



CVUUF News

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A Welcoming Community to all persons regardless of their race, nationality, or sexual orientation.

Upcoming Sunday Services

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The theme for October is justice. Inspired by our second Source, we heed the "words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." Main reading: *A People so Bold: Theology and Ministry for Unitarian Universalists*, edited by John Gibb Millspaugh

October 5 – The Prophetic Congregation – Rev. Lora Brandis –

Prophetic UU congregations stand firmly on the shoulders of those who have come before us, recognizing that our theologies are "this-world" theologies. We have a responsibility to create heaven here and now. We have a responsibility to live from covenant rather than from belief. Prophetic congregations, in the words of Rebecca Parker, "choose to bless the world."

October 12 – Words and Deeds of Prophetic Women and Men –

Rev. Lora Brandis — Our religion has a long history filled with the words and deeds of prophetic women and men. We are known for our acts of social justice because of the words and deeds of women and men like Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Horace Greeley, John Marshall, Joseph Priestly, and others who are remembered for speaking truth to power. Inspired by the past, we are challenged to transform the world with justice and compassion.

October 19 – Everyday Heroes – Rev. Lora Brandis –

Unitarian Universalists are proud to recite the standard litanies of famous UUs as a way of explaining who we are. There are also everyday heroes in our history who shaped our religion and confronted powers and structures of evil. There are also everyday heroes in our faith tradition today who continue to affirm and promote justice, compassion and the transforming power of love as a way of living our values in the world.

October 26 – Chalice Players — Today's presentation is an historical perspective of race beginning with how the early leaders of Unitarianism helped people in the Underground Railroad. The challenges of discrimination, from past mistakes to present unrest, will highlight the month's theme of justice.

CVUUF Sundays on CD: Recordings of most Sunday services are available on audio CD. They may be purchased for a \$3 donation, made at time of order. All proceeds go to the Library Fund. Order yours at the Library bookcase in Social Hall and do remember to pick up the CDs you've ordered! Sunday recordings can also be heard at <http://www.cvuuf.org>, some can even be downloaded to your iPod.



Muusings from Reverend Lora

I recently worshipped with a group called HeartSpace Spiritual Center in Dallas while visiting family. A friend invited me to worship there. The same friend, coincidentally, introduced me to Unitarian Universalism 17 years ago. HeartSpace is a member community of the Centers for Spiritual Living, an organization formerly known as the Institute of Religious Science which was founded by Ernest Holmes in 1927. Holmes was greatly influenced by Emerson, so worshipping with HeartSpace was a lot like visiting with cousins.

Frank and I met my friend there thirty minutes before worship began, choosing to start our worship experience with a group meditation. It was a good choice - a reminder that just twenty minutes of meditation a day makes a difference in our lives. The worship experience itself was filled with soul-stirring singing accompanied by a jazz trio that included an old friend of Frank's who he's known since high school.

The worship experience was very informal. About thirty people gathered in a small storefront space, which is rented out for events by the wine bar next door. The minister's young daughter ran back and forth from her mother to a caregiver during the service. The group was quite diverse, the sort of multicultural gathering UUs aspire to. The experience was heartfelt and authentic. HeartSpace Spiritual Center embodies its name.

The sermon that day was "stump-the-minister." We were invited to write a question prior to the service and submit it for her response. The questions ranged from "how can I deepen my prayer life" to "how do I know I exist?" (For those of you considering suggesting that I provide a "stump-the-minister" sermon someday, please refrain from asking that second question.) The minister handled all of the questions with grace and wisdom, even inviting input from the lead musician and the worship associate for their responses to the questions. As to the question about existence, she quoted Descarte's famous line "I think therefore I am" and quoted something from Emerson to further answer the question.

"I studied Emerson, and this was like drinking water to me." - Ernest Holmes (1887-1960). Read the statement of belief that Holmes wrote in 1927 or the updated statement at <http://www.heartspaceallas.org> and you hear Emerson's influence: "We believe that heaven and hell are not physical places to which we are sent by God, but describe states of mind. God is unconditional love, and would not create life to destroy or condemn it. When we tap into the energy of Abundance and Peace, we are in heaven. When we perceive separation from God, we experience hell." That's our cousin, a religious descendant of Emerson, expressing a belief about God.

