



# Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore

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March 2009

**Sunday Services, High School & Middle School Youth Group, & Children's Religious Education**

**10:30 am**

*What's Happening at UUCiL?*

*Mondays in March*

*Young Adult Group*

*March 1:*

*Building and Grounds Meeting*

*Book Group*

*Bud Barlow Memorial Service*

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*Gospel Music Workshop*

*March 8:*

*Program Council*

*March 10:*

*Caring and Concerns Committee*

*UUCiL Board Meeting*

*Men's Group*

*March 15:*

*Potluck (F-K)*

*RE Committee*

*March 18:*

*Shawl Ministry*

*March 19:*

*Finance Committee Meeting*

*March 22:*

*Covenant of Right Relations Meeting*

*March 24:*

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*Men's Group*

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*March 27:*

*Welcoming Committee Meeting*

*March 28:*

*Building & Grounds Work Part*

*Chime Choir Rehearsal*



March 1

## **Buddhist Service**

*Sharmini Wijeyesekera*

*Pat Mielke, Accompanist*

Our own Sharmini Wijeyesekera will be leading this Buddhist service. Our Worship Associate is Adele Irvin and proud dad Sunil is our board opener. Come welcome Sharmini this Sunday.

March 8

## **Fair Exchange**

*Reverend Alicia McNary Forsey*

*UUCiL & area choirs lead by Don Lewis*

*Wendy Mason, Accompanist*

This sermon reflects on how we tend to give of ourselves and our resources in a way that reflects what we feel we are receiving -- emotionally, in allegiance to our values and wanting justice and balance in our private lives as well as in the broader community and the world at large.

March 15 **An Overview of Islam**

*Imam Ahmad*

*Pat Mielke, Accompanist*

The Sunday Services Committee is proud to present to the congregation, Imam Ahmad, leader of the Islamic Center of Livermore. Imam Ahmad will share with us some of the history of Islam, its focus on community,

and how this is manifest in practicing Islam in the West today. Our Worship Associate is Paul Singh. Please come join us and welcome the Imam to our community.

March 22

## **Walking Together**

*Reverend Alicia McNary Forsey*

*Malik Diamond – gift of poetry & music*

*UUCiL Choir*

*Wendy Mason, Accompanist*

This sermon will speak to how ministry is the work of the entire church, while walking with a human (all too human) being who has dedicated himself or herself to the work of ministry. What does it take to become a UU minister? It is more than a job and more than a minor commitment.

Malik Diamond (Matthew Irvin) will be coming from Los Angeles in order to offer his remarkable gift of putting poetry to music in a thoroughly modern manner.

March 29

## **To be determined**

*Settled Minister Candidate*

*Chime Choir*

*Pat Mielke, Accompanist*

Congregational e-mail will announce details soon.

## **UUCiL Staff**

*Interim Minister: Rev. Alicia McNary Forsey*

*Administrator: Renness Tomley*

*Director of Religious Education: Nada Velimirović*

*Choir Director: Dee Wood*

*Newsletter: Desty Shoemaker*

The UUCiL Newsletter is published 12 times each year. The editor, Desty Shoemaker, welcomes submissions from all sources. Please submit your input to Desty at [shoemaker4@llnl.gov](mailto:shoemaker4@llnl.gov). All input must be received by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month to ensure inclusion in the next month's edition.

## ***Greetings from Reverend Alicia***

### THE PRIORITIES OF NOW

When times are tense, uncertain, frightening – these are the times you most appreciate belonging to a caring community. It seems to me that UUCiL is indeed a caring community. You are responding to the economic crisis at hand by giving very generously to the offertory designated by the Board of Trustees to assist members who need help after being laid off. Last Sunday's offering and the next three Sundays are solely for this purpose. Last week was a three day weekend, and it was raining, so attendance was lower than a usual Sunday. Still, a substantial sum of money was given, over and above pledges. I see this, and I see things like schedules being set up for visits and meals as soon as anyone at UUCiL experiences an illness or the loss of a loved one, and more.

