

# Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

May 24 - June 27, 2014

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## 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](mailto:editor@uugrassvalley.org).

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## 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.

## Save the Date

- Enjoy!

## 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 June 3.

## Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for

## Minister's Reflections



by Rev. Denis L. Paul

### The Long Goodbye

They say that a ministry is only as good the last minister's goodbye. I've said before in many different situations how grateful I am for Rev. Meghan's well-executed leave taking. She put a lot of effort into tying up loose ends, saying goodbye to everyone as personally as she could, and giving plenty of time for everyone to be heard, which has made my job easier and will make your interim minister's job easier when he arrives.

They say that a good goodbye takes months. At least three

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.

## CALENDAR of Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, May 25**

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

### **Tuesday, May 27**

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

### **Wednesday, May 28**

8:30am - Men's Get-together  
4:30pm - Finance Committee

### **Thursday, May 29**

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

### **Friday, May 30**

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

### **Saturday, May 31**

months. But how on earth do you spend three months saying goodbye to a congregation you're only serving for six months? It's like three months of "hello, it's good to meet you," and three months of "goodbye, I'm going to miss you!"

How do you get any work done?

The truth is, I am still meeting you all. There are many of you I've barely had conversation with, and some I have yet to be introduced to. Still I am having to say goodbye. And through this whole process, I am aware that for me to really support the interim minister, I have to say goodbye well over my last two visits to Grass Valley, on May 30-June 3 and June 21-23.

On that first weekend, the Art and Theology project will come to a close and be installed in the sanctuary. If you haven't had a chance to add your creative touch to the piece, please stop by the Alcott Room any Sunday after worship, where Robin will make available paint and other materials. You'll want to bring along pictures of people, organizations or causes you belong to, including family and loved ones. The whole piece, which will include more than 200 individual pieces is a way of saying acknowledging our work together, and setting the stage for future artwork in the congregation.

On that second June weekend, my final weekend, we'll be worshipping outdoors - with some great music by Taylor's band-and picnicking afterward. It'll be fun for everyone, including children and youth, so please be there. My hope is to get a photograph with everyone in the congregation.

In these last two visits, I will be doing everything I can to finish what I started and to let all of you know personally how much you - individually and collectively - have meant to me.

Meanwhile, if you'd like some time with me, please contact me at 415.310.5051. I'd be happy to make an appointment.

## ***President's Perspective***

by Janet Dunstan



Things are starting to slow down in preparation for the lazy days of summer. The BOT is preparing for its last regular meeting of this fiscal year. In June we welcome the new Board members and thank those who will "carry their flame" to other areas of service at UUCM.

2:00pm - Jerry Lawrence memorial

### **Sunday, June 1**

9:30am - Social Justice Coordinating Council  
11:00am - Sunday Service  
12:30 - OWL - Our Whole Lives  
12:30pm - Art As Theology

### **Monday, June 2**

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

### **Tuesday, June 3**

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

### **Wednesday, June 4**

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

### **Thursday, June 5**

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

### **Saturday, June 7**

9:00am - UUCM Yard Sale  
10:00am - Spiritual Book Group

### **Sunday, June 8**

9:30am - Ashland Trip Meeting  
11:00am - Sunday Service  
12:00pm - Meeting with Evan Junker of UUJM

### **Monday, June 9**

5:30pm - Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, June 10**

9:00am - Morning Meditation  
4:00pm-Caring Committee  
6:00pm -Women's Group

### **Wednesday, June 11**

8:30am - Men's Get-together  
11:00am - Habitat for Humanity

### **Thursday, June 12**

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

Sophia McKean (Trustee-at-Large) will be missed not only at the Board meetings, but also on Sunday mornings. Her perceptions and comments at our meetings have been insightful and well beyond her age. We wish her great success as she embarks on the next adventure of life.

Brett Torgrimson (Trustee-at-Large) has dedicated much of his time and effort in serving UUCM in so many different areas...Mountain Chalice, website, RE, and the Board. His faithful service and dedication have been inspiring. We will miss his wit and sense of humor at our meetings.

Joel Houtman (Treasurer) kept us on track with our expenses. With his financial ingenuity, he even managed to squirrel away a bit of money for future ministerial needs. We will miss your droll humor and steady hand. Thankfully your influence will continue during your tenure as Chair of the Finance Committee!

