

Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

April 27 - May 25, 2014

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 CHALICE

Greetings,

Welcome to this month's edition of the 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@uugrassvalley.org.

Your articles, stories and photos make this newsletter great. Please send your content by the deadline listed at the bottom of the page.

- Enjoy!

Upcoming Services

April 27
Rising From the Fire
 Rev. Denis L. Paul

May 4
 TBA
 Beth Karow -
 Worship Associate

May 11
Flower Communion/COA
 Rev Denis L. Paul

May 18
 TBA
 Rev. Denis L. Paul

May 25
Tapestry of Faith
 Bev Lyon -
 Worship Associate

New Website

Our long-awaited new website has finally arrived!
 Please visit the site at <http://www.uugrassvalley.org/>.

Your feedback is welcome, please send an email to admin@uugrassvalley.org and put "website" in the subject line.

Minister's Reflections

by Rev. Denis Paul



I love fairy tales. I love them because they are scary, kind of magical, completely universal, sometimes bawdy

Interfaith Food Ministry 1st Sunday each 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.

Congregation Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 18 at 12:30** just after Sunday service. On the agenda will be the election of the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee. Joel Houtman, Treasurer, will present the Board's Proposed Budget for FY14-15 for final adoption by the Voters. We will also vote on some bylaw changes. Most of the changes are for consistency in terminology, minor wording for clarification, and clearer explanations that reflect our standard practices. A copy of the proposed revisions will be emailed to all voters (members) with a few hard copies available for those without email.

CALENDAR of Upcoming Events

Friday, Apr 25

7:00pm - Fourth Friday Film
Pacific Central District Assembly

Saturday, Apr 26

Pacific Central District Assembly

Sunday, Apr 27

Pacific Central District Assembly
9:30am - Social Action
Committee
11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm - Lifespan Religious

and always about transformation. When you think about it, all literature is about transformation. The coward finds courage. The recluse reconnects through an unexpected visitor. The archenemies fall in love.

The thing that makes fairy tales special to me is how they change. They evolve over time. A few years ago James Finn Garner came out with the bestseller *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories*, in which Red Riding Hood brought "fresh fruit and mineral water to her grandmother's house - not because this was womyn's work, mind you, but because the deed was generous and helped engender a feeling of community." The three little pigs' were stalked by a "big bad wolf with expansionist ideas [who] saw the pigs and grew very hungry in both a physical and ideological sense."

Fairy tales also change across cultures and regions. A few months ago during worship, Paige and I -- with the help of Aneka, Eli and Julia -- told a variation on the tale of the big bad wolf which came from my French Canadian Heritage. Similar tales exist across the globe all with slight differences.

Evolution and change are part of our lives. It's a cliché to say that we all start off as caterpillars, waiting to be transformed through our own experiences into beautiful butterflies. But even the expression of that cliché changes over time. Last week I ran across a quote by LeeAnn Taylor, a filmmaker, author, and mother of three children with Fragile X Syndrome. She wrote, "We are all butterflies. Earth is our chrysalis."

Earth is our chrysalis. Every inch of the earth has the potential to be our chrysalis. And the chrysalis is constantly changing, constantly transforming into something new, sometimes exciting and better and sometimes terrifying and worse.

This church is our chrysalis, too. It's the place where we are transformed by our experiences into the courageous, connected, love-filled people selves we want to be. Sometimes it's a poignant transition like the Coming of Age ritual we'll bear witness to and participate in on May 11 with Olivia and Indra. Sometimes it's more difficult transitions like Jerry's memorial on May 31. Sometimes it's a more business like transition, like adopting a budget and electing officers at the annual meeting on May 18.

Whatever changes our little building on Church Street houses, I know we'll make it through together. And we'll be better for it.

In Peace,
Rev Denis

Rev Denis's Schedule

Rev Denis, our half-time minister, lives in the Central Valley but

Education Meeting
 12:30pm-OWL - Our Whole Lives
 12:30pm-Art and Theology
 2:00pm-Poetry Reading

Tuesday, Apr 29

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 6:30pm - Faith Like A River

Wednesday, April 30

8:30am - Men's Get-together

Thursday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 3

10:00am - Spiritual Book Group

Sunday, May 4

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

Monday, May 5

4:00pm - Stewardship Committee
 5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 6

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 6:30pm - Faith Like a River

Wednesday, May 7

8:30am - Men's Get-together
 10:30am-Humanism Discussion Group
 7:00pm-Drumming Circle

Thursday, May 8

8:30am - What's Up Coffee - Men's Group
 10:00am - Writer's Group
 6:30pm - Board of Trustees

Saturday, May 10

7:00pm-Woolman Semester

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day
 11:00 - Sunday Service
 12:30pm-OWL - Our Whole Lives

Monday, May 12

5:30pm - Choir Practice

comes to Grass Valley twice a month, for four days each visit. He will be here the following dates this month:

April 25 - 28, May 10 - 13, May 17 - 20

If you would like to make an appointment to see him during one of these visits, email him at revdenis.uucm@gmail.com.

