



*Sunday Services & Children's Religious Education*

*10:30 am*

**February 4, *If Justice Be Our Destiny***

**Rev. Eric Meter speaking**

If justice be our destiny, what are we called upon to do? During our service today Leslie Lemieux will introduce a new anti-bullying curriculum for our children. This Sunday also marks the beginning of African American History Month. The intersection between the two is, of course, the intersection of justice and our responsibility toward it.

**February 11, *Church or Society?***

**Rev. Erika Orban, Transylvanian Balazs Scholar, Starr King School speaking**

What are we looking for in a church? What is the church's role in society? What is the UU's role on Earth?! Why does everybody speak in our days about spirituality? Why is it so trendy to be spiritual rather than religious? What are these attitude's peculiarities? And how do they *fix* a church? I am looking for an answer for these and similar this morning. I don't promise you soothing and satisfying thoughts, but I invite you to think together and to ask together new questions that interest us. And I invite you to share some of those handrails which give me power when I don't find easy answers, which give me strength when my faith leaves me, and I feel alone.

**February 18, *From Free Speech to Strawberry Fields: UUCiL in the Sixties***

**Rev. Eric Meter speaking**

In our second monthly look back at the early years of our congregation, we will highlight the changes the Livermore Unitarian Fellowship went through during the tumultuous sixties. Remember, our potluck today will have a 1960s theme, so bring a dish that was a staple at the time and don't be afraid to dress for the occasion.

**February 25, *Celebrating 100 years***

**Sonya Sukalski, Intern Minister speaking**

Join Cybernetta Braveheart, the newly called minister at UUCiL, and descendants of some of our former members, for a look back at 100 years of history in the TriValley, including a band of intrepid Unitarian Universalists who were cultural creatives leading what became known as the "Great Turning" at the turn of the century. What could those creative and resourceful people foresee that was so imperative for our species and our faith way back in 2007?

**March 4, *Gifts of Love***

**Rev. Eric Meter speaking**

As our annual pledge drive kicks off this weekend, this morning we will lift up what our generosity and love can make possible. Expect another rousing winner from Choir Director Dee Wood as well.

*in conversation . . .*

*with Reverend Eric*

Last month eleven of us from UUCiL went to the annual PCD Growth Conference. While the theme of the day sounded a bit like a Star Trek movie title, *Mapping Uncharted Territory: New Directions for Growing Vital Congregations*, I was pleased that no one seemed put off by it.

It was wonderful to be with so many members of our congregation as we spent a day focusing on what we saw as barriers to being a more vital community and what might be ways to overcome them using elements of appreciative inquiry.

Our facilitator for the day was Larry Peers, a Unitarian Universalist minister who is now a consultant with the Alban Institute, the premier church organization group in the country.

Briefly, appreciative inquiry is a means of evaluation based on lifting up and honoring the best of what is currently the case and envisioning what might be built upon those strengths. Critics point out that this approach overlooks problems. It looks like conflict avoidance to them. Those that defend the practice do so by pointing out that there are problems that can be fixed and overcome, and others that are intractable. Focusing on problems can reduce them, but doing so without recognizing strengths as well creates a very unbalanced approach. I feel that both need to be done. Learning from our challenges and outright mistakes makes us better practitioners, and having our gifts recognized encourages us to do so. Especially in church work, who wants to put in the extra effort when you don't feel the church is providing the nourishment you came to it for?

During the workshop, each congregational team was asked to lift up some of what Larry Peers called the "problem saturated stories" in our church. These were things we told ourselves and others about our congregation that were longstanding and intractable. As you might guess, it didn't take us long to come up with a few. If your critical mind is anything like mine, you can probably come up with your own in short order.

### President's Message

Again, we continue to be very busy in 2007! Plans are in the works for a Mardi Gras dinner ably organized by Judy Herr and her crew. Profits from this will benefit our Hurricane Relief group that plans to go to Louisiana the week of April 9 – 15. Let Rev. Eric know if you are interested in going to the Gulf Coast. We collected \$1096 from the Christmas Eve and December fifth Sunday offerings to assist in sending our youth. As you read this, we will know more about the profit from our annual Service Auction which is always fun. Thanks to Jane Staehle and Claire Nelson for a delicious dinner and to Joan Dickinson and Beth Dowling for their organization! Another thank you goes to Jes Pedersen and his very busy crew who worked jointly with some folks from Little Rascals to put pavers into their play yard. They look great!! Thanks to all who helped!

