



The REACH

Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church

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A complete program of Religious Education for children and youth, ages nursery through mid-high, is provided at the 11:15 a.m. service. Young Religious UUs, ages 14–20 meet in Gillan 3 during the 11:15 a.m. service for conversation and community.

Mar 1 "Finding Wonder in the Everyday World" Rev. Karen Stoyanoff

9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Too often we make a dichotomy between the everyday world and our concept of a life that is spiritual. How do we learn to find that spiritual component in even the most humdrum parts of life. This service will explore the beauty of everyday and the importance of our willingness to be present to it.

Music: Guest Artist Peter Dobson, blues guitarist and vocalist.

Mar 8 (Check web site for details)

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing "Dance, Dance My Heart" with text by a Hindu poet and Nicole Glasser will sing a "colorful" solo.

Mar 15 "War and Peace" Rev. Karen Stoyanoff

9:30 & 11:15 a.m. As we approach the anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq we will commemorate the day by talking about peace. What can we do to promote not only the end of the war in Iraq, but to stand firm against the beginning of other wars. When, if ever, is war justified or necessary? What alternatives might there be to this form of aggression?

Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing "I Dream a World" with text by Langston Hughes.

Mar 22 "Successful Failures" Rev. Mitra Rahmena

9:30 & 11:15 a.m. (This is a pulpit exchange with Tapestry.) We have a tendency to box our lives into successes and failures. Sometimes we hold ourselves back until we can predict the likelihood of a success, protecting our reputations. Other times we neglect the importance of our experience when we deem it a failure. Today we will explore the depth of success and failure honoring the power of ambiguity.

Music: Bill Hunker will be our featured musician. Orange Coast Choir will be singing at Tapestry today.

Mar 29 "When I Assume . . ." Rev. Karen Stoyanoff

9:30 & 11:15 a.m. The children's choir is going to sing a song that points up how we make a mistake when we assume we know what is true. Are we open to finding out that something is different from what we expect? Do we open our minds to the possibility of the unexpected?



REACH Scheduling

Deadlines are on the first and third Sundays of each month. If you e-mail your material, you have until midnight.

The address is *reach@ocuuc.org*.

Please send e-mail to both the editor and the church. Material received later than the deadline will only be included if the layout is not finished. It will be in the next issue if still appropriate.

If you don't have access to a computer, Merrie Lee Wooten, is willing to help you get your article ready for the *REACH* and transmit it. Inserts must be coordinated with Sarah Jones. Thanks.

**April REACH Deadline
March 29**

OCUUC/Tapestry Merger—February 2009

The merger of two congregations is an exciting and difficult process all at the same time. Like any new relationship, there is a great deal of anticipation and quite a bit of work to do as well. Tara Sayre, President of Tapestry, looks forward with optimism about the new voice we will have together, "I am really looking forward to how we can be a much stronger voice for liberal spirituality and social responsibility in southern Orange County." Nancy Loughrey, President of OCUUC, concurs with Tara as she states, "I am looking forward to being a larger, more vibrant, and diverse community. I anticipate being a visible and real center for liberal religion in Orange County, and I look forward to the ability to offer a wider range of programs to those who attend. I hope we will use the synergy available with more people to make Unitarian Universalism more meaningful to all."

The work that is necessary to create this new, vibrant UU community has regained momentum since the beginning of the new year. At present, a site committee has been working with a realtor to view properties, trying to find the perfect home, at least for now. The budget committee has created a joint budget that has us in the black! Committees from both congregations are starting to meet to envision what we can do together. The precedence of the merger of All Souls and Aliso Creek congregations, which created Tapestry, is helping to guide us in the merger process. In this previous merger, the congregations joined to worship and then completed the important steps of fully combining, such as the decisions on Membership, Ways and Means, and Bylaws to name a few. We are on our way and hope to be worshipping together soon!