President's Perspective

by Janet Dunstan



Interim Minister Status:

Last fall we submitted our application to UUA for an Interim Minister. However, candidates are few at that time of year. The normal cycle for ministers is the spring when the new graduates are 'candidating' along with other ministers who are ready for a change. So, the Board decided to interview for a contract minister to be with us for 6 months as we waited for the Spring 2014 cycle to start.

Rev. Meghan recommended 2 candidates for contract minister. One candidate required a work visa to be employed in the US. The other candidate was our much-loved Rev. Denis Paul, who was available for 6 months, just what we needed. The Hiring Team and the BOT felt the other candidate was also a good fit for us, so we began discussions about hiring him as our Interim Minister. In February, he came to California and we were able to spend an afternoon with him. All of us, including the minister, felt like this would be a good match. There seemed to be sufficient time for the work visa to be processed.

As I write this, our candidate awaits a date for his interview with the US Embassy. Things will happen quickly after that, although, it may not be as fast as we would like. The minister will need to give notice to his employer and manage the physical relocation process. We still hope for a July start, but when the government is involved we have to be patient. Out of respect for the people he will be leaving, we will wait to announce his name until they have been informed.

Focus of Interim Minister:

Changing ministers can bring up many issues for people. With Rev. Meghan leaving, and Rev. Denis moving the 1st of July, we will have had our share of 'good-byes' to beloved spiritual leaders. Our Interim will be trained in assisting us in navigating those transitions and preparing us for our settled minister. During Town Talk you asked that we send you the goals the Board and Hiring Committee set for our Interim for the next 2 years. These goals are IN ADDITION to the normal ministerial duties of worship, pastoral care, etc.

1. Issues of growth/expansion with the possibility of moving

Tuesday, May 13

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 4:00pm-Caring Committee
 6:00pm -Women's Group
 6:30pm - Faith Like a River

Wednesday, May 14

8:30am - Men's Get-together
 6:30pm-Membership Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

1:00pm - Wine Tasting and Sale
 4:00pm - Dinner prep at Utah's Place
 Mountain Chalice Articles Due

Saturday, May 17

9:00am - Building & Grounds Work Party
 12:30pm - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 18

11:00am - Sunday Service
 12:30pm-Annual Congregation Meeting

Monday, May 19

5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 20

9:00am - Morning Meditation
 1:00pm-Grandmothers for Peace
 6:30 - Faith Like a River
 6:30pm-Climate Change Coalition

Wednesday, May 21

8:30am - Men's Get-together
 7:00pm-Drumming Circle

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

7:00 - Fourth Friday Film
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to 2 worship services and paradigm shift from Family to Pastoral size community.

2. Assist congregation in development of Mission-Covenant Statement.
3. Develop organizational structure to support our mission.
4. Move regular visitors to membership and improve integration of members and visitors.
5. Increase lay leadership skills and effectiveness, e.g. build skills, invigorate community, increase volunteerism and decrease burnout.

Your comments and questions are always welcome and include multiple opportunities. You can speak with any Board member (Janet, Rob, Amy, Joel, Sophia, Scottie, or Brett), come to Town Talks, contact Rev. Denis, or talk to anyone on the Hiring Committee (Amy, Keith, Suzanne).

Five New Members at UUCM!

by Kathryn Young

The Membership Committee would like to introduce a few people who have joined our community recently.

Please seek these people out and get to know them! They look forward to being part of our greater family.

**Marlene and Michael Cotton**

Michael and Marlene each moved to Nevada County 26 years ago, meeting three years later at the old Nevada County Athletic Club, now known as the South Yuba Club in Nevada City. They have two sons: 17-year old Skyler loves

running, and is on the Nevada Union cross country and track teams. 12-year old Riley loves basketball, running and fishing. He is on two AAU basketball teams and his school track team. A registered nurse by trade, Marlene is currently the mom-taxi service for all the boys' activities, and a bookkeeper for the family business. She looks forward to getting back into the nursing profession in the future.

