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Sunday Services

Beginning at 9:45 we will feature a sing-along and occasionally a feature video related to our religious movement or theme.

September 4

Music: 9:45am
Service: 10AM

Loaves and Fishes

Rev. Jan Christian and Rev. David Pyle

On this Labor Day Sunday we consider the relationship between work and rest and the interplay between scarcity and abundance in our lives and in the world. John Zeretzke is our special musician.

September 11

Music: 9:45AM
Service: 10AM

We're on Holy Ground

Rev. Jan Christian, Rev. David Pyle and Kristen Rohm, Intern

This is our traditional in-gathering Sunday where we celebrate the gifts of being in community through word, song and ritual. This service will include a Child Dedication. Tom and Jill Ball are our special musicians.

September 18

Music: 9:45AM
Service: 10AM

Falling into the Equinox

Rev. Jan Christian

People often say that they need more "balance" in their lives. Rev. Jan explores this idea as it relates to our relationship to the earth and our work for justice. The Green Sanctuary Committee will participate and John Zeretzke is our special musician.

September 25

Music: 9:45AM
Service: 10AM

Reflections on Interdependence

Kristen Rohm, Intern Minister

Kristen will reflect on our monthly theme and we will welcome a special appearance by our District Executive, the Rev. Ken Brown. The UUCV Choir will sing.

Research shows an average person needs to read, see and hear a message 7 times before it sinks in, so.....

Auction, Auction, Auction, Auction, Auction, Auction, Auction

Saturday, October 15
5PM silent auction
6PM live auction

We need your items and offerings emailed to makseven@yahoo.com or call 805/208-0344 by mid-September.

This is our largest fundraiser



Sept 11 Child Dedication

In our tradition, a child dedication honors and affirms the individuality of the child and their birth community. A child dedication recognizes the family's commitment to love and care for the child and also welcomes the child into the religious community and affirms the community's commitment to the child.

Child dedication is open to the children of members. To participate, give names of children, date and place of birth, and names of parents/guardians to Rev. Jan no later than September 1.

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MINISTER'S COLUMN

Rev It Up

Summer Theme: Come Alive!

Well, I am about as REved up as a minister can be. I write this after the Rev. David Pyle's first week as our Asst. Minister. One of our meetings was with our new Director of Religious Education, Julia Tyler. Wow. And our intern, Kristen Rohm will be back with us soon. And our new soundtech Chris DeNogean has been doing a great job. And then there is Lily Starobinets and Becky Burnham and our CPA Camilla Johnson. Oh my. When I think of interdependence and know that the sum is greater than the individual parts, my head almost explodes.

Rev. David and I are being very intentional about how we go forward together. One of the biggest challenges is that he will be playing two very different roles in our congregation this year. He will be the Asst. Minister for part of the year and he will be standing in for me when I am on sabbatical. This requires flexibility on his part and yours and we will be saying more about that in the coming months.

Initially Rev. David will be in charge of revitalizing and nurturing our Great Expectations Covenant Group (see additional information in this newsletter), working with Children's Religious Education and overseeing Health Ministry. He will be taking the lead in a number of other ways as well. For example, he will be facilitating most of our Board/Leadership Retreat. We need new, fresh eyes and especially the eyes of someone who brings so much. And it is a great way for Rev. David to get to know more people and for them to get to know him. You will be hearing more about all of this on Sundays and thru the e-tree and future newsletters.

Rev. David and I will both have Mondays as our Sabbath and Fridays as our Study/Reflection/Sermon Writing days.

May you find some new way to enter into the web of congregational life and find it as inspiring and challenging as I do.

Interdependently Yours

Rev. Jan

Second Year Themes (September to May)

Interdependence

Forgiveness

Death

Grace/God

Letting Go

Love

Covenant

Rebirth/Renewal

Memory and Hope

On Meeting and Meetings...

On my third day with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, I remarked to Rev. Jan how wonderful it felt to be so welcomed into the life of a congregation. While certainly a part of that welcome has come from the many greetings in the hallways, the beautiful office, and the absolutely amazing desk that greeted me... it was not these things that cemented my sense of welcome.

No, it was responsibility. It was moving quickly into the role of ministering into the life of this congregation that has generated a feeling of being in a spiritual home in me.

