



# UUFNB SUNDAY

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 July 6: service starts at 10 am!**

Reverend Bonnie Dlott, with Worship Associate Matt Metzler. "Class of 2008" As we finish up one church year and look forward to another, it's good to do some reflecting. What challenged us this year? How did we respond to those challenges? How do we plan to live out our mission in the coming year, in our congregation and in the North Bay? Come and hear about the possibilities, and how you might be involved. This service will feature **Paula Eisenbarth**, our new accompanist.

### **Sunday July 13: service starts at 10 am!**

Rev. Carolyn Colbert, with Worship Associate BJ Pheiffer. "The Prodigal Daughter; Forgiveness and Return" The old story in Luke has drama and rich meaning when told in modern dress with an all female cast of characters. It has always been a great teaching story. This morning it will guide us into looking deeply at the process of forgiveness and the four essential steps needed to forgive.

### **Sunday July 20, 10 am**

Jeanelyse Doran Adams, with Worship Associate Vicki Wolf. "The Three C's of Love, Justice and Mercy". Jeanelyse graduated in May from Starr King and is a candidate for U.U. Ministry. She is committed to Community Ministry that inspires shared ministry and living our Covenant and faith in the world. She is currently completing a year of chaplaincy at the UCSF and is a former Director of the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center.

## June 29, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

The Summer is upon us! For information about my summer schedule, and some news about our social justice activities next year, please see my message on page 4.

In July, while I am on vacation, I will be sending out the Digest just twice, on July 6 and July 20. If this works out, I may only send out two in August as well. We have fewer activities during these months, and this gives me more time to spend planning and preparing for next year's programs!

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program next Sunday, please get in touch with Matt Metzler, 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 a sermon I have given at UUFNB, send me a note. If you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for June 29, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, June 27!

See you in Church!

*The Rev. Bonnie Dlott*

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# UUFNB Calendar



Monday June 30, 8 p.m.

**Monday Night Meditation**

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

Wednesday, July 2, 7:00 pm

**Covenant of UU Pagans; Lammas celebration planning**

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

Wednesday, July 2, 4:30 pm

**RE Council Meeting**

657 Montecito, Mary Ellen Morgan, 294-2759

Friday, July 4, 6:00 pm

**Fireworks on the Hillside**

1260 Shadybrook; For more information see article on page 6.

Sunday July 6, 11:15 am

**Worship Associate Meeting**

Boys & Girls Club, Jim Craig, 258-0341

Monday July 7, 8 p.m.

**Monday Night Meditation**

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

Tuesday July 8, 5:30 pm

**Thomas Berry DVD and Potluck**

1260 Shadybrook; For more information see article on page 6.

Wednesday, July 9, 7 pm

**Sonoma Chalice Circle**

Place to be arranged. For more information call Mary Ellen Morgan, 294-2759.

Tuesday, July 15, 7 pm

**Carquinez Cluster**

Dragavon's, 1468 Tamara Ct. in Benicia, contact Tom, [thosdragavon@aol.com](mailto:thosdragavon@aol.com) or 745-5290.

To view the UUFNB Calendar, go to <http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/uufnb/UUFNB>

# UUFNB Announcements

**Adult Summer Programs: For July and August, these programs will be offered at 11:15, after the 10 am worship service, at the Boys & Girls Club, 1515 Pueblo Ave.**

- **July 13 - "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.
- **July 27 - Social Justice Film. "Hacking Democracy"** is a modern true to life "David and Goliath story, but in this version it's "Bev Harris Vs Diebold Voting Machines". This Seattle grandmother is both computer savvy and determined to investigate allegations of election fraud reported by citizens of counties from five different states in 2006. After downloading incriminating evidence from Diebold's own website, she travels with fellow activists and HBO filmmakers to document voting machines programmed to steal elections, "security holes in the machines 'custody of care'" (who has access all year-round) and uncovers evidence of purposely miscounted votes. HBO also documented incidences of secrecy, cronyism, and incompetence. After viewing the movie, there will be a presentation and discussion with Joann Gifford, Calistoga High School teacher computer buff since their inception in the seventies, organizer, activist and mom.

## Share the Plate!

10% of this months non-pledge plate donation will go to The Land Trust of Napa County, which works to protect the natural diversity, scenic open space and agricultural vitality of Napa County by preserving lands with significant conservation values for present and future generations and by fostering an appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.

Please be as generous as you can!