In anticipation of the fall regional marketing campaign to spread Unitarian Universalism in the San Francisco Bay Area, Elona Pertica is putting together a committee to update our website. Please let her know if you are interested in working on such a committee. A belated thank you goes to Janet Mason for all of her hard work over the years keeping up our website. You're appreciated, Janet!!

I just received an email from the UUA in Boston stating that our congregation has already made 16 contributions towards

the fall marketing campaign. In all, the total contributions from Bay Area UU congregations is \$157,822. Let me know if you need more information or want to contribute! I have extra contribution envelopes and there are some in the church office. The Stewardship Committee is hard at work with Ron Dueltgen as its chair. The Canvass/Stewardship potluck dinner with homegrown entertainment will be on March 3 and Kickoff Sunday will be March 4. You may be called on to host a small group or to facilitate during March. Please help out in any way you can.

Circle dinners continue to be a great success at UUCiL. Thanks to Lois Dueltgen, Chilli Barlow and Barbara Eniti for all of their great organization of these fun dinners. It's such a great way to get to know other church members and friends!

The sanctuary was beautifully decorated at Christmas. I'd like to thank Pat Mielke, Polly Sellers, and Suzanne Breckenridge for all their hard work! Ideas are coming in as to how to decorate the sanctuary in the future and so, please let Pat Mielke or Chilli Barlow know your ideas/comments.

As always, let me know your ideas and concerns!! Happy February!

Janice Paquette, 373-6894  
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### News from Religious Education

#### Greetings UUCIL Families!

Starting in February and running through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in March, our elementary aged children, grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be participating in a 6-week curriculum called *Don't Laugh at Me*. The curriculum seeks to work with children to promote peacemaking. Through music, video, and classroom activities, the *Don't Laugh at Me* (DLAM) programs help sensitize children to the painful effects of behaviors that too often are accepted as necessary rites of passage in childhood - ridicule, disrespect, ostracism and bullying. Children participating in *Don't Laugh at Me* learn that by working together they can positively shape their school environment, and eventually bring this message to the broader community. This will take place during their regular Sunday morning classes.

January's Social Action project, the *kids decide popcorn sale*, raised \$75.00 for donation to the World Wildlife Fund. The children thought of about 6 different places for the money to go, held a vote, and this organization won the vote. Thanks to all of you in the congregation who bought the popcorn.

In February, our Social Action project will involve the youth (middle- and high-school aged) only, as the elementary children will be otherwise occupied. The youth will be checking your tire pressure while you are in church. Having your tires at the incorrect pressure decreases your gas mileage,

and that contributes to global climate change. So, after church on Sunday, February 11, look for a card on your windshield that lets you know your tire pressure!

UUCiL is in the early stages of working with 3 other UU churches in the valley to sponsor and participate in a weekend at the Ceres Education Center Global Village, a project of Heifer International. The youth would leave early on a Saturday morning and return home Sunday afternoon. We would need some chaperones, and the 4 congregations would work together to provide meals. Our tentative date right now for this project is March 31-April 1. Please let me know if you think this is something your youth (6<sup>th</sup> grader on up) would be interested in participating in. For more information about the global village and Heifer International, go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). I have also called for more information and should be receiving a packet soon.

The youth group will do another *yoga adventure* on Sunday, February 25. More info to follow later!

Thanks for all of you who help make our religious education programming happen at UUCiL. Have a great month!

Warmly,  
Leslie Lemieux, DRE

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I seem to be quoting William Ellery Channing a great deal these days. He once wrote that “we apprehend that it is possible to make experience too much our guide,” and, ultimately I agree. Still, though, when experience can inspire, I’m not about to throw it out with the bathwater. What Channing was getting at was that there “are periods when the principles of experience need to be modified, when hope and trust and instinct claim a share with prudence in the guidance of affairs, when, in truth, to dare is the highest wisdom.”

