



# 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 April 20, 11 am

Rev. Bonnie Dlott: Flower Communion and New Member Ingathering, with Worship Associate David Ross. Flower Communion is a time to celebrate the gifts we each bring to our community. Join us this Sunday for this annual Spring service, and help us welcome our newest members to UUFNB. Don't forget to bring a flower or two to share. This is an intergenerational service, so there will be no children's classes, just child care.

### Sunday April 27, 11 am

Social Justice Sunday, with Worship Assistant Vicki Wolf. Anti-gay organizations including Focus on the Family have poured well over a million dollars into California in order to qualify a ballot measure to permanently ban marriage for same-sex couples. This morning we will have a speaker from Equality California to give us an update about the ballot measure, talk about why we should care about LGBT equality, and how we can help at UUFNB.

### Sunday May 4, 11 am

Rev. Bonnie Dlott: "Seven Deadly Sins" with Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. In case you didn't go to Catholic School, the "Seven Deadly Sins" are wrath, sloth, greed, lust, envy, pride, and gluttony. Those of you who have been paying attention to the news know that the Pope has just added seven more to the list, for a total of fourteen deadly sins. Unitarian Universalists don't generally believe that we are born into sin, but that doesn't mean that we don't learn to become as sinful as anyone else later in life. If UU's had "Seven Deadly Sins," what would they be? Come and find out!

## April 13, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

I missed you this morning, as I was preparing for Helen Lipton's memorial service.

I hope to see many of you next Sunday, April 20, for our annual Flower Communion. In this intergenerational service we will build a communal bouquet, a symbol of the beauty we can create together when we each bring our unique gifts to our community. Don't forget to bring a flower or two!

We will also be welcoming our newest members into our community: Ron Griffiths, William Summerville, and Patti Schmitt. I hope you can make it!

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program next Sunday, please get in touch with David Ross, 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. If you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for April 20, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, April 18!

See you in Church!

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

# UUFNB Calendar



Monday April 14, 8 p.m.

## **Monday Night Meditation**

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

Tuesday April 15, 7 pm

## **Carquinez Cluster**

Dragavon residence, 1468 Tamara Court in Benicia. For more info contact Tom or Darlene at [thosdragavon@aol.com](mailto:thosdragavon@aol.com), [dfjantzen@aol.com](mailto:dfjantzen@aol.com), or H 707-745-5290, C 707-291-8592.

Thursday April 17, 10 am

## **No Name Book Club; "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards**

At the home of Else Ross, 695 Cabot Way

For information call Sylvia Weaver Jones at 252-1885.

Monday April 21, 4 pm

## **Committee on Ministry**

68 Coombs Ave, Studio D4, Doug Taylor 226-7500

Monday April 21, 8 p.m.

## **Monday Night Meditation**

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

Thursday April 24, Noon

**DVD presentation:** "Creativity--A Path Where Humanity and Divinity Meet", by Mathew Fox, former priest, author of "Original Blessings" and founder of the Center for Creativity in Oakland. Home of Abbey Silva--1177 El Centro--call 224-8716 for more information.

Wednesday April 23, 7 p.m.

## **St. Helena Chalice Circle (see announcement on page 7)**

Thursday April 24, 7 p.m.

## **Vallejo Chalice Circle**

For location and program call Rev. Bonnie Dlott (925) 256-4334

Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.

## **We Stand for Peace Vigil**

Corner of Soscol and Main

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**

- **April 20** – “**The Bible as Literature**” with Jim Craig: The story, told in the book of Joshua, of how the Israelites, having escaped from bondage in Egypt, get to the "promised land". (Have you heard about Joshua and the battle of Jericho, where "the walls came "tumblin' down"?)
- **April 27** – “**Social Justice Sunday**” In keeping with our theme of Marriage Equity, we will view the Cottage Conversations DVD “Tying the Knot.” Hosted by Iris Daigre.
- **May 4** – “**New to UU**” class with Reverend Bonnie Dlott: Some of you may have heard references to our UUFNB “CUUPS” chapter, which is sponsored by our national Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. Who are these people and what do they have to do with Unitarian Universalism? Come and find out.

