



The Mountain Chalice

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Community of the Mountains
Grass Valley, CA

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We are a GLBT-Welcoming Congregation



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October 2, 11:00 am- Association Sunday: Celebrating Excellence in Ministries - Rev. Meghan Cefalu and the Renewal Team

Unitarian Universalist Association President Rev. Peter Morales says, "We can be the religion for our time. We can only do this together...as an Association." This year's annual Association Sunday celebrates Unitarian Universalist professional religious leadership. Special collections are taken in just about all UU congregations this morning to support ongoing continuing education for ministers, professional religious educators and music directors. Congregations thrive under great leadership. Come learn how we are supporting professional ministry right here in our congregation as we prepare for Rev. Meghan's upcoming renewal leave.
Worship Associate: Sophia McKean



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.

October 9, 11:00 am - Omnipotence - a Mistake, Jerry Jacoby.

We will look at the modern Christian doctrine of God's alleged omnipotence from three perspectives: an engineer, a theologian, and a psychologist. As we will see, this doctrine is a mistake from all three points of view.
Worship Associate is Matt Wilson-Daley.

October 16, 11:00 am - Animal Blessings Rev. Meghan Cefalu

Relationships with the other animals with which we share the planet are often a source of joy in our lives. You are invited to bring your (well-behaved and controlled) furry, scaly or feathered pet to church to receive a blessing in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. This annual intergenerational service is as tender and poignant as it is wild and wooly. Pictures of shy pets and special stuffed animals are welcome to receive a blessing as well.
Worship Associate: Carol Hyndman

October 23, 11:00 am - UN Sunday: Empower Women for a Better World - Rev. Meghan Cefalu

As Unitarian Universalists, we strive to make the world a better place for all. Our first principle affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Poor healthcare and education, systemic violations of human rights, climate change, violence, and global insecurity are only a few impediments that women, on a global level, face every day. As believers in social justice, we Unitarian Universalists need to be mindful and work on local, national and international issues. We need to be global citizens. The United Nations is our link to the world, and the UU-UNO is our link to the UN. The Choir will sing this morning!
Worship Associate: TBD

October 30, 11:00 am - Dia de los Muertos - Rev. Meghan Cefalu

In this service we honor the spirit of the Mexican "Day of the Dead" tradition with a joy-filled celebration of our ancestors. Far from being a depressing or sad day, the Mexican festival is one of merriment and frivolity. You are encouraged to bring a memento, picture or item of food or drink that your loved one or ancestor enjoyed in life as we will ritually create a beautiful altar and invite their spirits to our party! (All pictures and artifacts will be returned after the service.)
Worship Associate: Lindsay Duncel

AN EVENING WITH
**KALYANI &
MIKE EHLERS**
OCTOBER 28
7:30 PM
&
**UUCM HOLIDAY
WINE MARKET**
NOVEMBER 4
6:30 PM
see pg 10



REV.
MEGHAN
MUSINGS

Greetings my friends,

I read an essay not long ago that posed an amusing idea. The author, frustrated with how often people communicate only about the most surface matters with one another, asks, "What if we all wore a sign around our necks letting people know exactly how we are doing, clearly stating the truth of what is happening in our lives?" She suggests this would help people get beneath the idle chit chat and talk of the weather and help us to relate more authentically. Accompanying the article are photographs of people wearing hand written signs tied with string that say things like, "My mother just got a terminal diagnosis and I'm frightened," "I lost my job today," "I'm feeling fragile, please be gentle."

I will never forget the days that followed my father's death all those years ago. I was so bereft and emotionally raw and yet had to do all those normal things like go to the grocery store and stand in line at the bank. It felt so odd that the world around me kept on as if nothing tragic had just happened, while my heart was in a million pieces. I would have liked it if strangers treated me just a bit more kindly, were more understanding when I spaced out and didn't realize the light had turned green.

Everyone we encounter may have something going on in their lives making them feel sad, frightened or fragile. What would it be like if we kept in mind the image of these signs and tried to respond to people with an extra dose of compassion? The driver speeding past you on the road may have just received an emergency call and may be rushing to the hospital, or home, to be with a loved one. You can't know for sure, but wouldn't the world be a nicer place if we could give one another the benefit of the doubt?

