



Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore

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June 2011

Sunday Services, High School & Middle School Youth Group, & Children's Religious Education at 10:30am

What's Happening at UUCiL?

Mondays in June

Young Adult Group

Fridays in June

Tai Chi

June 4:

Choir Rehearsal

June 5:

1st Sunday Book Group

June 6:

Sunday Services Committee

June 8:

Men's Group

Shawl Ministry

June 9:

Caring and Concerns Committee

June 11:

Men's Group

June 13:

Finance Committee Meeting

June 15:

Choir Rehearsal

June 16:

Social Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting

Board Meeting

June 17:

Stargazers

June 19:

Potluck (P-R)

June 22:

Men's Group

June Sermon Topics

June 5 ***The Healing Power of Laughter***

*Caroline Knowles, preaching
UUCiL Choir*

Wendy Fisher – Accompanist

How is laughter a part of the spiritual life?

June 12 ***It's Worth It***

*Rev. Lucas Hergert, preaching
Pat Mielke – Pianist*

This is the Coming of Age service. Rev. Lucas will preach on the question, "Is Unitarian Universalism worth it?"

June 19 ***Crossing the Threshold***

*Rev. Lucas Hergert, preaching
UUCiL Choir*

Wendy Fisher – Accompanist

What does theological hospitality mean for you?

June 26 ***You Came Here to Die, Didn't You?***

*Sherie Labedis, preaching
Pat Mielke – Accompanist*

Sherie Labedis discovered a passion for civil rights when high school English teacher, Bruce Harvey (our own Susan Harvey's husband), asked his students what they were willing to die for. She is the author of *You Came Here to Die, Didn't You.* Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Minister's Summer Reading Recommendation:

Eric Metaxas' *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*

WATCH REV. LUCAS' SERMONS ONLINE:

www.uucil.net

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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@lml.gov. All input must be received by the 3rd Sunday of the month to ensure inclusion in the next month's edition.

From Your Minister

It's June, which means it's time to make my recommendation for great summer reading. This is a *New York Times* bestseller that a member lent me, & I have not been able to put down. It is Eric Metaxas' biography *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*.

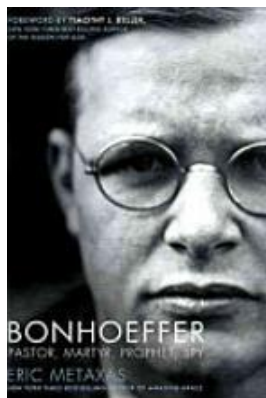
A Lutheran minister & theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was one of the few clergy to actively oppose the Nazis. While the German church mostly capitulated to Hitler, Bonhoeffer resisted both anti-Semitism & nationalism. This otherwise unassuming theologian even participated in a plot to assassinate the Fuhrer. Refusing to leave the country for safety in America, Bonhoeffer was finally executed in a concentration camp.

I first learned about Bonhoeffer in seminary. We read his approach to community & living the religious life. Being a person of faith, he believed, meant resisting the shallowness and brutality of one's culture. His writings are a challenge to uphold one's convictions especially when it is hard to do so. He bore this out in his life no less than in his thought.

Bonhoeffer was theologically conservative; his theology is quite far from Unitarian Universalism. He believed his will to resist the Nazis came directly out of his Christian worldview. Partly because of this, & partly in spite of it, I think we can learn a lot from this courageous man. What inspires us to live a courageous life? What makes us resist the parts of our culture that are harmful? No matter where we fall in respect to Bonhoeffer's theology, his is a story that deserves to be told—and read.

Pick up his biography this summer, & let me know what you think. I will offer a sermon & a discussion in the fall that addresses this important work.

Wishing you a restful summer,
Lucas



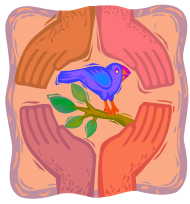
Ron's Notes – June 2011

This is my last chance to write a column for the Newsletter; it's time to step aside and let someone else's wisdom appear here. It has been a challenge and a privilege to do this for the past two years. A commonly stated 'truth' is that Board presidents leave the church after their term is up. I can't agree with that for me, and I know it's not true for any of the recent past presidents at UUCiL. We all know what you all know: UUCiL is a caring, nurturing community that we want to be a part of. How foolish it would be to leave!

