

MINISTER'S COLUMN

Rev It Up

Summer Theme: Come Alive!

Our Summer Theme is taken from a quote by Howard Thurman who said, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do that because what the world needs is more people who have come alive."

This idea of coming alive ties into another theme I have used this year which is whole-heartedness. I was meeting with Lisa Urwick about our summer programming for children in which we have invited adults to come share the things that make them come alive. It's a wonderfully diverse offering from Harry Potter to tie-dye, from recycling to music.

Perhaps there is no greater thing to wish for someone than that they have passion for something. My Free Will Astrology forecast for this week includes this line: To even wake up and get out of bed each morning, you've got to be on fire with a shimmering dream or a beautiful prospect.

There is so much truth for me in this. In the last five years or so, I have dedicated almost all of my vacation time to the book. This summer I am taking a book-free vacation. It is both exciting and scary at the same time. It feels like a sort of "walkabout" in my life. I have some plans but there is lots of space just for being and seeing what unfolds. But I am also cognizant of the need to be intentional about the things that nurture aliveness in me and I'm also aware that everything that makes us come alive or that wakes us up is not pleasant. When we are alive we are alive to the full range of the emotions and the experiences in our lives.

What makes you come alive? What makes this congregation come alive? What service to the congregation in the coming year might help you and it come alive? I hope you will carry these questions with you this summer and find new ways to come alive.

*In faith,
Rev. Jan*

P.S. On June 21 I head to Charlotte, North Carolina for ministerial meetings and to attend General Assembly and then my vacation will begin and I will return to work on August 9. Prior to leaving, I will send out information about on-call pastoral visitor coverage while I am gone. Since I will be out of state for four weeks, I have made arrangements to be able to call on the Rev. Bets Wienecke if there is an emergency requiring a minister to be present.

NOMINEES AT A GLANCE

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Membership Committee

Thank You! to everyone who has volunteered to be a Greeter this past year. It matters that we have folks ready with a friendly smile or a hug to welcome all of us on Sunday morning. There are over 200 Greeter opportunities throughout the year. Many members volunteer more frequently because Greeting visitors to our church is a great way to show hospitality and support our Church Mission. Please look for the sign-up board in Berg Hall and look to pick a date when you too can say to someone, "Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura!"

Nametag, Nametag, Nametag! The Membership Committee can order a new nametag for you if the one you have is missing or broken. Temporary Labels are available at the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Wearing a nametag just makes it easier for everyone, especially visitors coming to our church, to introduce themselves and say "Hello". So the message is: Please wear a nametag at Church on Sunday.

Radical Hospitality: "We also need others, including people who are not close to our heart of hearts. We need simpler, uncomplicated relationships with others. Hospitality expects that we share ourselves, some part of ourselves at least..."

Newsletter Submittals

We value your contributions and very much appreciate email submittals.

When sending email contributions to *On Common Ground*, address them to:

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Marcy's Musings

It's Only a Door

Visitors to my home sometimes appear to be taken aback by, of all things, the door of my refrigerator. Most are too polite to ask questions, but I can tell they are curious; they keep on glancing at it. My guess is that they are wondering why it is so covered with 'stuff', and I do understand that it looks messy... to them. Not to me. I like the way it looks.

Time was when the 'stuff' on the refrigerator door had been proudly borne home from school in small hands. Even now, I smile as I remember that little-boy art. Some of it was quite unusual, but that was okay, and it was worthy of space on the door then. Likewise, the messy 'stuff' that puzzles my friends is worthy of space now.

Your question, 'Why is she blathering on about a refrigerator door?'

My answer, 'Because what I have put there is crucial to my daily life.'

There are ordinary things - a calendar, emergency phone numbers, etc. Then there are not-ordinary things; namely, documents from and about this church. It pleases me that among them are copies of our Principles, our Mission Statement and the Great Expectations Covenant. I like seeing them there. If, however, you are now imagining some daily, ritualistic reading, that would be wrong. But the documents are accessible when I need them as reminders of what drew me to this community, what holds me here, and what responsibilities arise out my deeply-felt gratitude. They merit space on the door.

