



# MINISTER'S COLUMN

## Rev It Up

### March Theme: Blessings

I am a big fan of Rob Breznsy's Free Will Astrology. My Capricorn horoscope often gets right to the heart of it. Here is the one for a certain week in April which works for any week:

"He who wants to do good knocks at the gate," says Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore in one of his "Stray Bird" poems, while "he who loves finds the gate open." I agree completely. That's why I advise you, as you get ready to head off to your next assignment, not to be burning with a no-nonsense intention to fix things. Rather, be flowing with the desire to offer whatever gifts and blessings are most needed.

Hmm. A no-nonsense intention to fix things? Who me? Yeah, OK. Maybe. So as May unfolds, I think I will be focusing more on offering whatever gifts and blessings are most needed. That could be a blessing for me and for others.

What is your work this month to increase the blessings you bestow? Need help? Breznsy also reminds us that we can have anything we ask for as long as we ask in a way that isn't selfish.

May the blessings of this community be yours,

*In faith,*

*Rev. Jan*

P.S. On May 15, my monthly Sunday out of the pulpit, I will be preaching an ordination/installation sermon in Fremont, California. I will then be at ministerial meetings and our District Assembly in Pasadena from May 18-21. I hope to see some of you there.

### The Blessings of Transcendence

On Wednesday, May 4 from 6-7:30PM, I will meet with those who would like to discuss blessings and inspiration received from transcendent experiences and anyone just wanting to listen with an open heart.



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 New Easy Way to submit  
 newsletter articles:  
[newsletter@uuventura.org](mailto:newsletter@uuventura.org)

### Joining a Committee....it's that time

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 of the month at 5:00 in Berg Hall. New members and a Recording Secretary are needed. Phoebe Higgins, Chair. [phoebehiggins@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:bryanabuck@hotmail.com)

#### Children's Religious Education Committee

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM. Three energetic people with good communications skills are needed. Each member chooses a sphere of influence such as Service, Communication, Teacher Support/Training, and Welcoming. Beverly Januszewski, Chair. [drzooski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drzooski@sbcglobal.net).

#### Building and Grounds Committee

The committee meets the second Wednesday evening of the month. 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:nealstuart@gmail.com).

#### Social Action Coordinating Committee

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month beginning with a potluck at 6PM 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](mailto:suebrinkmeyer@earthlink.net)

## 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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### Next Newsletter Deadline

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## If it is Monday

Someone recently chided me for not driving to the gym where I go in the early morning. The owner considers it good business to have many cars in the parking lot at that hour. He is struggling to keep the doors open, and I did weigh driving vs. walking but opted to continue to walk. Then in the peculiar way my brain drifts from topic to seemingly-unrelated topic, I wondered, "What does the church parking lot reveal about UU Ventura?"

We expect the lot to be full on Sunday morning, but how is it on other days? That is not, I think, a trivial question. Cars mean people. People mean activity, and activity means a thriving community. We know there will be only a few cars on some weekdays, but if Sunday should become the single day when many people come to the church, we will have cause for worry.

No worries now! Living in Oxnard, as I do, I typically am in Ventura and at the church only to attend scheduled events, but that is often enough to know we are a busy community. We attend committee meetings, classes, men's group, women's group, book clubs, a discussion group, UUniques, Building and Grounds day, choir practice, potluck dinners, movies, and other worthy activities not mentioned here (*mea culpa*). Nonetheless, you might think the parking lot would be near empty on Monday evenings. You would be wrong.

If on any Monday around 5:30PM you happen to be driving along Ralston, check out the parking lot. Surprise - lots of cars! If you are curious and stop by, you will find more than twenty men and women in the semi-darkened sanctuary. In a circle, they are moving slowly and silently in unison. They are practicing *T'ai Chi Chih* (TCC), simple but precise movements that, once learned, become meditative in nature. Students often become devoted practitioners. The Monday evening group, which just celebrated its one-year anniversary, is open to all (\$5 per session). Drop in for one session or many. You just may be glad you did.