We need to be aware that some individuals are quiet about their private lives and prefer not to tell others about any difficulties they may be experiencing. As your Interim Minister, I suggest that we make no assumptions about anyone. In addition to layoffs, others are losing their health benefits, retirement funds are vanishing, relatives are going to need help we had not expected to give, medical insurance premiums are increasing, there are scams around every corner, and much of what we once held as expectations are now called into question.

Add to this the anticipation of calling a new Settled Minister on April 5. It is a positive and exciting event in the life of the church, but it is also a change. Change, for better or for worse, causes anxiety. What is now, as you understand it, will become something else.

Knowing that anxiety and stress can cause any one of us to respond to a situation in a way that may not reflect the best in us, we all need to pay special attention to remaining kind and addressing anyone we think we have an issue with directly.

This is a sensitive time that will pass. Someday you will look back on it with satisfaction, just as you now remember difficult times in the past you have weathered. As individuals and as the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore.

Love to all of you,

*Rev. Alicia*

**Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.**

*Lao Tzu*

## President's Column

We have a busy calendar coming up in March and April. Some key events to keep in mind:

a. At the last Board meeting, the Board agreed to devote the plate collection for four successive Sundays to a special fund, the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF), to help members of the church who need assistance in this difficult environment. Starting *February 15<sup>th</sup>* and ending *March 8<sup>th</sup>* the congregation will be asked to note on their donations (check or pledge envelope) whether it goes to the operating budget or the MDF. Any unmarked money will go to the MDF.

b. We will have 2-3 meetings to discuss the proposed covenant that was discussed in Rev. Alicia's column last month. The covenant as adopted by the Board reads:

"We covenant to build a religious community guided by respect and sustained by our principles. We want to listen appreciatively, speak with care, express gratitude, honor our differences and assume good intentions. We endeavor to communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict. When we hurt one another, we will try to forgive, make amends, and reconnect in a spirit of right relationship. In celebration of the common purpose that unites us, we will do our best to abide by this covenant."

All meetings will be held between now and the Annual Meeting, with the first one scheduled for *Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>* at 12 noon in the Tot Green room. We encourage everyone who cares about community and open communication to attend one of the planned meetings.

c. Candidating week will begin *March 29<sup>th</sup>* – starting with the Sunday morning service. This will be your opportunity to meet the candidate selected for us by the Search committee. Although the final candidate has not been chosen yet, I am told that the Search Committee is really excited about the choices that they have.

d. One week later, *April 5<sup>th</sup>* will be our opportunity to vote on whether to call the selected candidate to be our settled minister. According to our By-Laws, members must be present to vote (no absentee ballots) and a 4/5 vote is required to select a minister. The Board has also decided that voting will be by secret ballot.

e. Our pledge campaign will start in March and culminate in "celebration Sunday" on *April 12<sup>th</sup>*. Leslie Lemieux will have more details on how we will do pledge this year.

*Sunil Wijeyesekera*



## **Religious Education News - Spring Cleaning? Donate to our R.E Library!**

Are your bookshelves overloaded? Have your children outgrown some of their books, music CDs, or games? We are hoping to expand the resources we offer our devoted teaching teams by supplementing the resources we have on hand in our supply closet and classrooms. If you have any items that are in good condition to donate, please bring them to my desk in the church office.

Our able administrator, Rennie, will be assisting me with a spring cleaning of our own as we sort through the resources (curriculum, books, games and art supplies) that we already have. Once sorted, we will be creating a database of R.E. Library resources. This list will be provided to all teachers, will be posted in classrooms, and will be available for any other storytellers! Eventually, we would like to put this information on-line.

Finally, your kids will not want to miss **“Choice Sunday” on March 15** sponsored by the Religious Education Committee. Children and youth can come for a morning of pure fun: they can choose from a variety of activities including crafts, music and sports. And our hard-working teacher-volunteers will get a Sunday of rest!

With gratitude to all,

*N,ada*

Reverend Nada Velimirović

nadavel@yahoo.com, Office Hours: Wednesday 10-4 and by appointment

## **News from the Middle School Group**

Hi everyone! Our UUCIL Middle School group has been very busy. We did yoga with our own Yvonne Konneker in January and this month, we held a Pizza and Ice Skating outing. We will also be planning something fun for March, so stay tuned. This past Sunday, we also talked about Peer Pressure, Trust, and Supporting Friends. The previous Sundays, we have been talking about Outstanding Unitarian Universalists, qualities that make people Outstanding, and “what makes you tick.” Our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade group is a great bunch and we have really enjoyed being with them this year!