UUCiL's Annual Meeting last month was, as always, predictable and surprising and, above all, interesting. The Board certainly appreciates your strong support of our efforts for the past year and our vision for the year to come. The budget usually elicits good comments and strong opinions, and adopting the proposed FY12 budget intact speaks well for the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee as well as the Board, who has to make the final decisions. My thanks to all who worked on formulating the budget and all of you for contributions that make it work. One comment about the meeting: I was struck, as I looked around the sanctuary, at the apparent average age of those in attendance. Not quite three score years and ten, but pretty close to three score, I'd wager. It says something about our need to help our younger members see the value in and need for assuming leadership roles in church governance. If nothing else, preserving corporate memory by passing down best practices and stored knowledge is crucial to future well-being. Somehow, we need to work on leadership development at UUCiL. Your ideas are always solicited and welcome.

Many, many thanks to all with whom I have served on the Board during the past four years. It's been mostly fun and always interesting.

In peace and fellowship –
Ron



UUCiL:
Working Toward
Social Justice
June Update

This has been an exciting year as we launched our official social justice ministry to include direct service, education, funding/fundraising, and public witness opportunities. The focus was on supporting children and families. We worked with Tri-Valley Haven, Open Heart Kitchen, Jackson Avenue Elementary School, and UU Legislative Ministry (UULM), gave 10% of undesignated collection on Sunday to Open Heart Kitchen in the Fall and Axis Community Health in the Spring, and began to study Immigration as a Moral Issue.

There are many needs in the larger community, and the Social Justice Coordinating Committee will be meeting on June 16 at 10:00 a.m. to identify priorities and plan activities for the 2011-2012 program year. What should we continue to support? Are there new ideas to consider such as advocating for implementation of healthcare reform in CA, climate change, marriage equality, or immigration reform advocacy? Are there new partnerships in the larger community that we should develop in order to increase our impact? All of these questions will be considered at the June meeting. Anyone interested is invited. Your input will be welcomed. This year one third of our congregation participated in some way. Let's increase member and friend involvement even further next year.

If you have ideas but can't attend the upcoming planning meeting, send email to lois@dueltgen.net. Or better yet, contact her and set up a time to talk over a cup of coffee.

To stop the flow of music would be like the stopping of time itself, incredible and inconceivable.

-Aaron Copland

Choir Notes:
Reading Ahead



SAVE THIS DATE: The Music Committee at UUCiL invites everyone to a **CONCERT** on Sunday, June 26 at 2:00 in the sanctuary, to dedicate our **NEW GRAND PIANO**. This concert will feature local concert pianist, Mark Anderson and clarinetist, Joe Bonfiglio. In addition, Pat Mielke and Wendy Fisher will perform.

Mark Anderson is a native of the San Francisco Bay Area and has become one of the world's outstanding pianists. He has performed world wide and his recordings on Nimbus Records have received numerous awards. He is currently involved in a recording project with Nimbus Records (UK) to record the complete solo piano works of Hans von Bulow. In addition to being executive director of the New World Music Academy in Pleasanton, Mark consistently performs solo and chamber recitals throughout the west coast, as well as teaches at his private studio at New World Music Academy.

Mark and Joe Bonfiglio will together perform the Brahms F minor Sonata for Piano and Clarinet. Joe earned a Bachelor's of Music at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and a Master's degree in Music at the Juilliard School. He has taught at the Peabody Preparatory School in Baltimore, the Walden School in Vermont, and at the University of California at Santa Barbara as Associate Professor of Music. He has performed as principal clarinet with various orchestras, and is in great demand as a soloist. He free-lances in the Bay Area and teaches more than eighty students locally. We have appreciated his performances at our church many times.

You're all invited to come celebrate this beautiful addition to our sanctuary and enjoy refreshments afterwards. There is no admission charge, however donations will be gratefully accepted.



On Sunday, June 5th the individual graded classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade will have their last classes.