And what is a vital congregation if it doesn’t take a daring risk now and then? Thanks again to everyone who took part in that workshop last month, and to all of you who give so much to UUCiL. The best enterprises take the best that we can all give.

in peace,  
Eric

### ***Sensing the Spirit with Sonya***

During our New Year's Eve service, many people wrote what they want to let go of, along with 2006, onto a piece of paper and put it in a basket that was passed among us. What a privilege it is for me to take care of composting these! Feeding those slips of paper into the shredder was strangely cathartic! Goodbye ten pounds, goodbye hurt, anger, fear, being overly sensitive. *Ciao* obnoxious marketers *au revoir*, political divisiveness and intolerance, *auf Wiedersehen* disorganization. *Szia* negative thoughts and judgment, *adios* drama, and good riddance to being lost in the rush of day-to-day details, to doing without enjoying.

Just as one step is writing this down, another is putting it in the basket, a third is shredding it, and several repeatable steps are putting it in the compost and then turning, watering, and smothering it week after week, so too, letting go of some of these habits might take several steps. For those who missed the New Year's service, or want a reminder of *ways of letting go*:

- Work to see the bigger picture in which this habit manifests,
- Take a step back and let go of judging it as bad, or yourself as bad for doing it,
- Ask, “Do I need to go forward with this?”
- What does it serve?
- Will this solve the problem?
- Why do I see this as a problem?
- Will I grow and learn from this?

I find it especially helpful when I am wanting to move on from anger, hurt, or fear, to spend some time really querying the emotion and the situation. Theologian Carter Heyward says that anger is the sign of a potential life giving connection that is not in right relationship. Discovering for myself what that life giving connection is, and how I would like to relate to it differently can be a powerful way to let go and move toward greater fulfillment.

Peace,  
Sonya, Intern Minister

### ***Erika Orbán, Balázs Scholars, Starr King School for the Ministry, Our guest speaker on Sunday, February 11***

This year's Balázs scholar, the Rev. Erika Orbán, will be addressing our congregation from the lectern on Sunday, February 11. She is the twelfth Transylvanian Unitarian minister in recent years to study at Starr King School for the Ministry.

Erika Orbán joins a long line of Balázs scholars, Transylvanian Unitarians ministers who are committed to not only improving the lives of their fellow congregants in their homeland, but also to sharing with North American Unitarian Universalists the breadth and depth of their passion and caring for their homeland and for our common faith tradition.

The Balázs Scholars Program has brought a Unitarian Transylvanian Minister to study at Starr King School almost every year since 1994. It is named for Francis Balázs, a young Transylvanian Unitarian minister who graduated from seminary in Kolozsvár, then studied at Oxford and at Starr King School. After traveling across Japan, parts of China, India, and Palestine to learn from leaders such as Gandhi and Schweitzer about creating peace, he returned to Transylvania through Asia. He then became head of a Unitarian High School. In 1930, he became the minister in the village of Meszkő, the Alabaster Village, where he also wrote poetry, prose and music, mentored seminary students, and, with his wife, restored the historic Unitarian church, ministered to the village, and brought health programs and economic development throughout the valley. He died in 1937 at the age of 36.

Starr King School waives tuition for the Balázs scholar, and provides fundraising and administrative assistance. The volunteer Balázs Scholars Program Coordinating Committee provides hospitality and support for the scholar and family, and schedules preaching engagements and transportation. The host church for the scholar rotates between the Unitarian Universalist churches in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

The Balázs Scholars Program is funded by donations from individuals, money from the Partner Church Council, and from honoraria, donations and Sunday service collections from the churches where the Balázs scholar preaches. We appreciate your help to sustain this important program

***UUCiL Through the Decades: the 1970's******by Susan Mayall***

Some time in 1976 Harold Wiesner, who was sitting behind me one Sunday morning, leaned over and tapped me on the shoulder. "How would you like to be nominated as next year's President?" he said, "It's time we had a lady president." Yes, he used those words! I was surprised, having only arrived four years ago, but Harold was very persuasive, and there were certainly things I wanted to do for the Fellowship. One was to help it move out of the old house on First Street. So I said yes - and wondered for the rest of the year why I'd been so crazy!

My first week in office pointed up the need for a move. I was called by our resident caretaker who told me that water was pouring into the basement. President-elect Jay Davis and I rushed over. It turned out to be an over-watering problem, but the sight of the crumbling walls and cracked foundations was pretty depressing.