Hank, Leslie & Dave

**Looking for Eggs:** The Middle School Group will host the annual Easter Egg hunt after the Sunday Service on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This year, there will be a slight twist. Instead of hunting for candy, kids will be hunting for puzzle pieces! There will be a couple of very easy puzzles for the youngest to put together, and for the older kids (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade), a more challenging puzzle. A sweet treat will be available for everyone after the puzzles are put together. To that end, we need your plastic eggs! Please drop them in the middle school classroom. All donations are appreciated. See Leslie Lemieux if you have any questions.

**Service Auction Item still available:** Leslie is hosting a “Soup, Salad and Scrabble” night at the church on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>. She had hoped that 11 folks would sign up and only 8 folks did. There are 3 openings left. Join us at 6:00 for soup & salad, followed by an evening of Scrabble. If you are interested, please call Leslie at 606-5863 to sign up. The suggested contribution to the church is \$10.00. Thanks!

## **Help Wanted: Child Care Coordinator**

The church is seeking a Child Care Coordinator to help us maintain quality child care in our Nursery during Sunday morning services. We are looking for a mature and responsible person, 18 or over, with experience working with children.

You will have the first choice to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings and will be paid an additional \$15.00 weekly to coordinate child care for Sunday mornings. The hours on Sunday are from 10:15 until 12:15 and the pay during that time is \$12.00/hour. There are likely other opportunities for child care during congregational events, such as congregational meetings and the annual service auction.

We are looking for someone who will either work in the Starr King building regularly with our youngest UUs or arrange for others to work there. Quality child care is important to all of us. We can have as many as 12 children who are five and under in the Starr King building on Sunday mornings.

The ideal candidate will be certified in Child CPR and First Aid, or willing to be trained at the earliest opportunity. The RE committee will work with you to provide names of congregation members who are willing to help in the Nursery.

**Application Procedure:** Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and a resume to UUCIL, Attn: Director of Religious Education, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551.

## **Ministerial Search Committee Report**

For the past several weekends the MSC has been interviewing pre-candidates and traveling to neutral pulpits to hear them speak. We are now discussing them in depth, focusing on finding the minister who best fits UUCiL's needs for the next decade or so. The final activity of the search is to choose a candidate—and hope that we are that person's choice as well.

Candidating Week is scheduled for March 29 through April 5. During this time our candidate will preach on two Sundays and meet with as many interested groups and individuals as possible in the week between. After the service on April 5, a congregational vote will be held. Details on this process will follow when our candidate is announced.

For questions about the ministerial search, contact any committee member: Eric Serdahl, Chair, or Chilli Barlow, Linda Bissum, Joan Dickinson, Chuck Hartwig, Keith Mielke, or Jane Staehle.



## **Hymnal Amnesty**

Several of our hymnals have wandered off mysteriously into members' homes, never to be seen again in our sanctuary where they can be shared by all on Sunday morning. If one of these has turned up in your home, please bring it back to church without fear of retribution.

If you would like a hymnal of your own, you may order one for \$28 plus tax/shipping from the UUA; ask Rennie in the church office how you can do this.

## **Children's Choir Help Needed**

I'm writing to ask for your help & references to find an accompanist for the Young Singers. Wendy Mason, who was valuable in helping me start up our children's choir last year, has gone back to school so regrets she is no longer available for the choir.

I also want you to know that, should we find an accompanist & children (aged 7 to 13) eager to lift their voices, we'll be changing the time of rehearsals to Sunday afternoons. I understand there are a number of families for whom this timing would be more convenient than our previous evening rehearsals. I'm considering 12:15 or 12:30 in order to give the kids time to have lunch after church.