Preparation for our Annual Meeting is underway. The various tasks fall to the Rev. Jan, the Board of Trustees, and Committee Chairs. In the midst of getting it all done on time, I have been thinking about the fact that some members don't attend. Why is it, I wonder, that they don't come to the meeting and cast their votes?

One more meeting doesn't rank high on the list of things to do when a beautiful June day beckons. I know that, and I know there are other reasons for hurrying away after Sunday services. Yet I still wonder ... especially as I stand in front of my refrigerator, morning coffee in hand, and read our Principles.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

Reading on to the fifth principle...

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large,

Hm'm'm ... we covenant to affirm and promote the 'democratic process within our congregation.' Might that begin with attending congregational meetings to cast our votes?

The optimist in me looks forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting.

*Marcy Burns, President,
Board of Trustees*



RE Program June 2011



	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
INFANTS TODDLERS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN SERVICE AND BRIDGE TO PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE VOLUNTEER: MARY LOU FARIS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN PLAYROOM AIDE: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, MONICA VALENZUELA	CHILDREN BEGIN IN SERVICE AND BRIDGE TO PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE VOLUNTEER: TERRIE KNAPP	CHILDREN BEGIN IN SERVICE AND BRIDGE TO PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER, MONICA VALENZUELA
PRE-K	CHILDREN BEGIN IN SERVICE AND BRIDGE TO PLAYROOM AIDES: KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER	RECYCLING CHRISTINE WEED FROM THE CITY OF VENTURA	MESSY CRAFTS BEVERLY JANUSZEWSKI	NEWFOUNDLAND CART DOG DEMONSTRATION JOANN STARK
GRADES K-2	JAPAN MARK URWICK	RECYCLING CHRISTINE WEED FROM THE CITY OF VENTURA	MESSY CRAFTS BEVERLY JANUSZEWSKI	NEWFOUNDLAND CART DOG DEMONSTRATION JOANN STARK
GRADES 3-6	JAPAN MARK URWICK	RECYCLING CHRISTINE WEED FROM THE CITY OF VENTURA	MESSY CRAFTS BEVERLY JANUSZEWSKI	NEWFOUNDLAND CART DOG DEMONSTRATION JOANN STARK
Grades 6 and up	*JAPAN* WITH MARK URWICK *BIRTHDAY RECOGNITIONS*	TEACHER: CHERYL DUNLAP	TEACHER: EVAN AUSTIN	*NEWFOUNDLAND CART DOG DEMONSTRATION* WITH JOANN STARK

NEWS from Religious Education • LISA URWICK, INTERIM CRE

In June We Come Alive!

Our summer program kicks off with volunteers from all parts of our congregation sharing with our children the things that make them Come Alive.

We begin by traveling to Japan with Mark Urwick. Mark lived in Japan for 2½ years teaching English to adult students. He fell in love with the culture and people, and has since taken both of his children back to visit friends there. He is excited to share with our RE students stories, artifacts and games from Japan.

We are fortunate to have Christine Weed from the City of Ventura

coming in June to teach our children how to help us recycle correctly. Can we put used plastic plates in recycling? How about paper coffee cups? Or are they both trash? Christine will help all of us to make our sanctuary and our lives a little more “green.”

Towards the end of June, we will be doing messy crafts with Beverly Januszewski (Paint and glue, anyone?)

To round off the month, UUCV member Jo Ann Stark is bringing her cart-trained Newfoundland dog to share with children of all ages. We will be blocking off a small part of the parking lot so all the kids, from toddlers to teens, will be able to see what a Newfoundland dog is and how they can be trained to help people.

As the summer progresses, a few of the things you can look forward to are “Broken Bones and Blood” with Jill

June Birthdays

Catalina, Levi, Thomas, Shea, Tanner, Fidelity, Kahar, Maravilla, Matthew, Megan



Foreman, “World Music” with John Zeretzke and Tie-Dye with Sharon Damerell among so much more. It will make the adults almost want to miss the Service (just kidding, Jan)!