The house and land had been bought with a view to one day building on it, which was what the founding members still wanted to do. But there was a major difficulty. In order to build we would have to attach to the city sewer system, which would cost eventually about \$30,000. We had \$13,000 in our building fund. Did we want to raise all that extra cash, literally to pour it down the drain?

Harold was chairman of the building committee, and he became the expert on sewer connections. We had meeting after meeting on the subject. We finally decided to check out other buildings and sites for sale. After many had been inspected Dick Ryon and Rick Pond mentioned that they had heard there was a Baptist church for sale in Springtown.

Driving back from Walnut Creek one beautiful spring day I decided to explore and have a look at it. The moment I saw it I knew it had to be ours. It wasn't beautiful - it was shabby and uncared for. But there was space and light, meadowlarks singing and a dazzling view of the hills. Best of all, we discovered, it was already attached to the city sewer! The rest is history. After almost weekly general meetings the congregation voted to buy it, and we moved in at the end of summer 1977. The meadowlarks are gone, and so is the view, but I think the building has served us well.

Susan Mayall

***UUCiL is Searching for a New Director of Religious Education***

Many of you realize that Leslie is stepping down as Director of Religious Education in June. She has done a magnificent job for three years, and she wants to move on. Leslie has agreed to still help as a volunteer. A DRE Search Committee has been formed to help the Personnel Committee find a new person. Alyce Rossow is heading the committee with Elona Pertica, Kim Rowe, Adele Irvin, and Eric Meter as other members. The committee is planning to advertise the open position during the month of February. If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate for this position, please tell them about the job. This is the ad we will be placing in various media:

Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore seeks a program director to work 15 hours a week for 11 months annually to supervise a growing dynamic religious education program for a church of 80 families. This position requires working all but one Sunday a month from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. The weekday hours are flexible but will require some evening work. Past experience working with children and volunteers highly desirable. Unitarian Universalist membership not required, but must be able to respect all religious viewpoints. The salary range is from \$18.00 to \$21.00 an hour, depending on experience.

Please send resumes by February 28th to: RE Search Committee, UUCIL, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore, CA

***Adult Religious Education: Our American Roots***

An adult religious education class will begin on Sunday, February 4th. Our American Roots is a five-session class, which will explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

The class will focus on the connection of Unitarians and Universals and American history. It will highlight the many Unitarians and Universals who were integral to the founding of the United States. Another focus of the class will be on our country's founding fathers' understanding of the role that religion should play in our nation. The class will also emphasize such important issues in our faith as the importance of individualism, community, democracy, and the freedom of the pulpit in Unitarian Universalism.

Each class session will feature the viewing and discussion of two short video presentations by prominent national Unitarian Universalist ministers. The course will be both a good introduction for newcomers and an opportunity for long-time members to deepen their connection with our living tradition.

Classes will meet at 1:00 pm in the Green Room on February 4, 11, and March 4 and 11, and at 12:30 pm on February 18. Class times have been scheduled to allow participants time to have lunch between Sunday services and class meetings. The February 18 session will be earlier because it will be immediately after the monthly potluck.

Participants are asked to call the church office (925.447.8747) to register for the class. Handouts will be provided, and a voluntary \$10.00 donation will be requested. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Rev. Eric or Jill Quick

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**Welcome To New Members**

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During the service on January 28th, we officially welcomed new members who have recently joined UUCiL. The following brief biographies will help you begin to get acquainted with some of these people.

**Kathleen and Murray Bullis** recently moved from Sunnyvale to San Ramon to be closer to their daughter and her family in Dublin. They spent a year busily sorting through a quarter century of accumulations before their garage was empty enough to store their car. After meeting some UUCiL members at the PCD Spring Thing in Asilomar last spring, this fall they began visiting UUCiL almost every Sunday. The Bullises first encountered Unitarians in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and have been members of UU churches and fellowships in Dallas, Texas; Bethesda, Maryland; and Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. Murray, an MIT graduate, has worked working on thermonuclear fusion at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, solid state physics in Fort Wayne and Dallas, and at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington DC. In addition to their daughter, they have two adult sons, in Rochester, New York and Boston.

