



UUFNB SUNDAY DIGEST

A Publication of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay
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Services held at 1515 Pueblo Ave, at the Boys & Girls Club of Napa

Upcoming Services

Sunday January 4th, 11 am

"Between Trapezes" Linda Laskowski, with Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. Linda Laskowski is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley and currently serves on the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees representing the Pacific Central District. She spent 30 years in telecommunications, where she worked on process improvement, group facilitation, and culture change as part of creating and running start-up organizations.

Sunday January 11, 11 am

"Seeing the Light: How Everyone Can Be a Buddha" with The Rev. Roger Jones, and Worship Associate Matt Metzler. Buddhism was founded in India 2,500 years ago and flourished in other Asian nations. It is both a religion and a practical philosophy for living. Many UUs and other westerners practice some form of Buddhist meditation.

Roger Jones served for 10 years as the minister in Sunnyvale, where he was Bonnie's internship supervisor. Currently he is the Family Minister at the UU Society of Sacramento. He serves on the Pacific Central District Growth Committee and the PCD UU Ministers Association board. A graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, he has been a student minister in Indiana, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and last year was interim minister in Bloomington, Minnesota.

December 28, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

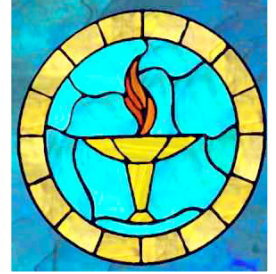
I hope this past week has been restful! I enjoyed our time together on Christmas Eve very much. Thanks once more to everyone who pitched in to help, and especially to Gayle Keane and Greg Hoellwarth for the amazing decorations, to Kate MacPherson, Paula Eisenbarth, Leila's Violin Trio and the Choir for music, and to Phyllis Boyson, Gerane Park, and Mary Ellen Morgan for help with the service.

I was unable to be with you this morning, but my spies reported that Mary Skouge recited a poem for the benediction. Mary is such a gift to our Fellowship, and she and her poems are a reminder of the beauty that we are all blessed with. The poem was "God World" by Edna St. Vincent Millay, and I have printed it on page six of this digest for your reading pleasure.

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program, please get in touch with Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch before Sunday and she will make your announcement or call on you to make it. If you would like an e-mail copy of a sermon I have given at UUFNB, send me a note. If you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for January 4, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, January 2!

The Rev. Bonnie Dlott
minister@uunorthbay.org
or call (925) 256-4334

UUFNB Calendar



Sunday January 4, 12:30 pm

Sunday Carbon Ring

For More information call Maggie Ingalls at 747-5205

Sunday January 4, 12:30 pm

Lunch with the Minister; visitors and newcomers especially invited!

Location to be arranged. Rev. Bonnie Dlott (925) 256-4334

Sunday January 4, 2:00 p.m.

UUFNB Board Meeting; All welcome to attend.

Iris Barrie, 265-6926

Wednesday, January 7th, 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

1135 Olive Hill Lane, Napa, Kate MacPherson, 255-5687.

Wednesday, January 7, 6 pm for informal conversation, 7 pm "official start"

Monthly meeting of CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) Imbolc service planning.

Grapeshot Studios, 68 Coombs Ave., Studio D4. Rev. Bonnie Dlott (925) 256-4334

Friday, January 9th 6 p.m.

The Soup n' Bread Carbon Ring; Please bring a dish to share.

Meet at the home of Dale Craig, 1501 East Avenue, Napa, phone 707-265-0675.

Sunday, January 11, 9:45 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

downstairs at the Boys and Girls Club. Kate MacPherson, 255-5687.

Wednesday, January 14th, 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

1135 Olive Hill Lane, Napa, Kate MacPherson, 255-5687.

Thursday January 15, 10 am

No Name Book Club: to discuss "Married To A Bedouin" by Margarite van Geldermalsen (available at Napa Library in biography and on request from Solano)

Else Ross' --695 Cabot Way. For more information call Carolyn, 255-5148.

To view the UUFNB Calendar, go to <http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/uufnb/UUFNB>

UUFNB Announcements

Adult Programs: Sunday Mornings 9:40 to 10:45 a.m. Boys and Girls Club, 1515 Pueblo

- **January 4** - Bonnie is taking most of January off for reading, so there will be no "New to UU" class this morning. We will resume class in February with a discussion of UU history up to the merger in 1961. Please get in touch with Bonnie if you have questions at (925) 256-4334.
- **January 11** - "Talks on the Bible" with Jim Craig. A discussion of some miscellaneous "writings" in the Hebrew Bible: including a pretty explicitly erotic love poem, a cynical view of the world, a story of a Persian queen, an attempt at the age old question of why bad things happen to good people, and the most beloved passage in the Bible.
- **January 18** - "Whole Lot'a Shakin'" with William Somerville. Come join the band! Music is so enjoyable, it's even more fun to play. Together we will find your inner musician and you can jam with the band. Perfect for beginners and lots of fun for those who already play.

And Now for Something Completely Different . . .

Next Sunday (January 4th) the Church is opening a floor for Ballroom Dance practice. Bonnie Richardson and William Somerville will be hosting. If you want to come practice your steps, please join us. If your curious and want to know more contact William (707 226-3909) or just come have a look next Sunday, 12:30 to 2:30.

