



UUFNB SUNDAY DIGEST

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Services held at 1515 Pueblo Ave, at the Boys & Girls Club of Napa, 11 am

Upcoming Services

Sunday May 11

Lenore Hirsch and Rev. Bonnie Dlott: "A Service for Mother's Day." with Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. Just because one has not given birth, or raised a child, does not mean that one has not mothered. As our population ages, many among us have found ourselves mothering our parents, friends, or other relatives as they become increasingly unable to care for themselves. Join Lenore Hirsch and Rev. Bonnie Dlott today for a service of poetry and reflection about some of the unexpected ways we find ourselves "mothering" throughout our lives.

Sunday May 18

Jim Craig: "Why Are We Here?" with Worship Associate Rainer Hoenicke. The question has at least several levels of significance. This sermon will focus on what it is that brings us together each Sunday in "worship", though it will necessarily also echo some deeper answers to the question.

Sunday May 25

Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Guy Kay: "The Price of War" with Worship Associate Suze Bobzien. We hear on the news how the cost of war in dollars is mounting up; but there are other costs that we don't hear as much about. In this service in honor of Memorial Day, member and veteran Guy Kay will join with Rev. Bonnie to speak up about some of the other costs of war.

May 4, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

Next weekend is Mother's Day, and Lenore Hirsch and I will be conducting a service about mothering. If you have a favorite poem or reading about motherhood, please send it to me by tuesday of this week as I'd like to include it in the service if I can.

This week I'll be attending the Spring Retreat for our UU Minister's Association down in San Juan Bautista. These retreats are restorative and reflective, and I come back refreshed and recharged. I'll be gone from Tuesday morning till Thursday afternoon, so I'll be unavailable and offline during that time. If you have a pastoral emergency, get in touch with any board member and they will know how to reach me.

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program next Sunday, please get in touch with Lenore Hirsch, who will be our Worship Associate next week, and she 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 May 11, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, May 9!

See you in Church!

The Rev. Bonnie Dlott

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UUFNB Calendar



Monday May 5, 7 pm
UUFNB Board Meeting
Bob Jones, 252-1885

Monday May 5, 8 p.m.
Monday Night Meditation
Susan Levine's home, 2341 Joanne Circle, 226-3975

Wednesday May 7, 7 p.m.
North Bay CUUPS: New Moon at Beltane ritual
68 Coombs Ave, Studio D4, Peggy Petersen, 315-5746

Thursday, May 8
Sonoma Chalice Circle Cancelled this month: stay tuned for June!

Saturday May 10, 9 am to 4 pm
Leadership Retreat with District Executive Cilla Raughley, all are welcome!
To RSVP or get more info call Mary Ellen Morgan, 294-2759

Sunday May 11, 12:45 pm
Fellowship Lunch: all are welcome, especially mothers!
Joy Luck House, 1144 Jordon Lane. Bonnie Dlott (925) 256-4334

Thursday May 15th, 10 am
No Name Book Club: Author Elizabeth Gilbert--We will discuss two of her books, "Eat, Pray, Love" and "The Last American Man". Home of Elsa Ross--695 Cabot Wy---224-6752

Friday, May 16th at 6 pm
Salad 'n Bread with David Korten We continue to explore our ideas and roles as we envision and shift our perspectives toward a more sustainable, humane future.
We meet at the home of Phyllis Boyson, 1993 Waverly, 257-1265

Sunday May 18, 12:45
Membership Committee Meeting
Boys & Girls Club, Barbara Kummer, 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

- **May 11 - "Make a Joyful Noise: Music of the World"** 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 rhythms from around the world, 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.
- **May 18 - "The Bible as Literature"** with Jim Craig. More great stories, especially in the book of Judges (they really were military leaders): Gideon, Deborah, Samson et al. Underlying the stories is the question of how a disparate group of people should govern themselves . . . an eternal problem.
- **May 25 - Sleep in!** It's a holiday weekend. But don't sleep through church!

Share the Plate!