*Blessings and abundant love,
Rev. Meghan*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF UUCM?

If you have been coming to UUCM for a while and feel that you would like to take the next step in committing yourself to our Community, here is your chance. We will soon be holding our Fall Membership Retreat. It's a chance to talk and ask questions as you break bread with leaders of our community. Here are the important dates:

Sunday, Oct. 30 - Orientation and lunch after the Sunday Service

Saturday, Nov. 5 - New member retreat at the Houtmans' (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Sunday Nov. 13 - Introduction of new members to the congregation during the Sunday Service.

For more information and to reserve a space for yourself call Rev. Meghan Cefalu at 274-1661 or Andy & Shannon Dooley-Miller at 346-6995.



SAMHAIN RITUAL WITCH'S NEW YEAR

Carrie Osborn

During this magickal time in October do you find a need to light candles or carve a jack o' lantern? How about all the Magick in the air and the veil between the world is this? On October 30 starting at 6pm we will have a potluck followed by a Samhain Ritual, Samhain being the "Witch's New Year." We will celebrate those that have moved on before us and celebrate the love they gave us. If you would like more details please e-mail uucmcuups@yahoo.com

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

KEITH
JOHNSON



On August 27 your Board of Trustees held its annual Board Retreat at the home of Kia Hatch. Thank you Kia for your hospitality. This is a special event where the Trustees, along with the Minister, carve out a full day together to think about what will be the focus of the work we do together in the year ahead.

Due to budgetary constraints, the Retreat was conducted without the assistance of a paid facilitator. Despite this handicap, the Retreat was a resounding success. The general theme was UUCM's "Coming of Age-" we are now a thriving congregation with a bright future ahead of us. But what does UUCM's future look like? At the Retreat we examined what has worked well, and what we need

more of. What will the church look like in five years? After this exercise, it was fun to relax and watch Brett Torgrimson give a demonstration of a Spirit Play story from the RE curriculum. Thank you Brett!

The Board found *The In-Between Church* by Alice Mann to be a useful tool in the church planning process. This book identifies the transitions that churches inevitably face and the "fault lines" that can develop during those transitions. We recognized some of those fault lines right here at UUCM.

A final Retreat topic was implementation of church policies. It was the general consensus of the Board that church governance can be enhanced with written policies developed collaboratively and clearly communicated to the congregation. Your input in this on-going process will be appreciated.

Lastly, in case you have not heard, the Pacific Central District has determined that UUCM is not eligible for a Chalice Lighter Grant because we are no longer a fair share congregation. (See President's Message for August for further details). Therefore the Board has decided not to pursue the hiring of a part-time administrative assistant at this time.

Peace, Keith.



CARPOOL MAP

Do you know which members of the congregation live in your neighborhood? As a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee, I hoped to promote carpooling. And, as a member of the Caring Committee, I hoped to make it easy for UU's to help other UU's by linking neighbors. So I created the map to see if it would "fly." Now it is up on the wall where we have our coffee after service.

I invite you to find the number of your listing on the UUCM roster, posted on either side of the map. Then find the corresponding red flag at your address on the map. If you have a post office box or find your numbered flag in the wrong place, feel free to peel off the flag and place it where you live (press hard). Then note the numbers near you, and find them on the roster. I'll bet you didn't know who all lived in your neighborhood. Invite them to tea.

RE UPDATE Ian's AKA Charles

"So here is some news on RE." In the nursery the children are learning the seven principals of Unitarian Universalism. There go our budding UU's growing up so fast. In the tween's, Spirit Play is a hit, as seen during the campfire service. These Tweens are sure getting into the spirit. And finally the Teens have started poetry and it is a hit! Also a poetry slam is invited to Woolman for entertainment. In related news, teens aspired to help, helping several members into the church. Coming of age is also happening this year. This event was a hit last year, and with seven kids, it's bound to be great. So that is it for this month's article, this is Charles signing off.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

by Rick Osborn

The roof (and leaks) are finally being repaired. With the help of roofer Jeff Daily and our own Chim Chim chimney person Jerry Reynolds, the roof leaks were hopefully repaired this month. We repaired the mistakes the previous roofing company left us, and resealed the walls, chimney, and crickets. We still have to reseal some shingles. (Jerry repaired the chimney which was about 110 degrees on the roof that day and the highest point on the roof.. Thanks Jerry!)

