



# 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, 11 am

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday March 9, 11 am

Drew Matott, Jon Michael Turner, Drew Cameron, and Phil Aliff: "The Combat Paper Project." with worship Associate Rainer Hoenicke.

The story of the soldier, the Marine, the men and the women, and the journeys within the military service in a time a war is the basis for the paper project, a collaborative project that utilizes uniforms worn in combat in Iraq. Veterans cut, cook, beat, and form sheets of paper out of their uniforms, and in this way, use the transformational processes of papermaking to reclaim their uniform as art and begin to reconcile their experiences as a soldier in Iraq.

### Sunday March 16, 11 am

Rev. Bonnie Dlott: "Telling our Stories" with Worship Associate Matt Metzler.

Many of us remember beloved stories from when we were growing up; family stories, fairy tales, bible stories, or stories from picture books or novels. Stories are entertaining, but they can also be healing, empowering, and challenging. Come and hear about the power your minister finds in stories, and the way they can connect us to our families, our communities, and each other.

### Sunday March 23, 11 am

Rev. Michael Dowd: "Thank God for Evolution!" with Worship Associate Rainer Hoenicke.

The Rev. Michael Dowd began life as a born-again evangelical believing Darwinian biology to be the work of the devil. Now, he preaches the gospel of science. Don't miss this great evolutionary storyteller!

## March 2, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

Thanks to each of you who came this morning and participated in "Celebration Sunday." By letting us know what you hope to be able to give to the Fellowship next year, our board will be able to propose next year's budget, including all the wonderful plans we have for more staff and committee support. If you weren't able to attend this morning, please return the form you received in the mail to our treasurer, Rainer Hoenicke, at your earliest convenience! And on behalf of our Fellowship, thank you, thank you, thank you!

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program next Sunday, please get in touch with Rainer Hoenicke, who will be our Worship Associate next week, and he will make your announcement or call on you to make it. If you would like an e-mail copy of any sermon I have given at UUFNB, send me a note. And don't forget, if you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for March 9, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, March 7!

See you in Church!

The Rev. Bonnie Dlott  
[minister.uufnb@mac.com](mailto:minister.uufnb@mac.com)  
(925) 256-4334

# UUFNB Calendar



Monday March 3, 7 p.m.

**Social Justice Committee Meeting**

68 Coombs Ave, Studio D4 Doug Taylor 226-7500

Wednesday March 6, 7 p.m.

**North Bay CUUPS meeting to plan the Spring Equinox Celebration**

68 Coombs Ave, Studio D4 Doug Taylor 226-7500

Sunday March 9, 12:45 pm

**All Fellowship Lunch**

Buckhorn Grill, 1201 Town Center, Napa. For more information call Bonnie at (925) 256-4334.

Sunday March 9, 12:30 p.m.

**UUFNB Board Meeting**

For more information call Bob Jones, 252-1885

Monday March 10, 8 p.m.

**Monday Night Meditation**

Susan Levine's home, 2341 Joanne Circle, 226-3975

Sunday March 16, 12:30 p.m.

**Membership Committee Meeting**

Boys & Girls Club: for more info call Barbara Kummer at 226-1191

Monday March 17, 8 p.m.

**Monday Night Meditation**

Susan Levine's home, 2341 Joanne Circle, 226-3975

Tuesday March 18, 7:00 pm

**Carquinez Cluster**

Tom and Darlene Dragavon's house at 1468 Tamara Ct. in Benicia.

For more information, contact Tom at [thosdragavon@aol.com](mailto:thosdragavon@aol.com) or 745-5290.

Saturday March 22

**Spring Equinox Celebration And Potluck Dinner**

1260 Shadybrook; for more information call Barbara Kummer at 226-1191

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

- **March 9** - "Make a Joyful Noise!" Adults, teens, and children are invited to join with Craig Payne to "feel the joy of your own music." Please bring your drums, rattles, bells, recorders or other music-making instruments, or just yourselves to explore rhythm, including your own. Craig also provides rhythm makers and a great appreciation for people and their potential. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.
- **March 16** - "The Bible as Literature" with Jim Craig. This session will look at the stories in the book of Exodus which describe the origin of the Jewish observance of Passover, the crossing of the Red Sea (really??), Moses and the Ten Commandments, the Ark (as in Raiders of the lost . . ."), and the famous Golden Calf.
- **March 23** - "Social Justice Sunday" Join us this morning for a screening of Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth." Due to the length of the film, we will start at 9:00 a.m.

Coming Soon! "The Artist's Way" class presented by Doug Taylor and Mary Ellen Morgan.  
For more details, see the flyer on page 8!

For Sale: Napa Valley Savings Books  
(Full of Discounts for Services and Restaurants!)  
and only \$25!

\$5 from every purchase goes to the  
Weber/Jungerman Children's Education Fund

See or call Tracy Ruhs for further information, 253-8310

### *Share the Plate!*

*March's Share the Plate donation (10% of all non-pledge-plate donations) will go to Heather House, which provides temporary shelter, food and case management to the homeless in Fairfield, and has 24 beds for families and single women.*



# Fellowship News

## Chalice Circles take off!

In February, the Vallejo/Benecía Circle met for the second time and the St. Helena Circle had its first meeting. Both circles had wonderful attendance and the participants are looking forward to meeting again in March. For more details, see the Minister's March report. We are also hopeful that we will be able to establish our Sonoma group sometime in March.