We know there will continue to be challenges as this journey unfolds. If we communicate well and help each other "stay ahead of what we haven't even thought of yet," as Nancy Loughrey writes, we can learn each other's cultures and successfully create our New UU Congregation. The Joint Taskforce is planning on providing at least one Town Hall Meeting per month to facilitate communication as we learn together. The communications committee of the Taskforce will also continue to send out listserv and pulpit messages to keep everyone informed. Tara reminds us that we need to be mindful that, "people manage and process change at different rates. I think that for some, this will be very much 'just roll with the flow and trust the group,' and for others it will be very scary, perhaps even threatening. We need to acknowledge

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Communications Info

Our web site: *ocuuc.org*

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Casual Comments

I preached on bullying not long ago and so I was feeling especially sensitive about this form of “hate crime.” In an email

I recently received I was urged to go to a website called Pagan Pride (paganpride.org/what/pledgeprinter.html). In it I found the following story:

“On February 20, 2001, a young girl named Tempest Smith killed herself in Lincoln Park, Michigan, USA. Her suicide was directly caused by the taunting of other students who mocked her because she was “different” and because she was Wiccan. This is a dramatic and extreme example of hundreds of everyday cases of prejudice based on religion. Even those who would never make a racial or gender-based slur may still discriminate based on religion, because many faiths teach that their religion is the only true religion.”

The website urged everyone to make a pledge that included

I pledge my word and my honor to accept that another’s belief, or non-belief, is just as sincerely held as my own.

I pledge that when I see prejudice based on religion, be it taunting on a playground or whispered in a board meet-

ing, I will stand and say, “No. This is wrong.”

I pledge that to the best of my ability, I will respect practitioners of other spiritual paths and treat them with kindness and courtesy.

Of course as Unitarian Universalists we embrace those who hold pagan beliefs as part of encouraging each other in the journey of finding truth and meaning for ourselves. And we do one other thing that is really important. We teach our children to hold those values that are expressed in our principles. We encourage them, through the lessons in our RE program, the example of how we behave, and the way we treat them to have respect for the worth and dignity of every human being. This is a wonderful way to help deal with the problem of bullying and hate crime.

I want to say thank you to all who are working to make our Sunday School a place where children learn values that will help them build a world that is bending toward justice. And I’m so grateful that we offer a place where our children can express whatever religious beliefs they find meaningful. We are fortunate to have this wonderful program and these dedicated volunteers as part of our OCUUC community.

Check out the website, consider taking the pledge yourself. And remember to say thank you to those who are working in Religious exploration!

In the meantime, may you

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those emotions openly and deal with them, or it will be much harder to come together as one.” Please join us on this merger journey by staying informed through the congregation website, reading the bulletin board in the social hall, supporting and listening to fellow congregants, and attending the town hall meetings. Your questions, thoughts, plans, and dreams helped to create OCUUC. Just think what you can do to help form our New UU congregation!

Open Weekend at Camp de Benneville Pines

The UU Church of Long Beach invites you to an open weekend at Camp de Benneville Pines

Friday, March 6–Sunday, March 8, 2009

All UUs are welcome—families, singles, couples, young adults Meet new UU friends, play in the snow, attend workshops, and relax!

Registration fees include all meals, lodging and activities: \$120/adult, \$95/ages 13–18, \$75/ages 3–12, under 3 are free.

For additional information and to register contact Ramon Maldonado (562) 225-5458 or ramonbandy824@msn.com

Please join us!

March Recipient of Church Funds

The Child Guidance Center's (CGC) mission is: To provide quality outpatient mental health, child abuse and substance abuse counseling; To empower children and families to achieve their potential; To increase community awareness as to the importance of prevention and treatment. The **CGC** was founded in 1967 and now has a multi-disciplinary staff of 50 clinicians, including seven Board-Certified Child Psychiatrists. In Orange County **CGC** works with some 3,100 children annually. The clients are children who are experiencing high-risk physical, emotional, or sexual abuse and/or who are experiencing learning problems, secondary to emotional or behavioral issues. Services are provided at facilities in Buena Park, Fullerton, and Santa Ana. **The Child Guidance Centers of Orange County** were nominated by Scott Armstrong who pointed out that "Child Abuse Month" takes place during April and it is appropriate that we donate funds during March for presentation in April. For additional information about **CGC**, contact **Helen Bradford, Director of Volunteers at (714) 953-4455**.

The delivery of essential human services has been drastically affected by our faltering economy. Governmental agencies have experienced severe budgetary cut-backs and the burden on private non-profit organizations has increased. Help the Community Services Committee identify causes we can assist. Contact *Kathleen McFarlin* or *Maurice Giss* with your nominee.

ADR Report

from Birdie & Charlie Reed

Important Dates:

Monday, March 2—Comments due on CSAI, Ethical Eating and Environmental Justice. These will be used at GA to edit the CSAI for further consideration. To read the text, go to UUA.org/social_justice/ethical_eating. To submit comments, see one of us.

