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# Upcoming Services



February 2 Let Your Love Flow Rev. Denis L. Paul & Gail Johnson Vaughan

> February 9 **TBD**

February 16 **TBD** 

February 23 Unconditional Love and Other Horror Stories Rev Denis L. Paul & Beth Karow

**Interfaith Food Ministry** 1st Sunday each



# Greetings,

Welcome to your new monthly Mountain Chalice Newsletter from the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains (UUCM). We hope you enjoy the contents and find it informative. Feel free to share the newsletter with friends or family by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

Please share any feedback with editor@uugrassvallev.org. The colors are seasonally chosen and the fonts are easy to read.

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- Enjoy!

# President's Perspective



by Janet Dunstan

Our new year has certainly started out with a bang! We have a new minister who creates excitement everywhere he goes; we are all gaining new insights and sharing new ideas. There is new paint in the office and now new carpeting! In March we will be starting new Chalice

Circles. Planning is in full swing for our auction, our Pledge Drive and Congregational Dinner.

A new year is typically a time of reflection on the past and a time of looking forward. March 19, 2014 will mark the 20th anniversary of the first meeting of our UUCM Founders. On Sunday, March 16 we will celebrate Founders' Day. This will be a time of thanksgiving and honoring those who had a vision of a

#### month

Please remember to bring nonperishable food for Interfaith Food Ministry (of which we are a Member Church), and our furry friends via Carol Hyndman.



# Upcoming Events



Thursday, Jan 23 8:30am - What's Up Coffee Men's Group 10:00am - Writer's Group Friday, Jan 24

7:00pm - Fourth Friday Film Sunday, Jan 26

11:00am - Sunday Service 12:30pm - Lifespan Religious Education Meeting 12:30pm - OWL - Our Whole Lives

Tuesday, Jan 28

9:00am - Morning Meditation

7:00pm - Worship Comittee Wednesday, Jan 29

8:30am - Men's Gettogether

Thursday, Jan 30 8:30am - What's Up Coffee Men's Group 6:30pm - Vegan Supper Club Potluck

Friday, Jan 31 4:00 - Dinner Prep at Utah's Place

Saturday, Feb 1
10:00 - Spiritual Book Group
Sunday, Feb 2

11:00 - Sunday Service

12:30 - OWL - Our Whole Lives

12:30 - Church 101 with Rev Denis

12:30 - Souper Bowl Sunday

Monday, Feb 3
4:00pm - Stewardship
Committee
5:30pm - Choir - Small
Practice

UU Community in Grass Valley. We will hear from some of the Founders who are still with us and we will remember those who are here only in spirit. A commitment to UU values inspired 12 people, who met in a living room, to start a movement that grew

people, who met in a living room, to stal into 120 members in our own building!

This spring we will conduct our annual Pledge Drive. It is a time of individual reflection on our commitment to spreading UU values. What are we willing to do have our UU movement of love and peace grow throughout the world? Stewardship is not just about money, but also about how we care for and use our personal resources...our time, our talents, our finances.

We probably would not know each other if UUCM was not here; what would your life be like if UUCM never existed? Our Founders have given us a gift. It is the gift of each other, the gift of bonding, the gift of love, and the gift of serving the greater good. What legacy do you want to leave for those who come after us?

# Reverend's Message



by Rev. Denis Paul

As I write this, I am only two weeks into my time with you for the first half of this year, and already feeling embedded in this loving community. You all have

welcomed me graciously, and we have already gotten much work underway. It's hard to believe so little time has passed, and that so much happened in only 8 days of my presence at the beginning of January.

Here are some of the projects I will continue to work on with the help of many dedicated folks in the congregation:

- Church 101. See the description elsewhere in the newsletter
  of this Sunday afternoon series of classes designed to deepen
  your understanding of the workings of this community. Keith
  Johnson, the coordinator of Adult Religious Education can
  help if you have any questions.
- Art and Theology. Together youth and adults will explore in April and May some significant theological questions, using different forms of artistic expression, including abstract expressionism, photography and decoupage. Robin Hart will coordinate efforts as we create moveable, mutable artwork for the sanctuary on a framework designed and executed by Joel Houtman.
- Chalice Circles. New Chalice Circles will be forming for all members and friends, new and long-term alike. Jerry Jacoby will coordinate the efforts, which include training facilitators and starting new circles in March.