But the biggest change this summer is welcoming our new Director of Religious Education, Julia Tyler, who will officially begin her job with us on July 1st. We had the opportunity to meet her in May and can’t wait for her to begin with us full time. There will be a more thorough introduction to her in July’s newsletter.

Important Note and reminder:

Parents, after the service if your child(ren) are not picked up right away please look for them in the Pre-k playroom or outside at the play yard. The aides are available for childcare until noon unless there is a special activity.

**Save the Date • August 12-14
All-Church Campout
McGrath State Beach**

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” – Howard Thurman (author, theologian, civil rights leader)

UU Things To Do • Adult Programs

Sign Up At The Adult Programs Table In The Community Hall
Info Celia Ortenberg at 805/984-8089, ortenbc@gmail.com

Two New, Weekly Yoga Classes

Yoga for Flexibility, Balance, and Relaxation

Mondays, 4-5PM, in the Sanctuary (Starts June 13)

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM, in the Sanctuary (Starts June 16)

Come to one; come to both!

Fee per class: \$6 UUCV Members; \$9 general public

Fun Book Club June 19

Third Sunday, at 11:30AM, on the couches in the sanctuary. We use book club guides to help focus on the book. All are welcome.

June: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova;
July: *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen

If you have fun reading and discussing books, join us. For info contact Dorothy Fast Horse 218-9478, dfasthorse@aol.com

Camping Trip for Father & Son (cousin, nephew, uncle, brother)

The weekend of June 10 in Ojai. Contact Michael makseven@yahoo.com, 805/208-0344.

UUniques Meet

We are looking forward to seeing you all on June 23 for our monthly pot luck dinner at 6:30PM. We have some great excursion ideas to discuss. It has been suggested that some of our talented hobbyists give brief presentations about their passions.

Green Conversations

Informal Book & Discussion Group focusing on green living & values

Java Joe's coffee shop, Ste 125
2950 Johnson Dr, Vta, 805/642-4332
1st & 3rd Monday 6:30PM

For more information contact Janette at 652-1213 or janettedw@charter.net

(New Date)

Party To Help End Homelessness

June 4 • 5 - 10PM

Spectacular home of Frank Peterson & Lucy Duffy

Park at the Presbyterian Church at 1500 Poli Street

Bring your friends and family (including children) and help us raise funds for our Lift Up Your Voice project. There will be food, fun, music, and a silent auction. You won't want to miss this opportunity to see Frank and Lucy's magnificent home or its spectacular ocean views. For information, contact Haroldale at 805-701-9672 or HCartlidge@aol.com

LGBT Sunday Brunch

The LGBT support group meets for brunch every 3rd Sunday at noon. Locations change, contact Julie Moore, 653-6296 or werfamilyvideos@aol.com

FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Movies start at 7PM • (Enter at back door)

June 3 • *Never Forever, 2000, R.*

Vera Farmiga (*Boy in the Blue-Striped Pajamas*), stars in this domestic drama from the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, as a woman who is utterly devoted to her Korean husband and unable to get pregnant. It's a most unusual and entertaining story with a remarkably romantic ending.

June 10 • *The Madness of King George, 1994, PG-13.*

The intermittent mental health issues of King George III--the English monarch who lost the war to keep the American colonies--ignite a flurry of political and familial treachery in this semi-comical, biographical drama that earned Oscar nominations for both Nigel Hawthorne and Helen Mirren. Rupert Graves and Rupert Everett co-star. The film is arguably every bit as outstanding as *The King's Speech*, with which it shares many traits.

June 17 • *Jack Goes Boating, 2010, R for language, drug use and some sexual content.*

Philip Seymour Hoffman directs and stars in this unlikely romance about Jack, a marijuana-smoking Manhattan limo driver who begins an unlikely regimen of self-improvement to win the heart of a fellow misfit named Connie (Amy Ryan). But as Jack learns to swim and to cook for Connie's benefit, he is also drawn into the pain and treachery of his best friends' marital troubles. While these leading characters are clearly social misfits, their developing relationship is a very special one that most of us would envy.