**Carol Meyers** was born and raised in nearby Fremont, California. She was brought up Unitarian Universalist, belonging to churches in Hayward and later Fremont. She attended Pomona College in Southern California and completed her graduate work at MIT in Massachusetts. She now lives in Livermore, having accepted a job at Lawrence Livermore National Labs following the completion of her schooling. Carol is engaged to marry Michael King, who also works at Lawrence Livermore Labs, in October of 2007. Hobbies include hiking, rock climbing, traveling, singing, and reading. She is also very proud of her mother, who left her high tech career at IBM seven years ago and became a Unitarian Universalist community minister in Fremont.

**Elizabeth Moreskine**, a native Californian, is a retired piano teacher and recitalist. She attended the University of California, married Wally before graduation, and later completed her B.A. at St. Mary's College. She taught school age students in her piano studio in Moraga. Elizabeth was an active member of Berkeley Piano Club, The Etude Club of Berkeley, The Performing Arts Society of Contra Costa County, the Music Teachers Association-Contra Costa Branch, and other groups. Elizabeth performed in many piano recitals in the Bay Area and in the early years of her retirement she substituted as pianist for St. Anselm's Episcopal Church of Lafayette and formed and directed a children's choir there. She later substituted as pianist for the UU Church in Walnut Creek. Performance was an integral part of her musical life as it was for her mother and her grandmother. Her three daughters and a son studied piano. The son, who lives in Oslo with his Norwegian wife, is now a professional musician and organist. One daughter is a soprano active in local singing groups. Elizabeth is a writer of poetry and short stories; has studied painting, quilting, and embroidery; tries to keep fit; and enjoys books, movies, a women's group, a neighborhood fellowship, and friends.

**Wallace (Wally) R. Moreskine** came to California from the upper peninsula of Michigan. He has a M.A. in Education from San Francisco State University and later studied at the University of California, Berkeley. Retired from three careers, he now enjoys a simpler life centered around family, other retirees, and a strong fitness program. In his first career he served in several aspects of school administration throughout Contra Costa County. In career two he built an independent business in postal sales, earning reward trips that took him and his wife to many distant ports. Career three nestled in between the other two: he continued as a reservist in Naval Aviation for twenty years after serving as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He lives with his wife Elizabeth in Summerset, an active adult community in Brentwood. He and Elizabeth were married in the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley by Dr. Raymond J. Cope. Wally was president of The Layman's League at the Berkeley church and recalls with great enjoyment the men who were much older and much into oratory. He finds the Livermore UU church engaging and inviting. He looks forward to meeting others who enjoy historical events, sports, books and current events.

**Jill and Brian Quick** attended UUCiL last year when they were in living in Pleasanton on a consulting assignment. After returning home to Florida in January, they were drawn back to our area at the end of July. Brian is working at a pharmaceutical company in Fremont, and they are living, by the Dumbarton Bridge in Newark. Brian grew up in Brighton, England, and Jill spent her formative years in Santa Monica, California. In the seven years that they have been married, they have lived in California, Colorado, and Florida while Brian has validated computer-based drug manufacturing systems for pharmaceutical companies throughout the country. Jill, a retired educator and researcher, now keeps the books for the family consulting company. Jill and Brian are both computer hounds, enjoy reading, and love to travel. Their blended family includes six sons and eleven grandchildren in San Francisco, North Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Maryland, and Guam.

**Leslie Stevens** and husband Bill have two children, Zack (9) and Grant (20), a college student at UC Santa Barbara. Leslie, a Livermore native, and her family live in Livermore. As a child Leslie attended the Presbyterian Church, although her parents were Quakers. Her paternal grandfather was a Quaker minister who was in charge of building the special Quaker *cooperative community* Penncraft where he raised his family. Bill, originally from Korea, was raised both Buddhist and Christian in Virginia. Leslie enjoys playing the violin, guitar, and mandolin; knitting; exploring the outdoors by hiking and camping; and playing for the Livermore Amador Symphony. She is a busy Cub Scout den leader, Art and Music Program docent and coordinator at Jackson Avenue School, and sports team parent. She has felt very welcome at UUCiL and says that she enjoys teaching *the wonderful kids* in the UUCiL fourth/fifth grade Sunday School class.