We installed locks on the RE cabinet and hung cork strips in the RE room. The basement has been cleaned out, and pallets placed on floor. Joel has the new sound mixer cart complete. This will cut 30 minutes off the sound set up time.

The following projects are in the works:

1. Gutters: Gutter Topper has been notified regarding installing the remaining gutters.
2. Landscaping: The first phase of the landscaping project has been designed and planned. This will level out the front grass area in preparation for the sign placement.
3. Red floor room. We are trying to schedule a day to paint the red floor. The paint has already been purchased; just need a day to paint. It will take about 3 days for the floor to completely dry for heavy traffic. (Few hours for light traffic). We are thinking of clearing the room on a Sunday after service and painting on the following Monday morning.
4. The electrical receptacles in the sanctuary need to be rewired to the same circuit. The new speakers need to be on the same circuit, or a buzzing occurs.
5. Sign: Still in the planning phase, but getting closer to finalizing.
6. Side Entry Door: Request for latch to hold door open. (Easier for disabled assist).

There are many more projects in the works. More about those next month.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ANIMAL MINISTRY

RECIPE Carol Hyndman



Seitan Hot Wings

2 Tbs vegan mayonnaise
1/4 cup Louisiana style hot sauce
1 tsp maple syrup
1/2 tsp smoked paprika
8 oz seitan broken into 1 in pieces
1 1/2 cups bread crumbs

Mix together mayo, hot sauce, syrup, & paprika in a medium bowl. Add seitan, stir until coated. Cover & marinate 2 hours

Heat oven to 350. Line baking dish with parchment paper & coat with cooking spray

Coat seitan with bread crumbs Place on baking sheet, spray with cooking spray. Bake 15min.flip & coat with cooking spray cook 15 min more or until golden and crispy.

"If a man aspires toward a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals." Albert Einstein

There has been very little feedback on the recipes. If they are of interest let me know, if not then I won't continue them.

The first meeting of the Reverence for Life program was disappointing as no one attended. Our community was lucky to be one of the few selected to participate in this pilot program. I would hate to see it fail in our community. We will try again in Oct. The program is not about turning everyone into vegan. I welcome anyone to participate. The program is an open, creative setting to discuss the human relationship with beings of other species.

Call for info 477-0693 Carol Hyndman

DO YOU YEARN TO WRITE?

The writers group is looking for a few writers. We are a very welcoming, friendly, and informal bunch. It is not necessary to have great writing skills. The main thing is to have a desire to write. Your subjects can be about anything and everything - fiction or non-fiction, poetry or prose. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at UUCM. If interested please phone or email Sharon Moore or Ralph Hitchcock.

CARING NOTES



by Robin Hart

October is the month that celebrates the autumnal glory of the Sierra. The trees turn into a display of fiery colors and the warm days and crisp cool nights harbor the change in the holiday season to come. Enjoy this wonderful time with one another.

Please join with me to light candles of concern and send healing energy to those many in our community who need special prayers and wishes at this time :
If you need to bring something to the attention of the Caring Committee, please contact one of our members: Rev. Meghan, Robin Hart (Committee Chair), Corrie Silva, Leal Portis, Gwen Eymann, Alice Johnson, Sandra Lahuer, Bernell Scott, May Lawrence or e-mail us at caringcommittee@uugrassvalley.org

This space is left blank for the privacy of members



WOMEN'S STUDY CIRCLE

Carol Hyndman will be sharing her experiences at the Country Cattery and also her recent trip to Italy .