The recently elected Board of Trustees will officially take office on July 1. They are:

Rob Ferroggiaro, President  
Amy Renee', Vice-President  
Scottie Hart, Secretary  
Janet Dunstan, Treasurer  
Trustees-at-Large: Dawn Bateman, Bonnie Bennett, Dave MacLeod, Carol Wong

On June 22 we will be saying good-bye to a very special minister, Rev. Denis Paul. In fact, let's meet at Condon Park and have a picnic that day! (Rumor has it that someone named 'Joe' may also show up.) Rev Denis has been a real bright spot for us these last 5+ months. His energy, enthusiasm, interpersonal skills, and perceptions have been invaluable to us as a Community and to many of us as individuals. We will cherish the short time he has been with us and wish him the best in his new congregation, who will love him as much as we do!

We also express our deep appreciation to Paige Anderson-Torgrimson for all her work with our Religious Education program. Building on the work of Marilyn Winters, Paige has continued to strengthen the curriculum for our young ones, initiated the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program, and with the enthusiastic help of Keith Johnson, started an Adult Ed program. Introduction of a regular multi-generational Sunday service has given us a new dimension to our meaning of Community. Thank you!

## **Coming of Age Credo**

by Olivia

Throughout the process of the Coming of Age program, there's been one question that comes up a lot. "Do you identify as a Unitarian Universalist?" For me at least, this is a difficult question, a question that leads to all sorts of other questions. What is Unitarian Universalism? What makes someone a Unitarian Universalist? Or, for that matter, what makes someone a member of any religion?

**Sunday, June 15**

11:00am - Sunday Service

12:30pm - Our Glorious Cosmos

**Monday, June 16**

5:30pm - Choir Practice

**Tuesday, June 17**

9:00am - Morning Meditation

1:00pm - Grandmothers for Peace

6:30pm - Climate Change Coalition

**Wednesday, June 18**

8:30am - Men's Get-together

7:00pm - Drumming Circle

**Thursday, June 19**

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

**Friday, June 20**

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

**Saturday, June 21**

9:00am - Building &amp; Grounds Work Party

12:30pm - B&amp;G Committee Meeting

**Sunday, June 22**

9:30am - Social Justice

Coordinating Council

11:00 - Sunday Service

**Tuesday, June 24**

9:00am - Morning Meditation

6:30pm - Worship committee

**Wednesday, June 25**

8:30am - Men's Get-together

4:30pm - Finance Committee

**Thursday, June 26**

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

10:30am - Writers Group

**Friday, June 27**

7:00 - Fourth Friday Film

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**What even is a religion?**

Now I, as a lazy teenager, tend to avoid philosophical questions in such numbers at all costs, but eventually I forced myself to sit down and really think about it. In most faiths, there's some sort of deity that the members worship. However, we don't exactly have one of those. So what is it that makes Unitarian Universalism a religion? Then it hits me. Religions aren't based solely upon a deity, there's generally some kind of text associated with it, for example, the bible in the case of Christianity. And UU's do have something like that, there's one that almost all of us can agree on, a small but mighty one. Our Seven Principles. So I think, maybe that's what makes a UU: someone who follows all the principles. So I sit there in defeat, vividly aware that I must NOT be a true UU. And then I laugh. Not every person that considers themselves Christian follows every single thing in the bible all the time, nor do Buddhists always live up to the morals they value. These sacred guidelines are there to help us realize what we'd like to live up to. So I come to my conclusion, in my mind being a part of a religion means attempting to live up to the guidelines set by the religion, and/or participating with spiritual practices associated with that religion. So I can proudly say, I consider myself a Unitarian Universalist, even though I don't always manage to live up to our principles, I do try.

On a similar note, another question I was commonly asked in the Coming of Age program, was to describe my spiritual practices. At first, I truly thought I had none. But after a wee bit of contemplation, I realize I actually do have a few. The simple act of coming to church and being a part of my community is one, I also go to retreats called "cons". These conferences are a place for UU teens to gather and celebrate UUism, our community, ourselves and our beliefs in a safe space. Another one of my more unique spiritual practices is the use of prayer beads. I loved the sermon Reverend Denis gave on prayer beads, if you were lucky enough to hear that. Whenever I'm sad, stressed, angry, or anything really that I feel I need to sort out internally, I whip out my prayer beads. They can almost always calm me down. Except when I break or lose them, which is about every other day, including today.