TCC ends at 6:30. Some cars leave, some stay, and others arrive. Meditation with the Friendship Sangha of the Heart begins at 7. In the quiet, still semi-dark sanctuary, men and women sit in a circle on mats and pillows and chairs. The session leader sounds the bell and opens the session with a guided meditation. Then we sit together in silence, walk together in silence, listen to the wise words of a dharma reading, and sit again in meditation. The bell signals the end of the peaceful silence, and we speak and listen to one another with open hearts. We sing, "I have arrived. I am home in the here and the now. I am solid. I am free. In the ultimate I dwell." It is 8:30 or 9PM but we linger, reluctant to end our time together.

*T'ai Chi Chih* and meditation. Respite – quiet – peace – centering. You can be certain there will be cars in the parking lot every Monday evening. Maybe yours will be among them?

Marcy Burns, President,  
Board of Trustees



# RE Program May 2011



	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>INFANTS TODDLERS</b>	PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE VOLUNTEER: MARY LOU FERRIS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN PLAYROOM AIDE: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE VOLUNTEER: TERRIE KNAPP	PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, MONICA VALUNZUELA	"BLESSING OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE AND PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER	PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, MONICA VALENZUELA
<b>PRE-K</b>	"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" AND PLAYROOM AIDES SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE VOLUNTEER MARY LOU FERRIS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN BACKYARD AREA CLASSROOM THEME: BLESSING/MOTHER'S DAY TEACHER: JULIE MOORE AIDE: SIERRA OSLER	REHEARSE FOR "BLESSING OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE TEACHER: JOYCE FABER AIDE: SIERRA OSLER	"BLESSING OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY" AND PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER	PLAYROOM AIDES: SIERRA SIMMONS-MARBLE, MONICA VALENZUELA
<b>GRADES K-2</b>	"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" AND BACKYARD AIDES: SIERRA OSLER, KELSEY YOUNG 11:30AM OWL CLASS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN BACKYARD AREA CLASSROOM THEME: BLESSING/MOTHER'S DAY TEACHER: KIM PRIETO AIDE: MONICA VALENZUELA	REHEARSE FOR "BLESSING OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE TEACHER: KIM PRIETO AIDE: KELSEY YOUNG	"BLESSING OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE	SERVICE SUNDAY: REFLECTIONS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AIDES: KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER
<b>GRADES 3-6</b>	"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS" AND BACKYARD AIDES: SIERRA OSLER, KELSEY YOUNG 11:30AM OWL CLASS	CHILDREN BEGIN IN BACKYARD AREA CLASSROOM THEME: BLESSING/MOTHER'S DAY. TEACHER: SHARON DAMERELL AIDE: KELSEY YOUNG	REHEARSE FOR "BLESSING OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE TEACHER: VEL AKSEVEN	"BLESSING OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE	SERVICE SUNDAY: REFLECTIONS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AIDES: KELSEY YOUNG, SIERRA OSLER
<b>Grades 6 and up</b>	"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS". TEACHER: EVAN AUSTIN *BIRTHDAY RECOGNITIONS* OWL MEETING	TEENS BEGIN IN CLASSROOM THEME: BLESSING/MOTHER'S DAY TEACHER: EVAN AUSTIN REAL MTG	REHEARSE FOR "BLESSING OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE TEACHER: EVAN AUSTIN. OWL MEETING	"BLESSING OF OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY" SERVICE 11:30AM REAL MTG *12PM ALL-CHURCH PICNIC*	SERVICE SUNDAY: REFLECTIONS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING TEACHER: EVAN AUSTIN

## NEWS from Religious Education • LISA URWICK, INTERIM CRE

In May, we celebrate "Blessings" and there are so many surrounding us, it will be difficult to fit them all in. This month we will have the two Services the kids look forward to EVERY year: the "Blessing of the Animals" on May 1 and the "Blessing of the Learning Community" on May 22 (previously called RE Sunday).