Carol Hyndman owns Country Cattery where people can temporarily board their pet kitties with the assurance that they will be comfortable and lovingly cared for. Each boarder has their own large apartment with a comfy bed and a cat door that allows them, as they wish, to stay inside where it is safe and warm or out on the screened in porch to enjoy the fresh air and scenery. Carol visits her guests throughout the day and night. She also keeps to their personal schedules as needed.

Carol took a guided trip to Italy where she visited cat sanctuaries in Rome and Venice . When she first learned of this tour she jumped at the chance to attend. On it she discovered how well the former street kitties were cared for by the sanctuary volunteers and also, that they were all adoptable. She will have photos and items she brought back to share For a cat lover, the trip was truly inspirational.

We will be meeting at the chapel on October 20th at 6pm. Please bring an item for pot luck.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Leal Portis

We will be serving dinner on the 5th Friday Sept 30 and Oct 21 (3rd Friday). Our efforts at having a planning meeting did not come to fruition the Sunday it was scheduled so will folks who are interested in helping out this winter season please let Leal Portis know either by email at portis.leal@gmail.com or by phoning 265-3887 Thanks. Hospitality House is hoping to get into their permanent quarters in December. They will be counting on the faith communities to continue to provide meals.

SECOND SUNDAY FILM SERIES

YOU WILL NOT SEE the October2011.com event at "Freedom Square" Washington DC broadcast on mainstream media. Marking the 11th year of the invasion of Afghanistan and the onset of the 2012 US federal budget which provides unlimited funds for war and corporate welfare, tens of thousands of Americans will assemble to create solutions for how we can stop spending on war and bring money home to meet the people's needs. Peace Center of Nevada County will present film footage of the Washington DC event and lead public discussion about the state of the union and the economic crises. Sunday, October 9, 2011 6:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains, 246 So. Church Street, Grass Valley. Free, refreshments provided. More info call Peace Center at 265-0200, or visit website, ncpeace.org.

NOW THE FILM:

In conjunction with the Global Day of Action and staging by peace activists in Washington D.C.'s "Freedom Plaza", UUCM Social Action Committee and Peace Center of Nevada County presents its Second Sunday Cinema Series, and the documentary film:

"Why We Fight"

When: Sunday October 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: UUCM, 246 So. Church St., Grass Valley
"Why We Fight" describes the rise and maintenance of the United States military-industrial complex and its fifty-year involvement with the wars led by the United States to date, especially its 2003 Invasion of Iraq. Interviewed about this matter, are politician John McCain, political scientist and former-CIA analyst Chalmers Johnson, politician Richard Perle, commentator William Kristol, writer Gore Vidal, and public policy expert Joseph Cirincione. Made in 2005, the film continues its relevance today, as the US has taken on additional wars in Afghanistan and Libya.

Cost: Suggested Donation \$5.00 - \$10.00 (no one turned away for lack of funds)
Facilitated discussion to follow. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds shared with UUCM and the Peace Center whose mission of raising consciousness in the community on both world events and social issues is addressed in part by this film series.
Contact Information: Peace Center of Nevada County 530-265-0200 or website ncpeace.org.

12th Annual
Indigenous Peoples Days
October 7-10, 2011

Friday
6:00 PM Round Dance, Nevada City

Saturday
7:30 PM The Tsi Akim Maidu present
John Trudell
Grass Valley Veterans Hall, \$15

Sunday
Descendants' Circles
Women's Circle
Activist Circle Celebration
Russell Means

Monday
AM Children's program
PM Celebration, Circles
5:00 PM Richard Prout Memorial Dinner

New location for Sat, Sun, Mon
Sycamore Ranch Park, Highway 20
on the Yuba River 4.5 miles west of Parks Bar bridge

Drug and Alcohol Free
Open to the public by donation

Hosted by
The Tsi Akim Maidu
Indigenouspeoplesdays.org
530-274-7497

Sunday, Monday
Broadcast Live:
KVNR-FM Nevada City
KFOK-FM Georgetown
KZFR-FM Chico



SOCIAL ACTION NOTES

Sheila Myers



Here is another profile on one of our KIVA loan recipients: Tugeme Group, Tanzania (avg. annual income \$723 USD) Asia, who is in her early thirties, is married with two children who are going to school. She has two barber shops and a general store and has also been selling second-hand clothes for 6 years. She works from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. daily and is able to make a good monthly profit. This will be Asia's 5th loan from Tujijenge Tanzania She used the previous loans to open her second barber shop and her general store and to start selling second-hand clothes in the area. She has paid back all her loans successfully. She has requested a loan to buy modern shavers. Her dream is to own a wholesale and retail spare-parts business for cars and motorbikes.