Over the next few months before Rev. Jan goes on sabbatical, my focus will be on learning who you are as a congregation of our liberal faith. To quote a colleague, the beauty of our faith tradition is that each of our congregations is both as unique as a snowflake... and as similar. One of the ways I will be growing into relationship with you will be by focusing some of my initial time and energy on our Religious Education program, assisting our new director of Religious Education in moving into her role.

I will also be finding opportunities to meet with many different ministry groups in our congregation, so that we can learn about one another and grow together. Some Sundays I will be in the worship service, other Sundays I will be in Religious Education. I will also be integrating with my military unit in Encino, and exploring what it means to be both your Assistant Minister and a Reserve Military Chaplain here in California.

But mostly, I will be Meeting, and in Meetings... and through it all I hope to learn who you are, what are your passions, and how we can together grow into beloved community and a world made whole.

Yours in Faith,

Rev. David

Calling People of the Great Expectations Covenant

If you have signed the Great Expectations Covenant or plan to sign it on November 13, please plan to be at a gathering with Revs. David and Jan on Sunday, September 18 from 1-3PM.

We will discuss ways for this group to learn and grow and serve together. If you want information on the Great Expectations Covenant, see either Rev. Jan or Rev. David. We anticipate monthly meetings of this group.

Newsletter Submittals

We value your contributions and very much appreciate email submittals.

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

newsletter@
uuventura.org



Next Newsletter Deadline

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Questions and Answers (maybe)

"What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Mary Oliver

Mary Oliver's question is an invitation to deliberately think about how we are living out our days. And as excellent questions often do, this one leads to more queries. Do we hear them? Do we answer? Perhaps we don't. It is so much easier to just turn to less weighty thoughts, but if we *are* prompted to engage in a bit of soul-searching, the answers might be life-changing. Think of how that could be at age sixteen. Or age sixty?

"Try to be the best human being you can be.

Try to be that in your church, in your temple.

Try to be that in your classroom.

Do it because it is right to do."

Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou offers a challenge as her answer to the question about living our wild and precious lives. Try to be our best, because it is the right thing to do. The words inspire, and it is easy to resolve to abide by them, but then there will be the day-by-day execution. That may not be so easy. We resolve, we stumble, resolve anew, stumble again and grow discouraged. No surprise there. We are human and we err.

"What to do?" That's the question that arises as I strive to at least do better, if not my best. I resolve to practice gratitude and to 'lighten up,' but I stumble and then stumble again.

These are my issues, because too often I am not consciously grateful for my blessed life. Too often, I let problems cast a pall over my days - not private and personal problems but the troubling issues of our time. A failure to enjoy my mostly good life has been a lifelong flaw. Even when I was a little girl, my cheerful grandmother would often admonish me in her gentle Southern voice, "Child, smile, for goodness sakes."

My latest response to 'What to do?' comes from Gretchen Rubin, author of *The Happiness Project*. Rubin practices 'threshold rituals.' Her simple idea is to use ordinary daily events as prompts for the thoughts or actions one wants to reinforce. I think I can do that!

To begin, I use each return to my garage as a prompt for gratitude. It takes only a moment of awareness, "I have had a safe journey. I am grateful to be home." Then as I turn the key in the door of my condo, I remember to be cheered by my safe haven, "How good it is to be here in my home."

Just these two prompts...a very small beginning. Will I remember to be grateful? Will I become more lighthearted? Stay tuned.

Marcy Burns, President, Board of Trustees

Social Action

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

S. Brian Wilson Speaks

Friday, Sept 2 • UU Sanctuary

Sponsored by Lynn Weeks & SACC

Author of *Blood in the Tracks: The Life and Times of S. Brian Wilson* will present. After serving in the Vietnam War, S. Brian Wilson became a radical, non-violent peace protester and pacifist. On Sept 1, 1987, he expected to be removed from the train track he was blocking; instead he lost his legs when he was run over by a US government munitions train. Wilson will tell his story and discuss his subsequent involvement in issues of national import.