For the former date, the children are able to bring their own pets to participate in the service and get to share the joy of seeing everyone else's pets as well. Dogs are always in attendance, but we all enjoy seeing the occasional pet iguana or fish who bless our children's lives in so many ways.

On the later date, "Blessing of the Learning Community" Service is where the spirits of the children truly shine. It is difficult to believe that we are in our last month of RE classes with the various teaching themes.

Everyone can look forward to seeing the children share what they have learned this year at this memorable service. We will be rehearsing for this service on the evening of Tuesday, May 17, combined with a PIZZA PARTY from 5:30-7PM. Gotta come for pizza, stay for the practice!

Also, don't forget to come to the All-Church Picnic which directly follows the "BLC" Service. It will again be at Arroyo Verde Park and I will again be falling off the ice-block as I try to ride it down the hill.

Bring your favorite food to grill for your family and, in good UU fashion, a dish to share! To help eliminate waste, don't forget to bring your own plates/silverware/cups. We will provide drinks, condiments and entertainment galore! Don't miss the hula hoop contest, egg toss, three-legged race, ice-blocking and more! We hope to see you all there!

**May Birthdays**

Flo B, A.J, Benjamin,  
Celeste, Chevelle

### Pizza Party and RE Rehearsal Tuesday, May 17

All the RE children are invited to participate in our "Blessing of the Learning Community" Service on Sunday, May 22. Each of the Classrooms is preparing something to share with our congregation during the Service, based on some of the work they have been doing in their classrooms during the year. On May 17, from 5:30-7PM, there will be a pizza party and rehearsal in the Sanctuary for all the classrooms. We hope you will come and support your child in spiritual growth they have accomplished since last August.

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something." - UU Edward Everett Hale*

# Social Action

*"the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi*

## Social Action Committee News

*Marcel Proust advised us to "be grateful to people who make us happy," for "they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*

It is particularly easy for me to follow this advice this month, when my heart is absolutely overflowing with gratitude and happiness thanks to:

- Captain Bill Finley of the Salvation Army, who made a fascinating and passionate presentation about The Gateway, where anyone in need of social services will one day get comprehensive assistance all in one location.
- The more than 40 members of this church who came to hear Captain Bill and signed up to be on our Lift Up Your Voice mailing list so that they can show up, call, or write when their voices and good will are needed.
- Beth Sutherland, our Lift Up Your Voice coordinator, who so eloquently shared with us some of the ways each of us can take steps toward ending homelessness in Ventura.
- The fine folks at McDonald's who gave us 50 meal cards to include in Care Packages we can carry with us in order to respond in a loving and helpful way to the homeless we meet around the city.
- Haroldale Cartlidge, Dorothy Fast Horse, Betty Burnham, Anne Escobedo, Katherine Gooding, and Kent Brinkmeyer who made the first of these Care Packages.
- The members of our congregation who bought (at cost) every one of the Care Packages we had available so we can make more.
- Frank Peterson, who heard our Lift Up Your Voice funding is running out in June and offered his home for a fundraiser, May 28, 5:30-10PM.
- The members of Temple Beth Torah partnering with us in so many ways as we move forward in our social justice work: they are making plans to provide meals at RiverHaven one (maybe two) Mondays a month; present our Photo Project in conjunction with a fundraiser for the Homeless Prevention Fund; sponsor a Hidden Ventura Experience; and join with our Youth Group in painting the SARAH Center at Project Understanding.
- An Lac Mission for inviting us to join with them in a fundraising vegetarian dinner and show for the victims of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear plant problems in Japan. "Unity in Compassion," Saturday, May 7, 5:30-7:30PM, 901 S. Saticoy Avenue, Ventura 93004.

### California Budget & Tax Cuts Presentation by C.A.U.S.E.

A crucial nonpartisan project by the Coastal Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (C.A.U.S.E.) aims to educate the public about the state budget, the source of its revenues and expenditures and to stimulate voter participation.

At the invitation of the Social Action Committee, C.A.U.S.E. representative Chris Lanier or one of his staff will make the presentation to the congregation at a day and time to be announced. At this critical juncture in our state's development, it's an education no socially concerned group can afford to miss.

### Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

Crop Walk Sunday, May 1  
First United Methodist Church, 1338 East Santa Clara St  
Check-in between 1 - 1:45 • Walk begins at 2PM

**During May bring office and art supplies for  
Prototypes Women Center & Turning Point  
Box in rear entrance hallway for items. Black pens  
are in big demand.**

### Celebratory Fundraiser for Lift Up Your Voice Saturday May 28 • 5:30PM

As you may know, the funding grant for LUYV will probably not be renewed this year. Frank Peterson and Lucy Duffy will host a celebratory party, dinner/fundraiser for Lift Up Your Voice in an attempt to save LUYV and to keep Beth Sutherland, so please give generously at the door. The evening will include dinner and live music.

Just visiting Frank and Lucy's magnificent three story home is a visual and sensual feast. You can see pictures of the house at their website: <http://www.homeaway.com//315967>. Hillside parking is a problem so there will be shuttle service from the Presbyterian Church at 1500 Poli Street. For map and further details, check the SACC bulletin board.

# 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](mailto:ortenbc@gmail.com)

## Meditation & Buddhist Practice

### Monday Meditation at 7PM in the sanctuary.

*Introduction to Meditation* - second Monday at 6:30PM

## Fun Book Club April 15

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.

May: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana De Rosnay; 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, [dfast-horse@aol.com](mailto:dfast-horse@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](mailto:werfamilyvideos@aol.com)

## Folk Dancing

1st & 3rd Sunday • 12 to 1:30

Points West Fencing Center  
2300 Knoll Drive Unit L, Ventura.

NO partner is needed as we learn line dances from such places as Israel, Greece, Romania etc. \$10 donation appreciated to help pay for the space and transportation for Michal. If you can't afford that, come dance anyway.

## Daytime UU Women's Discussion Group Forming

### Tuesday, Starting April 12

10 - 11PM, Berg Hall

Each week the participants will share important topics, current events or issues, giving everyone an opportunity to express ideas and concerns.

Join us for lively conversation and another opportunity to make the world a better place.

Contact: Deborah Rogosin, 485-8240

## Yoga for Stress Release

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:45PM

May 11, 28 & June 5

Want to relax more? Feeling stressed or anxious lately? Come to a gentle yoga class focused on releasing stress. No yoga experience necessary. Bring a blanket or beach towel and a yoga mat if you have one.

Offered by Kristen Rohm, Student Minister & Certified Yoga Instructor

## UU Uniques

Pot luck dinner May 26 at 6:30 in the Berg hall. We invite people to talk about their hobbies. If appropriate, bring an example of your work.

## 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 (occasional 5th) Monday 6:30PM

For more information contact Janette at 652-1213 or [janettedw@charter.net](mailto:janettedw@charter.net)

## FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

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

May 6 • *The Girl (Flickan)*, 2009, Not Rated, Swedish with English subtitles.

This coming-of-age story tells the adventures of a 9-year-old Swedish girl during an entire summer in which she manages to be on her own, while she is supposedly in the care of an irresponsible, young aunt.

May 13 • NO MOVIE - Women's Retreat

May 20 • *Schultze Gets the Blues*, 2003, PG, German with English subtitles.

Schultze is a retired man living in Teutschenthal, Germany, who lives a dull, conventional existence of drinking beer with his male friends, fishing, and playing polkas on his accordion. An opportunity to participate in an accordion festival in Louisiana opens up a new universe to him, including blues music, cruising the Bayou, and new friends. This is a very moving film that won 10 international film awards.

May 27 • *The King's Speech*, 2010, R.

Colin Firth won a best actor Oscar for his role as the British monarch, King George VI, whose ability to inspire confidence and lead his nation was compromised by his severe stutter. The film focuses on his treatment from the unorthodox Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush).