Thursday, March 5—ACLU-Orange County general meeting, 7:00 pm, Irvine Ranch Water District office, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine. The speaker will be from the Orange County Equality Coalition discussing the status of Prop.8 and future plans. This ties in to the ACLU program "Tell Three."

Thursday, March 5—The California Supreme Court hears oral arguments on legal cases challenging Prop. 8.

Friday, March 6–Sunday, March 8—PSWD Leadership School and a Renaissance module "Worship for All Ages". Both held at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Palos Verdes. For information and registration go to pswduua.org.

Thursday, March 12–Sunday, March 15—Reunion of youth campers from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Camp de Benneville Pines. Information at de_Benneville_Pines.org.

Friday, May 1–Sunday, May 3—PSWD District Assembly, Mesa, Arizona. For information and registration, go to pswduua.org. Are you going? Would you like to be a delegate? See one of us. The two candidates for UUA President will be appearing. The new cantata, "Sources," will be performed Friday night by a group including some members of our choir.

Saturday, May 16—AIDS Walk, Orange County. Anaheim Stadium. To volunteer and help raise money see Mark Miller.

Saturday, May 16–Sunday, May 17—Long Beach Gay Pride Celebration and Parade. See Charlie or Birdie.

Wednesday, June 24–Sunday, June 28—UUA General Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah.

To be a delegate, see one of us. We will be electing the next President of the UUA. See the description of voting below.

How do we vote for UUA President?

Every congregation gets a number of votes equal to the number of delegates to GA allowed it. These votes may be cast three ways:

- By GA delegates. They may be instructed by the congregation or not.
- By absentee ballot. Congregations may decide how they want to instruct their delegates to cast absentee votes.
- By a combination of both the above.

In any case the number of votes per congregation is fixed.

Come on out for the **Eve of Justice** vigil for marriage equality on Wednesday March 4 at Fairview Community Church. Several OCUUC singers and instrumentalists (including me) will be leading the music, plus our own Jonipher Kwong and AJ Blackwood are leading the event.

Open Mic Night is on March 21 at 7pm. The event will have an Irish theme, but your act can be anything you can dream up. Funny or serious, as long as it's family-friendly. So mark your calendar and create something entertaining to share with your OCUUC community at this fun annual event! It's free to perform and to attend. There will be a 50/50 opportunity drawing at the event to raise money for the church.

The **Family Choir** will sing in the services on March 29, and will rehearse on March 15 and March 22 after the 2nd service. Mark your calendars, and more information will follow. Family Choir is open to singers of all ages and abilities. You can download the song we're going to sing here: [tolerance.org/teach/resources/song-](http://tolerance.org/teach/resources/song-book/pdf/003_1492.pdf)

[book/pdf/003_1492.pdf](http://tolerance.org/teach/resources/song-book/pdf/003_1492.pdf). It's called "1492" and it's a funny/serious song about how Christopher Columbus "discovered" America.

Most of the members of Orange Coast Choir will be taking a **road trip** to Mesa, Arizona this May to participate in a mass choir performance of Sources: A Unitarian Universalist Cantata. This major work by UU composer Jason Shelton will be the feature presentation for the Friday night opening service of District Assembly. If anyone would like to sing with us, we will rehearse every Thursday in March and April from 6:30-7:30. And we will be taking a caravan to Arizona, and there may be room for non-singers in the carpools as well.

Upcoming Music Events:

3/21/09—Open Mic Night

3/29/09—Family Choir sings in morning service (rehearsals will be Sundays 3/15 and 3/22 after 2nd service)

4/25/09—Orange Coast Concerts—Three Zithers (hammered dulcimer, koto, qanun)

4/30/09—A contingent of singers travels to District Assembly in Mesa, AZ to sing Sources with the Arizona choirs there

6/13/09—Spring Choir Concert

Musically yours,
Beth Nakao, MusicDirector@ocuuc.org

Youth News

Youth/Young Adult Potluck BBQ (with Tapestry, too), **1 p.m., March 22**

Save the date! We will be having a youth and young adult bbq after church on 3/22. We will meet at the park across the street for games, food, and fun. We've also invited Tapestry youth and young adults. All are welcome, so bring some food and have some Sunday fun! Don't forget the sunscreen!