June 24 • *Letters to Father Jacob (Postia Pappi Jaakobille), 2009, Not Rated. Finnish with English subtitles.*

With nowhere else to turn to after her unexpected pardon and release from prison, a convicted murderer reluctantly accepts a job composing letters for a blind pastor, whom she deeply resents at first, but gradually grows to admire. This is a heartwarming tale of personal redemption, for both the convict and the priest alike. This is the first Finnish film shown at Movie Night.

Nominating Slate 2011

Board of Trustees Nominees

Vice President: Carolyn Briggs

I am pleased to be considered for this service to our congregation. My husband Dale Condra and I have been members of this congregation since 1995. As a member my service has included Search Committees for Minister and for Assistant Minister, Committee on Ministry, Social Action Coordinating Committee Chair, Annual Canvass, Newsletter Co-editor, Nominating Committee member, Memorial Foundation and Permanent Endowment Fund member.

Husband Dale participates in the Humanist Seminar, is active in men's group, grounds committee work and regularly attends to irrigation, electrical and plumbing "fix-it" projects in our church building.

This religious community is important to me. It has lifted me up, been a source of personal and spiritual support, and I look forward to experiencing a growing and deeper connection to this congregation in the years to come.

Secretary: Joe Hutchins

Joe Hutchins has been a Unitarian Universalist since 1983. He has been a member of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara and Live Oak UU Congregation of Goleta and a member of UUCV since 2005. He has served on the Finance Committee, Personnel sub-committee, recording secretary for the Board and the Committee on Ministry and is a Worship Associate.

Joe grew up as a Roman Catholic attending Catholic grammar school in San Francisco. He enjoyed being an altar boy and participating in the rituals of the Church. Joe found the Unitarian Universalist tradition after meeting his future wife and future in-laws.

Joe is married to member Silvia Hutchins and they have two twenty-something children. Their son is a senior at UCSB studying Business. Their daughter is currently teaching sixth grade at a private school in Santa Marta, Columbia.

Joe has a PhD in engineering from UCSB and currently works in Santa Barbara. He likes building and learning to play and improvise on the piano.

Trustee at Large Nominees (2)

Diana Nolin

I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community on the Board of Trustees. Since joining this congregation seven years ago, I have made many new friends, in part through my work on the Membership Committee. I have had the honor of supporting our Intern Minister, Kristen Rohm, as a member of her committee in her learning process as a ministerial presence in our congregation.

It is my goal as a Trustee to remain true to our covenant by helping create a worship community that supports the inherent worth and dignity of each of us on our paths of a fully lived lives.

It is a privilege to give to and receive from this community that has become my second family. My other family members include adult daughters who live in San Francisco and Las Vegas and my independent 84-year-old father living in Florida.

Kim Prieto

My name is Kimberly Prieto. My husband Eric and I have been members of this congregation for 6½ years, after moving to Ventura from Santa Barbara. We have two children, Sofie (7) and Charlie (5).

I have been heavily involved in the RE program since joining the church, having chaired the RE Committee for one year and taught for 3 years. I am looking forward to a broader involvement as a Trustee.

Nominating Committee

Kent Brinkmeyer

My name is Kent Brinkmeyer and I moved to Oxnard 2½ years ago after retiring from a 35 years with the Los Angeles Public Library. My wife Sue and I came to UUCV to make friends and get involved in social action. We are in our second year of service on the Social Action Coordinating Committee, and through that committee have been introduced to many wonderful community organizations, especially those dealing with the issue of homelessness. Knowing what we get from an organization is usually commensurate with what we give, I hope to encourage people to take a more active role in the church.