6:00 - Choir Practice Tuesday, Feb 4

9:00am - Morning Meditation

5:30pm - Women's Group

Wednesday, Feb 5

8:30am - Men's Gettogether

10:30 - Humanism Discussion Group

7:00pm - Drum Circle

Thursday, Feb 6

8:30am - What's Up Coffee Men's Group

Friday, Feb 7

6:00pm - Peace Center Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb 9

11:00 - Sunday Service 12:30pm-OWL - Our Whole

Lives

12:30pm-The Death of Josseline

Monday, Feb 10

5:30pm - Choir, Small Practice

6:00pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Feb, 11

9:00am - Morning Meditation

4:00pm - Caring Committee

Wednesday, Feb 12

8:30am - Men's Gettogether

6:30pm - Social Action

Coordinating Council

Thursday, Feb 13 8:30am - What's Up Coffee

Men's Group

10:00am - Writer's Group

6:30pm - Board of Trustees

Saturday, Feb 15

9:00am - Building & **Grounds Work Party** 

11:00am - Serving with

Grace

12:30pm - Building & **Grounds Committee** 

Sunday, Feb 16

11:00am - Sunday Service

12:30pm - Town Talk

12:30pm - The Death of

Josseline

Monday, Feb 17 5:30pm - Choir, Small

Practice

- Affinity Groups. We're still looking for a coordinator to assist in the formation and maintenance of ever-expanding, everchanging, always informal affinity groups, including those for men, women, elders, spiritual book lovers, meditators and quilters, plus many more.
- Tuesday Afternoon Coffee. I'll be hanging out on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 PM at Sierra Mountain Coffee Roasters, engaging in lively discussion about anything from God to farting wolves. On weeks when I'm not in town, you all can still meet. It's very enjoyable and very low key.
- Committee on Ministry. If you have any questions about the ministry of UUCM, we on the COM can help. Contact me, Suzanne Ferrogiamo, Sharon Moore, or George Dunstan.
- Worship. The core of our life together motivates me more than anything, especially as I work with hard-working members of the Worship Team. Look forward to lots of storytelling, laughter, and reflection on issues of importance to all of us.

Projects we have to look forward to include new member retreats and celebrations, the Coming of Age worship service lead by Indra and Olivia, our big 20th anniversary celebration, and countless other opportunities for fellowship.

We still have plenty of time to get to know each other, so contact me by phone (415.310.5051) or by email (denislpaul@gmail.com) to set up a time to meet. Please remember that I am available for four days each time I am in Grass Valley, and that making appointments in advance will help guarantee that we get some time together.

In Peace, **Rev Denis** 

#### CHURCH 101



by Rev. Denis Paul

Have you ever found yourself mystified by any of the workings of our community of faith? Perhaps this is the first time you've ever been part of a congregation of any flavor, and you want to know more about it.

Whether you are brand new to Unitarian Universalism or the most recent generation in along family history of liberal religion, you could benefit from being in this class.

In this curriculum written with his partner Rev Joe Cherry, Rev Denis will guide us as we explore four of the most important elements of church life, through the symbolism of the building itself:

February 2, "The Foundation:" Worship February 23, "The Walls:" Religious Education 6:00pm - Choir Practice
Tuesday, Feb 18

9:00 - Morning Meditation 1:00pm - Grandmothers for Peace

6:30pm - Membership Committee

6:30 - Climate Change Coalition

Wednesday, Feb 19

8:30am - Men's Gettogether

7:00pm - Drum Circle

Thursday, Feb 20

8:30am - What's Up Coffee Men's Group

Friday, Feb 21

4:00pm - Dinner Prep at Utah's Place

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Sunday, Feb 23

11:00am - Sunday Service 12:30pm - Lifespan Religious Education Meeting 12:30pm - Church 101 with Rev Denis

Tuesday, Feb 25

9:00am - Morning Meditation 7:00pm - Worship Committee

Wednesday, Feb 26

8:30am - Men's Gettogether

4:30pm - Finance committee Mountain Chalice Published

Thursday, Feb 27

8:30am - What's Up Coffee Men's Group 10:00am - Writer's Group

6:30pm - Vegan Supper Club Potluck

Friday, Feb 28

7:00pm - Fourth Friday Film

# Click here for details and more events

**UUCM** 

March 2, "The Roof," Membership March 16, "The Steeple," Stewardship

All classes will be held in the sanctuary on Sundays at 12:30, along with a potluck meal. You don't have to sign up in advance, or even attend every single class, so come even if you know you won't be available for all of the sessions. Of course, attending all four classes is the best!