In addition, there's a few social issues I feel very strongly about. I'm hesitant to call myself a feminist, because the word alone comes with the idea that women are better

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than men. I don't believe that. In fact, I'm kind of over the whole gender thing in general. I mean, the biological part is important for babies and such, I have nothing against babies, don't worry. but all this "You should wear pink because your a girl" and "guys can't wear dresses. Seriously. What's the deal with that. Dresses are pretty cool. And also the whole thing where you're expected to align with one particular gender. What if I don't want to? What then? Well, then I suppose you become a UU, but that's another topic. So instead of "feminist" I like to refer to myself as a humanist, meaning I support the equality of every single person.

So what is my big social issue, you ask? Equality. Mainly, gender equality and sexuality equality, which, in my terms, are really one thing. When I say gender equality, you probably think equal wages and women out of the kitchen and all that. I think equal wages are important, don't get me wrong, but what I really mean when I say that, is equality in sexual expression. I'm in highschool, so I get daily exposure to discrimination based on sexuality. I think heteronormativity is SO ridiculous. There are so many ways in which people's sexualities vary, that I think it's outrageous for "straight" to be the norm. I think everyone should have the same right to express their sexuality. Now, here's where I get in to being humanist about this. When people talk about equality in sexuality, they tend to glance over the discrimination against woman, of any sexuality. Women are expected to not have any of that sexual teenage hormone stuff. Nope, not at all. That's where words like "slut" come in. These so called "sluts", I believe, are some of the bravest people. They're the people who aren't afraid to express their sexuality freely, despite discrimination. Also, that thing I said earlier about getting women out of the kitchen? I don't agree with that. I think that if someone wants to be a stay at home mom, or even a stay at home dad, they shouldn't be put down for not getting out there and having a career. Being a parent is a job in of itself. Basically, I believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. However, I can't say all the things I believe fit into a religion, a social issue, or even a set of spiritual practices. I believe in second chances. I believe in inspiring and being inspired. I believe in the healing power of art and cuddling, especially with puppies. I believe in forgiveness for even the worst of mistakes, but only with sufficient regret (bonus points for groveling). I believe that everyone has the right to be happy. I believe that everyone has the right to be upset, even if their life story isn't as tragic as yours, sometimes you just need to



cry over your spilled milk, no matter how insignificant it may seem to someone else. I do not believe in god. I believe in science. I believe in karma. I believe in intuition. I believe in music. Lots of it. Every day. I believe in love. I believe that honesty forms all four cornerstones to any good relationship. I believe in the beauty of rain, and dancing in it. I don't believe in nonchalant promises. I believe that every human body is beautiful, no matter the shape or size. I believe in expressing yourself freely. I believe that you can learn a lot about yourself through writing. I believe that the real god is found in the diversity formed by each and every one of our beliefs. I believe that these beliefs will not be entirely mine in 5 years, a year, a month, or maybe even tomorrow. But I can tell you, that in this moment, I am ever so grateful for the freedom to express what I believe, to you. Thank you.



by Indra

### Doing What's Right

I have been growing up in a Unitarian Universalist community; it is a community which fervently believes in the common good and that we, as humans on planet Earth, shall overcome all the violence, segregation, and injustice in the world at present, sometime in the future. I am being raised to value and carry on charity work and other forms of social action to help the world. But during all this teaching from the church and my parents of acceptance, tolerance, and caring, I've quite often wondered why. Why should I take time out my day, my life, to help others when I could be reclining in bed reading books or on the couch watching TV or playing videogames? Furthermore, why should I even care for the needs of others? Some believe doing good deeds

earns you a place in heaven with God; others believe that if they do something great and of worth to the world they'll be remembered, immortalized; and others still, believe in doing good deeds not because it gives them credit with themselves or others, not to earn themselves a place in heaven, and not for fame and fortune, but because the deeds are right. Many people do right deeds for the wrong reasons, whether it be out of fear of damnation or of longing for popularity. I believe in doing right deeds because, and only because, they are right.

Unfortunately I often feel that I might not be doing any difference in the world at all. I don't think enough people have the devotion, confidence, or even care to do anything; and at this point in time I believe most of everyone needs to pitch in their time and efforts to make any difference in the world we all live in. So what's the point of good deeds then? I have struggled trying long and hard to answer this question; and I've come to the inferring that, for me, the reason I should carry on doing what good I can, even if for a lost cause, is because it makes me happy. I believe that humans need a sense of right and wrong to make decisions. Unless a person follows his or her judgement of right and wrong, he or she won't be content with themselves; otherwise they would be complacent at most.