Celebration of Justice Awards Dinner

Thurs, Nov 3 • 5:30PM Berg Hall

Sponsored by Social Action Coordinating Committee

Meet this year's Social Justice Fund for Ventura County grant recipients and learn about the exciting work they are doing to address underlying causes of social injustice in our communities.

The *Social Justice Fund for Ventura County (SJF)* is a social change grant-making and educational organization created and guided by Ventura County donors. Since 2007, SJF has awarded \$200,000 in grants to progressive community organizing efforts in Ventura County.

Green Sanctuary Update

Once the Green Sanctuary Committee has completed the official paperwork UUCV can expect to be certified as a "Green Sanctuary Congregation." With the committee now turning attention to social justice through green action, Phoebe Higgins and Mary Lou Faris, are joining SACC. Other recent members to the SACC are Letty Ball and Scott Ellison. Current SACC members are Harold Cartlidge, Dorothy Fast-Horse, and Kent and Sue Brinkmeyer.

Information/Care Packages for Homeless

SACC members ask if you have any gift cards you are not likely to use, please donate them (SACC will provide a receipt for tax purposes) and members will find ways to use them to benefit our social justice work (and thanks to Scott Ellison for this suggestion).

Amnesty International Write-A-Thon

Sat, Sept 17 • 1-4PM

College United Methodist Church,
4300 Telegraph Rd, Ventura

Join local Amnesty International (AI) in writing letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience who are imprisoned, tortured, disappeared and killed for peacefully exercising freedom of expression and association, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, race and gender. Letter writing is from Urgent Action Petitions, food, music, conversation, stay for however long you wish, write only letters of your choice.

Contact: Susan Bronn, bronnz2@msn.com or 479-3652

Inreach/Outreach Applications for Funding Encouraged

Social justice causes that are recipients of our Sunday offerings are generally determined by application. Applications received by August 31 will be considered for Dec, Jan or Feb offerings. Applications received by Dec 15 will be considered for April, May or June funding.

If you are part of a church group with at least three members that would like money for social justice program, or you support a 501(c)(3) organization, or care about the work of a particular UU organization, submit an application for Inreach/Outreach funding.

Applications are available on the bulletin board behind the SACC table in Berg Hall or from the church website.

Inreach/Outreach committee members: Sue Brinkmeyer, Donna Freiermuth, Susan Bronn, Sally Shampine, or Tricia Keen.



Upcoming Social Events

CLUE (Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice) VC House Concert & Song Circle

Sunday, Sept 4, 3PM. 131 Judson Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003, Suggested donation \$10-\$20. Featuring Rachel Sedacca, John Zipperer and Friends and Fresh, home-made Mexican food. www.cluevc.org or 805/320-0212

3rd Annual Garden Party to Benefit Kingdom Center: United We Stand To Rebuild Lives

Sept 11 • 2-5PM • Spanish Hills, Camarillo. Info: 805/643-7675.

Black & White Dinner Dance

6PM Saturday, Oct 15 (corrected date) • Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard. Fundraiser sponsored by *Society of St. Vincent de Paul, The Oxnard Commission on Homelessness & Ventura Social Services Task Force*. Tickets price/info, Peggy Rivera 805/890-7414.



RE Program September 2011



	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Infant/Toddler	Children begin in Service & bridge to playroom Aides: Monica Valenzuela	Children begin in Service & bridge to playroom Aides: Monica Valenzuela	Children begin in Service & bridge to playroom Aides: Monica Valenzuela	Children begin in Service and bridge to playroom Aides: Monica Valenzuela
Pre-K	Ballet with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story	Commissioning Ceremony, First day of RE classes	Classes: Interdependence	Classes: Interdependence
K-1	Ballet with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story	Commissioning Ceremony, First day of RE classes	Classes: Interdependence	Classes: Interdependence
2-4	Ballet with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story	Commissioning Ceremony, First day of RE classes	Classes: Interdependence	Classes: Interdependence
5-8	Ballet with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story	Commissioning Ceremony, First day of RE classes	Classes: Interdependence	Classes: Interdependence
9-12	Ballet with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story *Birthday Recognitions*	Commissioning Ceremony, First day of RE classes	Classes: Interdependence	Classes: Interdependence

NEWS from Religious Education • Julia Tyler, dre

Hello UUCV Folks,

Summer is coming to a close, and I've had some time to think about the enlivening programs members have offered youth over the course of the summer.