### 2007-2008 Stewardship Campaign: "Cultivating Growth"

In just a few weeks we will be undertaking another deeply held and long-practiced tradition of this church, the annual Stewardship Campaign. Some anticipate this event with more excitement than others, yet I hope we can all agree to its importance and necessity. It is a time to stand up for what we believe, to let the church leadership know exactly what went wrong (or right) in the past year, and to express our hopes and aspirations for great things that should happen during the coming year.

I hope you will take some time to reflect on what UUCiL means to you and to this Tri-Valley community – to see if you think it's important enough to be fully supported financially and personally. Can you get what you get here anywhere else in the near vicinity? What is that worth to you in terms of personal and monetary commitment? Should we be growing – getting our message out to like-minded people?

Someone asked me why I chose to lead the campaign this year. In some ways it was easy, in some ways not. I guard my private time jealously; the prospect of numerous evening committee meetings was not a happy one. The thought of public announcements and other such personal exposure leaves me somewhat weak in the knees. On the other hand, I couldn't say no, because I know how very important and crucial these campaigns are to a vibrant, growing congregation. And this year, in particular, is a great time for us to use the momentum of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to make great strides forward.

This year's campaign will be slightly different from those of the past. Each of us will be invited to a specific small-group meeting in a member's home or at the church to share experiences, expectations and dreams for UUCiL, and to discuss what stewardship means and how we might respond to the current needs and future growth of the church. The meetings, lasting 60 to 90 minutes, will be a nice time for fellowship in a setting of eight to twelve people, with light refreshments. Each meeting will have a host and a facilitator to guide the discussion. At the end of the meeting, pledge cards will be collected. The meetings will occur in March and you will be able to choose an alternate meeting if the one to which you are invited is not convenient.

Watch for your pledge card in the mail in mid-February. Our second annual Stewardship kick-off potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, March 3, featuring more fun, fellowship, and zany skits. Stewardship Sunday will be on March 4, and your small group meeting will be sometime during the first three weeks in March, and we hope to be finished by the end of March.

Please give responsibly! Let's make our UUCiL "garden" grow in 2007-2008!

Ron Dueltgen, 2007-2008 Stewardship Chair

### *Have You Ever Made Coffee For 40?*

If you haven't prepared the coffee on a Sunday morning you may feel like coffee for 40 is too hard to measure! It really isn't because the directions are posted on the refrigerator, complete with to find all the equipment and what equipment to use.

Our coffee preparers are few, if you look on the sign-up sheet on the back table. So maybe some are just a little uncertain how to go about it. So here's the recipe recommended by years of experience:

<b>Water for URN</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>
(COLD water tastes better)	(use 8 oz. measuring cup)
50 cups	3.75 cups
40 "	3.00 "
35 "	2.75 "
30 "	2.25 "

The coffee urns are usually kept on the coffee cart. On regular Sundays make 35 cups; 40 in winter, on potluck Sundays make 50 cups. Tea water is heated in the smaller urn. Again, use COLD water.

The rest of the directions are all detailed on a sheet posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen.

Now, doesn't that sound easy? Why not sign up for a Sunday? You don't even have to stay to do the dishes because now another person will sign up for clean-up. We can use all the help we can get.

#### ***The UU bed and breakfast directory: UU're Home***

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area? The UU bed and breakfast directory UU're Home (formerly Homecomings) can fulfill your dream. For 27 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at 828-281-3253 or at [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com), and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Host listings on the UU're Home website at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com) are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition is published every year in April (and has many listings different from those on the website). For a copy of the 2007 directory, please send a check for \$20 (or \$25 and your e-mail address for both the book and a year's access to the website) to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

<b>What's Happening at UUCiL This Month . . .</b>
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**Our Whole Lives Class Schedule for the Rest of the Year**

Sat, **February 3** 6:00 - 9:00- Class & Sleepover! Please RSVP to Leslie so we know how many will stay the night.