# *A Message for the Summer from Your Minister . . .*

One of the most exciting things that came out of the Leadership Retreat on May 10 was the idea that we engage the whole UUFNB community in a Social Action project that would help us to approach our ministry in the North Bay with a common sense of mission. Unitarian Universalists love to honor diversity, but unity is also important when faith communities wish to change the heart of a culture. I believe our culture needs changing!

In an effort to choose an all-Fellowship project that will appeal to many of us, the Social Justice Committee and I are **asking for proposals from you** for projects that might engage our whole community in an effort to work toward expressing our UU values visibly in the North Bay. Possible projects might focus on environmentalism, peace-making, human rights, or anything else you think UUFNB members are passionate about.

**If you would like to submit a proposal, please get in touch with me right away** and I will send you some guidelines. At the end of July, we will publish any proposals we have received and let you, the members of UUFNB, decide which one you would like to take on. In September we will begin making that project a part of our worship, our Adult and Children's Programs, and our outreach into the North Bay community. We already have one group excited about a proposal to learn about and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions. Let's see how creative we can be!

On another note, like many of you, I will be taking a vacation in July. I will be rafting with my family in Oregon from July 7 until July 18. During this time it will be very difficult to contact me, and so I have arranged ministerial coverage for that time. **Should you need emergency pastoral care**, the Rev. Chris Bell from the Santa Rosa congregation, and the Rev. Ben Kocs-Meyer, Consulting Minister for the Petaluma congregation will be available. Rev. Bell can be reached by calling 568-5381, and Rev. Kocs-Meyers can be reached at 773-2835.

I will back in Napa between July 20 and July 25, and then gone again to Utah for a family reunion until August 2. During that time I expect to have phone and internet access, and so you can reach me there in case of an emergency by calling my cell, (Board members have my number) or sending me e-mail.

Have a safe and blessed Summer!

*Rev. Bonnie Dlott*



Looking for a way you can help the Fellowship?  
Can you volunteer once a month?

For many years, Margo McCandless and Justin Smith have counted our collection every Sunday. Justin is going off to college later this summer and Margo is moving on from this important job to serving on our Board of Trustees. We need several people who can volunteer to help us out in this important job starting the middle of August. Please call Mary Ellen Morgan at 294-2759 or send an email to [memorgan@aol.com](mailto:memorgan@aol.com) if you are interested.

# News from North Bay CUUPS

This June, our CUUPS chapter is celebrating its one year anniversary. What is CUUPS? It is the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, a national organization that promotes the practice and understanding of Pagan and Earth-centered spirituality within Unitarian Universalist congregations. It provides resources to pagan-identified individuals and offers opportunities for networking. CUUPS encourages chapter meetings, rituals, and worship services to be open to all people, whether they are UU or not, or identify as pagan. You can learn more about CUUPS by checking out their website at [www.cuups.org](http://www.cuups.org).

Our Chapter, North Bay CUUPS, meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Our activities have included book discussions, guided meditations and rituals, and workshops on the Tarot and I ching.

In August, NB CUUPS will be offering our first celebration for the whole Fellowship, in honor of Lammas, also known as Lughnasadh. This festival, celebrated by the ancient Celts on or near August 1, marks the first harvest of the year and the beginning of the time of decreasing light. Many earth-centered people feel this turning, and use the Lammas festival to express their gratitude for the Earth's bounty and to prepare for the transition into the dark time of the year.

We invite you to join us in our celebration of Lammas on Sunday August 3, at noon, at Kennedy Park. After our celebration we will share a meal together. Bring things to grill, a dish to share, and your own utensils and plates. Some drinks will be provided. For more information call Doug Taylor at 226-7500 or e-mail him at [northbaycuups@gmail.com](mailto:northbaycuups@gmail.com).



## Meet Paula Eisenbarth

On Sunday July 6, our new church musician, Paula Eisenbarth, will be joining our Fellowship family. Paula has been accompanying choirs for church, community, and educational institutions as well as teaching music privately for over 35 years. Prior to her recent move to the East Bay from Reno, she logged nearly two decades as staff pianist for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada. Throughout 2006 and 2007 she also served as accompanist for the Sierra Nevada Children's Choirs.

Paula's educational background includes piano studies with Dr. Ronald Williams at the University of Nevada Reno; voice training with Helen Maynard at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; and music studies at Benedictine College and Briar Cliff College in the Midwest.

Paula says, "I am eagerly anticipating this new relationship with the UUFNB, hoping to be a vital part of the evolving music ministry program. Music adds another dimension to our experience in worship. It has the power to ignite our spiritual passions, provide solace, soothe jangled nerves, energize our bodies and minds...all of this and more. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your spiritual and community experience at the Fellowship." Let's give Paula a warm welcome!