For the accompanist, I'm looking for a reasonably skilled adult or teenaged pianist who can give me about 1 ¼ hours each Sunday afternoon, come early on Sunday service performance dates, & commit to enough home practice to learn the pieces well. I would also welcome input & further involvement from this person if they are interested in the vocal part of this program, but that's optional. This is an opportunity for a pianist who enjoys music & kids to give service to our church and have a lot of fun!

Please wrack your brains & search out your networks & pass on the names of anyone you think might be able to fill this vacancy. I'd also like to hear from families whose children would be interested in joining the choir with the new rehearsal time.

I hope we can get this off the ground soon & share some joyful music with the congregation this spring. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Leanne Macdonnell*

[leanne.macdonnell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leanne.macdonnell@sbcglobal.net), 961-9130

## **Choir Notes**

Everyone, choir member or not, is welcome to attend the all-day workshop on the history, evolution, and meaning of Gospel Music. It will be led by Don Lewis of "Lewisizer Presents" on Saturday, March 7; the congregation will get to hear the results on Sunday, March 8. The cost to attend the workshop is \$25, and a registration form is available through the church office.

Singing in the UUCiL choir is not the first time that most members have sung in a choir. People come with varied experience and reasons for wanting to sing. For example, Shelley Covey feels religious when she sings, especially gospel and classical pieces. She started singing in choirs in the 8th grade and has been in countless groups. She likes the camaraderie in this choir and appreciates the expertise that Dee Wood brings to us as a director. Louise Gray had not sung with a chorus since her university days when she joined. She likes Dee's choices of music and the sociability of the choir. Hank O'Brien sang in high school and college choirs. He sings any chance he gets and likes the other voices, harmony, and Dee's selections. Alice Bennert sang in high school choirs for three years. They learned their parts by rote and once sang in 10 below weather at the tree-lighting ceremony on Boston Common. Alice also enjoys the camaraderie in our choir and says that Dee "has the patience of a saint."

So, if this strikes any chords with you, come join us!

*Susan Harvey*

## **Chime Choir**

It's "TIME TO CHIME" again. Our next chime choir rehearsal is set for Saturday, March 28 from 3:30 to 5:00 in the sanctuary. We will practice one or two songs and present them during the early part of the service on Sunday, March 29. Adults and children 7 years or older may participate. Chime ringing experience is not required, but all players must be able to read the notes on the staff and understand note value. At least 10 players are needed. To sign up call me at 687-7053 or email [deenotes@earthlink.net](mailto:deenotes@earthlink.net).

*Dee Wood*

## **Getting to Know UU**

If you are interested in membership in this congregation or would just enjoy a no-pressure opportunity to learn more about us, these sessions are for you. You'll have a chance to meet other new people and potential friends. You'll get to compare your own beliefs and values with those of other newcomers and old-timers. We'll share highlights of UU history, tell you about this particular church, and explore the privileges and expectations of membership. There will be plenty of time for you to ask the questions and get answers that will enable you to know if this might be the appropriate religious home for you.

This two-session orientation series will be held March 8 and March 22 from noon to 2:00. A light lunch and childcare will be provided. The Membership Committee members need to know you are coming so they can provide enough food and childcare as needed.

Sign up at the sanctuary table or call the office at 925-447-8747 or send e-mail to [uucil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uucil@sbcglobal.net).

## **Modifying the Covenant**

All are invited to meet on March 22 after church in order to suggest any modifications for the Covenant of Right Relations, adopted by the Board of Trustees and now put before the congregation. The meeting will begin at 12:00 in the sanctuary. The Covenant as it currently stands reads as follows:

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## **You CAN Change Your Life**

Make your reservations now for the workshop offered by internationally acclaimed dream worker and author, Jeremy Taylor. Discover the power of the messages brought to you in your dreams, and how listening to and acting on these message can change your life. Call Rev. Forsey at the church (925-447-8747, line 2) to save a space. The workshop will follow Rev. Taylor's sermon at UUCiL on April 26. A \$15.00 donation is requested. Call or email ([revalicia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revalicia@sbcglobal.net)) Rev. Forsey with any questions. Announcements will be going out to other congregations soon, so please make your reservation now!