On Sunday, June 12th we will have an Intergenerational Service. We will be honoring our graduating seniors, celebrating our youth who have completed the Coming of Age program, and giving a very special thank you to our Religious Education teachers.



On Sunday, June 19th we will be having a special year end carnival for all children and youth. The carnival will be followed by a barbeque and ice cream social for all following the Sunday service.



On Sunday, June 26th the summer Children's Religious Education program begins. We will be following the Chalice Camp curriculum. The Chalice Camp curriculum is for all Kindergarten through 8th grade students. We will be participating in arts and crafts projects, scripted plays, singing, reflection and more.



On Sunday evening, June 12th the Summer Youth Service Camp will begin. The group of 18 youth, 11 from UUCiL, 4 from UU Sacramento and 3 from UU Stockton and their youth advisors will begin this summer camp with getting to know you activities, group dinner and then spending the night at UUCiL. Our first service project will be the Taylor Family Foundation Camp, a camp for children facing catastrophic illness. Our group will be spending the day there readying the camp sites by putting out materials and equipment that had been stored for the winter. On Tuesday, the group will, with supervision from the facilities manager, be repaving the parking lot of the East Bay SPCA in Dublin. Then it is off to Stockton to participate in service projects arranged for them there. On Wednesday they are off to Sacramento and then home on Friday. For a complete list of scheduled projects check the RE bulletin board in the Sanctuary.

I was told to challenge every spiritual teacher, every world leader to utter the one sentence that no religion, no political party, and no nation on the face of the earth will dare utter: 'Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.'

Neale Donald Walsch

SELF – Student Education Loan Fund

SELF is a 48-year-old Livermore volunteer organization that makes interest free loans to Livermore high school graduates or Livermore residents for their continuing or college education. Since 1963, 484 loans were issued with a total value of \$623,695. The current average loan is \$2500. Upon graduation, the students must begin to repay the loans to provide the funds for loans to future deserving students.

Applications can be obtained from the career centers at the local high schools, at our web site, www.selfloans.org or by calling Linda Nidever-Galles at 443-4943. The application deadline for Aug/Sept school starts is July 1. If a student is starting school at other times, or in emergency situations, applications will be considered any time during the year.

Questions: contact Janice Paquette at janicepaquette@comcast.net or 925-373-6894



POTLUCK

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come to the Monthly POTLUCK. It will be June 19th, 2011. Helpers are people with last names – P-R. The July POTLUCK is June 17th and helpers are people with last names – S-Z. HELPERS are people who help get the food and everything needed on the serving tables and/or stay after to help clean up.

S.O.S. – TABLE HELPERS NEEDED! This entails helping to put up: (1) 3 serving tables first; and (2) tables and chairs for eating. When the weather is too cold or rainy and we must eat inside, the Chairs in the Sanctuary need to be moved.

POTLUCK or AFTER CHURCH COFFEE questions or to help please contact:

Beth Dowling 925-249-1581

bethdowling@comcast.net or

Laura Pedersen 925-426-9789

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Camp Shelly at Lake Tahoe

Come to Livermore's beautiful camp ground in the woods of South Lake Tahoe this summer, and get away from it all.. Enjoy the company of other UUCiLers while swimming, hiking, and enjoying nature. The camp ground has well spaced sites, each equipped with a picnic table, fire ring and several tent spots. Some sites will accommodate a trailer or camper. The bathroom has flush toilets and hot showers. We usually have an expedition to a lovely mountain lake on Saturday, and have a potluck and a group campfire that night.

We now have twelve camp sites reserved at Camp Shelly for August 5-6th. Two are left for anyone in the congregation to reserve for \$77 for the weekend, payable to Alyce Rossow. Later there MAY be the possibility of doubling up in a camp site and sharing the expense, but no guarantees. Don't put off making a reservation, or it may be too late. Contact Alyce Rossow 925-447-8881 or rossow@ieee.org.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

YAG (Young Adult Group) Mondays 8:00 p.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 & conversation nights. We take turns hosting YAG at our homes, so contact Wendy Fisher at wendyjanemason@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list to learn specific location details.