Many of us would agree with that statement and yet we choose Unitarian Universalism. Why is that, I wonder? There are many answers to that question that we can explore together as we tackle this year's theme "People of the Books": Towards a Unitarian Universalist Identity. One possible answer is that we are Unitarian Universalists in order to be a part of a prophetic congregation that chooses to bless the world with acts of social justice. We choose Unitarian Universalism because we have a responsibility to work with however we define the holy to create heaven here and now. That's one possible response. What's yours?

LORA

Rev. Lora has one day off a week, which is Monday. She schedules appointments in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. To reach her, please email her at minister@cvuuf.org or call her cell phone 805.410.3808. Due to the volume of email she receives, it may take her several days to respond to an email. Please feel free to call if you have a matter that needs immediate attention.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

The Board of Trustees and Council of Directors gathered over the weekend of September 19-20 for a joyful and productive leadership retreat. Great thanks to Sheri and Ray Hanson for generously providing us with a lovely space to meet at their place of business, Westlake Learning Center.

The retreat served two main purposes: to foster teamwork and spiritual development among the leaders, and to complete a new version of our Strategic Plan.

Reverend Lora led us through a series of exercises that allowed the leaders to get to know each other better and promoted conversations about our congregation's mission and relationships. We are fortunate to be served by a group of thoughtful, talented, passionate Unitarian Universalists on our Board and Council. To view a list of the current members of our Board and Council, visit <http://www.cvuuf.org/about/leadership> on our website.

The retreat yielded a new strategic plan document that will be published and available to you on the members section of our web site. You can also just ask me or any Board member for a copy of the plan. It defines three strategic paths to support our mission: Spirituality, Outreach, and Sustainability.

The three paths are interconnected and interdependent. Defining them provides a helpful framework for clarifying initiatives for this year and beyond. The new Strategic Plan includes elements carried forward from the old one, and a focus on the year ahead and the two subsequent years beyond. In each of the paths, the plan describes key initiatives, primary owners of the initiative, action plans, and intended results.

The first key initiative in each path names the congregation as an owner. Each of us plays an important role in these initiatives as a member of the congregation.

Spirituality: "Strengthen the healthy functioning of the congregation" with an action plan of "Apply the Covenant of Good Relations, maintain and promote an active, shared commitment to understanding, fostering, and growing a healthy congregation."

Outreach: "Grow the congregation's justice, service, and cultural programs" with an action plan of "Support programs serving UU values and our congregation's mission, following member passions."

Sustainability: "Achieve a sustaining, balanced budget" with an action plan of "Eliminate budget deficit."

The staff, Board and Council are developing goals that support the Strategic Plan and provide a guide for programs, projects, and tracking. We intend to gather again in February or March for another retreat to assess progress on the plan and consider any adjustments that may be appropriate.

I hope you will read the new Strategic Plan, share your feedback, and think about your own ways of participating in the growth and development of our congregation.

See you on Sunday,

Willie, president@cvuuf.org

MANNA NEEDS

Boxed Potatoes
Cans of White Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Chili
Cold Cereal

Hamburger Helper
Bottles of Juice
Mayonnaise
Salad Dressing
Shampoo & Conditioner



**Justine Fischer,
Director of
Religious
Education
(DRE)**



October Birthdays

Aidan del
Bosque,
Meagan Ealy,
Leilani
Olsen,
Sam Leppik,
Ally Wolf
and Sasha
Cook.

News From Religious Education

OCTOBER RE

Pre K/K, 1-4th grade and 5th-8th grade meet during the first service and YRUU (high school) meets during the second service. Child Space is available for our smallest ones at both services.

Each month we will focus on a theme and a source of the Unitarian Universalist Faith. In October our theme is justice. We will also be focusing on the words and deeds of prophetic women and men.