Asia will share this loan with her group, Tugeme, which has a total of 15 members who will hold each other accountable in paying back their loans. So far, they have paid 50% of the loan from UUCM, on time.

This is a Group Loan

In a group loan, each member of the group receives an individual loan, but is part of a group of individuals. The group is there to provide support to the members and provides a system of peer pressure in repayment of loans. However, groups may or may not be formally bound by a group guarantee. In cases where there is a group guarantee, the members of the group are responsible for paying back the loans of their fellow group member if someone is delinquent or defaults.

October Happenings:

Many of you are aware of the creek that runs through Grass Valley, Wolf Creek. Some among us probably never gave it a second thought. To teach us more about the creek, The Green Sanctuary has invited a few members of the Wolf Creek Community Alliance, an organization dedicated to educating the community about and preserving Wolf Creek, to tell us all about it! Mark your calendars for Oct. 2nd, right after the service. More details in Bill Nolan's Green Sanctuary Column. Peace Center Film: The Second Sunday film will be "Why We Fight". Oct. 9th is officially the International Day of Peace. In addition to the film, there will be a panel discussion and refreshments. The evening will start earlier, at 5:00 PM.

Donations will be accepted and split between UUCM and The Peace Center. More details elsewhere in this newsletter. The meditation and discussion group on Sunday mornings has been discontinued for the time being.

The PFLAG/UUCM Teen LGBTQ peer group tentatively has a date set in October. Depending on the attendance, volunteers may be contacted to help with specific tasks in the upcoming months. We have a list of volunteers at the ready, but can always use more support. If you want your name on this list, email me, sheilaj@theunion.net.

The Vegan Supper Club is held at UUCM on the last Saturday each month at 6:30. So far, we have had a wide variety of delicious entrees, side dishes and desserts, including vegan Polish comfort food, Ambrosia Salad, Berry and Peach Cobbler with vegan ice cream, Lentil Stew, stuffed peppers, Phyllo Triangles, fruit kebobs, mango chocolate pudding, potato salad and bean salad just to name a few. Everything was totally awesome and everyone left full! Honest...we even had live music and encourage folks with no cooking skills to sing for their supper! This is not just for vegans and vegetarians- everyone is welcome to experience healthy meals with no animal products. Try it, you'll like it!

The Altar Show is starting Oct. 28th, going through Nov. 7th. UUCM will have an entry this year with the theme "ALTARing Your Diet with Reverence for Life." Contact a Green Sanctuary member if this is something you might want to help with! Or email me, sheilaj@theunion.net.

Once again, it is time for the annual Calling Back the Salmon ritual and other festivities during Indigenous People Days, Oct. 7 -10th. Volunteers are usually needed. Several of us volunteered last year at the Salmon event and it was great fun. Here is a list of things you can do to help:

Camp Hosts/Attendants: This position would ask volunteers to be present and aware of the overall status of the camp throughout the event. They would make themselves and their campsite known and would be available to answer questions, give directions and call for help if needed.

Food Team: These positions would ask for a variety of tasks related to the preparation, serving and clean up of meals. Volunteers would work directly under the supervision of the Food Coordinators.

Site Prep: This position would ask volunteers to help in the basic preparation of the event grounds and to help break down and clean up at the completion of the event. Volunteers would work directly under supervision and would be provided with a clear understanding of their task. For more information, contact the following:

Tsi Akim office number: 530-274-7497

Stephanie: 530-271-7386 Joan Buffington: 530-913-6446.

