

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
10 am July and August

Upcoming Services

Sunday October 5, 11 am

“Right Relations: The Real Religious Work” with Rev. Cathleen Cox and Worship Associate Rainer Hoenicke. Living out our vision and mission in communities requires more than being actively involved. We need practice in relating to each other authentically and constructively when the going gets tough! It is the practice itself that creates bonds of trust that renew our spirits – and attract newcomers. Rev. Cox is a UU spiritual director and a community minister associated with the UU Church of Berkeley. **This service will include an Ingathering of new members.**

Sunday October 12, 11 am

“Principals and Purposes for us All” with Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Worship Associate Suze Bobzien. Many UU’s identify strongly with the language used to describe our “Principals and Purposes.” Did you know that a committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association is currently suggesting that we change the way our UUA Bylaws describe our principals and purposes? Come hear the details, and find out how you can weigh in on this important decision.

And at 4 p.m., join us for the Installation and 25th anniversary Celebration (see page 4).

Sunday October 19, 11 am

“What Are You Celebrating?” Rev. Kenneth MacLean and Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. This sermon could begin at the Eiffel Tower, or in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, or in Chevy Chase, Maryland, but it is really about you and your life. Rev MacLean is a UU minister who retired after 20 years as minister of the Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD.

September 28, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

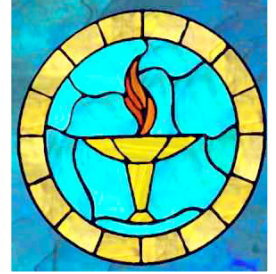
I hope you can be with us next Sunday for our **New Member Ingathering**, which will take place during our regular morning service. We will be acknowledging new members Maggie Ingalls, Joan Ingalls, David Lindsay, and Gary Miller, as well as “new” former member Mary Lu Kennelly. Please help us welcome our newest members!

I’m getting very excited about the Service of Installation and 25th Anniversary Celebration that we will have on October 12. Many ministers from the district, along with my friends and family will be in attendance. It’s important that the members of UUFNB attend, as YOU will be performing the “Act of Installation.” **If you haven’t yet let Tom Wilson know that you will be there, it’s not too late!** Please get in touch with him today. We want to have enough great food for everyone!

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program before then, please get in touch with Suze Bobzien, 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 October 5, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, October 3!

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

UUFNB Calendar



Tuesday, Sept 30, 5:30 p.m.

Pot luck and Film from Sr Miriam Theresa MacGillis (see details on page 5)
Home of Barbara Kummer-1260 Shadybrook--226-1191--call if directions are needed, please.

Wednesday October 1, 7-9 pm

North Bay CUUPS Meeting (Covenant of UU Pagans) Discussion topic is "Magikal Ethics"
Grapeshot Studios, 68 Coombs St., Bldg. D, Ste. D-4. Doug Taylor, 226-7500.

Wednesday, October 1, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, October 2, 7-9 p.m.

St. Helena Chalice Circle at Tra Vigne Pizza in St. Helena.

Join us for a light dinner and conversation. Mary Ellen Morgan, 294-2759

Sunday October 5, 9:45 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Downstairs at the Boys & Girls Club. Kate MacPherson, 255-5687

Sunday, October 5, 2-4:30

Popcorn Theology (youth group)

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

Wednesday, October 8, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

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

Sunday, October 12, 4 p.m.

Service of Installation and 25 year Anniversary Celebration

Please RSVP if you are coming: See details on page 4.

Thursday, October 16, 10 a.m.

No Name Book Club: We will be discussing short stories by California authors

At the home of Else Ross--695 Cabot Way. Need a listing? email barbarak@napanet.net

To view the UUFNB Calendar, go to www.uunorthbay.org and click on "Calendar."

UUFNB Announcements

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

- **October 5 - "New to UU"** with Rev. Bonnie Dlott. This is the first in a series of monthly sessions especially for (but not limited to) those who new to Unitarian Universalism. In this class we will review Unitarian Universalist theology, including what we believe about the nature of God or the divine, the meaning of sin and salvation, our view of other faith traditions, and our beliefs about life after death.
- **October 12 - "Talks on the Bible"** with Jim Craig. This week we will discuss politics in ancient Israel, especially the story of how a shepherd boy named David became king (downing Goliath helped). 1 Samuel, chapters 16--31.
- **October 19 - "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. Rhythm and Drum Circle will be a big part of it; as well as singing, guitar, harmonica (bring it if you have one), didgeridoo, etc, etc . . . all ages welcome!

PLANT EXCHANGE

Soon it will be time to divide those bulbs, thin out crowded flower bed, and pull up that plant that needs shade when all you have is sun! I propose a plant exchange after church on 10/19. So start saving milk and yogurt containers, cans and whatever else will work to put your "discards" in and get ready to add some new life to your garden on October 19! Anyone need a bazillion calla lilies?!

Iris B.



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay

*Is pleased to
Invite you to join and celebrate with us
The Installation of*

The Reverend Bonnie Dlott

Sunday, October 12th, 2008 at 4pm

**At Congregation Beth Sholom
1455 Elm Street in Napa, CA**

Reception to follow

RSVP to Tom Wilson by September 28th

707-254-7443

or

2wilsons1dog@comcast.net

Your are invited . . .

to a pot luck for folks who would enjoy good conversation followed by viewing the film from Sr Miriam Theresa MacGillis of Genesis Farm, who will expand our questions about halting destruction we are causing and support our Earth Community. After admitting to the pain of despair, she guides us to hope using the work of Joanna Macy.