In R.E., youth have learned about helping and healing physical brokenness with Jill Forman. They have been exposed to colorful creativity through Tie-Dye with Sharon Damerell and to self-reflection with Sally King through writing. The youth have had a chance to practice grace and beauty with Jennifer Thompson and Grace Story through ballet.

I also had the opportunity to witness the youth come alive at the church campout with time at the beach and wild water games. It has been a great summer, and I am expecting a great fall ahead at UUCV.


The first day of RE classes is September 11. On this day, our teachers and youth will be recognized by the congregation before they leave through the "Bridge of Love." We invite all RE participants to wear the tie-dye they made with Sharon this year or from years past.

Following the service and RE classes, the RE Welcome BBQ will take place in the church parking lot from 11:30AM -1PM. I hope to see everyone there.

I am looking forward to autumn in Ventura at UUCV.

Julia Tyler, dre@uuventura.org
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September Birthdays
Mallory, Dakota, Aries, Bryce



R.E. Welcome BBQ
September 11th
11:30-1PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

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.

UU Things To Do • Adult Programs

As the new church year gears up with exciting new people and possibilities, Adult Programs is bursting with opportunities for connection, reflection and growth. Consider these upcoming classes to find something that speaks to you.

Stay tuned to the newsletter and Adult Programs Board for information regarding additional classes. For information on ongoing programs, pick up an Adult Education Brochure available at the AP Bulletin Board in Berg Hall.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

Wed: Sept 7, 14, 21 & October 5, 19, 26 • 6 - 7:30PM
Rev. Jan, facilitator

Are you ready to change your life? These sessions are based on the book by the same name by Karen Armstrong. Armstrong believes compassion is at the heart of the religious and ethical life and offers specific ways for us to cultivate it in our own lives and in our communities. We will read the book, offer our written reflections and spend time in dialogue with one another and support one another in this life-changing work. Consider inviting someone new to the church to join you.

Enrollment is limited and participants are asked to make attendance at all meetings a priority as they build upon one another and we will also be intentional about creating a safe space. Please reserve your space by signing up in Berg Hall or by contacting Celia Ortenberg (ortenbc@gmail.com or 984-8089).

Great Expectations

Sunday Sept 18, 1 - 3PM

Rev. Jan and Rev. David, facilitators

If you have signed the Great Expectations Covenant you are invited to gather to discuss what that will look like in the coming year. We anticipate that we will have monthly meetings for those who have signed or anticipate signing the Covenant.

Going Back to Change the Way We Go Forward

Introduction Thurs, Oct 13 • 4-5PM
continuing Thurs: Oct 20, 27, Nov. 3 • 3-5PM

Rev. Jan Christian, facilitator

Copies of the book in paperback or on CD (read by the author) will be available at a discount to participants.

In her book, *Leave No Brother Behind: A Sister's War Memoir*, Rev. Jan explores how we might find ways to let the past live in us in new ways. The three sections of the book are Separation/Search/Recovery. Using the book as a springboard, participants will explore these themes in the book and in their own lives. We will use a variety of methods including written reflections. Participants should be committed to attending all sessions.

Enrollment is limited. Please reserve your space by signing up in Berg Hall or by contacting Celia Ortenberg (ortenbc@gmail.com or 984-8089).

Writing Your Own Obituary

Thurs, Nov 10 • 1:30-3:30PM

Rev. Jan Christian, facilitator

Thinking about and preparing for our deaths can be one of the most life-affirming things we can do and it can be a tremendous gift to those who love us. This class will focus on how we want to be remembered and we may learn something about ourselves in the process!

Sign up in Berg Hall or contact Celia Ortenberg (ortenbc@gmail.com or 984-8089)

Your Body's Grace

Wed, Oct. 12 - Dec. 7 (excluding Nov. 23) • 5:30 – 7PM • Garage
Nutritionist, Mary Farkas, facilitator
eldermuse@eldermuse.net

Mary is returning to us this fall to offer another eight week session focused on taking ownership of and caring for one's body through nutrition. Look to the October Newsletter for more information or contact Celia Ortenberg at ortenbc@gmail.com, 984-8089.