1st Sunday Book Group June 5th at noon

First Sunday Book Group will meet in High School room at noon to discuss our future program. We did not meet in May due to a meeting in the church. Alyce and Hildy would like some feedback on what the group would like to do, so come with your ideas and preferences. We will not be meeting during the summer.

Drop-In Tai Chi Class Fridays at noon

Come learn a modified version of sun style tai chi, suitable for those with arthritis. This class meets every week, and anyone is welcome to start attending any time. The fee per class is \$10; 40% of this goes to UUCiL. Contact Barbara Reynolds at (503)449-3861 for more information; the class is drop-in, but advance notice of your arrival is appreciated.



Men's Group June 8 & 22 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.

Shawl Ministry June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Do you knit? Crochet? Do you want to learn? Come join us! In this group we work on projects for those in need of an extra dose of kindness. You can work on a shawl, chemo caps 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.



I don't believe in angels – or – do I?
I cheer for the underdog –
well, not always ...

I believe in nature, in animals, in birds –
in heaven, on earth only.
Let it be. Keep it so.

I believe in the environmental “Rs” –
recycling is
a religious experience.

For some of us, worship
means *worth-ship*,
and *the coffee hour is communion*.

Some come to hone their consciences,
some to heal their wounds.
Out of many different houses ...

We endeavor to
afflict the comfortable,
and to comfort the afflicted.

We are inclusive, not exclusive –
our circle draws in all but those
who would exclude themselves.

Some of us are straight – some gay –
we welcome all –
trans, asexual too!

I believe in Love, Love is God,
God is Love,
Love is the doctrine of this church.

Some of us call it church –
I say sanctuary ...
We celebrate all the holidays, just in case.

YES, I AM A UNITARIAN!
I used to say UN-itarian,
or FUN-itarian!

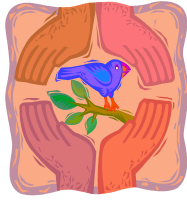
Now I say YOU-nitarian –
YOU may be
a Unitarian ...

Franci Louann is a poet, a dental hygienist, and a member of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

June						
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
29 10:30 a.m. <i>Sermon of the Year</i> Reverend Lucas Hergert RE Play Day	30 8:00 pm YAG*	31 2:00 p.m. UUCiL at Open Heart Kitchen	1	2	3 Noon Tai Chi	4 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
5 10:30 a.m. <i>The Healing Power of Laughter</i> Caroline Knowles UUCiL Choir 12:00 1 st Sunday Book Group	6 8:00 pm YAG* 7:00 p.m. Sunday Services Committee	7	8 7:30 p.m. Men's Group 7:00 p.m. – Shawl Ministry	9 12:00 p.m. Caring & Concerns Committee	10 Noon Tai Chi	11
12 10:30 a.m. <i>It's Worth It</i> Reverend Lucas Hergert	13 8:00 pm YAG* 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	14	15 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 am Social Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting 6:45 pm Board Meeting	17 Noon Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Stargazers	18
19 10:30 a.m. <i>Crossing the Threshold</i> Reverend Lucas Hergert & UUCiL Choir 12:00 p.m. Potluck (P-R)	20 8:00 pm YAG*	21	22 7:30 p.m. Men's Group	23	24 Noon Tai Chi	25
26 10:30 a.m. <i>You Came Here to Die, Didn't You?</i> Sheri Labedis	27 8:00 pm YAG*	28	29	30	1 Noon Tai Chi	2

[Click here](http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1I3G1I3G1K5O9L6I3) to view our calendar on-line at <http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1I3G1I3G1K5O9L6I3>

*Not held at UUCiL. Please check with organizer for location.



Social Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 16th
at
10:00 a.m.



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The Unitarian Universalist Church
in Livermore is a caring, diverse
community of open-minded people.
We provide a supportive non-creedal
environment for spiritual and
intellectual growth.
We encourage living respectfully and
fostering the religious aspect of life
through serving the larger community.

*We are a
Welcoming Congregation*

*The Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore is located at 1893 North Vasco Road in Livermore, California.
Founded as a Fellowship in 1957, we are proud to have been a voice for liberal religion in the TriValley for the over 50 years.
To learn more about our congregation please join us for Sunday Service at 10:30 am and visit our website at: www.uucil.net*