Just bring yourself and a dish to share. Hopefully we won't end up with 25 rice dishes and no dessert. Let's just see where the spirit takes us.

# **bREaking news**

in Lifespan Religious Education



by Paige Anderson-Torgrimson, DLRE

**Explore, Pray, Love** 

Now that we have thoroughly explored our thoughts and feelings about the concept of GOD, our Soul Explorer class - ages 10 to 13 yrs - is embarking on a

new adventure in the form of an exciting curriculum that discusses "The Way We Pray - Prayer Practices from Around the World."

Guided by Jo Waters and Beth Freedman, participants will respectfully experience prayer practices which may be new to them - like writing their own prayers or creating their own prayer beads. They will explore the reasons why some people pray:

- Making ourselves open to the Divine Mystery
- Opening us up to a deeper and more generous reality
- Enabling us to live in hope
- Connecting us to our mind, body and spirit
- Perfect prayer is achieved not with many words but with loving desire
- Everything you do can be a prayer
- Prayer is a way of setting a Sacred Intention
- By viewing prayer practices more expansively, our spiritual lives can be enriched
- Starting with a well know prayer can serve to open us up.
   It can be the beginning of our individualized expression of angst or awe.

Beth, explains - "Unitarian Universalism is theologically inclusive, and thus embraces many concepts and practices of prayer. Some would identify viewing a sunset or attending a peace march as a prayer experience. Some find meaning in traditional prayer words and rituals from our Jewish and Christian faith heritages or another faith tradition in which they

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were raised. Some use Buddhist- or Hindu-rooted meditation as prayer. Some Unitarian Universalists make deep spiritual connections yet see no role for prayer in their lives."

This new curriculum gives our Soul Explorers opportunities to consider or imagine a role for prayer in their own lives whether they embrace humanism, atheism, deism or their beliefs are yet to be formed.

#### LRE Introduces Booktalks

by Paige Anderson-Torgrimson, DLRE

Keith Johnson has been working overtime as Adult RE Programming Lead for the Lifespan Religious Education Committee planning several classes beginning this February including Church 101 with Rev Denis and the return of our popular leadership class Serving with Grace lead by Annie Haymaker, Keith Johnson, and a host of special guest teachers.

New to our programming lineup for this year, is a multigenerational book discussion series called Booktalks. The books in this series are chosen to deepen awareness and stimulate conversation around issues of social justice as well as examine spiritual beliefs, practices, and sacred texts.

We will kick off our Booktalk series with a discussion of the book "The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands" by Margaret Regan.



At the center of this story is a little girl with a big name-Josseline Jamileth Hernández Quinteros. Just five feet tall and a hundred pounds, she had an adult-sized responsibility. The fourteen-year-old was to shepherd her ten-year-old brother all the way from Honduras to their mother in Los Angeles. But when Josseline fell ill in a remote Arizona desert, just north of the Mexico line, her smuggler and the rest of her group abandoned her.

Regan's book tells stories of the people caught up in this international tragedy. She visits migrants stranded in Mexican shelters and rides shotgun with the Border Patrol, hiking with them in the scorching Arizona desert. She camps in the back country with "No More Deaths" activists and speaks to angry ranchers and vigilantes.

Join Keith Johnson for a discussion of this powerful and thought-provoking story beginning Sunday, February 9th at 12:30pm. This series runs 4 weeks and will continue on February 16th and March 9th and then conclude on March 23rd.

# Simple Gifts



by Rob Ferroggiaro

The Endowment Committee wishes to thank the following donors to the Simple Gifts program for their generous gifts in honor of Rev. Meghan's service to our congregation.