Michael loves his job as a self-employed certified arborist, and also has a passion for model trains.

After living for 21 years in Cascade Shores, the Cottons have moved closer to town so they could be more involved in the community. They appreciate all spiritual perspectives and beliefs, and believe in compassion for all. They look forward to being part of our loving, supportive UUCM community.

Sunday, May 25

9:30am - Social Action Committee
 11:00am - Sunday Service
 12:30pm - Lifespan Religious Education Meeting
 12:30pm-TownTalk

Save the Date**Tuesday Afternoon Coffee**

Join Rev Denis and a lively bunch of folks with nowhere else to be on Tuesday afternoons, as they enjoy fine coffee and better conversation at Sierra Mountain Coffee Roasters, 671 Maltman Drive, attached to Tomes Books. The group meets every Tuesday from 2:00 - 4:00, but Rev Denis will be there when he is in town on April 29, May 13 and May 20..

Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7. This is the date of the annual UUCM Yard Sale, to be held at the home of Keith and Alice Johnson. The address is 522 Sacramento Street, Nevada City, (corner of Sacramento and Zion). We will be setting up on Friday, June 6 at 5 p.m. so bring your sale items at that time. If necessary, you can also bring your treasures on Thursday, June 5 or anytime during the day on Friday. If you would like to help with the sale on Friday and/or Saturday, please contact Keith Johnson.

UUCM Annual Service & Picnic in the Park

The UUCM annual Service and Picnic in the park will take place this year on June 22nd, 11am,

**Lin Myers Jovanovic**

Thirteen years ago, Lin Myers Jovanovic was invited to a Circle Dinner in Modesto. She then attended a service at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stanislaus County, and discovered her spiritual home! She recently moved up to Nevada County with her husband, Bane (BAH-nay), to be near family, and as a reward for living in the Central Valley a good portion of her life.

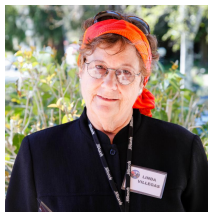
Lin works as a professor, a clinician, and a coach. She has two sisters, three children, five grandsons, Leo, the dog and Giorgio, the cat. She also lives to create mosaic art.

Anne Lyon

Anne Lyon grew up in San Diego. After retiring from elementary school teaching, she moved to Northern California to be closer to her son and family, not to mention her beloved high Sierras!

Anne is an amateur naturalist, and she loves hiking, camping and bird-watching. She is also an avid environmentalist, a practicing Buddhist, a struggling artist and an optimist.

She joined UUCM for community and shared values. Anne has temporarily moved to the Santa Rosa area for a few months for foot surgery and recuperation, but really looks forward to returning to Grass Valley next fall to build a life and a home.

**Linda Villegas**

A California native, Linda Villegas is the eldest of six children raised in a shared Catholic and Lutheran home. Her parents loved and respected each other, not only tolerating their religious differences, but supporting them through out their lives together. As a result, Linda learned to experience many different spiritual perspectives and explore many paths. As a family nurse practitioner and psychotherapist, Linda has had opportunities to work among the marginalized and recent immigrant groups to both California and Minnesota, and volunteer on working trips to Mexico and Guatemala. Today she is a mother, grandmother and extended family caregiver.

After many years of "wondering and wandering," she chose to settle in Grass Valley for its eclectic mix of natural beauty, abounding creative potential and abundance of good people. She soon discovered the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains which she finds most embodies, and "walks the walk" of her values and interests.

She is also a lay associate member of a Catholic women's order called The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province. She finds no conflict in the work and activities she does here and that she does with the sisters. It's all part of the bigger picture of life we share and appreciate, our community of

in Condon Park, GV
This will be the last service that
Rev. Denis will share with us.
The service will be followed by a
BBQ and fun in the park.
See you there.

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Stewardship

by Wally Holtan

The 2014-15 UUCM pledge drive is officially over. Stewardship would like to extend our appreciation to all those who volunteered to act as Visiting Stewards and those who worked to help make this drive successful. Though we did not achieve our financial goal for this pledge drive of \$169,073, falling \$28,459 short, however, with careful budget adjustments and some creative budgeting, the finance committee was still able to present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and Stewardship would like to thank you all for your support of our community.

