and garage). I would like to thank Paul Bonani for engraving all the new sound equipment to guard against theft; Kia Hatch for painting the RE rooms and for the wonderful lunches after the party is over; Anita Wald-Tuttle for remarking the location of the chairs; Wally Holtan, Joel Houtman, and David Ferrier for installing the hearing impaired wiring, speaker shelves, speakers, and removing the old speakers.

We still need a bigger turnout for the parties, especially with the nicer weather outside. Its a great way to get to know other members and friends. And don't forget the great food afterwards!

RE UPDATE

Rochelle Davisson

As the fun-filled holiday season wore down and breaks. Mark your calendars: May 8th is RE Sunday! The kids are busy preparing the service and are eager to show the congregation what they've learned this year. After RE Sunday, our curriculum for this year will be complete. Mike Freedman has offered to lead the pre-teen/teens in a Creative Writing workshop the remainder of May as a prelim to our Summer Session, which kicks off on May 22. This summer we've decided on a program filled with games, snacks and music. We're still looking to hire a teacher, but other options are being explored.

In other news, We're excited to announce that Ian Osborn will be attending GA as a youth delegate in Charlotte, North Carolina in June. Our own Marilyn might attend a DRE meeting in Fremont. Lots to learn! Additionally, the kids had a great time helping out at the UU Luau--their excitement, energy and enthusiasm filled the air--and next year's curriculum is still being explored. So far we've tentatively identified the program Popcorn Theology for the Teen Group, and the program Spirit Play for the younger group. One thing we know for sure--no matter what the curriculum, these kids are awesome to teach.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ANIMAL MINISTRY



RECIPE Submitted by Carol Hyndman

Warm kidney bean salad

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 cups slivered onion
1 tsp dried oregano
1/4 cup cider or red wine vinegar
2 15 oz cans kidney beans rinsed and drained
1 tsp salt
1 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
1/4 cup green pimento stuffed olives sliced in half
Heat olive oil in pot over med heat. Add onion, saute 5 min. Add oregano, vinegar and beans. Cook over low heat until beans are warm
Remove from heat and stir in salt, parsley and olives.
Serve warm or at room temp. Serves 6



We are in three wars.

Julia's Voice needs YOUR voice now more than ever.
Our second annual Stand for Peace will take place on

**Sunday, May 8
1:00 pm**

**at Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains
246 So. Church St.
(Corner of Church and Walsh)**

Dress in period costume of long dresses or skirt with white blouse

RSVP and spread the word.

Please join with us to let the world know that

*"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
We, the women of one country,
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."
From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm!"*

Excerpted from Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation, 1840

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am-Meditation Grp 11:00am-Sunday Service 12:30pm-R.E. Meeting 12:45pm-Renewal-Green Sanctuary Film 1:00pm-Spiritual Journey	2 7pm Choir Practice	3 9:00am-Morning Meditation 9:00am-David's Chalice Group 7:00pm-Music Committee 7:00pm-Threshold Choir	4 8:30am-Men's Get-together 6:00pm-Membership Circle 7:00pm-Drumming	5 8:30am-Caroline's Mens Group 4:00pm-Planned Giving Committee 6:00pm-DBSA Nevada County 6:30pm-Leadership	6 2:30pm-Jazz Piano 4:00pm-R. E. Service Practice	7 3:00pm-140th Birthday Party
8 9:30am-Meditation Grp 11:00am-Sunday Service 12:00pm-Kiva Party 1:00pm-Spiritual Journey 1:00pm-Take Back Mother's Day March 7:00pm-Second Sunday Peace Center Movie	9 5:00pm-Dream Circle 7:00pm-Choir Practice	10 9:00am Morning Meditation	11 8:30am Men's Get-together 5:30pm Caring Comm. 7pm Social Action Coordinating Council	12 8:30am-Caroline's Mens Group 10:00am-Writer's Group 7:00pm-UU Board Meeting	13 2:30pm-Jazz Piano	14 10:00am-District Assembly - D.A.
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am-Meditation Group 10:00am-District Assembly - D.A. 11:00am-Sunday Service 12:30pm-New to UU 1:00pm-Spiritual Journey	16 7:00pm-Choir Practice	17 9:00am-Morning Meditation 9:00am-David's Chalice Group 3:30pm-Horn lessons 7:00pm-Threshold Choir	18 8:30am-Men's Get-together 7:00pm-Drumming Circle	19 8:30am-Caroline's Mens Group 6:00pm-Women's Study Circle 6:00pm-DBSA Nevada County	20 2:30pm-Jazz Piano 5:30pm-Hospitality House Dinners 7:30pm-Woolman Semester	21 9:00am-Building and Grounds Work Party 1:00pm-Building & Grounds Committee
22 1:00am-Sunday Service 12:30pm-Annual Congregational Meeting 1:00pm-Spiritual Journey	23 5:00pm-Dream Circle	24 9:00am-Morning Meditation 6:00pm-PFLAG 7:00pm-Worship Committee	25 8:30am-Men's Get-together	26 8:30am-Caroline's Mens Group 10:00am-Writer's Group 6:00pm-Green Sanctuary	27 2:30pm-Jazz Piano	28
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Note: Calendar is subject to change. Verify on website: uugrassvalley.org



Cheers!

Another fun event was had, and another \$1500 went into the church coffers after the April 1st UUCM Wine Market. Thanks to **Dave Luce** for telling us about the delicious wines and thanks to the many hands who helped pour wine, bring delectable appetizers, set up and clean up. It is truly a community effort! Some of us were trying to remember when we began offering the UU Wine Market—perhaps 5 years ago. Over the years this event, a couple of times a year, has brought us around \$15,000 or so. What a great way to enjoy each other, great wine, and bring funds to UUCM. That deserves a toast!



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