**Oran M. “Bud” Barlow**  
**Nov. 22, 1925—Feb. 4, 2009**

Bud Barlow, a long-time member of this church, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, where his uncle was an obstetrician who delivered all the family babies. Since Bud’s father worked on “maintenance of way” for the railroad, newborn Bud rode the rails back to Merced CA, where his family lived at the time of his birth.



In the early 1930s, the Barlow family moved to Berkeley, where Bud graduated from Berkeley High School. He went on to graduate from UC Berkeley, where he played clarinet in the Cal Band and was elected its drum major in 1948. During World War II, he served in the Navy in New Guinea; he also served in the Korean Conflict.

Bud and Chili met at the Purple Girdle Bar in San Leandro, at a beer party sponsored by the UU Church in Hayward. They were married in 1962 and settled in Pleasanton in 1965, at which time they joined the Livermore Unitarian Fellowship.

After retiring from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Bud’s love of railroads led him to volunteer full-time restoring old cars for the Niles Canyon Railway. He also played in the Pleasanton Band, studied astronomy and made his own telescopes and observatory, traced his family’s history, and enjoyed a widespread community of family and friends.

At UUCiL we will remember Bud fondly for his service as Board President and many years as Treasurer; for his leadership of many memorable youth and adult backpack trips; for the corny jokes he left on his answering machine; for the unique handmade ties his daughter Vivian gave him for holidays and other special days; for his grand smile and distinctive laugh. We’ll miss you, Bud.

Bud is survived by his wife of 46 years, Chili, four children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

All are invited to a memorial service on Sunday, March 1st, at 2 pm, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton CA.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Pacific Locomotive Association, Box 2248, Fremont CA 94536; or to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, 1893 Vasco Rd., Livermore CA 94551.

# POTLUCK

Many of us look forward to the potluck after church on the third Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome, and you are invited to join in the fun even if you are a newcomer or forget to bring a dish to share. Members and friends are reminded that the set-up and clean-up chores are shared by everyone according to an established alphabetical rotation schedule.

Each month members whose last names begin with specific letters are encouraged to pitch in by setting up tables and chairs, putting food on serving tables, putting plates, bowls, utensils and napkins out and restocking as needed, bringing dirty serving dishes to the kitchen, putting away tables and chairs, and cleaning up the kitchen.

March 15<sup>th</sup> potluck volunteers are people with last names of F-K. Looking ahead, April 19<sup>th</sup> potluck volunteers will be people with last names of L-O. Of course, if it's not your month to volunteer and you have time to do so, please feel to help.

## ***Building and Grounds Committee Meeting***

There will be a Buildings and Grounds meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Tot Green Room. Discussion topics include recent accomplishments, current activities and upcoming projects and a Board report.

**The next Buildings and Grounds Work Party will be Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon with lunch provided.**



Let religion be to us life and joy.

*Let it be a voice of renewing challenge to the best we have and may be; let it be a call to generous action.*

Let religion be to us a dissatisfaction with things that are, which bids us serve more eagerly the true and right.

*Let it be the sorrow that opens for us the way of sympathy, understanding, and service to suffering humanity.*

Let religion be to us the wonder and lure of that which is only partly known and understood:

*An eye that glorifies in nature's majesty and beauty, and a heart that rejoices in deeds of kindness and courage.*

Let religion be to us security and serenity because of its truth and beauty, and because of the enduring worth and power of the loyalties which it engenders;

*Let it be to us hope and purpose, and a discovering of opportunities to express our best through daily tasks.*

Religion, uniting us with all that is admirable in human beings everywhere;

*Holding before our eyes a prospect of the better life for humankind, which each may help to make actual.*

Vincent B. Silliman

## **"GENERATIONS OF WOMEN, Past, Present and Future"**

### **March 6 – 8, 2009**

The Annual Spring Retreat sponsored by Women and Religion - PCD UUA (Pacific Central District of the Unitarian Universalist Association) is being held Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, March 6-8, 2009 at Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa, CA. (Enchanted Hills Camp stipulates that the retreat is open to those who are 18 years or older.)

There will be workshops, large group gatherings, small affinity circles and shared worship, all of which will be provided by retreat participants. There will be time for solitude, meditation, singing, dancing, yoga, tai chi, games, a boutique, book swap, silent auction, and more! Participation in all activities is voluntary.