Talking to Children About Death

Sun, Nov 13, 11:45 – 1:15

Beverly Januszewski & Kenny Aragon, facilitators

Mark your calendars and stay tuned to the October newsletter for more information about this timely workshop for parents. Childcare will be provided.

UUCV 2011 Mini-Retreat for UUCV Women and friends

Sat • Oct 22 • 9AM-5PM

A day of fun and explorations while supporting scholarships for the full retreat. Three morning and three afternoon sessions at Sylvia Hutchin's house.

Make out your check to UUCV Woman's Retreat for \$30 (recommended donation) holds your spot. No one will be turned away for limited funds. We will also accept larger donations! There is an additional fee for art session materials for the two art classes. Give/mail checks to Kappy or Dorothy. .

UU Things To Do • Adult Programs

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

UUUniques Meet Sept 22

Seniors, join us for a potluck at 6:30PM. In July, forty people gathered, and it was a special evening. For info call 984-3438.

Green Conversations

Informal Book & Discussion
Group focusing on green living
Java Joe's coffee shop, Ste 125
2950 Johnson Dr, Vta,
805/642-4332
1st & 3rd Monday 6:30pm

Info:

Janette at 652-1213 or
janettedw@charter.net

Weekly Yoga Classes Yoga for Flexibility, Balance, and Relaxation

Mondays, 4-5PM,
Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM
\$6 UUCV Members
\$9 general public



Fun Book Club Sept 18

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

September: *Queen of the Road: The True Tale of 47 States*, by Doreen Orion, **October:** *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff, **November:** *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* by Loung Ung.

We will return in **January** with *Edges: O Israel, O Palestine* by Leora Skolkin-Smith in **February** we read *1 Dead in Attic* by Chris Rose.

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

DeBeneville Channel Cluster Weekend

September 23-25

Enjoy the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, meet folks from local UU congregations, hike, canoe, attend various workshops, or just hang out. All ages welcome. Prices range from \$86-145 (upgrades to private rooms or "cushier" accommodations available.) UUCV contact: Jill Forman

FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Movies start at 7PM
(Enter at back door)

September 2 • *Upper Dog (Upperdog)*, 2009, Not Rated. Norwegian with English subtitles.

As young children, half-siblings Axel and Yanne are adopted to Norway. On arrival, they are separated and placed in two different homes, he to a very wealthy family, she to a family of modest means. This is the story about the extraordinary and happy circumstances that reunite them as young adults.

September 9 • *Sofie*, 1992, Not Rated. Danish with English subtitles.

This is the story of a young woman from an exceptionally happy Danish Jewish family whose relatives pressure her to leave a passionate romance with a painter, marrying instead a good Jewish man, who gives her a good life, minus passionate romance. It's an epic family saga, lasting 2½ hours, so the showing will begin promptly at 7PM. Liv Ullman wrote and directed, with her usual brilliance and insight, and the cast delivers amazing performances.

September 16 • *The Swimsuit Issue (Allt Flyter)*, 2008, Not Rated. Swedish with English subtitles.

In this Swedish comedy, a group of middle-aged ice hockey players loses their practice rink space to a young women's team, and through a hilarious and complicated series of events, they decide instead to pursue synchronized swimming--becoming the first all-male synchronized swimming team in Sweden, as well as objects of merriment for participating in a "women's sport." Before long, "The Swans" impress family and friends with their zeal to win an Olympic gold medal, raising the issue of whether winning is more important than friendship, family, and loyalty.

September 23 • *Amish Grace*, 2010, PG.

This film, based on a true story set in a Pennsylvania Amish settlement, begins with the feel of Hollywood/Disneyland, but in 1½ hours it soars far into the artistic realm of independent filmmaking. For much of the story it seems neither anyone in the Amish nor worldly communities can claim possession of "the truth," until finally, some new information restores both groups to harmony, and a happy ending. If you cry at *happy* endings, bring a full box of Kleenex.

September 30 • *One Hand Clapping (At klappe med een hand)*, 2001, Not Rated. Danish with English subtitles.