In Honor of Memorial Day, 10% of this month's non-pledge plate donation will go to the non-profit organization "Swords to Plowshares."
Their mission is "to heal the wounds, to restore dignity, hope, and self-sufficiency to all veterans in need, and to significantly reduce homelessness and poverty among Veterans".
Please be as generous as you can!

The Knitting for Peace group has delivered 3 shawls to NEWS (Napa Emergency Womens Services). If anyone else would like to participate in this project contact Connie Kay

707-963-3510.

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

Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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Napa Interfaith Council Salon Wednesday, May 7, at 12:15 pm First United Methodist Church, 625 Randolph St.

Board Member Sally Harper will present a discussion on Eckhard Tolle's A NEW EARTH. She is taking the Oprah webcast class and will discuss the opening chapter. Many folks in Napa are participating in this class, and so we hope you will join us and add your voice to our discussion!

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Social Justice Stimulus Plan \$252 for Peace

Imagine a world where taxpayers can choose to fund peacemaking instead of war, where strengthening our nation means investing in peace. UUSC wants to stimulate peace – and we need your help.

If you're a U.S. taxpayer, a \$600 economic stimulus payment from the U.S. government is now on its way to you. Did you know that according to the National Priorities Project <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/taxchart2008/600>, a nonprofit research group, \$252 of your payment would have gone to fund the Bush administration's military program?

Now you have the chance to give that \$252 a rational objective – peace.

UUSC is inviting fellow peacemakers to make a one-time stimulus investment of \$252 in human rights and social justice around the world.

By redirecting these war dollars to UUSC, you support

- Active-duty U.S. military personnel speaking out against the Iraq war and the U.S. occupation;
- Iraq war veterans calling for congressional investigations and hearings into military abuses;
- Women and girls in Darfur who risk their safety each time they leave their camp for firewood and water
- Ugandans who, after 20 years of war, are finally returning to their villages.

Investing in peace will create a domino effect that will transform lives. What is it worth to you?

Redirect the rebate. Give \$252 for peace http://www.uusc.org/info/vstaxrebate_donation.html. Please make your investment at any level now.



Minister's Message for May



Last month I joined eleven of our members at the Annual Pacific Central District Assembly in Fremont. For those of you who have never been to a District Assembly, it is like a mini-General Assembly; every member of each congregation in our District is invited to come together for a weekend of workshops, worship, and fun. The District Board conducts its Annual Business meeting, which is open to everyone. Each congregation sends delegates, who are allowed to vote in the Business meeting.

What's the best thing about District Assembly? It could be the workshops. My favorite one was given by Robert Latham, a UU minister since 1969, who originated the concepts of shared ministry. His workshop on transitions in churches helped me to better understand the challenges we are facing as we cross the threshold from a family to pastoral sized church.

But maybe the best thing about DA is the worship. On Friday evening, following a rowdy banner parade, our district ministerial interns put together a thoughtful worship service about the simple gifts that we give and receive from our world. We were treated to live music by the Duck River Band, from the Oakland Church. Sunday morning the Rev. Bryan Jessup, of the UU Church of Fresno, gave a rousing sermon, also about "Simple Gifts," accompanied by Phil Hildreth, Director of Music at the Marin church, and the All-District Choir. It was truly inspiring!

But really, my favorite thing at DA this year was the Awards Banquet. This might be because my husband and I received an award this year, the Junella Hanson award for Religious Education, for our work with the "Our Whole Lives" comprehensive sexuality education program.

But seriously now, my favorite thing about DA is the people. It's so much fun to find a friend in every direction you look, whether it is an old friend (like my pals from seminary) a new friend, (like a young adult I met at the UUYAN table) or a beloved minister (like David Sammons) or congregants from my home church (Mt. Diablo) or the church where I did my internship (Sunnyvale). Of course my favorite people were the ones I came with, from our very own congregation. We had our own "ingathering" in my room on Friday evening before the worship service!

I hope I've convinced you that District Assembly is worth your while. I'll see you there next year!

Happy Beltane,

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