Sleeping accommodations are in heated cabins and rooms in the lodge that sleep 2 to 4 per room. The registrar will take your special needs into account when assigning rooms. Bedding is provided. Staff will provide a varied menu of homemade healthy family-style meals. Early bird cost by Feb. 2 is \$230; otherwise \$250.

Special food needs can be accommodated if requested in advance. Onsite transportation will be available for those who need help up and down the hill. To learn more, check out <http://www.uccr.org/ehc.htm>.

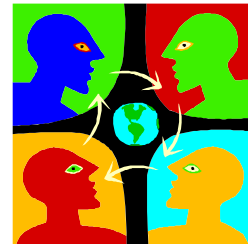
Questions? Call Jean Nickell (925-977-1652) or e-mail [nejaros@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nejaros@sbcglobal.net) for a registration form.

### ***Stebbins at Asilomar 2009***

### ***LET'S CELEBRATE!***

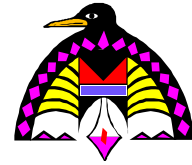
***Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2009***

2009 will celebrate many decades of wonderful Unitarian Universalist Summer Conferences at Asilomar. All good things must come to an end and Stebbins has been unable to attract and keep enough younger leadership to continue meeting. This will be the last planned Stebbins and we want to spend time to honor long-time attendees and remember wonderful times together while still providing another great program for new people.



They only have rooms for 70 people. If you want to guarantee your space, please complete the pre-registration form available in the church office or on the web at [www.serve.com/stebbins](http://www.serve.com/stebbins) and return with your \$100 deposit. More information on the program is also available on the website, or you can call Kathi or Murray Bullis at 925-829-4419 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 18, 2009  
 6TH ANNUAL LIVERMORE POW WOW  
 at Los Positas College



DANCE & DRUM CONTEST

Many of you have asked me about this pow wow and for two years the organizers have had trouble finding a venue. Now they have one! Come join me and be Native American for an afternoon - enjoy the costumes and the drumming and join in the dancing.

*Adele Irvin*

### **Church Leader Workshop in Stockton**

The Pacific Central District is offering a workshop for church leaders in our area. If you are interested, you are invited and encouraged to attend. The UUCiL Board will pay registration fees for the first two people to respond.

"Big Ideas for Small Congregations," presented by Ellen Germann-Melosh, former District Executive for the Mountain Desert District of the UUA, at Stockton UU Church on Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The workshop will cover how to get more people involved in the ministries of the congregation, how to structure programs even if a 'critical mass' doesn't exist for that effort, and how to best leverage your resources.

For additional information, go to <http://www.pcd-uua.org>

If you are interested in attending the workshop, contact Ron Dueltgen at (925) 449-0528 or at [ron@dueltgen.net](mailto:ron@dueltgen.net) to take advantage of the offer for free registration and to coordinate travel.

### **Tri-Valley Haven Theatre Event**

Come support the Tri-Valley Haven at the funnest event in town, this year's *Vagina Monologues- A Celebration of Sexuality*, at the Bankhead Theater. Performances are Friday, February 27th at 8pm, Friday, March 6th at 8pm and Saturday, March 7th at 2pm. Ticket prices range from \$26 to \$41 and can be purchased online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or at the Bankhead ticket window.

### **A Whale of a Good Time with Fellow UUs**

WhaleCoast Alaska 2009: Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer in our 13th year! See REAL Alaska, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Juneau, and Sitka. UU's host events and lead tours. We visit Tlingit and Inupiat Native Alaskans, see lots of wildlife like bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters and bald eagles and visit Denali and other National Parks. Dave Frey, a 28-year Alaska resident, leads the programs. Visit [www.whalecoastak.org](http://www.whalecoastak.org). Reservation deadline is March 21, but tours usually fill early. Email [mdfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:mdfrey@whalecoastak.org) for information, or call 907-322-4966. Alaska UUs would love to share our awe-inspiring state with you!