Svensson has just had a rather unusual funeral for his wife and now is leaving with his mistress to reach Spain. But the trip is suddenly delayed by a lawyer who turns up with a paternity lawsuit. Suddenly, Svensson's world is turned upside down, when he sets off in search of the woman who claims to have born his daughter, and in the end becomes a much better person.

Committee News

Membership Committee News

Changes in the Membership Committee this year mean big changes for me! After several years of being a supportive committee member, I am happy to have been selected to chair the Membership Committee. Bryan Buck's tenure is a hard act to follow. We all appreciate the time, energy and organizational skills that he brought to our committee, our church visitors and prospective members. You did an amazing job, Bryan!

This year we will focus on welcoming our visitors, providing a dynamic path to membership experience and facilitating a supportive and enthusiastic newer-member group. We will be hosting "Welcome Potlucks" for newer members and for folks who have attended orientations on October 1, at

the Hutchins', February 25 potluck at church, and May 19, place to be determined. More info will follow.

Please contact me (Silvia Hutchins, silviahutchins190@gmail.com) if you have any comments, questions or would like to support your Membership Committee in other ways.

Questions for Them and Questions for Us

Sylvia Hutchins

Are we a hospitable congregation? I've asked the questions and I've heard the answers. Visitors to our church tell me that they do feel welcome among us. Members greet them with smiles and share information about Unitarian Universalism with enthusiasm. We open our circle to them. Because we are genuinely interested in who they are and are willing to tell them who we are, they keep coming to UUCV.

Now more questions. These are for you. Is it possible for more of us (even all of us) to seek out and talk with a new person most Sundays (maybe every Sunday)? Is it possible that you will invite someone you do not know to sit and chat during coffee hour? If those further acts of hospitality are possible and if we actually do them, how will our church change? Questions asked. Answers pending.

Reminder: Our next Pathways to Membership class will be September 25. The second Pathways to Membership class will be held October 5 at 6:30PM and the final class with Reverend Jan will be October 9 at 1PM.

Set Your Church Payments on Cruise Control

Would you like one less thing to remember to do? You can schedule your monthly pledge payments to be automatically withdrawn from your checking account on a certain day each month and relieve yourself of having to remember to write a check and bring it to church or mail it. It's easy to set up. If you are friendly with the internet, you can select the tab "Online Donations" from www.uuventura.org and follow the directions. If you want help in setting this up or want to use paper and pen to get this started, contact church treasurer, David Smith at 805-216-9331, davidpaseo@verizon.net, or in the church office immediately after Sunday services.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday October 2nd,

immediately after worship service.

- Flu shots are available for anyone age 13 years or older.
- Shots are free with Medicare Part B.
- All others pay \$25

Sign up sheet will be available at Adult Program table. **Prior sign-up is required.** Questions contact Rheina Rogart at 805 648-4974

Help Wanted

Your Board of Trustees wishes to find a recording secretary willing to take minutes of monthly board meetings, usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6 to 9PM. Candidate qualifications include an interest in church leadership and good listening and written communication skills. The primary benefits for the position are firsthand knowledge of how the board sets policy, establishes budgets, solves problems and plans for future growth. For more info, contact board president, Marcy Burns at 805/382-4696 or mburns443@roadrunner.com.

Silent Auction


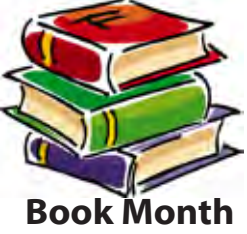



The annual silent auction will be held Saturday October 15. Items for Silent Auction may be brought to the church garage, and will not be accepted after Sunday October 9. Please leave a note on the contribution with your name, estimated value and any vital description such as new, antique, working condition, or maker if handcrafted. Minimum opening bids will be \$10 or more, so please limit items to those with at least a \$10 value. Most wanted items are antiques, collectibles, handcrafted pieces, decorative household items, jewelry and new merchandise. Please, no furniture, TVs, computers or heavy items.