Sun., **Feb 18** 12:00 - 2:00

Sat., **Mar 10** 6:00 - 9:00

Sun., **Mar 25** 12:00 - 2:00

Sat., **Apr 21** 6:00 - 9:00

Sun., **Apr 29** 12:00 - 2:00

\*Please check your calendars to make sure they agree with the above schedule for the *Our Whole Lives* class. I may have published them incorrectly by email or in the last newsletter. The above dates are the ones that you need to have on your calendar. Thanks!

**Minds on Fire: February 6, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

This month Minds on Fire will discuss *Time and Modern Life* at the home of Helen Meier. Shelley Covey will facilitate. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6. New members are always welcome. Please join us for interesting discussions on a variety of topics. For more information, please call Shelley Covey or send her an email at shelcovey@comcast.net

**Religious Education Committee:** Wednesday, **Feb. 7**, 7-9 pm

**Shawl Ministry:** Tuesday, **February 6**, 10 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday, **February 21**, 7 to 8:30 pm

**UUCiL Book Group**

The Book Group is disbanding due to low attendance. Thank you to those of you who have come during the three years I have been running the group.  
-Alyce Rossow

**Come, come whoever you are: Mardi Gras Celebration, February 10 At UUCiL**

We are again marking the Mardi Gras season with a party with hoopla just as they have done in New Orleans for many, many years. One and all are encouraged to invite friends, relatives, and acquaintances to join us at this celebration.

**When:** Come at 6:00 pm for Cajun Gumbo, appetizers, and Hurricane punch (no alcohol). Put on some beads and wear a mask or make one.

- Join the parade led by *Rex* (the King of Mardi Gras) to the main hall at 6:45 for an elegant New Orleans style Creole dinner prepared by Chef Alice and her able assistants. Stay after dinner for Butter-Pecan Bread Pudding with Flamin' Whisky Sauce.
- Following dessert, it will be time for music by the Stony Ridge Ramblers (members include our own Cyndy Salmons and Mike Brosius). Finish the evening with coffee and pralines.

**Reservations and Cost:** Reserve in advance by contacting Linda Bissum, Monty Herr, or Judy Herr at church or calling 925-443-4514 or 925-989-3723 or leave a message at UUCiL. \$20 per adult - a bargain for pre-dinner celebration, a gourmet meal, and live music. A special menu for children 10 and under is free. Wine will be available for \$2 per glass

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting: Feb 20, 7 pm**  
All are welcome and your input is encouraged! Hope to see you there. Leslie Lemieux, Committee Chair

**Ohlone Wilderness Trail Hike: Saturday, Feb. 24, 10:00 am**

We plan to hike the Ohlone Wilderness Trail from the Sunol trailhead (elevation 400') west toward Mission Peak (elevation 2517'), about 3 miles each way. If the weather is nice it is practical to go all the way to the Peak, but that is certainly optional. It's a *go back the way you came* hike with virtually no junctions. There is no loop hiking involved, so no one should get lost.

The trail is well maintained dirt road (no personal vehicles allowed) with some actual trail portions. Part is open grassland; much is heavily shaded oak forest. Most of the way it is moderate slope, with the steepest portions at the very beginning and right at the peak. Mud is generally not a problem. Actual rain will cancel the hike, but other than that we will go to the trailhead and decide at that point.

Parking is \$5 unless you have an EBRPD annual permit. Park maps and information are at [www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol.htm](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol.htm) and [www.ebparks.org/parks/mission.htm](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/mission.htm). The trailhead parking lot is on the right (southwest) side of the road, just past the visitor center on the left. The lot is shared with the horse trailer staging area. Let Terry Rossow or Bob Breckenridge know if you need more info.

**Sunday Afternoon Musicale: February 25, 4:00 pm**

There will be a concert in the sanctuary presenting clarinetist Joe Bonfiglio in two major works, the Mozart Concerto for Clarinet in B flat, and Concertino for Clarinet by Carl Maria von Weber. Pat Mielke will be the accompanist. The second half of the program will feature a Mendelssohn trio with Cyndy Salmon joining Joe on clarinet and Pat Mielke on piano. To round out the program, Joe will do a couple of Gershwin numbers.

The program will be about an hour in length, with a small reception afterward. It is a benefit concert to raise money for the music program at church. Children up through high school students will be admitted free. We are not selling tickets, but would like to suggest a donation in the range of \$12-\$20 per person. No one will be denied admission. Please invite all your friends to attend. We'd like to fill the sanctuary. It will be a concert well worth attending!