For those of you who were able to attend our congregational dinner, I hope you enjoyed this celebration event. The music from the Banner Mountain Boys was fabulous and the lasagna dinner delicious. The servers (our teens) worked hard to provide the food, keep the tables supplied with necessary items and clean up after the event. Our bartender added a great knowledge of wines and a European flair. Thanks to our wonderful event planners, cooks and post event crew for making this a flawless and delightful experience. Lastly, if anyone would like to increase their pledge to our community, it would be greatly appreciated by your UUCM community.

Building and Grounds

by Wally Holtan



I would like to thank all the people in our community that help keep our building and grounds looking great. It is always fun and rewarding to work with those people. If you like the sanctuary railing, remember to give Joel a big thank you. We are looking forward to some great things happening. In the next months we will finally get our fans put into the sanctuary and the outside railing will be completed down to the front cement area. This week the tree in the back by the Methodist church was removed by one of our members, Michael Cotton. It was fascinating watching a skilled arborist climb that tree and with grace and precision dismantle the whole thing. Everyone should give him a big congratulations and thanks. I would also like to thank his family and David Ferrier for pitching in to make the job go more quickly. Remember if you want to have some fun with indoor or outdoor activity, we are always looking for volunteers on work party days. The next scheduled work day is Saturday May 17th hope to see you there.

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Caring Notes

by Gwen Eymann



The Caring Committee serves the UUCM community by offering support, help, and connection to folks during times of special need. We can all be part of the UUCM Caring Team by reaching out to each other to offer support, kind words, offers of help, and good works. Please give a little extra support and caring energy to the following people:

- Sharon Moore
- Barbara Lowell
- Aneka Torgrimson who is having some problems with pain in her tummy and will be seeing some very smart doctors at UC Davis
- Anne Lyon-recovering from foot surgery
- Beryl Beckwith-recovering from foot surgery
- Bruce Hart-recovering from foot surgery with Scottie by his side
- Joan Toensing- recovering from a rib fracture

The UUCM Caring Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00pm. Please contact us via email at caringcommittee@uugrassvalley.org or call Gwen Eymann at 530-274-7965 for more information.

Entertaining in Style: Throwing a High Tea Party

by Clarita Nolan



The high tea tradition originated in England around 1825. It has gained significant traction in recent years as an enjoyable novelty that is also a pleasant way to spend time with friends. While the true origins of high tea are not quite as inherently upper-class as people may think, many do find a certain pleasure in dressing up and enjoying one of life's simple joys in the company of loved ones.

Technically, high tea parties are semi-formal events in which you are encouraged to wear smart attire to fit the mood. Please dress up in your special dress with your necklace (pearl?) and hat. Let's all bring accessories to use and share as we play dress up. Such things as gloves, extra flowers and ribbons for hats etc. Go crazy with it.

Afterwards we will have portraits, remember to hold your pinky

out as you hold a fancy tea cup. Group photos also!

Please bring a food item to share. Below is a link for ideas of what kinds of food to bring: Menus for Tea Parties | Afternoon to Remember Fine Tea and Gifts.
www.afternoontoremember.com/menus. Menus for tea parties are the key to a successful experience.

All women are welcome! High tea is recommended for anybody that enjoys life, love, and slow-brewed tea.

Please let Clarita know what you will be bringing. Email address is photosbyclarita@att.net
For texting 575-2229.

Social Action

by Carol Kuczora

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm, Climate Change Coalition of environmental groups meets third Tuesdays at UUCM. If you are concerned about climate change, which will be sure to change the lives of our children as it puts a stress on all our resources, please come with ideas about mitigation and accommodation.

Friday, May 25, 7:00 pm, Fourth Friday Film, "Inequality for All" with Robert Reich. Former U.S. Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton, Robert Reich is an economist, author, and educator at UC Berkeley. Reich has been outspoken on the issue of the growing divide between America's rich and poor. He fears that wiping out the middle class will lead to catastrophe. 110 minutes.

Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays

by Pat Paddock

After PFLAG's recent planning meeting for Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays we'd like to ask for your help to promote this play we are bringing to Nevada County as our yearly fundraiser.

The play is on **Friday, May 9, 8:00 pm** at **The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley**.

We believe most of you are on Facebook so here's what we'd like you to do for us. If you could use the attached picture and post it to your Facebook page we would greatly appreciate it.

