



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, December 14, 11 am

"Catch a Falling Star" Dr. Karen Melandson-Magoon, with Worship Associate BJ Pheiffer. Dr. Melander-Magoon comes to us from the First UU Church of San Francisco. She received her Doctorate of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. After years singing major opera roles in Europe and raising two children, she returned to the U.S. to continue performing and composed three musical portraits of women in history, including Georgia O'Keeffe and Clara Barton. She has her music degree is from Indiana University and her Masters in Education from Boston University.

Sunday, December 21, 11 am

"Stories of the Season" Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Mary Ellen Morgan, with Worship Associate Vicki Wolf. Come for an intergenerational service of songs and seasonal stories provided by members of the Fellowship. There will be no religious education classes today.

Wednesday, December 24, 7 pm

Christmas Candlelight Service with Rev. Bonnie Dlott and our Worship Associates. Join us for a lovely evening service honoring the tradition of Christmas with story, song, and candlelight. Music will be provided by a trio of violins, Paula Eisenbarth, Kate MacPherson, and our UUFNB Choir. Join us after the service for a cup of hot cider, and please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share!

December 7, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

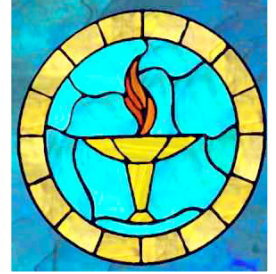
Thanks to your generosity, eight of the ten children from the family we are sponsoring this Christmas through Molly's Angels have been "adopted." There are still two children who need "angels" so If you can buy a toy for a child in need this season, please get in touch with Mary Ellen Morgan. If you would prefer to make a monetary contribution, we will buy household goods or food.

On December 24th we will be having a candlelight Christmas Eve Service again. This year in addition to the choir, We will be treated to a violin trio, organized by our own Leila Hoenicke. If you can help out on the 24th, please get in touch with me. We need some readers, ushers, and folks to set up the room and decorate. Please send me an e-mail or give me a call if you can help out.

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program, please get in touch with BJ Pheiffer, our Worship Associate, 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 December 14, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, December 12!

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

UUFNB Calendar



Wednesday December 10, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, December 11, noon

DVD Group: We are the Earth in Human Form. We will visit the role of sound in healing by viewing a presentation by Ellen Franklin and Donna Carey based on Oriental medicine and acutonics which uses the flow of chi ...and its interconnection with creation.

Abbey Silva's -1177 El Centro between 1179 and 1181, 224-8716

Monday, December 15, 7:00

RE Council Meeting

657 Montecito, For more info call Mary Ellen Morgan at 294-2759.

Saturday, December 20, 3:00 pm

Solstice Celebration for All Ages; Visitors Welcome!

1260 Shadybrook (see details on page 5) Rev. Bonnie Dlott, (925) 256-4334

Sunday December 21, 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Boys & Girls Club, Kate MacPherson, 255-5687

Sunday, December 21, 12:15 pm

Adopt-a-Family Wrapping Party, Cookies and hot cider provided.

Boys & Girls Club, Mary Ellen Morgan, 294-2759

Sunday December 21, 12:30 pm

Sunday Carbon Ring

For More information call Maggie Ingalls at 747-5205

Sunday December 28, 2-4 pm

We Stand For Peace Vigil

Corner of Soscol and Third

Because of the Holidays, the Carquinez Cluster and the Membership committee will not meet.

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

- **December 14** - "Talks on the Bible" with Jim Craig: A discussion of the prophets, whose books take up a major part of the Hebrew Bible. The sub-title of this week's session is "My Three Sons" (i.e., Jim's three sons and why they have the names they do).
- **December 21** - "Whole Lot'a Shakin'": We will be taking a break from Christmas Carols . . . we will be drumming to a few old Rock'n Roll favorites and toning up to do some chanting . . . as always, beginners and children are not only welcome, but encouraged.
- **December 28** - Due to the holiday, there will be no "Social Justice Sunday" presentation before service.