**Women & Religion Retreat: Spring Renewal: March 9-11**

The Women & Religion group of the Pacific Central District will hold its Spring Retreat at Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa next month. If you would like to join with others, have a great time; share two nights lodging, 6 delicious meals, superb program, beautiful scenery, & lots of fun plan on attending this great event. Program includes: workshops, dance, yoga, meditation, games, boutique, book swap, silent auction, spa treatment and more! If you have questions contact Barbara Eniti (449.3443) or June Schaefer (447.2356).

Registration forms are available at UUCiL.

**1960's Potluck****February 18,**

**Potluck through the decades.** Last month we kicked off our UUCiL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with the first of our *Potluck through the Decades* featuring a rainbow of jello dishes from the 1950's. This month we continue this series with food from the 1960's for our Third Sunday of the Month Potluck.

**G through I has potluck duty this month!** If you can't be there, please switch with someone who can. Those who are able to could help by putting their chairs away when they are done. Potluck duties include setting up tables and chairs, putting the food out on serving tables, putting plates, bowls, utensils and napkins out and restocking them as needed, bringing dirty serving dishes to the kitchen, and putting away tables and chairs. If the weather is nice, the tables can be set up outside before the service. When we are eating inside, the sanctuary chairs will need to be stacked near the walls before the tables can be set up (the sanctuary chairs do NOT need to be moved back after the potluck). Here is the potluck rotation schedule.

<b>1960's G-I</b>	<i>February 18</i>	<b>1970's J-L</b>	<i>March 18</i>
<b>1980's M-O</b>	<i>April 15</i>	<b>1990's P-R</b>	<i>May 20</i>

**Celebrate the Decades Movie Night for ALL Ages!****February 24**

Each month, to help celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Planning Committee's members will host an all-ages movie night with popcorn and drinks. This month's movie will be *The Miracle Worker*. This 1962 movie is based upon the autobiography of Helen Keller, and tells the story of the relationship between the deaf and blind girl and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. It features Patty Duke as Helen Keller and Ann Bancroft as Annie Sullivan. For their performances, Anne Bancroft earned an Academy Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role and Patty Duke for Best Actress in a Supporting Role. It should be a wonderful evening for the entire family. We hope you will join us!

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				<b>1</b> Long Term Rental Task Force, Green Rm. , noon Adult RE: <i>Film as Theological Text</i> , 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am OWL/overnight*, Green Rm, 6-9 pm Scrapbooking, 6:30-10:30 pm Suzuki Strings Founders' Bldg, 8:30-1:00
<b>4</b> Choir sings <i>If Justice Be Our Destiny</i> , Rev. Eric, 10:30 am Our American Roots*, 1-2:30	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Shawl Ministry, Green Rm, 10-12:00 Men's Group, 7:30 pm Minds on Fire*, 7-8:30 pm	<b>7</b> RE Comm, 7-9 pm	<b>8</b> Adult RE: <i>Film as Theological Text</i> 7 pm	<b>9</b> Adult RE: <i>Committed Couples</i> , Green Rm, 6-9	<b>10</b> Suzuki Strings Founders' Bldg, 8:30-1:00 Adult RE: <i>Committed Couples</i> , Green Rm, 9-3 Mardi Gras Celebration*
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<b>18</b> Choir Sings <i>UUCiL in the 60's</i> , Rev. Eric, 10:30 am 1960's Potluck, <b>G-I</b> Our American Roots*, 1-2:30 <i>OWL</i> *, Green Rm, 12-2 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Newsletter input due Membership Committee, noon Men's Group, Round Table Rm, 7:30 pm 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Planning Comm*, Green Rm, 7 pm	<b>21</b> Shawl Ministry, Green Rm, 7-8:30 pm	<b>22</b> Adult RE: <i>Film as Theological Text</i> , 7 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Suzuki Strings Founders' Bldg, 8:30-1:00 Canvass Training, . 9:00-10:30, Green Rm Ohlone Trail Hike*, Sunol, 10:00 am 60's Movie: <i>The Miracle Worker</i> , Green Rm, 7 pm
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(\*) item described elsewhere in this newsletter