## Meet the Artist

The final meeting for this session of the of New West Symphony will be held on May 13 at 11AM in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend

# UU Things To Do • Adult Programs

## May 22 All-Church Picnic

Come and join us for our annual All-Church Picnic after the service at Arroyo Verde Park at Redwood Glen (near the swings). Bring your favorite food to grill for your family and, in good UU fashion, a dish to share! To help eliminate waste, don't forget to bring your own plates/silverware/cups. We will provide EVERYTHING ELSE! Drinks are on us! Don't miss the hula hoop contest, egg toss, three-legged race, ice-blocking and more! We hope to see you all there!

## Unitarian Universalist's new Spiritual Activist Leadership Training:

The Young Leaders Project is in the middle of launching its Spiritual Activist Leadership Training (SALT), and accepting applications for the first California wide cohort of 20 young adults aged 18-35 who want to take their UU voice into the public arena and work for justice.

The application is online. It includes some short answer questions and two essays, one about the applicant's inspiration for justice work, and the other about the applicant's UU involvement.

The selection committee will have two review periods, applications received by May 31 will be reviewed by June 15, and those received by July 15 will be notified by August 1.

Are you a young adult with a thirst for justice and meeting kindred spirits across the state? Do you know someone who should apply, and might need you to offer to be a reference? Want to help make this program a reality with a donation? All are welcome, contact [sonya@uulmca.org](mailto:sonya@uulmca.org) for more information.

**Save the Date**  
**Annual Service Auction**  
**Saturday, October 15 • 5 to 9PM**

## Camping Trip for Father & Son

(cousin, nephew, uncle, brother)

The weekend of June 10 in Ojai. Contact Michael [makseven@yahoo.com](mailto:makseven@yahoo.com), 805/208-0344.

## District Assembly • Pasadena May 20-21

This assembly looks to be a good one, especially for people looking for ways to spiritually ground social justice work. This is a great way to connect with our movement. There are lots of good workshops and our UUA President, Peter Morales, is the keynote speaker. It is the 50th Anniversary of the UUA and our District.

Registration info is now online at [www.pswduua.org](http://www.pswduua.org) or for more Info: email [makseven@yahoo.com](mailto:makseven@yahoo.com), 208-0344.

## Women Writers Group Identity, Expression and Transformation

UU Congregation of Atlanta (UUCA)

October 21-22, 2011

UU congregants receive a special unpublished rate of \$70 for both days. Meet, learn and participate in workshops led by celebrated authors. Experience a yoga and meditation session designed to fuel your creative energy

For more information go to [www.uucawomenwriters.org](http://www.uucawomenwriters.org) or contact Laurie Renfro at 404-580-9704. Additional materials available upon request.



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# Committee News

## Membership Committee

**T**HANK YOU! To everyone for supporting the Greeters Program. During the course of the year it takes over 200 volunteers to welcome visitors to our church community. Sunday morning greeting is easy to do. It starts with signing up for a date on the board in Berg Hall near the couch. Greeters hand out the Order of Service and present a welcoming smile to all visitors.

Some folks even appreciate a hug! Hymnals are placed on chairs by the Greeters for everyone to use. During Service the Offering is collected by the Greeters who at the end of the Service turn it over to the Counters. The truth is that everyone is a Greeter when they introduce themselves to someone they don't know but on Sunday mornings the UUCV needs volunteers who believe in hospitality as a beginning step in a spiritual practice. .

### 28 Ways YOU Can Practice an Outward Orientation (continued)

Art Brewer, First Unitarian Congregation, Toronto, Canada, from *"The Membership Journey 2005."*

8. Use a UU coffee mug at work.
9. Practice your response to the question, "What is Unitarian Universalism?"
10. Write an article for a local newspaper about a church project in which you're involved.
11. Host a party to which you invite both members and non-members.
12. Participate in a community event that reflects UU principles.
13. Link your favorite social justice cause to the congregation.
14. Invite a non-member to a service, small group, or adult program within your congregation.