The other thing, though, is I try to be aware not to get caught up in worrying too much about my actions: whether or not I've been doing the right thing or whether or not I'm doing enough of the right thing. I try to live in the present and make the best choices as problems present themselves instead of fretting how I'll go about being a part of the solution to all the world's problems (since there's no way I can.) I'll try to do my best to help the people I can and avoid overworking myself. There's only so much one person can do by themselves. I have no vision of an utopian world to work towards; I don't believe all the world's peoples can ever be united as one; all I want is to be the best person I can be, regardless of whether or not other people notice.

## **Service & Picnic In the Park:**

Service at 11am, picnic will follow in the  
Condon Park Picnic area

Come join us in Condon Park for our annual service and barbecue in the fresh air. This will be a particularly momentous occasion,



as

Rev. Denis' six months with us is coming to an end, oh so soon. This will be his final service with us, and he will reflect on his tenure here,

what he has noticed about what the congregation does well, what our individual and collective gifts are, and our role in the community. He invites us all to look at what our future can be together, paying attention to our "growing edges."

The Banner Mountain Boys will provide our music. Come sing with us and wish Rev Denis all the best as he continues on his journey and we continue on ours.

BBQ basics , plus lemonade and iced tea , will be provided by UUCM. Please bring a vegetable side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share.

Helpers are needed on the day: 4 'chefs' to grill the burgers ( two shifts of two people for approx.. 1 hour each ) , Several people to help with getting the site set up ( between about 9.30am and 10.45am ) and several people to clean up after the event ( mid afternoon, for as long as it takes. )

If you can help with any of this, please contact Kathryn Young or Anita Walt-Tuttle.

## ***Social Justice***



by Anita Wald-Tuttle

Pass the Plate - UUCM Generosity.  
On March 30 our congregation contributed \$451.65 for Justice Sunday.

On April 20 - Earth Day - With a goal of \$250 for Seeds for Haiti we subscribed \$634 - more than double our goal. Thank you for your caring contributions for Social Justice.

The Social Action Committee is now meeting before church at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month. If there is any facet of Social Action including Green Sanctuary that you are interested in we invite you to come and share ideas with us.

**Climate Change Coalition** of environmental groups meets on the third **Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 pm.** at UUCM. If the changing climate is of concern to you there are functional subgroups focusing on responses at the local level. Come and find out more.



**Fourth Friday Film Forum presents "A Place at the Table" June 27, 7:00 p.m.** Fifty Million Americans-1 in 4 children-don't know where their next meal is coming from. One in every two children receive federal food assistance. "A Place at the Table" tells the powerful stories of Americans who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, "A Place at the Table" shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides-as they have in the past-that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all. With appearances by Jeff Bridges, Raj Patel, and chef Tom Colicchio, the film sees directors Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush examine the issue of hunger in America. "A Place at the Table" shows how hunger poses serious economic, social, and cultural implications for the United States, and that the problem can be solved once and for all, if the American public decides - as they have in the past - that making healthy food available and affordable is in everyone's best interest. "A Place at the Table" shows Friday June 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalists Community of the Mountains, 246 S. Church Street, Grass Valley. Suggested donation \$6.00-\$10.00, no one turned away. Popcorn and treats available. Discussion follows film. More info UUCM Social Action Committee or visit Peace & Justice Center's website [ncpeace.org](http://ncpeace.org), or write to [ncpeace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncpeace@sbcglobal.net).

### **Green Power Points - Bag Nation**

Sturdy, reusable totes for groceries are a must, but so is a versatile, take-everywhere bag for errands and impulse buys on the way home that folds up to a couple inches square and can live in your purse, glove compartment, or coat pocket. Practice saying, "I've got my own bag, thanks!"

And in that vein why not make it a UUCM bag with our logo proudly on the side and larger than the usual tote. They're available on any Sunday morning in the Market Corner of the Anthony Annex (next to the Library). You can be the proud owner for only \$12. They make great gifts for others, too!

Along that same energy-conscious line consider this - Plastic is resource-intensive to produce and can be tricky to recycle, so shop with an eye to avoiding it. If you're drowning in plastic tubs see if you can donate some to a local school or art center for creative projects. Storing food in plastic has some health dangers, so use glass for

storage whenever possible.