RENEWAL TEAM REQUESTS YOUR INPUT

As you may have read in the July Mountain Chalice, Reverend Meghan will be taking a ministerial renewal leave, otherwise known as sabbatical, during the next fiscal year (2012/2013), her seventh year as our minister. The leave will involve two extended periods of time totaling nine months, exact dates to be determined. In order to plan for this, Rev. Meghan has convened this "Renewal Team" (RT) to help plan and implement the tasks and activities necessary for smooth transitioning. Our charge is to help make sure that renewal continues here at home by planning inspiring Sunday mornings, continuing enrichment groups & classes, and meeting our needs for pastoral care and smooth UUCM operations.

Renewal leave is a tradition in Unitarian Universalist congregations and part of our contractual agreement with Reverend Meghan, made when she came to us in 2006. This time away is an important part of the working relationship between minister and congregation. It is an extended time for study, reflection, rest and renewal—all components for an effective ministry. After years of outstanding care and service to our congregation, we want Reverend Meghan to rejuvenate and refill her own spiritual cup. This time also offers opportunities for growth to us as a congregation. In Rev. Meghan's absence we will need members of the congregation to lead in new ways. Perhaps we can even practice amazing acts of flexibility as we navigate through new challenges!

The RT has begun gathering information by finding out how other congregations operate while their ministers are on leave. First and foremost in order of importance is input from the congregation. So, we have created a survey for gathering input directly from you! We want to begin to gather your thoughts now so they can fully inform the overall process. In addition to this survey there will also be a couple of open congregational meetings for you to ask questions and share your ideas about the renewal leave.

Please fill out and return your survey during the month of October to the special box that will be in the UUCM foyer marked "Renewal Leave". Surveys may also be mailed to: UUCM, Attn: Renewal Team, 246 S. Church St., Grass Valley, CA 95945.

This survey will be available in several ways:

- + it will be in your Order of Service on Sunday, Oct. 2.
- + it will be available in the UUCM foyer during the month of October.
- + it will be sent to the UUCM General email list. Simply print, fill in, and return to the box in the foyer.

As you respond to the survey keep in mind that the funds will need to be raised to support preferences made. As a community, would we like our Board of Trustees to incorporate new budget items to fund our top preferences, or will lower cost preferences suffice? What goals are we each willing to support?

After the survey information is compiled and plans are made to move forward, the Renewal Team will produce a comprehensive guide to congregational activities and administration for the renewal leave time, based upon the results of careful research and congregational input.

The guide will include detailed information about the following areas of UUCM life:

- * Sunday Services, including a schedule of upcoming speakers
- * Pastoral Care, including whom to contact for various kinds of support
- * Rites of Passage, including weddings and union ceremonies, funeral and memorial services, and dedications of children
- * UUCM Operations, including a comprehensive list of "Who do I contact when I need _____ (fill in the blank)?"

We hope to hear from everyone, and we look forward to learning your thoughts and preferences about how we'll support our commitment to renewal.

Blessings,

The Renewal Team ~

Kia Hatch, chairperson, kiadhatch@comcast.net, Keith Johnson, kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com

Meg Luce, megtracy7@yahoo.com, Susan Sanford, ssanford@sonic.net

GREEN SANCTUARY

by Bill Nolan

In October we will be doing something different.

On Sunday, October 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. in the UUCM chapel, David Brownstein and Gordon Baker of Wolf Creek Community Alliance (WCCA) will present a one hour program exploring the natural history of the Wolf Creek watershed, and describing the mission of their organization. The presentation will include information on Wolf Creek's geography, geology, and soil types; and a focus on the rare flora and fauna that call Wolf Creek home. They will also discuss their work to oppose reopening the Idaho Maryland Mine.

The program is free of charge. A basket will be set out for those who wish to donate to WCCA. Refreshments will be provided.

GREENPOWER POINT

Anita Wald -Tuttle

Get It Together

Before the cold weather hits, make sure you have your winter wardrobe in order. Locate hats, mittens, gloves, and sweaters, and hand wash anything that didn't get cleaned before it was put away last season. Inspect your boots and treat them, if necessary. Take stock of your wool socks. Being prepared and knowing what you already have on hand and what you might need enables you to make thoughtful, rather than last-minute, purchases; and being well-equipped means you're more likely to spend time outdoors in the fresh air.