Christy Barden
Charlie Brock
Taylor Carey and Kathryn Young
George and Janet Dunstan
Rob and Suzanne Ferroggiaro
Ruth Ghio
Scottie Hart
Kia Hatch
Joel and Theresa Houtman
Bill and Clarita Nolan
Leal Portis
Susan Sanford

For those who wish to make a Simple Gift to honor Rev. Meghan, or to recognize another life event, brochures and envelopes are always available in a rack near the main double doors.

#### UUCM's History 1994-2014

By Annie Haymaker

As UUCM approaches the March 2014 celebration of its 20th year, it seems appropriate to review its history. This article is based on a narrative I researched and wrote for a service on July 5, 2009. My thanks to Anita Wald-Tuttle for editing this, and to Bonnie Bennett, Kia Hatch, and Keith Johnson for checking it and making suggestions

In the early 1990's, UUs living in Grass Valley and Nevada City traveled 30 miles to the Sierra Foothills UU church in Auburn or just sent their pledges. Some of them opted for a Great Ideas discussion group, meeting in Bill Tuttle's living room. When Anita Wald-Tuttle became Board President at SFUU she became aware of just how many northerners, including Barbara and Jerry Hoyt, John and Maybelle Church, Leal and Lloyd Portis, Bill and Joan Toensing, and Yvonne Schumacher and Barry Strejcek, considered themselves UUs and gave financial support. She proposed a once-a-month Sunday morning meeting up north with the first one happening in January 1994, in the Tuttle living room. The February meeting so enlarged the group that it was decided to hold the March meeting at the Magic Theatre, and there were 18 in attendance including Paul Elias and Maryann Hart. Monthly meetings continued there, with

31 attending by August.

In October of 1994, the group held a picnic at Pioneer Park, and decided to get organized and form a congregation in Grass Valley. In November, they started meeting in the Community Room at the library, on the first and third Sundays. They met in the afternoon at 4 pm so that people who were part of the Auburn church could go there in the morning. Barbara Hoyt, an artist, painted three posters with UU themes, and these became the "stained glass windows" for the services. A Sunday Service Committee selected speakers and planned services. They brought in all their materials every time - the drape for the lectern, the coffee, the food, the orders of service, and the RE materials. Judy van der Veen led familiar folk songs, popular songs and hymns to get everyone used to singing, as a prelude to establishing a choir. Leal Portis planned and ran an RE program in the lobby of the library for any children who arrived, which she had begun at the Magic Theatre.

During that year at the library, John Church worked hard to get the word out, posting notices on local bulletin boards, videotaping the services for TV, passing out announcements to people on the street, and holding meetings at his house. The group was growing by several people every month, and as John said in a letter to all members, "Enthusiasm has been visibly and audibly expressed not only during the services, but during the refreshment and potluck periods as well. In truth, most of the congregation is reluctant to leave after each service." John became chair of a Planning Committee, which met monthly. They began to work toward becoming a full service religious society, with membership in the UUA. In May of 1995 they chose the name "Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains." They undertook a pledge and membership drive, with the goal of 50 members and weekly services by that fall.

In September of 1995, they started meeting in the gym at Nevada City Elementary School, every Sunday at 4 pm. The room was spacious, and they had a place to store some things between services, and there were classrooms for RE. The congregation elected its first board, with John Church as president. There was a lot of music, sometimes from CDs, sometimes by Utah Phillips and other members of the congregation. Judy and others led songs accompanied by ukulele or guitar. Lyrics sheets were handed out at each service. During that year, 56 people signed as charter members, and the congregation applied to be a member of the UUA, which was approved in February of 1996. New people continued to come, attracted by lay-led services by local people, topic discussion groups, and social events like potlucks and singalongs. John and Maybelle Church provided bed and breakfast for most of the visiting speakers to cut down on expenses.

In December of 1996, the congregation moved to Trinity Episcopal Church in Nevada City. Services were still at 4 pm as it was a shared church. It felt like a much more spiritual place, with white spires, stained glass windows, pews, and a pulpit for the speaker. The altar crucifix that was part of the Episcopal service in the morning was removed for the UU service, so it would feel more welcoming to all beliefs. Trinity had a choir loft, an organ, and a piano. Judy organized the first choir, with Sigi Isham as its director. It had just a few members, and they sang rounds and music in several parts. Over the next two years the congregation continued to grow, and began to want its own building. They wanted to have morning services, and room for RE, and space for meetings and classes, and a kitchen, and a place to store everything.