MIXTECO INDIGINA COMMUNIDAD ORGANIZATION PROYECTO (MICOP)

Join us in sharing arts and crafts with our Mixteco neighbors. Monthly meetings (dates below) are held at the following locations:

Haydock Intermediate School
647 Hill St.
Oxnard, CA 93033

Rio Elementary School
1140 Kenny St.
Oxnard, CA 93036
(in the unincorporated area
of Nyeland/El Rio)

Saturday, October 25, 2014, 1-6pm
Dia De Los Muertos

Saturday, November 22, 2014, 1-6pm
Thanksgiving celebration

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 1-6pm
Fiesta Navideña

Saturday, January 31, 2015 , 1-6pm
Saturday, February 28, 2015, 1-6pm
Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1-6pm
Saturday, April 25, 2015, 1-6pm
Saturday, May 30, 2015, 1-6pm

WE NEED EACH OTHER

Our Religious Education Program relies on the time and talent of our congregation. We are still in need of two nurturers for the coming year. We need one more nurturer in grades 1-4 and another in grades 5-8. *For information regarding Religious Education, I can most easily be reached at dre@cvuuf.org.*

Yours in faith,
Justine

Adult RE

THE LONG STRANGE TRIP

View and discuss "The Long Strange Trip," a six-part film series detailing the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought from the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Each film is approximately one hour in length and is Close-captioned. A discussion will be facilitated after each film. **(NOTE:** The class is not held on consecutive Wednesdays.)

Part I: Wednesday, October 8th 7pm
In the Beginning (0 CE – 1553 CE)

Part II: Wednesday, October 15th 7pm
The Birth of Unitarianism (1553 - 1794)

Part III: Wednesday October 29th 7pm
American Unitarianism (1620 - 1860)

Part IV: Wednesday November 5th 7pm
Universalism (1600 - 1860)

Part V: Wednesday November 12th 7pm
Evolution (1861 - 1961)

Part VI: Wednesday December 3rd 7pm
Unitarian Universalism

Feel free to drop in for any session, it is not necessary to register. Come and join in the discussion and find out about how the history of Unitarian Universalism informs your own personal faith history. ?s, contact Rev. Lora.



We Want to See Your
Bobby Socks
& Rock 'n Roll!

CVUUF
Annual Auction
November 15, 2014

6pm



"Have you thought about
what you'll donate?"

SIGNUP TABLE Beginning Oct. 5th, our Auction Table will be staffed weekly to input your donation and to signup volunteers. You can also get ideas about what to donate.

SIGNUP ONLINE on the CVUUF homepage at www.cvuuf.org.

Questions? Contact Jo Ann Van Reenan, April Fernald, Christina Houlberg or Jenny Schipae.



Community Forum

MUSES II

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 3-5:30pm



Presenting the second eclectic afternoon of Poetry, Performance, Music and Art gathering local artists and performers from our community and beyond....



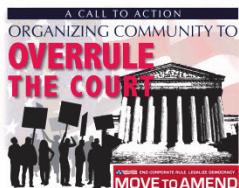
Share your creative passions. We invite poets, musicians, singers (acapella or accompanied), storytellers, magicians, dancers, artists, jugglers...whatever! Imaginative expression is welcome in a safe, supportive family atmosphere. Surprise us!

Sign-ups begin at 2:30 sharp for each, open microphone, 8 minute time slot.!

MOVE TO AMEND

Barnstorming Tour

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 7:30pm



IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE RULES!! The Move to Amend Coalition is a national partnership of over 350,000 people and hundreds of organizations whose goal is to amend the U.S. Constitution to end corporate rule by building a multiracial, cross-class democracy movement. Kaitlin's presentations are part history lesson and part heartfelt call-to-action! "Challenging Corporate Rule & Creating Democracy" aims

to help local folks understand how they can work to abolish corporate personhood and establish a government of, by, and for the people."

Join Move to Amend National Director Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap and spokesperson Margaret Koster for an action meeting to determine what we can do to join the national movement to Abolish Corporate Personhood!

Community Forums are free, but donations are appreciated!

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,
3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park
<http://forum.cvuuf.org>

WE are ...

The national Standing on the Side of Love organization is “a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world.”

If you believe that all people deserve equality, dignity and respect, find a seat at the following justice programs.

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

CONGRATULATIONS GORDON CLINT!

Gordon will be awarded the 2014 Richard Weinstock Memorial Award by Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions for his work with social & economic justice and the Detention Witness program.

Detention Witness is an interfaith program that visits undocumented immigrant men detained at Adelanto Detention Center. Through visitation and vigilance, Detention Witness hopes to counter the isolation and possible arbitrary, inhumane treatment of these men. One of the sponsors of the Detention Witness program is the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

SPEAKER FORUM

November 2, 2014, 3-5pm
UU Neighborhood Church
301 N Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena CA

Speakers include: Sarah Shroud, American hiker held in solitary for 3 years in Iran, and Christina Fiahlo, Co-Executive Director of CIVIC (Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement).