Then for those of you who are coming, could you please use the "Join" or "Going" button to show that you are attending.

Here's the link to the PFLAG event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1413544858893380/>

And, if you could "invite" your friends to attend that would be awesome.

For those of you who don't use Facebook, if you could please forward this email to your friends PFLAG would really appreciate your efforts to help us. This is something everyone can do to support PFLAG here in Nevada County without leaving home.

PFLAG brings these plays to Nevada County to help raise money for our scholarships and other local uses so it's very important to help us keep doing what we do here in our community. Other than the few donations we get in our booth at the fair this is now our only fundraiser for the year so it's extremely important.

Tickets are \$20 General Admission and \$15 for Students & Seniors. You can purchase tickets at Center for the Arts and Briar Patch in person. Or if bought online there is an additional fee. Center for the Arts: <http://thecenterforthearts.org/standing-ceremony-gay-marriage-plays/>

We don't know how many of you are planning to attend but, even if you aren't coming, we could really use your help promoting the play in any way you can.

I'd like to say that for me personally, PFLAG has had an enormous effect on my life and my ability to become a more fully functioning lesbian woman. It helped me understand who I am and that I really am ok. I believe in what it can do for others so I do everything I can to make sure that we remain a vital and functioning part of our community. With that said I also am asking that you help PFLAG in any way you can. By helping promote our play you are doing me a very personal favor.

Green Power Points

by Anita Wald-Tuttle

Tea Up



Are you a daily tea-drinker? Switch to loose tea in a reusable tea ball - or simply throw it in the pot and then pour steeped tea through a strainer - and you're not wasting a bag, string, or tag. Some tea companies are coming out with tagless bags, but loose tea is still the most environmentally friendly option. Buy tea in bulk to save money and external packaging; ask if you can bring in your own container rather than taking it home in a plastic bag.

And whilst sipping that cup of tea consider a Paper-Products Purge. Look or go around the house and take inventory of every kind of paper you use, including paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, paper napkins, notepaper, wrapping paper, paper lunch sacks, paper drinking cups, and more. Resolve to use up what you've got - and recycle, when appropriate - then look for non-paper and/or recycled alternatives. Make sure that everyone

who does the shopping knows about the new house rules.

Happy Spring from my 2009 Page-A-Day Calendar

UU Animal Ministry News & Recipe



by Carol Hyndman

Recipe for this month is Chickpea Bread Stew

4-6 garlic cloves chopped

1 red onion chopped

3 carrots sliced

1 12 oz can chickpeas

1 tsp cumin

2 tsp paprika

juice of one lemon

1-2 tsp salt to taste

Sourdough round loaf, top cut off

1-2 Tbsp olive oil

In med saucepan, cook over med heat the olive oil, garlic, carrots, onion

Cover 10 min. When onion softens, add cumin, paprika, salt

In a separate pot add chickpeas. Add enough water 1.5 inches above chickpeas. Bring to boil and simmer 10 -20 min med heat

When chickpeas are cooked through and soft add garlic, and onion to pot

Optional: Remove 1/3 soup mixture and puree and add back to soup mixture

Add water if consistency is not to your liking. Before placing in bread bowl add lemon juice and mix.

Ladle into bread bowl and enjoy

Remember donations for Sammies Friends animals. There will be a bag in the foyer for your contributions. The animals thank you.

"Animals can communicate quite well. And they do. And generally speaking, they are ignored."

Alice Walker

Announcements in OOS

by Janet Dunstan

At Town Talk on April 13 many pros and cons were expressed about the new format of written announcements vs verbal and the types of announcements made. The original intent was to eliminate the tedious and sometimes lengthy process of verbal announcements that the Worship Associate was responsible to

gather and edit.

It was generally agreed that it is important that people are reminded of activities happening during the week and that they would find it handy to have the calendar and announcements together on a ½ sheet that they could take home. It was also pointed out in Town Talk that people who come late will miss the announcements.

Format changes were suggested to make it easier to read. So that we can include all announcements as submitted, we ask that each one is no more than 50 words and they must be a UUCM event occurring in the next 8 days (Sunday to Sunday).

Launching the new website is imminent. All the announcements will be on it every week and all upcoming events....so if someone misses Sunday service...they still have them!

In recognition of Earth Day (Sunday, April 20) the announcements were verbal rather than using paper.

Announcements for the OOS are still due to Marion by 10am on Fridays.