Button Theology! You may have noticed some UUCV Buttons appearing with different messages on them. (Commit To Right Action, Standing on the Side of Love, Open Minds/Helping Hands/Loving Hearts, Not To Think Alike But To Love Alike). If you have an idea for a UUCV Button let Membership know and we will try to make it for you. We'd like you to wear one any time you go shopping. Send your suggestions to [bryanabuck@hotmail.com](mailto:bryanabuck@hotmail.com)

Greeters are needed! Please sign up on the board by the couches in Berg Hall.

## Ventura Recycling FAQ's

**R**ecycling policies can be confusing; they vary based on how that city's trash hauler handles them. At UUCV, our trash is picked up by Harrison and recycles sorted at Gold Coast Recycling. The Green Sanctuary Committee has reviewed our policies to make sure the maximum amount we toss can be recycled.

The three most important guidelines:

- **Recycle bins in the church are BLUE**
- **BLUE bins are paired with a trash bin**
- **Everything added to BLUE bin must be CLEAN & DRY**

And the 'whys':

1. Harrison 'Unicycling' protocol is to toss recycles (loose and trash (in bags) in the same dumpster. They consider anything bagged to be trash. Color coding helps our janitorial service know they should dump the recycles loose into the dumpster.
2. We have noticed that if BLUE bins are not paired with a trash bin, trash is placed in the recycle container. Please help by keeping bins paired.
3. CLEAN & DRY is a Gold Coast requirement. See FAQ sheets above recycle bins for more info.

## Thank You

Joyce Faber for coordinating food for our monthly birthday celebration for the children.

RE Aides for watching over our children.

All the members/friends of Safety Committee for your input (J. Forman, R. Rogart, S. Ellison, I. Stewart, M. Akseven, Becky, R. Seveney, J. Austin, J. Frank, and K. Paulson).

David Henkel and Janice Frank for leading our youth group.

Tom Berg for making his home available to our church events.

To all of our kitchen crew.

To Al and Sue Dirrim for their above and beyond handling the Sunday morning "refrigerator emergency."