## **THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH**

### **YAG (Young Adult Group) Mondays, 8:00p.m.**

This is a weekly gathering of folks age 18-35. Hang out with us as we continue to alternate Popcorn Theology nights with mellower game and conversation nights. We take turns hosting YAG at our homes, so contact Wendy Mason at [wendyjane\\_mason@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjane_mason@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list so you can learn specific location details.

### **Book Group March 1 at noon**

The Book Group will meet Sunday, March 1, at 12 noon in the High School classroom. It is a small, cozy room with comfortable couches and chairs. We like it because we can hear each other well--it doesn't have the open space that garbles sounds for those of us with hearing difficulties.

We share/tell about books we have read and bring books to loan to others. Ones we liked and think others may like. Some of us bring a snack or lunch to munch on while we talk. The group is open to all interested in "talking book." If you need a ride home someone can help you out with that.

We are preparing for a discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd the first Sunday in April. Joyce Taylor will lead that discussion. In June we will discuss *Hot, Flat, and Crowded* by Thos. Friedman. Bring your thoughts and perspectives and share them with us.

March 1 will be a short meeting. We will adjourn at 1:00 in order to attend Bud Barlow's memorial at 2:00 in Pleasanton.

*Hildy Pehrson and Alyce Rossow*



### **Minds on Fire March 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Minds on Fire will meet Wednesday, March 4 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the home of Helen Meier. For details and directions, contact Shelley Covey, [shelcovey@comcast.net](mailto:shelcovey@comcast.net) or Helen Meier, [hmeier@earthlink.net](mailto:hmeier@earthlink.net)

### **Men's Group March 10 & 24 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Men's Group meets twice a month for fellowship and discussion in the Church Office, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. If you would like to join us, please contact Craig Fish: [craigbfish@comcast.net](mailto:craigbfish@comcast.net).

### **Shawl Ministry March 18 at 7:00 p.m. March 24 at noon**

Do you knit? Crochet? Do you want to learn? Come join us! In this group, we work on knitting or crocheting projects for those in need of an extra dose of kindness. You can work on a shawl or on a project you have already started. We meet in the Tot Green building. Call Kim Rowe at 606-9531 if you have questions.



**REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time  
starts Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

***It's time to Spring Forward!***



## March 2009

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1 9:00 a.m. Building and Grounds Committee 10:30 a.m. <i>Buddhist Service</i> Sharmini Wijiseysekera 12:00 p.m. Book Group 2:00 p.m. Bud Barlow Memorial Service (Pleasanton Senior Ctr.)</p>	<p>2 8:00 pm YAG</p>	<p>3 6:30 p.m. Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p>4 7:00 pm Minds on Fire</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 PCD Women's Retreat</p>	<p>7 9:00 am Gospel Music Workshop  PCD Women's Retreat</p>
<p>8 9:00 a.m. Program Council 10:30 a.m. <i>Fair Exchange</i> Reverend Alicia McNary Forsey UUCiL Choir, et al Pledge Drive Kick-off  PCD Women's Retreat</p>	<p>9 8:00 pm YAG</p>	<p>10 9:45 a.m. Caring and Concerns Committee 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Men's Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10:30 a.m. <i>An Overview of Islam</i> Imam Ahmad 12:00 p.m. Potluck (F-K) 12:00 p.m. RE Committee</p>	<p>16 8:00 pm YAG</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>19 7:00 pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 10:30 a.m. <i>Walking Together</i> Reverend Alicia McNary Forsey UUCiL Choir  12:00 p.m. Covenant of Right Relations Meeting</p>	<p>23 8:00 pm YAG</p>	<p>24 7:30 p.m. Men's Group  12:00 p.m. Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00 pm Welcoming Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28 8:00 am Building and Grounds Work Party  9:30 am PCD Workshop in Stockton  3:30 pm Chime Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>29  10:30 a.m. <i>TBD</i> Settled Minister Candidate Chime Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

# *“Caring Community”*

## *This Year’s Pledge Drive*

*Kicking Off*

*Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009*



*Join us for our Celebration Sunday, to be held  
Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*Save the date!*

*Service to be followed by Outdoor Picnic*

*Watch for updates in the newsletter...  
on the UUCiL web site...  
and at Church.*

*Stewardship 2008/2009 Team*

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