UUCM Time Line

by Anita Wald-Tuttle

If you've wandered into the Channing (Board) Room and noticed the white newsprint on the wall I can imagine that your curiosity might be a bit aroused. President Janet thought it might be a good idea to create a UUCM Time Line devoted to our first 20 years of existence. Significant dates for the building and congregational activities have been posted, but we need you - our loyal members and friends - to post events you want to remember on this Time Line. Things like the date you joined UUCM, when a grandchild was born, when a friend died, a photo of an event you particularly enjoyed, wine tasting in the chapel - those kinds of things. We'd like to get it filled in before our Interim Minister arrives in August so he/she will get an early sampling of what and who we are. Help us! Make it sooner rather than later, please! Thank you!

UU General Assembly

by Janet Dunstan

This year General Assembly will be June 25-29 in Providence, RI. It is a transforming experience not to be forgotten! UUCM is allowed 3 voting delegates. If anyone is going and is interested in having an impact on decisions that are made, please let Janet Dunstan know. If you would like to have a vote and are not able to attend, the business meeting and portions of

the programs will be available on the web. UUA now has electronic voting for those delegates who will 'attend' via Internet.

If there is interest in viewing portions of GA (opening worship, keynote speaker, and business meeting), please let Janet know and we can meet at UUCM to see it together. It was fun to do that last year!

Next year we can all carpool to Portland Oregon!

Spring Poetry Series

Poetry by Ruth Ghio

April is Poetry Month. This is our third annual poetry reading. This year we've split the one long reading into two readings, and added some new and wonderful poets. In honor of Poetry Month we will have our first reading on Sunday April 27th from 2 to 4. We have some returning poets and some new poets reading: along with Lindsay Dunckel, Indigo Moor, Laura and Dale Pendell, Susan Suntree, Maxima Kahn, Eleanor Vincent, and Julie Valin, Sande Anfang, Michael Askins and Kent Gallagher will be joining us.

The second reading will be on June 1st from 2 to 4. Again we will have some new poets and some returning poets: Julia Connor, Guarionex Delgado, Kirsten Casey, Callum McKean and Eileen Hale will be returning, and Stewart Mintzer will be joining us for the first time. We think these will both be very exciting events.

In honor of the poets who have been so generous in their sharing with us, it is my hope we will be able to have poets' books available for purchase.

The price of admission will be \$15. All proceeds will go to UUCM. Advance tickets will be available on April 1st for both readings. Tickets will also be available at the door for both events. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Location: UUCM at 246 Church Street, Grass Valley, Ca.

For more information contact: Ruth Ghio at 530-272-6738 or rgchio@me.com, Eileen Hale at 530-273-1351 or eileenmice@eileenadelehale.com

Come yourself, and let your family and friends know, too!

UUCM SPRING WINE TASTING AND SALE

by Wally Holtan

FRIDAY, MAY 16th, 2014
7 PM TO 9 PM



with hors d'oeuvres served at 6:30 pm

Dave Luce presents 12 wines, both white and reds, for your tasting and educates you with a brief education of the wines you taste. He selects top quality wines in a very affordable price range and sells them by the bottle or case. It is a perfect time to

try a variety of wines and stock up for your summer activities.

It is a fun and educational evening and one we encourage you to share the experience with friends and have an adventurous and fun evening.

This is also a time for the casual wine person to gain some education about wines and expand your knowledge about why you like some wines and purchase wines you know will be appreciated on your table during the summer.

Wedding Announcement

by Robert Ludgate

Susan Dunbar and Robert Ludgate are pleased to invite our family and friends to witness our joining hands in marriage-

SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2014 4 p m

SIERRA FOOTHILLS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Corner Orange and Finley streets (across from PLACER
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL)

AUBURN CALIFORNIA

Following time-honored Unitarian-Universalist customs, there will be a potluck reception afterward. We are asking those whose last name begins with A through I to bring a meat or vegetarian entrée to share; those with last names beginning with J through R please bring a salad or vegetable entrée to share, and those whose last name begins with S through Z please bring a dessert to share.

If you have any questions, please email Sue at zoozq2003@yahoo.com.

There will be musical entertainment by Robert, Sue and friends, but please do not bring any presents, as your presence will be gift enough!

Our Unitarian Universalist Principle (6 of 7)

*The goal of world community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all.*

Lifespan Religious Education/Spirit Play teaches...
Insist on Freedom, Justice, and Peace for all People
(Indigio Promise).

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