Michael Akseven

I have been a member of the UUCV over 12 years when we relocated here from Dana Point. I have been a member of the search committee that found us Jan, our minister. I have served a year on our board, worked with B & G, done fund-raisers, do lunches, coordinate the annual service auction, have co-started our men's group, simplicity groups and other fun stuff. I believe in our principles, values and mission. Service is very important to me and to my family. Thank you for having faith in me.

Joyce Faber

My name is Joyce Faber. My husband, Gary and I have five children and seven grandchildren two of our children and one of our grandchildren and his wife live here. I was a member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, the Santa Monica UU church and the Santa Barbara UU Church. I have taught in our Religious Education program for 4 years, served on the Board of Trustees and attended Religious Education Committee meetings. For a year I facilitated a class on opening our hearts. I attended a district leadership training and the District Assembly both inspired and informed me. I value this community and our larger UU movement and look forward to serving our church.

Memorial Foundation & Permanent Endowment Fund

Lee O'Neil

Lee O'Neil is a long time member of the congregations with his wife, Donna. He has three grown children and four grandchildren. He previously served on the Building and Grounds Committee, is active in the Men's Fellowship, and served on the Committee that sold the previous church property and purchased this one. His favorite pastimes are fishing, hiking, and reading.

Annette Heck

My name is Annette Heck. I was born and raised in Los Angeles and attended the First Congregational Church from early child-

hood. After one year at Occidental College I married and had four children, the oldest, Allen Ball, a new member of this congregation. I first attended the UU church in Sacramento in 1988 and found my true church home. In subsequent moves, I became a member of UU congregations in Ventura, Palos Verdes and Fresno.

After retirement, I returned to Ventura. I live with my second son, Tom Ball and his wife, Jill. I care for their 7 year-old twins, Emily and Sarah. I have been active in choir, in charge of altar flowers for two years and taught RE. I enjoy the Thurs. morning book group and consider it part of my continuing education. I value this church tremendously and consider it a great asset to our community's families.

David Frank

David Frank, a lifelong UU, is a retired professor of plastic surgery. In the 1990's he served on the board of directors and as president of the First UU Church of San Diego. Having joined the Ventura UU Church in 2001, he has served in many capacities including the Endowment Start-up Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Directors. He was President during the transition from the Terry House, and has also served as Treasurer. At present he is one of the Worship Associates. His wife, Janice Frank, currently is on the Church Board of Directors and serves as one of the co-advisors of R.E.A.L, the church's youth group.