Peace, *Summer Bayati-Dadah*
Youth Advisor Coordinator

Thinking about Theism (TAT)

Meets every third Saturday morning at OCUUC. The next meeting is March 21 at 10:30. If you have questions about TAT, please contact *Maureen McConaghy* at (714) 538-4716 or alskling@pacbell.net.

Watch the Supreme Court Oral Arguments on Prop 8 (re Marriage for All) with UU Friends on March 5

As you may know, in Nov 2008, Prop 8 was narrowly passed prohibiting same sex marriages in California. Immediately, three cases were filed with the California Supreme Court, two to overturn this proposition on constitutional grounds, and one to invalidate same-sex marriages already performed.

Oral Arguments regarding these three cases will be heard on March 5, 9 a.m.–12 noon. We have found a restaurant where we can watch this historic event from 9 a.m.–12 noon—Tacos & Co at Culver and Michelson, Irvine. Please RSVP (KarenUU@cox.net or (949) 733-1622) by March 2. Brunch menu items are \$3–7.

If you can't join us, you can watch this event on the California Channel (Channel 3 on Cox Cable). For more information, please contact *Karen Anderson* or *Eva Lu Goodwin Noriega*.

Children's Religious Exploration

Katelynn Riva will begin as our Director of Religious Education starting on March 1, 2009. Look for her on the patio or in the classrooms starting in March. She will be with us half of the time and the other half of the time continuing as Tapestry's Director of Religious Education. I am looking forward to the merging of the two programs as our two congregations merge. Keep your eyes and ears posted for information on joint events from the two programs.

Curriculum

February started the exploring of Eastern Religions. Hinduism, Shinto, and Taoism were



introduced. The children discussed the basic similarities and differences between Eastern and Western Religions. The 3-5 class expressed that they felt Eastern Religions held many beliefs in common with Unitarian Universalists.

This month, the 3-5 and Mid-high classes are exploring Buddhism and Confucianism.

Noble Eightfold Path

Three Qualities	Eightfold Path
Wisdom (panna)	Right View
	Right Thought
Morality (sila)	Right Speech
	Right Action
	Right Livelihood
Meditation (samadhi)	Right Effort
	Right Mindfulness
	Right Contemplation

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Mid-high OWL is here!

Our Whole Lives is a UU Lifespan Development Program. Includes fun packed sleepovers. Give your child a UU introduction to sexuality and responsibility. The curriculum addresses physical concepts and emotional responsibility.

Must-Attend Orientation is at OCUUC, 2/21/09 at 3:00-5:00.

Sunday, April 12, 2009

Annual Easter Egg Hunt...Watch for details.

Welcome to Our New DRE

When Christine Daukas was hired to be our Interim Director of Religious Education, it was with the understanding that it was just until the end of February 2009. The Board is very appreciative of Christine's work with us, and is so pleased that, as a member of Tapestry, she will be very nearby.

At its February meeting, the Board authorized hiring Katelynn Riva as our new Director of Religious Education. We are so pleased. The following letter really explains the relationship and her background. We look forward to getting to know her and the energy she brings to OCUUC. Welcome, Katelynn!

Nancy Loughrey

Dear Orange Coast,

My name is Katelynn Riva and I am privileged to be your new Director of Religious Education (DRE). I have been a Unitarian Universalist Director of Religious Education for the past two and half years at Tapestry UU Congregation in Mission Viejo. Beginning in March, I will be DRE at both Tapestry and OCUUC, splitting my hours evenly between the two. In my role as Tapestry's DRE, I have enjoyed working with OCUUC staff, members, and friends and I look forward to deepening these relationships, as well as meeting and getting to know the rest of the church.

As I am interested in knowing you, I imagine you would like to know a little more about me. I am a native Californian; I grew up in San Diego where my parents still live. Boston University welcomed me as an undergraduate where I studied Religion and Spanish, graduating with a B.A. in Religious Studies and a Minor in Spanish. After college, I worked briefly as a Victim Witness Advocate at the Chelsea DA's office, outside Boston, before moving back to San Diego. Like many liberal arts graduates, what to do next was a mystery.

Back in San Diego, I earned my sec-

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Notes from the Nurse

Congratulations to the sixteen newly certified CPRers! We hope to have a First Aid certification course coming up this spring and to offer both CPR and First Aid every year from now on. This will help us be prepared as individuals and as a church community for whatever we hope won't happen!