And - Enjoy the Summer!!!

(Notes gleaned from my 2009 Page-A-Day Calendar)

### **Humane Society Lobby Day - June 11 from 9am-4pm.**

in Sacramento. Carol Hyndman is our representative. If you're interested in this form of Animal Ministry talk to Carol at 477-0693.

### **UU Animal Ministry Recipe** by Carol Hyndman

Cranberry -date quick jam

8 oz fresh or frozen cranberries

1 c dates, roughly chopped

1 Tbsp chia seeds mixed with 1/2 c water

In saucepan combine dates and cranberries.

Pour in 1/4 to 1/2 c water and cook until berries start to break apart and soften

Turn off heat and stir in chia seeds water mixture

Pour all into blender and process until it reaches consistency you like

Set aside and cool. Keep in refrigerator until ready to use. Will mellow over time.

It is tart, so you can sweeten to taste

Remember donations for Sammies Friends on the first Sunday. There will be a bag in the foyer.

"If cats could talk, they wouldn't "Nan Porter

### **The Vegan Supper Club - Thurs May 29 at 6:30 pm.**

Bring a vegan dish to share.

**The UU Garden Project** is still in need of volunteers.

Proposed meeting dates are after church on June 8 and 15. See Suzanne Ferroggiaro for an update on time and place where you could be involved.

And if you have some spare time to volunteer there is always a need at Interfaith Food Ministry, Habitat For Humanity, and Hospitality House. You'll be in good company with fellow UUCMers.

Watch for the Grand Opening of the Corner Market in the Anthony Library Annex

## **Men's Dinner**

by George Dunstan

The Men's group will be holding its next manly dinner on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 PM at Diego's



Restaurant, 217 Colfax Avenue, Grass Valley. Please contact George Dunstan, 477-7635, gvgeode@gmail.com, for further information or to RSVP. All men in the congregation are welcome. We hope to see you there.

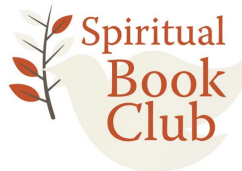
## Humanist Discussion Group



by George Dunstan

The next meeting of the humanist discussion group will be on Wednesday, June 4th at 10:30 AM at UUCM in the Channing room. Our topic for June will be the humanist approach to death and funeral services. We will also be discussing the approaches that various other religions take. All are welcome to join us for what is always an interesting discussion.

## Welcome to the UU Spiritual Book Club



by Scottie Hart

Looking for a friendly, thoughtful group of folks to discuss spiritual topics with?

The UU Spiritual Book Club is joyfully accepting new members. If you'd like to check us out, our next meeting will be Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the UU. Please note that this is a change from our normal meeting date of the first Saturday of the month.

Books we have read in the past include *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* (Richard Rohr), *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey* (Jill Bolte Taylor), *Journey of the Universe* (Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker), and *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry: How the Heart Grows Wise on the Spiritual Path* (Jack Kornfield).

For more information, including our current book selections (but not including any pressure to join!), call Scottie Hart at 530/272-5022.

## 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](mailto: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 GLORIOUS COSMOS

Sunday June 15 12:30pm



by David Hatch

Dave Hatch ("Mr. Kia") is offering a few very short videos for interested existentialists, astrophysicist enthusiasts, stargazers, humanists and dreamers. Each is around 5 minutes long, except one, which is about 17 minutes. Join him after the June 15th service in the sanctuary at 12:30pm. The entire program will last less than one hour and is definitely appropriate for all ages.

The videos share many of the same images or similar Hubble photos and other macro-interstellar optical and other digitalized galactic phenomena, whose origins predate human existence mega-millions of years. Each of the videos has selectively different audio-tracks and generate different interpretations, moods, feelings.

Dave Hatch, in creating these videos, has focused on the AWE of the images. There is no narration, no telling us what we see or should look for. He has chosen to let the stunning scale of things one loves or fears, for its complexity-immensity speak.

Join us for this special event and rejoice in the glories of

our universe.

## Music Performances

by Jim Lowe

I will be performing every Saturday in June from 5-8pm at Apple Alley Cafe located at the Brunswick Y near Cedar Ridge.

Come and hear songs from the Great American Songbook.

### 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 (Indigo Promise).*

### Next Newsletter Friday, June 27th

Please submit content to [editor@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:editor@uugrassvalley.org)  
by Friday June 20