June 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>National Rose Month</p>			1 BRIDGE – 1PM MEN'S GROUP I – 7PM	2 BOOK CLUB – 10AM HANDICRAFT GROUP (OFFSITE) – 2:30PM WORSHIP ASSOCIATES – 6:15PM MEN'S GROUPS III & IV – 7PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 7PM	3 COUNCIL MEETING – 6PM MOVIE NIGHT – 7PM	4 UUV MEN'S BREAKFAST BUNCH (HARBOR CARROWS) – 9AM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 9AM PASTORAL VISITORS – 10AM LUUV FUNDRAISER (FRANK PETERSON'S) – 5PM
5 MUSIC – 9:45AM SERVICE – 10AM	6 WOMEN'S GROUP – 1PM RAIN DINNER PICKUP – 3PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 5:30PM GREEN CONVERSATIONS – 6:30PM MEDITATION W/THE FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART – 7PM	7 MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM MEN'S GROUP II – 6:30PM MEN'S GROUP V – 7PM	8 BRIDGE – 1PM YOGA FOR STRESS – 5:30PM B & G COMMITTEE – 6:30PM	9 BOOK CLUB – 10AM SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE – 6PM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – 6:30PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 7PM	10 GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE – 5PM SCRAPBOOKING – 6PM MOVIE NIGHT – 7PM	11 T'AI CHI CHIH® – 9AM CHILD CARE CO-OP – 4:30PM
12 MUSIC – 9:45AM SERVICE – 10AM HUMANISM SEMINAR – 11:30AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 11:30AM R.E.A.L. YOUTH GROUP – 11:30AM	13 RIVER HAVEN DINNER PICKUP – 3PM YOGA – 4PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 5:30PM INTRO TO MEDITATION – 6:30PM MEDITATION W/THE FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART – 7PM	14 Flag Day MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM FINANCE COMM – 6:30PM WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS – 6:30PM 	15 BRIDGE – 1PM MEN'S GROUP I – 7PM	16 BOOK CLUB – 10AM HANDICRAFT GROUP (OFFSITE) – 2:30PM YOGA – 5:30PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 6PM MEN'S GROUPS III & IV – 7PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 7PM	17 GAME NIGHT – 6:30PM UUMOVIE NIGHT – 7PM	18 ALL-CHURCH WORK PARTY – 9AM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 9AM
19 Fathers Day MUSIC – 9:45AM SERVICE – 10AM FUN BOOK CLUB – 11:30AM LGBT BRUNCH – 12PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - NOON	20 WOMEN'S GROUP – 1PM YOGA – 4 T'AI CHI CHIH® – 5:30PM GREEN CONVERSATIONS – 6:30PM MEDITATION W/THE FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART – 7PM	21 Summer Solstice MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM RE COMMITTEE – 6PM MEN'S GROUP II – 6:30PM MEN'S GROUP V – 7PM	22 BRIDGE – 1PM	23 BOOK CLUB – 10AM YOGA – 5:30PM UUNIQUE +50 POTLUCK – 6:30PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 7PM	24 MOVIE NIGHT – 7PM	25 T'AI CHI CHIH® – 9AM
26 MUSIC – 9:45AM SERVICE – 10AM HUMANISM SEMINAR – 11:30AM R.E.A.L. YOUTH GROUP – 11:30AM	27 RAIN & RIVERHAVEN DINNER PICK UP – 3PM YOGA – 4 T'AI CHI CHIH® – 5:30PM MEDITATION W/THE FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART – 7PM	28 MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP – 10AM WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS – 6:30PM	29 NEWSLETTER FOLDING – 10AM BRIDGE – 1PM	30 BOOK CLUB – 10AM HANDICRAFT GROUP (OFFSITE) – 2:30PM YOGA – 5:30PM T'AI CHI CHIH® – 7PM		

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Volunteers Opportunities - Join a Committee

Please consider these opportunities as you make plans for the new church year. There are also one-time opportunities to support the work of committees. See details under Volunteers Wanted on the Community Bulletin Board in Berg Hall.

Green Sanctuary Committee

Responsible for overseeing 12 projects for receiving accreditation in the UU Ministry for Earth as a Green Sanctuary. Committee meets the 2nd Friday at 5PM in Berg Hall. New members and a Recording Secretary are needed. Phoebe Higgins, Chair. phoebehiggins@yahoo.com

Membership Committee

Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month in the Conference Room from 6:30- 8PM. The committee is looking for a few new members who are enthusiastic about Unitarian Universalism. Bryan Buck, Chair. bryanabuck@hotmail.com

Children's Religious Education Committee

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesdays from 6-8PM. Three energetic people with good communications skills are needed. Each member chooses a sphere of influence such as Service, Communications, Teacher Support/Training, and Welcoming. Beverly Januszewski, Chair. drzooski@sbcglobal.net.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The committee meets the second Wednesday evening of the month and meetings last one hour or less. They are looking for new members or just folks with skills willing to be called on an as-needed basis. Scott Ellison, Chair. Scott6477@gmail.com; 805/658-8068

Worship Associates

Worship Associates meet on the first Thursday evening of the month. Applications to be a Worship Associate are due on August 15 and the retreat is on the evening of Sept. 9 and during the day on September 19. To get an application, contact Neal Ortenberg 368-9835, nealstuart@gmail.com.

Social Action Coordinating Committee

Meetings are the second Thursday of the month beginning with a potluck at 6:00 and ending no later than 8:30. They are looking for one or two additional members who would like to take on a greater role in organizing the social justice programs within the church. Sue Brinkmeyer, Chair 818/281-6249 or suebrinkmeyer@earthlink.net.