AlertOC is Orange County's regional mass notification system during emergency events. In the case of a disaster such as a wildfire or earthquake, people in the affected area can be notified immediately via landline phones, cell phones, and/or e-mail addresses. You can sign-up at www.alertoc.com. In an emergency, you would be notified by an automatically generated message.

Blood Pressure Screening: Sunday March 8 between the services.

Support for Caregivers: Being a caretaker for someone you love can be a challenge. The Caregiver Resource Center sponsors an excellent series of classes to help you deal with the stress involved in this labor of love. Irvine will be the location of the program beginning March 20; a subsequent series will start in Huntington Beach on June 1. Call (800) 543-8312 ext. 2311 for information on registration. A \$40.00 donation is requested, but not required. Financial help may be available if you need someone to provide care for your loved one during the classes.

I will be off to Chicago from March 11 to April 15 to play grandmother; but remember I am not on vacation. You can reach me on my cell phone, listed in the Staff Box in each *REACH*, anytime!

Over the next few months, I will entertain you with items from an 1887 job description for a hospital nurse, who was responsible for caring for fifty patients.

"1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patients' furniture and window sills."

Adair Small, Congregation Nurse,
nurse@ocuuc.org



CUUPS and Chalice

The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass, leaving memories that become legend.

Legend fades to myth, and even myth is long forgotten when the Age that gave it birth comes again. —Robert Jordan

The Wheel has turned, and with it comes an exciting new time for the Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS). Fresh faces at the church have led to new leadership for CUUPS. While Rayna Hamre continues as President, we have a great new Programs/Ritual Coordinator in new church member Christine Hernandez. Two other new members, Tim and Brenda Titus, have taken on duties as Coordinators of Communications and of Logistics. Bill and Shannon Stoker remain with us as Technology Coordinators.

With fresh leadership comes fresh activity. We had a wonderful ritual for Candlemas/Imbolc in the church sanctuary on January 31. Our next event will be a family picnic at Irvine Regional Park to celebrate the first day of spring. Join us at Irvine Regional Park on March 21st from noon to 3 p.m.! Enjoy nature's rebirth with your family as we honor our place in the interdependent web of existence. This also will be our first joint OCUUC/Tapestry CUUPS event. Bring your kids, a picnic lunch, a blanket, and a smile! RSVP is required as space is limited.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact *Christine Hernandez*.

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ondary teaching credential in English, taught special education elementary and eleventh grade American literature. I also met my husband, Jarett. His job transfer to Irvine brought me to Orange County and to Unitarian Universalism. When I found the job posting for Director of Religious Education I was shocked. To my and my father's dismay I had found a job that made use of my Major, a job combining my love for education and my passion for religious studies.

There is so much more I could say but I will leave it for coffee hour. Unfortunately, one aspect of splitting my time between congregations is that I will not be present every Sunday at church. My first Sunday, at OCUUC, will be March 15; I encourage all of you to be there, celebrate my first day in worship and to introduce yourselves and chat with me at coffee hour. I hope to see you then.

Sincerely, *Katelynn Riva*,
Director of Religious Education

On Board—Notes from the President

As we head into spring, it is definitely a time of possibilities and new beginnings. No matter what happens within the next month, we will have had a unique opportunity to think about why we exist as a congregation and a movement, and what is really important to us. Hold on to that which is truly dear. Someone once said of Unitarian Universalists that “Process is our most important product.” I can only hope that is true for us as we change.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the town hall meeting last Sunday. It is a great way to find out what is going on, and to hear everyone’s thoughts. Although the 2:00 deadline would not be my choice, I think it helps us stay focused and maybe even increases attendance. We all know it has a definite stop time! Last Sunday we talked about the possibility of empowering the Board and Task Force to move on a space to rent. I really appreciate the great suggestions and comments. I do think we are having a great discussion, and that it will carry us to the right decision.

For those of you who were not there, I proposed the idea of, at the congregational meeting when we consider leasing 1259 Victoria to a new tenant, also authorizing the change in the budget for rental expense. The purpose would be to allow the Board to act on putting in a proposal on a new site

in a timely manner. When a site is identified that we may want, it will be to our detriment to wait two to three weeks to call a congregational meeting with the notice required by our bylaws. The consensus I heard last Sunday is that the people present didn’t feel the need to vote an approval, but definitely wanted a chance to see it and give feedback before an offer was made. That is very doable, in my opinion. At this point, this is nothing more than an idea. It would have to be authorized by the congregation. Please consider it, and let me or any Board Member know what you think.