This event will take place on **Tuesday, Sept 30th -5:30PM**
at the home of Barbara Kummer, located at 1260 Shadybrook.
If you need directions, please call Barbara at 226-1191.

New on Our Website!

An Online Class for Newcomers to Unitarian Universalism, taught by Rev. Bonnie Dlott, and sponsored by the Church of the Larger Fellowship. This online course will provide you with a convenient way to get to know us better, to learn about Unitarian Universalism, and to get a sense of what it means to be a member of this congregation. Each of the four sections of this course provides you both with some material to read and with some questions to help you deepen your understanding of how the information your are reading might relate to your own ideas, needs and spiritual life. While responding to these questions in writing is far from mandatory, we hope that you'll share your thoughts, and will feel free to ask questions as they come up. Your responses will be shared with any other participants who are currently enrolled in the course, as well as with the instructor, so there will be the opportunity for email conversation amongst participants as well.

To access the course, log onto our website at www.uunorthbay.org and click on the "Education" tab. Select "Adult" from the drop down menu, and click on the link next to the words "New Class!"



Your dedicated hospitality committee would like you to know that they respect the interdependent web of which we are a part. They do not buy styrofoam cups! However, they did inherit a box of them, and feel it is better to use them at least once before disposing of them. So that's why you may see them around for a while. If you are concerned about the waste we produce as a fellowship, remember to bring your own mug to coffee hour!



Reflections

This Sunday, Burt Dekker will lead the children in a class called, "More Than Meets the Eye". He will use jeweler's loupes to look at objects from nature to help the children see the patterns up close.

I am beginning to schedule the classes for January through June, 2009. If you want to lead a class, or know of a credentialed science teacher that you would like to recommend, please call me at 294-2759.

I have had one offer of help for the class for 4-5 year olds, but I need a few more people. Please call me if you can volunteer, or if you would like to talk about how you could get involved.

In faith,
Mary Ellen Morgan

And One More Thing . . .

We have standardized our frequently used email addresses! To reach the staff or Board Officers, please use the following:

Bonnie minister@uunorthbay.org
Mary Ellen dre@uunorthbay.org
Iris Barrie president@uunorthbay.org
Barbara Back vp@uunorthbay.org
Jim Craig treasurer@uunorthbay.org
Margaret Kelso secretary@uunorthbay.org

For the web site or calendar administrator@uunorthbay.org

International UU Woman's Convocation

Greetings sisters and fellow UUs!

I'm writing directly to each UU congregation on the UUA list to all know that the FIRST EVER international gathering for UU women is offering an early registration discount available to folks who register and pay a \$100 deposit by September 30.

There are opportunities for further discounts for the first 200 ordained UU ministers and seminary students, and for folks who request to do volunteer work at the convocation and are selected to do so.

Please spread the word to leaders in your congregation. All genders are welcome to register and attend. Details are at www.icuuw.com, to find out about program, speakers, registration, and opportunities to become an exhibitor. An online community will be available on the website soon!

Registration information is located by way of the Details tab on the home page.

Hope to see someone from your congregation in Houston at the convocation!

Best regards,
Dana Fisher Ashrawi
ICU UW Communications Coordinator

A Message from Tom Wilson . . .

Do you have family and/or friends who would love to spend time with you and enjoy visiting the Napa Valley but just aren't comfortable staying in your house? The solution is a home stay at the Wilsons, minus the Wilsons. We are going to the Middle East in November and are looking for responsible people who might like to spend some time in Napa and would look after a low maintenance dog in exchange for the use of a house (sleeps 4) and a car. We'll be gone from Nov. 7 to the 24th but taking even a week or so would be helpful since our daughter can take Argos (the dog) part of the time. Our number is 254-7443 or e-mail 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net
Tom & Dolores Wilson.

Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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

THE NAPA INTERFAITH COUNCIL PRESENTS

THE SACRED WATERS OF THE NAPA VALLEY

Tuesday, October 7, 6-8 p.m.
Napa Public Library, downtown Napa

Religious traditions revere water. Initiations, rites of passage, and healings use water as a symbol of death and rebirth. Water is also a symbol of grace, and spirit. Coins and other objects are often thrown into water for wishes and luck.

This evening salon will be a discussion of the sacredness and purity of our local waters. We will discuss sources of our water, what water does for our environment, the energy and potential of water and current pollution and sources of our local water's destruction. We will open the discussion to members of the audience as we open our hearts and minds to the potential of restoring our local waters for life sustenance.

Facilitators

Gary Vann is the author of "To Take The Waters," a local guidebook to mineral, hot and healing springs throughout Napa, Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Alan David, Professional Dowser, will speak on the energy and transformational properties of water and what makes it sacred.

Chris Malan is a Water activist and the Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Advocacy, Research and Education, with a focus on the health of the Napa River and its tributaries. She advocates for all watershed stakeholders to join in the protection of our water resources which mean every person living in our county must stop polluting the river and taking water where little is left to take. In most areas of the county streams are drying, aquifers are in depletion and wetlands are vanishing.

All attendees are asked to bring water from a local waterway for blessing. The waters will be combined, blessed and redistributed so that it can be returned to the source from which you brought it.

Share the Plate!

This month, ten percent of our non-pledge plate collection will go to Napa Humane, whose mission is to promote the welfare of companion animals through protection, advocacy, education, and example. Please be as generous as you can!