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!

Some Not-so-subtle Reminders from the Treasurer:

1. As the end of the calendar year approaches, and as you are considering your year-end charitable contributions, remember UUFNB.
2. Under the provisions of an act passed recently by Congress, donors who are age 70 or older may now make gifts to charitable organizations directly from their IRAs, without including the IRA withdrawal in their taxable income. Consult your financial advisor if you are interested in doing this.
3. UUFNB now has an account with Charles Schwab, so if you are interested in making a contribution in the form of equities, you may do so. The treasurer (Jim Craig) can give you the required information. Contact him at 258-0341 or jec2720@comcast.net.

Please take Note!

The North Bay CUUPS carbon ring was canceled due to lack of interest. If you are still interested in participating in a carbon ring, please call Maggie Ingalls at 747-5205 and she may be able to find a place for you in the Sunday Carbon Ring.

REflections

Today is our last scheduled science class for the fall. I am grateful to all of the teachers who planned and brought the children such interesting and engaging introductions to the world around them. I am in the midst of scheduling the next group of classes and plan to have a list for you in the next couple of weeks.

It seemed appropriate to spend our religious education time during the month of December having the children remember those in our community who may be experiencing a difficult time right now. While looking for a project, I spoke with the Director of Molly's Angels in Napa, who asked us to adopt a family. I thought that this would be a perfect way to directly impact one of our neighbors and to give our children a chance to know that their efforts had real meaning to someone. Then I found out that this family had 10 children; all between the ages of 13 to 10 months! Wow! This was a little bigger project than I was hoping for, but I realized that if I expanded the project beyond the RE classes, we could provide a family with a wonderful Christmas. Bonnie and the Board are enthusiastic and have offered their support.

Can you help? Starting on Sunday, December 7, I will have ornaments with the names and ages of the ten children on the table with all the refreshments during coffee hour, so that you can sponsor one of the children. Molly's Angels has already provided the children with clothes, but they need a toy and perhaps some wonderful extras like school supplies (back packs, notebooks) and art supplies (colored pencils, paper, crayons). If you would like to contribute for the family, we will use these to pick up household supplies that food stamps won't cover, like toilet paper and soap.

On Sunday, December 21, we will have a wrapping party right after the service, Christmas cookies and hot cider will be provided. I can't think of any better way for us all to find and pass on the Christmas spirit, than spending time with our Fellowship family helping someone in need.
It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas....!

In faith,

Mary Ellen



Winter Solstice Celebration

A Gathering For all ages

*“And so the Shortest Day came and the year died
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-white world
Came people singing, dancing,
To drive the dark away.*

*They lighted candles in the winter trees
They hung their home with evergreen;
They burned beseeching fires all night long
To keep the year alive.”*