Q&A will follow. Refreshments will be available. Contact: Judy Goldstock, jgoldstock4e@gmail.com

...on the Side of Love



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE BLOG

Published September 30, 2014 | By Rev. Marti Keller, Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF)

"The gathering a couple of weeks ago in Washington, D.C. of nearly 200 reproductive justice advocates from all over the country under the auspices of the All Above All (<http://www.allaboveall.org>) coalition to restore and sustain abortion coverage for low-income women, was not only high spirited but also grounded in solid messaging. [read more at <http://www.uuwj.org/message-toolkit-for-reproductive-justice>]



THEY'RE BACK!!

NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus are on the road again! This year, they'll be driving so "We the People" can stand up against big money in the 2014 midterm elections.

We the People, in order to form a more perfect union, must:

Vote: Strong voter turnout overpowers the influence of big money in politics. Dollars can't vote, you can.

Encourage Others to Vote: When we encourage people to vote, we make sure that the voices of the 100% are heard. Urge and help others to vote.

Hold Candidates Responsible: When we demand that candidates commit to policies that benefit the 100%, we can all hold them accountable when elected. When the people vote, politicians listen.

Make your voice and the voices of the 100% heard this midterm election!

[read more at <http://www.networklobby.org/bus2014>]

Thanksgiving Day Potluck Coordinator Needed

Don't let the tradition die.

The veteran coordinators of the Annual Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner are hanging up their aprons.

Many folks don't have local family to share the feast with and potlucks are great fun.



We hope you will be game to organize the dinner, you can be sure of having company to share the turkey with in our own fellowship hall.

You don't need to cook yourself. We've come up with some ideas for making cleanup easy and will have games and coffee to share after we stuff ourselves. If you want to take the lead, please contact Jo Ann Van Reenan.

Leadership Workshop

Everything you ever wanted to know about how CVUUF works!



After the second service on **Sunday, October 19th**, the Leadership Cultivation Committee (LCC) is sponsoring a two-hour workshop to answer your questions about governance, finance and leadership of our fellowship community.

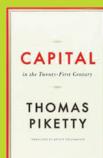
Our newest board member, Karina Leppik will facilitate the discussion. Rev. Lora and President Willie Lubka will be in attendance.

Snacks and drinks will be provided (childcare too if needed.) If you would like to attend, please contact Jo Ann Van Reenan, LCC Chair.

ESCALATING INEQUALITY STUDY GROUP

Monday, October 27, 2014,
7:00 - 8:30pm

Escalating Inequality is the 2014 (CSAI) Congregational Study/Action Issue. We are using "Capital in the 21st Century" by T. Piketty, for study and discussion. Please read through Part Two. Contact: Michael Teasdale.



2015 Women's Retreat

The 2015 Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Women's Retreat is scheduled for March 13-15, 2015 and now is the time to register. The weekend is a great opportunity to renew your spirit and deepen connections with women in the congregation.

Camp de Benneville Pines is a beautiful UU mountain retreat located in the San Bernardino Mountains. The group will gather for fellowship and themed discussions. There will be music, creative expression through art and personal time for hiking or other recreation.

To sign up simply fill out a registration card and drop your name into the box labeled Women's Retreat, available in the Fellowship Hall **until October 12 at 12:15pm**. A lottery will be held if interest exceeds available space. Last year we were able to accommodate everybody who wanted to attend, in spite of an initial waiting list. The cost to participate in the retreat is \$160, which includes meals and study materials.

Jill Schlaus will be organizing the event and is available for any questions or additional information. Look for the sign-up box and don't miss out.

Compassion Week 2014

NOVEMBER 10 - 16

San Francisco, CA



Dignity Health



TENZIN GYATSO
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Compassion Week is an Initiative of the Charter for Compassion, Stanford University's CCARE, Tenzin Gyatso Institute, and Dignity Health that calls on the City of San Francisco and the State of California to make compassion a guiding principle for their businesses and public services.

For more information, visit www.compassionweeksanfrancisco2014.org.

Ventura County Interfaith Community
and Campus Interfaith for CSUCI
invite you to a

FEAST OF FAITHS

October 19, 2014 – 5:00 PM
At Camarillo United Methodist Church

The annual Feast of Faiths, a gathering of individuals from various religions who discuss their beliefs with those of other faiths informally over dinner, will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sun., Oct. 19 at Camarillo United Methodist Church, 291 Anacapa Dr.