# A Few Other UUFNB Events . . .

At 5:30 pm on Tuesday July 8, Barbara Kummer is hosting another DVD viewing and pot luck at her home, located at 1260 Shadybrook. This time, we'll be viewing a DVD on Thomas Berry. For those of you who are not familiar with Thomas Berry, here is an excerpt from an interview by Derek Jensen: (the whole article can be read at [www.derrickjensen.org/berry.html](http://www.derrickjensen.org/berry.html))

Berry: We need to regain our sense of the natural world as sacred. All that is left to us these days is the possibility of going to the seashore, or the mountains, or another wilderness area. But even this experience has become progressively less meaningful and more separate from our day-to-day existence. In our workaday world, we are no longer present to the natural world in any manner. We no longer see trees as other beings to commune with. We are not taught to make that connection, not encouraged to speak of trees this way. That's why we live in a world of concrete and steel, of wires and wheels and mechanisms. This is the tragedy of our civilization: our children don't see the stars because of light pollution; they play on grass poisoned with pesticides; they experience a world circumscribed by so much human-made material they are deprived of any normal relationship with the earth.

As adults, we maintain that disconnection. At one time, we depended directly on the earth for the necessities of life. We recognized this dependency and gave thanks and praise for it, as indigenous and agricultural peoples still do. But now most of us have no idea where our food comes from.

Jensen: And we work a lot harder to get it than hunter-gatherers did.

Berry: The way humans lived before civilization was a lot less work, because we ate what the planet naturally produced, so our food sources renewed themselves. And the planet offered us not only food, but also its wonders, its presence. There was none of this separation of the sacred and the secular: both spiritual and physical well-being were granted at the same time, because -- and this is most important -- the physical and the spiritual are two dimensions of the same thing.

Each thing is so present to everything else in the universe that nothing is separate.

Inspiring! Please join us! If you would, please RSVP to Barbara Kummer at [barbarak@napanet.net](mailto:barbarak@napanet.net). She asks that you bring your own plate and utensils.

## **Also at Barbara Kummer's . . .**

An opportunity to get together on a East Napa hillside for an overview of fireworks and other patriotic considerations readings allowed and encouraged!



Starting at 6PM--bring your own service pleas--lemonade and water provided

For further information email [barbarak@napanet.net](mailto:barbarak@napanet.net) or 226-1191

# REFlections

This summer, we're starting two new programs for our children and youth. On Sunday mornings, the children will be studying our Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles and how to apply them in their daily lives in the curriculum, "We Believe".

Our junior high and high school youth will be meeting in the afternoon on the first and third Sunday of the month, starting July 6th at my home to socialize and watch movies with a message. "Popcorn Theology" will be facilitated by the Rev. Bonnie Dlott and me, with the help of other adults in our Fellowship.

And while all this is going on, Lenore, Tracy and I will be hard at work coordinating a curriculum that we hope will grow our program next year. Watch this space for further developments!



We're looking forward to a great summer here in Napa!

Your Director of Religious Education

*Mary Ellen Morgan*

PS . . .

Can you help? Our summer religious education program needs a few supplies to use with our curriculum; a pair of dice, a large ball of yarn, fabric scraps and materials to make musical instruments (empty oatmeal boxes, baking soda cans, chopstick, etc). If you have any of these things, please bring them to church or email me at [memorgan@aol.com](mailto:memorgan@aol.com) so that I can pick them up. Thanks!

## Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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July 2, 12:15 pm

### **Napa Interfaith Council Salon**

If you enjoyed the presentation last week given by our local Quaker Friends, don't miss our July Salon. Presenters will be Kathy Mawer and Joy Hirzel, members of the Napa Sonoma Friends Meeting, also known as the Quakers. Kathy and Joy will talk about some of the ways Quakers have lived their convictions in such areas as non-violence and simplicity. (Recently someone said to Kathy "Oh, I thought you had all died out.") Kathy reports, "We're still here and looking forward to a lively discussion in July!" We meet at 12:15 PM, at the First Methodist Church, at 625 Randolph St. in Napa.

## *Forgiveness and Healing Across Faith Traditions An Interfaith Symposium*



### **Buddhist Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Ph.D.**

is an alumna of UC Berkeley, Pacific School of Religion,  
and Duke University.

Dr. Hickey will teach religious studies at Alfred University  
beginning fall 2008, and is offering  
summer studies at the Graduate Theological Union.

*Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
Donations requested & refreshments served  
Information  
707-253-7305*