Board president Ernie Jackson found the building at 246 Church Street, and UUCM held its first service there in September of 1998. After extensive negotiations with the mortuary personnel by John and Judy van der Veen, UUCM purchased the building in 2000. The next project was to reclaim the building, which needed extensive work, including opening up the sanctuary to accommodate various configurations, changing the main entrance and adding railings, adding two bathrooms, insulating the upstairs rooms, completely redoing the kitchen to conform to city code, and converting the side driveway to a patio.

In 2003, UUCM became a Welcoming Congregation, with a rainbow flag to show it welcomes and includes people with marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities. The next dream was to fund, and then find, a settled minister. The congregation had two interim ministers, Julie Kain and Joy Atkinson, and began the search process for a settled minister in 2005. In 2006 Rev. Meghan Cefalu became the first settled minister.

Since 2006, the congregation increased its membership from 86 to 108, created a Covenant of Right Relations, developed its own spirituality of leadership class, and became a Green Sanctuary, committed to living in harmony with the Earth.It refinanced the mortgage to be paid in full in 2020, and transferred its cash reserves into environmentally friendly investments. It funded its RE Director, supported the UUA credentialing process of its Music Director, hired a custodian, and hired an office administrator. Rev. Meghan left in December 2013, and UUCM will have an interim minister as it begins the search for its next settled minister.

#### Silent Auction



by Walter Holtan

The 2014 Silent Auction is scheduled to start on January 19th and will run four Sundays until February 10th 2014. This is a great time to contribute to our Community's financial

stability by volunteering to host an event or provide a service for the auction. Things that have been offered in the past have been specialty dinners, baked items, hikes, kayaking, star gazing, family cabins, educational class. Anything that you do that you think others may enjoy or a service you can provide would be a welcome contribution. If you have an idea or an offer contact Wally Holtan at uucmgv@gmail.com or 274-7965

#### **Green Power Points**



by Anita Wald-Tuttle

If your New Years Resolutions include - Get rid of paper clutter or Rethink paper - I have a few suggestions.

First, try to break the association between snowy white paper products and cleanliness. White paper products are

bleached with chlorine or chlorine derivitives, which release dioxins - known carcinogens and endocrine disrupters - into the environment. (Plus, the chlorine industry itself is a major source of neurotoxic mercury emissions.) So seek out products labeled Processed Chlorine Free (PCF). Same goes for cotton linens - a pure white product has most likely been treated with toxic bleach.

And regarding paper clutter - if you're making copies for a meeting, make sure you single space when you can, use the "reduce" function to fit two pages of material onto one page, and always print on both sides of the page. Or, tell people in advance that there will be no handouts and ask them to come prepared with scratch paper and a pen. (Side benefit: people taking notes stay more alert.)

# **Humanist Discussion Group**



by George Dunstan

The Humanist discussion group will meet on Wednesday, February 5th at 10:30

AM at UUCM. Our topic for February is a continuation of our January discussion on morality. We will be talking about two articles, "The Moral Instinct", and "The Illusion of Free Will". We will also discuss two questions that were raised at the end of the last meeting, "Can a career military officer be a humanist" and "Is being a conscientious objector a moral act".

Anyone with an interest in these topics is welcome to join in the discussion. We look forward to seeing you on February 5th.

# UU Animal News & Recipe Homemade Tomato Soup



by Carol Hyndman

This is an easy recipe for a favorite of mine 2 Tbs olive oil

1 med. onion chopped, 1 1/2 cups

- 1 Tbsp tomato paste
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, 2tsp
- 1 15oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 vegetable bullion cube, optional
- 2 tsp balsamic vinegar

1/2 tsp dried thyme

Heat oil in saucepan. Add onion, sauté 5 min until soft and translucent. Stir in tomato paste, garlic, and cook 1 min until paste thickens. Stir in tomatoes,

bullion, vinegar, thyme and 4 c. water. Cover pan, bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer covered 15 min.

Remove from heat and blend until smooth

Serves about 8

#### Wolves need our help.

In 2011 when President Obama signed the budget a last minute ryder put on by Sen. Jon Testor of Montana removed wolves from Federal protection. This was the first time an endangered species had been delisted because of politics. Management was left to the states which now can have an open season on these wonderful animals, who are just now making a comeback. Please contact your representatives and ask them not to allow the delisting of wolves.