DiRosa Preserve Tour

Please join Barbara Kummer for a tour of the DiRosa Preserve on Saturday, January 17th at 10AM. Iris Barrie, a di Rosa docent, will lead us on this two hour tour of 2 galleries, a residence and outdoor sculpture areas. You will see one of the largest regional art collections in the country. There are over 1000 works of contemporary art by S.F. Bay area artists on display, all purchased by Rene diRosa over the last 50 years. He generously opened his home and galleries to the public 11 years ago. The art is showcased in one of the most beautiful natural settings in the Carneros region of Napa, hence the name "diRosa Preserve: Art and Nature." Tours cost are \$15 for regular and \$13 for seniors; reservations are needed and should be in made by January 15th at the latest. Please contact Barbara @barbarak@napanet.net or 226-1191 if you are interested.

You are also invited to join us afterwards for lunch and conversation at China Light in Napa , should that appeal to you.

Reflections

What a December we've had! It all started with a little idea; I wondered how we could help our children feel that their efforts made an impact on someone else's life. The obvious answer was to help them get outside of themselves and their own lives by finding a project that could help them help someone else.

Well, this is the right season and unfortunately, the economy has been more than cooperative! One call to Molly's Angels turned up a large family that needed help. With ten children, the father, working two jobs to keep them all together, found it difficult to ask for help, but knew that without it, there would be little or nothing for Christmas. So, I took a deep breath, and said that we would take them. I did this knowing that you all would step up and help make sure that this one family would have a good Christmas.

So we started on December 7th; for two Sundays the children made cards and wrapping paper, and all the while that they colored and wrote notes, using crayons, markers and holiday stickers, Dave and Maggie and Lenore and Leila and I talked about the family of ten children who would have a wonderful Christmas, because of what they were doing that day. The children wanted to know the names of the people they were helping, and they all wanted to take me aside to let me know how excited they were to shop for the child they had adopted and what they finally chose as their special gift.

But I also knew that we would not have a measurable impact without the entire congregation's participation. And I also knew that you would be generous if asked. And while the children and teachers were busy with our project, many of you "adopted" a child in the family and bought them a toy. Others of you gave us cash or wrote a check. Altogether, we collected \$470 in cash and gift certificates, and we took the money you gave and bought:

8# of bananas

10# of apples

10# of carrots

10# of sweet potatoes

8 cans diced tomatoes

4 dozen eggs

10# of oranges

10# of oatmeal

5# of Cherrios

10# of onions

12 cans tomato sauce

10# pasta

1 quart cranberry sauce	25# white rice
5# brown rice	6# coffee
4 large jars peanut butter	4# cheese
4 heads of romaine lettuce	2 gallons orange juice
4 stalks celery	10# sugar
6 large loaves of bread (white & wheat)	1 large jug catsup
20# of russet potatoes	1 large pumpkin pie
1 large apple pie	32 cans of tuna
Corn & flour tortillas	4# butter
25# flour	5# Bisquick
2 large jars spaghetti sauce	5# Great Northern Beans
5# lentils	20# Turkey
16# Ham	\$150 Walmart Gift Certificates
\$20 Marie Callendar Gift Certificate	

The immediate result; one of our neighbors had toys for their children and food to take care of them for more than Christmas Day. And did anyone take note of the wonderful energy during coffee hour as children and adults all wrapped the gifts you brought? This is sure to become one of my favorite Christmas memories!

But what is the long term effect of this project? This family has probably had their faith in the goodness and generosity of their neighbors renewed; the adults in our congregation know that they have helped make this happen. But what about our children, what did they learn from all of this? The biggest thing you did was to teach them through your generosity. You taught them the fun and satisfaction of doing for someone they will never know, but who may live next door. You have taught them with your example, and have become their greatest teacher. Thanks to you, the spirit of the season is alive and well in our congregation and our larger world, even in this very difficult time.

In (renewed) faith,

Mary Ellen



Share the Plate!

This month, ten percent of our non-pledge plate collection will go to Molly's Angels, an organization that provides services for needy seniors and families. Please be as generous as you can!

God's World

O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!
Thy winds, thy wide grey skies!
Thy mists that roll and rise!
Thy woods this autumn day, that ache and sag
And all but cry with colour! That gaunt crag
To crush! To lift the lean of that black bluff!
World, World, I cannot get thee close enough!

Long have I known a glory in it all,
But never knew I this;
Here such a passion is
As stretcheth me apart, -- Lord, I do fear
Thou'st made the world too beautiful this year;
My soul is all but out of me, -- let fall
No burning leaf; prithee, let no bird call.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

Have you made a New Years Resolution to get more involved at UUFNB?



No pink dresses or
experience required!
New members welcome!

How about to have more fun?

You can do both!

Come join the Choir!

Rehearsals start on January 7!

Regular Rehearsal times are:

Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

at the home of Kate MacPherson, 1135 Olive Hill Lane, Napa,
and some Sunday mornings downstairs at the Boys & Girls Club, at 9:45.

For more information call Kate MacPherson at 255-5687.



Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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Please Join the Napa Interfaith Council for a Noon Salon

Wednesday, January 7, 2008, Noon-1:30 p.m
First United Methodist Church, 929 Randolph St, Napa

"Exploring Our Shared Values"

facilitated by Rev. Bonnie Dlott

Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
President of the Napa Interfaith Council. No charge!

**Please Join the Napa Interfaith Council
For a service honoring the life of
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Sunday January 18

7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

**Featuring the Gospel Singers
of Union Baptist Church**