Sweater Dress

As you begin to think of turning on the heat for the first time this season, see if you can set your thermostat two degrees lower than usual. Put on a sweater and a knit cap and settle in

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Annie Haymaker

Choir News

In October our rehearsals will be Mondays, Oct. 3 and 17, from 7-8:30 pm, and Sundays, Oct. 9 and 23, from 9:15-10:30 am; we will sing for the services on Oct. 9 and 23. If you love to sing, come and try us out – we're a friendly group that welcomes new singers! You don't need to read music or have sung in a choir before. For more information, call Annie at 477-0701, or Janet at 477-8760.

Drum Circle @ UUCM

Come explore your natural rhythm in a fun, safe environment. All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. The October gatherings will be Wednesday the 5th and 19th from 7 to 8:30 pm in the UUCM Chapel. For more information contact David Ferrier 559-5902 (DavidsDrums@gmail.com).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT PUMPKIN CARVING AND NOT- SO-SPOOKY STORIES WITH REV MEGHAN

Remember the amazing pumpkin sculptures, far-out costumes, creepy stories, and corny jokes like this one: "How do you mend a broken Jack-O-Lantern? Give up? With a pumpkin patch of course." If you missed it last year, don't miss the Second Annual Pumpkin Carving Party on October 21st.

This event kicks-off at 5:30pm with our soup and salad potluck. Bring a dish to share, a pre-scooped pumpkin to carve, and carving tools if you have them. The lighting

of the pumpkins in the sanctuary begins at 7:30pm followed by some spooky but not-too-scary stories told by our own Rev. Meghan. Then we open the mic up to anyone who would like to share a creepy story or silly joke. Costumes are optional.

Friday Family Fun Nights are an opportunity for everyone in our community to gather together, share a meal, socialize, and enjoy an evening filled with songs, games, crafts, and storytelling. For more information about Friday Family Fun Night events, email Brett or Paige at PgAnderson@aol.com.

UUCM Holiday Wine Market

Friday, November 4, 2011 ~ 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.


UUCM -- 246 So. Church Street

Join wine distributor, Dave Luce, as he unfolds the intricacies of a dozen wines while you taste and judge for yourself.

Enjoy appetizers and dessert.



 Taste before you buy!

 Wine sold at discount prices!

Wine may only be purchased on the night of the event.. Pay by cash or check.

Tickets \$20.00

Fundraising Benefit for the Unitarian Universalist Community

To purchase tickets call Clarita Nolan at 530-575-2229 or email photosbyclarita@att.net,
Meg Luce at 274-0412 or email megtracy7@yahoo.com

An Evening With

Kalyani and Circle Up & Mike Ehlers



Local Songwriter Kalyani has just released her 6th album and will be performing with her band "Circle Up" - with Bob Polucha on mandolin and David Stirling on bass.



Award-winning Songwriter Mike Ehlers moves from eco-folk-rap to pop, from alt-country to mellow grooves, from story-folk-with-a-punch to ballads born in the depths of a quieted gratitude.

October 28, 2011 7:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

246 S. Church Street

Grass Valley, CA 95945

530.265.0277

\$15.00

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00am Spiritual Book Group
2 11:00am-Sunday Service 12:30pm Green Sanctuary Film	3 7pm Choir Practice	4 9:00am Morning Meditation 9:00am-David's Chalice Group 7:00pm-Music Committee	5 8:30am UUCM Men's Get-together 6:00pm-Membership 7:00pm-Drumming Circle	6 8:30am-Caroline's Mens Group 4:00pm-Planned Giving Committee 6:00pm-DBSA NC 6:30pm-Serving with Grace	7 2:30pm-Jazz Piano 4:00pm-PFLAG-UUCM Teen Movie	8 10:00am-RE Spirit Play Training 12:00pm- Spiritual Activist Leadership
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