Any questions or special arrangements for items please call Eleanor Tillquist at 643-5642 or Tessa Weeks at 320-9553

Greeters are Great. Sign up in Berg Hall



September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>HISPANIC HERITAGE Month</p>		 <p>Book Month</p>		<p>1 Book Club-10am Handicraft Group (offsite) – 2:30pm Yoga – 5:30 pm Worship Assoc – 6:15pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 7pm Men's Group III – 7pm</p>	<p>2 Inreach/Outreach Meeting – 9am SACC Book Reading (<i>Author Program</i>) - 5pm MovieNight-7pm</p>	<p>3 UUV Men's Breakfast Bunch (Harbor Carrow's)-9am T'ai Chi Chih® - 9am Board Retreat – 9am</p>
<p>4 Music - 9:45am Service - 10am</p>	<p>5  Labor Day HOLIDAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Women's Groups – 1pm Yoga - 4pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 5:30pm Green Conversations (java joe's) - 6:30pm Meditationw/theFriendship Sangha of the Heart - 7pm</p>	<p>6 Men's Discussion Group - 10am Women'sDiscussion Group – 10am Men's Support Group II - 6:30pm Men's Support Group V (offsite) - 7pm</p>	<p>7 Bridge – 1pm Inreach/Outreach Meeting – 1pm Twelve Steps To A Compassionate Life – 6pm Men's Group I – 7pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Book Club - 10am Yoga – 5:30pm SACC - 6pm Membership - 6:30pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 7pm</p> <p></p>	<p>9 Scrapbooking – 6pm Movie Night – 7pm</p>	<p>10 T'ai Chi Chih® - 9am Worship Associates Retreat – 10AM Child Care Co-Op – 4pm</p>
<p>11 Music - 9:45am Service - 10am Humanism Seminar - 11:30am Real Youth Group - 11:30am RE Welcome BBQ-11:30am</p>	<p>12 Riverhaven/RAIN Pickup – 3pm Yoga - 4pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 5:30pm Intro to Meditation - 6:30pm Meditationw/theFriendship Sangha of the Heart - 7pm</p>	<p>13 Men's Discussion Group - 10am Women'sDiscussion Group - 10am RECommittee–6pm Finance committee - 6:30pm Women's Support Groups - 6:30pm</p>	<p>14 Bridge – 1PM Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life - 6pm B&G Com - 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Book Club - 10am Handicraft Group - 2:30pm Yoga - 5:30 pm Board of Trustees - 6pm Men's Support Group III - 7pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 7pm</p>	<p>16 Game Night – 6:30pm MovieNight-7pm</p>	<p>17 All-Church Work Party - 9am T'ai Chi Chih® - 9am</p>
<p>18 Music - 9:45am Service - 10am Fun Book Club - 11:30am LGBT Brunch – 12pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - NOON Great Expectations Meeting – 1pm Strange Snow Rehearsal – 6:30pm</p>	<p>19 Women's Group – 1pm Yoga - 4pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 5:30pm Green Conversations (Java Joe's) - 6:30pm Meditationw/theFriendship Sangha of the Heart - 7pm</p>	<p>20 Men's Discussion Group - 10am Women'sDiscussion Group - 10am VIMA – 12pm Men's Support Group II - 6:30pm Men's Support Group V (offsite) - 7pm</p>	<p>21 Bridge – 1pm Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life – 6pm Men's Group I – 7pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 Book Club - 10am Yoga – 5:30 pm UUnique 50+ potluck – 6:30 pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 7pm</p>	<p>23 MovieNight-7pm</p>	<p>24 T'ai Chi Chih® - 9am Beginner's T'ai Chi Chih® - 10am</p>
<p>25 Music - 9:45am Service - 10am Humanism Seminar – 11:30Am Real Youth Grp – 11:30am Pathway to Membership-11:30am Ministerial Intern Com – 11:30am Strange Snow Rehearsal – 6:30pm</p>	<p>26 Inreach/Outreach Committee – 1pm Yoga - 4pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 5:30 pm Meditationw/theFriendship Sangha of the Heart - 7pm</p>	<p>27 Men's Discussion Group - 10am Women'sDiscussion Group – 10am Women's Support groups – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Newsletter Folding - 10am Bridge - 1pm Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm</p>	<p>29 Book Club - 10am Handicraft Group (offsite) – 2:30 Yoga – 5:30 pm T'ai Chi Chih® - 7pm</p> <p></p>	<p>30 New West Symphony Meet The Artist – 11Am Movernight–7pm</p>	

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