I really enjoyed Fred Wooden’s sermon last Sunday. Remember, Free the Mind, Grow the Soul, and Change the World! It is not very far at all from our Statement of Purpose, “Seeking Truth, Building Just Communities, and Caring for One Another.” If we can keep these premises in front of us, we will all get there together.

Nancy Loughrey

Artists Arise Happenings:

Flowers, Faces, and Places—A Photography Show” will continue on display until further notice. Please come enjoy the work of OCUUC photographer-members.

Workshops have been cancelled until further notice.

Let's do art! later in the year!

Mary Paliescheskey Lundholm

Vera Viana-Asper

OCUUC—The Women's Circle

Notes: We had fun passing the “Magic Frog” around the circle as we spoke of our “Three Wishes” for our lives. Most of us wished for good health, job, or family issues. A few women were ready for a Prince to appear in their lives. One woman shared her experiences in Thailand on a recent inspirational volunteer vacation. We were glad to be together sharing our lives.

Next Meeting: Sunday: March 1, 2009, after second service in Gillan #3 at 12:30 p.m.—*please be prompt.*

Our topic for discussion will address the following poem from a favorite book of mine:

Lost

Lost, yesterday, somewhere between
sunrise and sunset,
Two golden hours, each set with sixty
diamond minutes.
No reward is offered for they are gone
forever.

—*Anonymous*

What would you do, how would you spend, “two golden hours?” We'll meet at Gillan #3 right after second service. Please bring brown bag or lunch; beverage provided.

The Topic of discussion for April 5 meeting: “Are you a healthy woman?”

We will be together from approximately 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please bring brown bag lunch; beverage provided.

For further information contact Lili Laksberger.

Board Calendar

Date	Time	Place
MARCH 17	7:00 PM	SOCIAL HALL
APRIL 21	7:00 PM	SOCIAL HALL
MAY 19	7:00 PM	SOCIAL HALL
JUNE 16	7:00 PM	SOCIAL HALL

Pastoral Associates Offer “Companionship”

The associates are commissioned to augment the pastoral work of our minister. If illness, physical limitations, impending or recent hospitalization, personal losses, significant life changes, spiritual or emotional distress are concerns for you or someone you know, please call one of the pastoral care associates listed.

Paul Gethard
Ted Lundholm
Joan Parry
Adair Small
Judith Stamper
Bill Stoker
Shannon Stoker
Shirley Thorne
Vera Viana-Asper

ATM Cooking Schedule

As part of the OCUUC Faith in Action outreach program, the AIDS Team Ministry Project (ATM) is a meal service project which provides microwaveable meals to homebound people with AIDS who live in Orange County. We normally cook every month on the second Saturday, 8–noon, in the wonderful OCUUC kitchen. Volunteers cook, package, and freeze meals. These meals, which are then delivered biweekly, can be easily popped into the microwave by folks who are unable to cook nutritious meals for themselves. See the ATM bulletin board on the east wall of the kitchen foyer for cooking dates and sign-up or e-mail atm@ocuuc.org.

Next cooking date: March 14

To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted on the ATM bulletin board (on the east wall of the kitchen foyer), or call cooking coordinators *Ted and Mary Lundholm*.



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Dated Material

OCUUC Book Group

The OCUUC book group meets the first Monday of every month in Gillan 3 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone who has read the book and interested in a lively and edifying discussion is most welcome to join us. For further information, call Mickey Jackson. Selections for the next four months are as follows:

April 6—*Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo, presenter TBA

Walking Group

We are meeting at the San Joaquin Marsh in Irvine at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays for our 45–60 minute walk. We combine birding and mild exercise. Call *Mickey Jackson* or *Jay Miller* for more info.

Knitwits

Knitwits meet the second and fourth Sundays of the month right after church. We are looking for some new members of any skill level who like to knit or who are interested in learning.

We make afghans for anyone at church who is ill. It is an opportunity to socialize and share projects. If you have questions please call *Judith Stamper*.

The North Orange County HikuUs

meet at a regional park at 9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday morning of each month for a moderately difficult, approximately 2-hour hike. The March 14 hike will be at Peters Canyon Regional Park. For information, contact Maureen McConaghy.