## A Message from the Choir

The Choir is trying to track down some stoles that were given to us by the Berkeley church a number of years ago. Our memory is that they were a gold color on at least one side. If these might be in your garage, attic or closet OR if you recall our having disposed of them, please let Phyllis Boyson know at: (707) 257-1265 or [phyllisboyson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phyllisboyson@sbcglobal.net).

We continue to meet to practice on most Wednesday nights from 7:15 to 8:45 PM at KateMacPherson's home in east Napa. For directions or questions, contact Kate at 255-5687 or at [cozybldr@prodigy.net](mailto:cozybldr@prodigy.net).

*Share the Plate!*  
*April's Share the Plate donation*  
*(10% of all non-pledge plate donations)*  
*will go to The United Farm Workers*  
*in honor of Ceasar Chavez Day.*

## **A Message from Our Set Up Team Captain . . .**

The Set-Up Committee is in need of an able-bodied person who can assist with setting up and taking down the Sunday service on the FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH (It's possible to make it another Sunday if needed). The person being replaced has been doing this for quite awhile and would like to put his energies in other areas.

Set up people need to arrive approximately 9:45 a.m. and take down and put away items after the service for about 1/2 hour. There are 2 people assigned for each Sunday and often helpful volunteers as well! We'd love to have you on our team!

Call or email Tracy Ruhs at 253-8310 or [billruhs@comcast.net](mailto:billruhs@comcast.net)

## Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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### Pacific Central District Assembly

April 25-27, Fremont Marriott

#### District Assembly Deadlines Extended!

The deadline for reserving a hotel room has been extended to April 14 and the deadline for registering children and youth have been extended to April 15. Meal reservations are due by April 18. We welcome walk-in registrations, but cannot accommodate meals or Child & Youth Programming. For more information, go to <http://www.pcd-uua.org/events/DA-2008/index.htm>.

If you decide to attend District Assembly, you are invited to a social get-together on Friday evening in Rev. Bonnie's room. If you are interested in coming, let Bonnie know so that she can give you her room number and the time of the gathering.

#### **CALLINGS: FINDING AND FOLLOWING AN AUTHENTIC LIFE**

A workshop by Gregg Levoy, Sponsored by the Napa Interfaith Council

May 3, 9 am to 4 pm

Father Edwards Center, Carmelite Monastery on Oakville Grade Road in Oakville.

\$80 donation per person is requested; proceeds will support the NIC Sacred Garden.

A light lunch will be served.

For reservations and more information, call Yvonne Baginski

707-226-7127 or [borntoage@hotmail.com](mailto:borntoage@hotmail.com).

Callings are urgings from the deep self that tell us what it will take to make our lives literally "come true." They point us toward awakenings, important changes, and powerful authenticity. In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore the psychological, spiritual and practical processes we encounter in listening and responding to our callings, whether in the arenas of work, relationship, lifestyle, service or spirituality. While honoring a calling's essential mystery, we'll also explore the questions that bloom naturally in the presence of any call: What does it ask of us? How do we tell the true call from the siren-song? How do we handle our resistance to it? What happens when we say no? What happens when we say yes? (Please bring writing materials.)

Gregg Levoy is the author of *Callings: Finding and Following An Authentic Life* (Random House) As a fulltime lecturer and seminar-leader in the business, educational and human-potential arenas, Gregg has keynoted and presented workshops at the Smithsonian Institution, Esalen Institute, Omega Institute, and many others, and has been a frequent guest of the media, including ABC-TV, CNN, NPR and PBS. A former adjunct professor of journalism at the University of New Mexico, and former columnist and reporter for the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and *USA Today*, he has written about the subject of Callings for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Washington Post*, *Omni*, *Psychology Today*, *Reader's Digest*, and many others, as well as for corporate, promotional and television projects. His website is [www.gregglevoy.com](http://www.gregglevoy.com).