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell can be reached at feedback@ios.doi.gov by phone 202)208-3100, direct mail Dept of Interior, Office of secretary, 1849 C st. NW # 7314 Wash DC 20240

You can also go to www.preditordefense.org for info and videos of the plight of wolves, which can be disturbing.

Click onto Protect Wolves to sign a petition to relist wolves as endangered.

Vegan Supper Club is back.

Because of the holidays we haven't had our potlucks. We will have our potluck on Jan 30 at 6:30. Please bring a vegan dish to share.

Hunting is not a sport. In a sport, both sides know they're in the game. Paul Rodriguez

#### **Environmental & Social Action Events**



by Carol Kuczora

#### Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 --

The Nevada County Climate Change Coalition of local environmental and other groups will be meeting in the sanctuary to share strategies to reduce our carbon footprint, lobby legislators to adopt legal and economic provisions to save energy, and educate the public to do the

same. Scientists consider climate change to be the most urgent issue of the century. The public is welcome. Donations will be accepted for the use of our facilities.

Friday, February 28, 7:00 -- Fourth Friday Film Forum presents documentary film, "A Fierce Green Fire" which received Official Selection of the 2012 Sundance Film festival, and the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, [produced by Oscarnominated filmmaker Mark Kitchell. Visually compelling, thought provoking, and inspirational, the film spans the broad scope of the origins of the environmental movement and connecting us to current times. "A Fierce Green Fire" chronicles one of the largest movements of the 20th century highlighting grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. It focuses on environment and The People: people fighting to save their homes, their lives, the lives of their children, and the future of the planet. "A Fierce Green Fire" is presented by the Peace Center of Nevada County and the UUCM Social Action Committee and shows on Friday, February 28, 2014 at 7:00 at the Unitarian Universalists Community of the Mountains, 246 S. Church St., GV. Donations only, no one turned away. Refreshments available. Lively discussion will follow the film.. For more information call (530) 615-7859 or visit Peace Center's website at ncpeace.org.

# **Caring Notes**



by Gwen Eymann

Though winter is upon us, the sun is shining and the days are warm. Let's enjoy the warmth even though we are all aware of how desperate is the need for rain. We cannot control the weather.

but we can reach out to each other to offer support.

Leal Portis as she recovers from surgery

Jerry Lawrence, recovering from pneumonia

Michael Bankston when he undergoes shoulder surgery.

Thoughts of joy to Otto Haueisen for his 99th year and his continued good health.

Cards and/or caring notes are appreciated.

We hold members of our community in our hearts for the spoken and unspoken concerns and joys.

# **Hospitality House Dinners**

by Suzanne Ferroggiaro

The next Hospitality House Dinner will be on January 30 at Utah's Place, on Sutton Way. Since that's Chinese New Years, we'll have a Chinese Dinner theme; and we'll leave breakfast for the next day. If you'd like join the fun to help bring some good food and cheer to these grateful folks, please contact



Suzanne Ferroggiaro, <rivertreehouse@att.net> or 477-5344.

#### >>>Additional Hospitality House Dinner Organizers Needed Now!<<<

Leal Portis has been so dedicated in organizing Hospitality House Dinners every month for seven years! Let's support her

excellent effort!

Now we need 2 more organizers to help. Usually once a month, (twice, if there are 5 Fridays), organizers plan a menu; and sign up folks to bring food, help prepare, and serve dinner.

Leal and I can help you learn the ropes for easy sailing! If we have 2 more organizers, we can lighten the load for everyone.

At the new Utah's Place shelter, the guests do the dishes; and Hospitality House will soon be hiring a Kitchen Manager, so that will help our work to run even more smoothly.

The guests are so grateful for our help during their tough times.

Thank you for considering this rewarding opportunity!

If you can help out, or if you have questions, please contact either of us:

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# **Our Unitarian Universalist Principle (4 of 7)**

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Lifespan Religious Education/Spirt Play teaches... The Green Promise is to Grow by Exploring what is True and Right in Life.

# Next Newsletter Wednesday, February 26th

Please submit content to editor@uugrassvalley.org
by Friday February 21st