If you are interested in joining one of these established groups or are the newly forming Sonoma Circle, please call Rev. Bonnie Dlott at 925-256-4334 for times and locations.

## A Tip of the Hat...

to Bob Jones who arranged locked storage for the religious education supplies at the Boys and Girls Club! This will help your staff and volunteers to be so much better organized! Thanks, Bob!

## Can you help?

We have been getting more requests for childcare (ages 0-5) during the Sunday service and we have been looking for adults that can work with our teens to provide loving care. If you know of someone who could serve in this capacity, please call Mary Ellen Morgan at 294-2759. This is a paying position. Background check required.

## Save the Dates!

Saturday March 22

Spring Equinox Celebration

All are invited, and bring your friends and family! Our celebration of Spring will include music, a chance to take in the beauty surrounding Barbara Kummer's house up in the hills, lots of time for fellowship, and a potluck dinner. Stay tuned for more information!

Monday March 24

Michael Dowd: Thank God for Evolution!

UUFNB is sponsoring this presentation by Rev. Dowd at the Napa Library Community Room at 6:00 pm. Come and hear a story that's billions of years old and restores hope for people of any religion or belief system. For more information, go to [www.thegreatstory.org](http://www.thegreatstory.org).



### Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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#### Wednesday, March 5, Noon.

The Napa Interfaith Council will be holding its March Salon on Wednesday, March 5 at Puertas Abiertas, which is a community resource center located at 952 Napa St., across the street from St. John's Catholic Church. We will have the opportunity to see the center and hear about all the good things that are happening there. Our speakers will be Frances Ortiz-Chavez, program coordinator, and Angela Peatman, president of Spirit of Unity in Napa.

#### March 7-9, 2008

**Women & Religion** invite all UU women to celebrate **Global Sisterhood, Spring Renewal, a weekend of Retreat, Relaxation and Rejuvenation**, Enchanted Hills, Napa. The retreat begins 3:00 on Friday and runs through lunch on Sunday. Join with 50 or more other UU women from throughout the District for conversation, singing, laughing, crying, learning. Contact [Clair Trujillo](mailto:clair.trujillo@sbcglobal.net) at [clair.trujillo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clair.trujillo@sbcglobal.net) to receive a registration form - space is limited and registrations accepted on a first come, first served basis. The cost for the weekend is \$225 by Feb. 4 or \$250 after that date. Meals and lodging included.

## March Musings from your Minister . . .

February was an exciting month for UUFNB. We launched our second Chalice Circle, which met in St. Helena. Bob Jones reported that twelve people came to the home of Lester Hardy and Janet Pagano for coffee and conversation last Thursday. Mary Ellen Morgan led a discussion of our spiritual journeys and our paths to this Fellowship. Almost everyone indicated that they had left some earlier religion and had searched for years before finding us. Their joy was a reminder of how important our Fellowship is to people's lives.

Barbara Back, who organized this event, said she was delighted because she had been waiting years for such an event in the North Napa County. It was an historic event. Eight were new to UU from Yountville, St Helena and Angwin. This Chalice Circle will meet again next month, on March 27. Stay tuned for time and location.

The February gathering of the Vallejo Chalice Circle was hosted by Margaret Kelso and Bob Lux, and was attended by ten people. The topic was Aging, and it was especially well covered because we had people addressing the issue from the perspective of being in their 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's. The next gathering will be on Thursday, March 27, and the topic will be Compassion. The Rev. Bonnie Dlott will facilitate the discussion.

Chalice Circles are a great way to get to know people on a deeper level than you might just chatting at Coffee Hour after our services. Our topics will vary each month, and our format allows for each participant to share from the heart and listen actively to others. Although our Chalice circles are located outside of Napa, to foster connections with folks who live further away from our Fellowship, anyone can attend.

Very soon we will be starting Chalice Circles in the Sonoma and Fairfield areas. If you know someone in either of these areas who could host a Chalice Circle gathering, please get in touch with me or with Bob Jones at 252-1885. For general information about the Chalice Circles, contact me at 925-256-4334 or [minister.uufnb@mac.com](mailto:minister.uufnb@mac.com).

As the Spring Equinox approaches on March 20, watch for the earth to be reborn! Remember that this is a time when sunlight and dark are balanced, and think about ways to balance your own life. Spend some time outside and enjoy the paradise we live in!

And then, I'll see you in Church,  
Reverend Bonnie Dlott  
(925) 256-4334

# REflections

From our Director of Religious Education

I love this time of the church year! This is the time when the staff and committee chairs get to dream while planning for the upcoming church year while putting together their budgets. These lists of numbers carry the hopes and dreams of your fellow congregants, they have such big plans for what the church's programs will look like next year. It's such a hopeful and enthusiastic time, when all things look possible.

I've begun the conversation with the RE Council to discuss what religious education will look like next year. In looking ahead, we first have to look back to see where we have been, what curriculum we've used and what programs might engage learners of all ages in the new fiscal year. This conversation will be continuing over the next few months.

This month our Youth RE Class will be studying about the spirituality of words and story telling. The Sunday schedule for March follows:

March 9th Tracy Ruhs (Words and Naming)

March 16th Bonnie Dlott(Communicating)

March 23rd Community Sunday (No classes, childcare only)

March 30th Tracy Ruhs (Meaning-Making Stories & Our Lives)

Please let me know your thoughts about our religious education program, we are dedicated to meeting the needs of all ages!

In faith,  
Mary Ellen



# Awaken Your Creativity

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