~ Susan Cooper



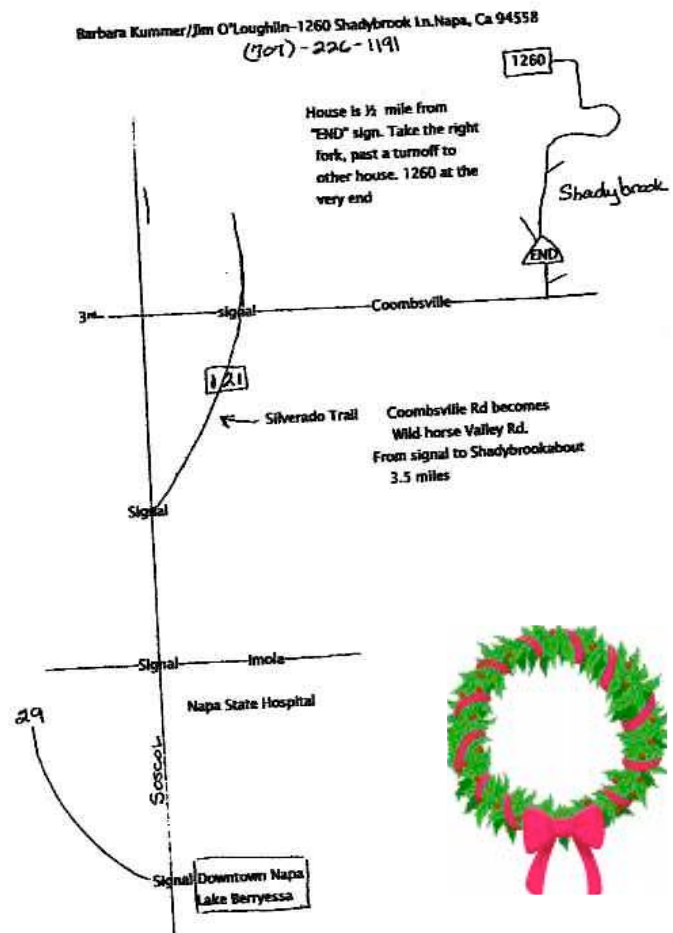
Come and help us waken
the promise of a new year.
Saturday, December 20,
1260 Shadybrook Lane, Napa

Soup and will be provided.
Please bring your bowls and spoons.
Finger food such as Bread, appetizers,
and desserts are welcomed!

For further information call Barbara
at 226-1191 or barbarak@napanet.net

Parking is limited, so carpooling
is encouraged! If you are willing to
PROVIDE a ride or WANT a ride,
meet at Silverado Middle School
on Coombsville Road
at 3PM.

Welcome Yule!



Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

Disclaimer: The announcements in this section are not UUFNB endorsed or sponsored.



Holiday Concert Tickets on Sale!

Our Holiday Concert programs this season include jazz great Dave Brubeck's "La Fiesta de le Posada", featuring Napa Valley Chorale, the Napa Valley Youth Chorus, soloists and instrumentalists, as well as a selection of holiday favorites and some new surprises. Tickets for our December 14 concerts are on sale now. Don't wait until the last minute - we don't want you to miss out on all the beautiful music we're preparing! Concert times are 3:30 and 7:00p.m., and tickets are \$25 per person. You can purchase tickets through our website: www.napavalleychorale.org, through PayPal.com, or from any Chorale member. Our concerts will be presented at First United Methodist Church, 625 Randolph Street in Napa.

Candy Cane Carol Sing Set for December 18

Last years Candy Cane Carol Sing was a popular favorite, so we're bringing it back again! This fun event for the whole family will take place on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 625 Randolph St., Napa. Standard holiday carols, some special solos by members of Napa Valley Chorale, homemade cookies and hot cider - what a great way to celebrate the holiday! Bring the kids, bring your friends!

Do your Holiday Shopping on iGive.com!

Did you know that you can help Napa Valley Chorale and do your holiday shopping at the same time? Just log into iGive.com, register Napa Valley Chorale as your "cause" and start shopping from iGive's list of OVER 700 STORES! You can purchase computers, office supplies, appliances, clothing, books, flowers, kitchen gadgets, pet supplies, music - the list is almost endless!! And Napa Valley Chorale will receive a portion of the proceeds from your purchase! So get that list ready and start shopping - the holidays are right around the corner! And THANKS from Napa Valley Chorale!

Attention Travelers!

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 29 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

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

Host listings on the *UU're Home* website at www.UUreHome.com are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition is published once a year in April. For a copy of the 2009 directory and a year's access to the website listings, please click on "become a member" to pay by credit card or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

And for our Gardeners . . .

The Napa Valley Community Garden Stakeholders will be having a meeting for all interested parties on Wednesday, December 10, at 6 pm, at the site of the garden (the Lutheran Church at the corner of Jefferson and Trower). If you would like more information about this meeting, please get in touch with Lena Septimo, 258-1163.

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!