# Board Buzz . . .

**You are invited to continue the conversation!**

Back in January, some of our members attended the district growth conference with Larry Peers. They filled out a survey and discovered that we are doing a great job of welcoming newcomers! They also determined that we could improve in the area of empowering and nurturing our Fellowship volunteers.

To help us grow in this area, we have invited Cilla Raughley, our District Executive, to come and lead a conversation about this at Mary Ellen Morgan's home, 657 Montecito, on Saturday May 10 from 9-4.

We need your ideas about how we can empower and nurture our volunteers, because they sustain the life of our community. We know your Saturdays are precious! However, our board and staff are excited about this workshop, and we hope you will be too.

Bring you lunch and we will provide all beverages. Bring your ideas so that we will all come away with new enthusiasm and confidence in our future!

*Bob Jones for the Board*



# About People . . .

## In Memoriam

*Gloria Beutler, former President of UUFNB and choir member, died on April 3rd at the age of 84. In 2002 Gloria moved to San Diego. Services will b be held there. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Association. Barbara Kummer notes, "She served us long and well".*

## Get Well Soon!

We send our best wishes to the Bobzien Family this week as Steve Bobzien is recovering from a night in the Emergency room after experiencing a heart rhythm abnormality. He is now home as his normal rhythm was restored.

## From An Old Friend . . .

Some of you may remember Joanne Macy, who Barbara Kummer described as "a wonderful, active member untill she moved. She obtained speakers for us for several years. Joanne has been in touch with Barbara, and sends this message:

"I would love to hear from you and anyone else from the church! I hope you are doing well. I am still in the same nursing home in E. Greenbush, NY My daughter, Beth, either comes daily or sees to it that her husband or son come see me. I wonder where you are now meeting. Last I heard you were meeting at the boys and girls club. Love, Joanne"

Joanne's mailing address is

Evergreen Commons  
1070 Luther Rd.Rm 252  
E. Greenbush,NY 12061

her phone number is 518-275-5583  
and her e-mail  
<[macyjoanne5@gmail.com](mailto:macyjoanne5@gmail.com)>

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**YOU ARE INVITED**

**TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH BAY**

**ST. HELENA CHALICE CIRCLE (INFORMAL GATHERING)**

**AT THE ST. HELENA LIBRARY (our new venue)**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 AT 7 PM**

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**People have been coming from**

**Calistoga, St. Helena, and Yountville, including the Veteran's Home.**

**We will again enjoy refreshments and conversation/discussion**

**with people in our up-valley "neighborhood".**

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**PLEASE COME**

**Directions: In St. Helena, turn east from Hwy 29 on Adams for two blocks**

**and turn left into the library. Plenty of parking. After entering the library,**

**immediately walk R down to the meeting room on the left.**

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**R.S.V.P.**

**Please phone Barbara Back 942-8810**

**(so we'll know we reached you)**

# REflections

March was a busy month for Religious Education in the Fellowship! In the children's program they were taught to make a personal prayer box, they created a collage of pictures that depict their favorite things and they learned the meaning behind their names.

Here is the class schedule for the month when they will learn about the spirituality of food:

April 6th            Lenore, "Feasting".  
April 13th          Tracy, "Fasting"  
April 20th        Community Sunday with Flower Communion  
April 27th          Tracy, "Family Food Rituals and Spiritual Choices"

Our Adult Program, "The Artist's Way" started on March 18<sup>th</sup> with twenty one students, all but seven of those from outside our membership. The class has been very enthusiastic and will continue until June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The RE Council continues to meet monthly and will soon start to review curriculum and finalize the class schedule for next year. Teacher recruitment will also start soon, and someone may call you to ask if you could teach next year. I hope, when that call comes, that you will thoughtfully consider teaching once a month. You all have gifts to offer, gifts will that enrich our children's lives!

In faith,  
Mary Ellen