Members of various religions—Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Hindu, Bahai, LDS, Quaker, and Buddhist—will share a meal. The purpose of the dinner is to help create understanding between people of different religions. Halal-style and vegetarian food will be served.

Suggested donation of \$20 if received by October 10th, or \$25 at the door. Student suggested donation of \$10 before October 10th, or \$15 at the door.





October 02, 2014

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Living Your Legacy: Living and Dying Well

"The art of living well and dying well are one." -- Epicurus

Give yourself and others the peace of mind that comes from planning and making your wishes known. We may know it's important, but we can easily put off taking the important and necessary steps to leave loved ones with what they need to ensure that the legacy of our death comes from choice, not chance.

Living your Legacy will help you discover an intentional, purposeful way to leave your legacy in a series of six sessions. Each focuses on a different area and offers tools needed to explore personal values and make plans that honor them. This is the year to get it done!

This series of workshops is sponsored by the UU Church of Ventura, and all classes are held on site at 5654 Ralston St. in Ventura. **Advance registration is required by November 1** to reserve your space.

Suggested Donation: \$60/series or \$15 per session (supplies included) (Free to Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura members)

Session 1 Sunday, November 9, 12–3pm Affirming Life by Facing Death and Other Endings Workshop facilitator: Susan Plummer, Author of "Deep Change," and Director of Santa Barbara Alliance for Living and Dying Well.

Session 2: Saturday, November 15, 10am-12pm Deepak Chopra film – Death Makes Life Possible

Session 3: Saturday, January 17, 10am-12pm Identifying Practical Steps for Preparing Ourselves and Others

Session 4: Saturday, February 7, 10am – 12pm Wills& Trusts – An Overview Presenter: Eric Smith, C.P.A.

Session 5: Saturday, March 21, 10am – 12pm Good Endings

Session 6: Saturday, March 28, by appointment Getting It Done With prior appointment meet one-on-one with a trained facilitator to assist you in filling out your advance directive wishes, or review your completed forms.

Pre-Registration Required – Deadline: November 1st

Register by email or phone:

Contact: Beverly Jordan, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura
Email: Beverly@uuventura.org, Phone: 805-644-3898 x102 www.uuventura.org



October 2014



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COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In order to assist us in fulfilling our mission to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion, we the members and friends of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- Opening our hearts and minds to those who have traveled journeys unlike ours and whose strengths and challenges may be different from ours.
- A welcoming space for all to speak their truth respectfully.
- The importance of deep listening and respect for each other.
- Relationships with others of all ages, and the gifts that each generation brings to our community.
- The democratic process, through which we give voice to concerns and offer our time and energy to arrive at solutions.

In the wider community, we honor our responsibilities for upholding spiritual ideals, engaging in civil discourse with those of other religious traditions, and promoting our UU values.

In my interactions with others in this congregation, I will:

- Speak honestly and directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern, using thoughtful, compassionate language.
- Forgive the errors and shortcomings of myself and others as we contribute to our shared ministry and express gratitude for the many gifts we bring.
- Assume good intentions in those with whom I disagree and examine my own part in the disagreement.
- Listen deeply to, and actively seek resolution with those concerned before engaging the Conflict Resolution Committee, Committee on Ministry, the Council or the Board of Trustees in conflict mediation.
- Expect divergent beliefs and opinions and persist in respectful dialogue—especially in times of uncertainty—remaining open to new understandings while doing my part to sustain this Covenant.
- Respect the minister and staff's professionalism, time and privacy.
- Assume responsibility for understanding the church structure and governance model.
- Assume responsibility for keeping informed of church business.

Through this Covenant of Good Relations, it is our intention to foster healthy and productive relations within our church community as we work together to achieve our mission.



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The UUA serves 1,000+ congregations in the US and the world.

[Pacific Southwest District \(PSWD\)](#)

PSWD serves 50 Pacific Southwest congregations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Sunday Service is held at 9:15 & 11:00 am, with Coffee Hour following each service.

Children's Religious Education is held during the 9:15am service. Childcare is provided and YRUU (our high school RE program) meets during the 11:00am service.

Visitors are always welcome!