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> MUSIC - 9:45AM SERVICE - 10AM OWL ELEMENTARY - 11:30AM OWL SENIOR HIGH - 11:30AM STUDENT MINISTER COMMITTEE - 11:3AM	<b>2</b> WOMEN'S GROUPS - 1PM GREEN CONVERSATIONS (JAVA JOE'S) - 6:30PM MEDITATION W/FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART- 7PM	<b>3</b> MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM DAYTIME WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM VENTURA SOCIAL SERVICES TASK FORCE - 4PM MEN'S GROUP II - 6:30PM MEN'S GROUP V - 7PM	<b>4</b> BRIDGE - 1PM MOMENTS OF TRANSCENDENCE - 6PM MEN'S GROUP I - 7PM CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:30 PM	<b>5</b> BOOK CLUB - 10AM HANDICRAFT GROUP (OFFSITE) - 2:30PM MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP III & IV - 7PM 	<b>6</b> MOVIE NIGHT - 7PM	<b>7</b> UUV MEN'S BKFAST BUNCH (HARBOR CARROWS) - 9AM
<b>8</b> <u>MOTHER'S DAY</u> MUSIC - 9:45AM SERVICE - 10AM RE SUNDAY REHEARSAL - 11:15AM HUMANISM SEMINAR - 11:30AM REAL YOUTH GROUP - 11:30AM	<b>9</b> RIVER HAVEN DINNER PICK-UP - 3PM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 5:30PM INTRO TO MEDITATION - 6:30PM MEDITATION W/FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART- 7PM	<b>10</b> MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM DAYTIME WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS - 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE - 6:30PM	<b>11</b> BRIDGE - 1PM YOGA FOR STRESS - 5:30PM B & G COMMITTEE - 6:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:30PM	<b>12</b> BOOK CLUB - 10AM SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATING COMMITTEE - 6PM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - 6:30PM	<b>13</b> MEET THE ARTIST - 11AM GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE - 6PM SCRAPBOOKING - 6PM WOMEN'S RETREAT - (OFF SITE)	<b>14</b> WOMEN'S RETREAT - (OFF SITE) CHILDCARE CO-OP - 4PM OWL SENIOR HIGH - 5:30PM
<b>15</b> MUSIC - 9:45AM SERVICE - 10AM FUN BOOK CLUB - 11:30AM OWL ELEMENTARY AND SENIOR HIGH - 11:30AM LGBT BRUNCH - 12PM <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-NOON</b>	<b>16</b> WOMEN'S GROUP - 1PM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 5:30PM GREEN CONVERSATIONS (JAVA JOE'S) - 6:30PM MEDITATION W/FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART - 7PM	<b>17</b> MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM DAYTIME WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM RE REHEARSAL - 5:30 PM MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP II - 6:30PM MEN'S GROUP V - 7PM	<b>18</b> BRIDGE - 1PM MEN'S GROUP I - 7PM CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:30PM	<b>19</b> BOOK CLUB - 10AM HANDICRAFT GROUP - 2:30 PM (OFF SITE) MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP III & IV - 7PM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 7PM	<b>20</b> GAME NIGHT - 6:30PM MOVIE NIGHT - 7PM	<b>21</b> ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY - 9AM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 9AM OWL SENIOR HIGH - 5:30PM
<b>22</b> MUSIC - 9:45AM SERVICE - 10AM HUMANISM SEMINAR - 11:30AM RE SUNDAY AND ALL-CHURCH PICNIC - 11:30AM REAL YOUTH - 11:30 AM	<b>23</b> RIVER HAVEN DINNER PICKUP - 3PM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 5:30 PM MEDITATION W/FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART- 7PM	<b>24</b> MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM DAYTIME WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 5:30 PM RE COMMITTEE - 6PM WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS - 6:30 PM	<b>25</b> NEWSLETTER FOLDING - 10AM BRIDGE - 1PM YOGA FOR STRESS - 5:30PM CHOIR REHEARSAL - 7:30 PM	<b>26</b> BOOK CLUB - 10AM BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 6PM UUNIQUE 50+ POTLUCK DINNER - 6:30PM T'AI CHI CHIH® - 7PM	<b>27</b> MOVIE NIGHT - 7PM	<b>28</b> T'AI CHI CHIH® - 9AM
<b>29</b> MUSIC - 9:45AM SERVICE - 10AM	<b>30 - Holiday Office Closed</b> T'AI CHI CHIH® - 5:30PM SILENT MEDITATION POTLUCK - 6PM MEDITATION W/FRIENDSHIP SANGHA OF THE HEART- 7PM 	<b>31</b> MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM DAYTIME WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP - 10AM MEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS POTLUCK & MEETING - 6PM				

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## Volunteers Opportunities

### Director of Religious Education Wanted

Our Search Committee is still looking for the right candidate. If you know of someone who might be interested, please refer them to our website at [www.uuventura.org](http://www.uuventura.org).

### Librarian Needed

We have a need for a librarian to help organize our library. See Rev. Jan if you are interested.

### Ventura Chapter of Health Care for All

**A** bill is making progress in the California legislature that would eliminate insurance companies from health care and make an independent agency of health care professionals in charge. Lack of health insurance and health care is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S., and 10,000 Californians die annually simply because they cannot afford health care.

If you're interested in helping Grant Marcus respond by partnering with him to found a *Ventura Chapter of Health Care for All*, contact him at 805/259-9725.

### Help Wanted:

Homeshare of Ventura is seeking individuals who are willing to open their home to someone in need, in exchange for companionship, help with household chores, and some income.

They also need volunteers to answer phones, and do data entry and general office work. 805/ 477-7324; [homeshareofventura@gmail.com](mailto:homeshareofventura@gmail.com)

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD DONATIONS:

#### We are furnishing the new office for our Assistant minister and are in need of :

- A desk that is not larger than 5 feet wide. Ideally it will be dark oak. But any wood desk in a dark to medium shade could work.
- Two office visitor chairs. A love seat could work also.
- A corner table.
- A desk lamp, a table lamp, and a floor lamp.

**Please contact Dorothy Wootan @ [bunnywootan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bunnywootan@sbcglobal.net)**