



Flowers for Services

Did you ever wonder where the flowers come from?

Members of the congregation donate them. Currently, there are many Sundays open for you to bring flowers.

Commemorate a special event in your life with flowers. At your request, Sarah will place your commemoration in the Order of Service.

Please contact Gayle Carter to schedule your date

gaylecarter@mac.com
or cell phone 714-272-0696

9:30 a.m. Traditional service with meditation and contemplation

11:15 a.m. Celebratory, family-style service for the young and the young at heart

A complete program of Religious Education for children and youth, ages 3–18, is provided at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Nursery care is available 9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.



Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church

“Seeking truth, Building just communities, Caring for one another.”

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Sunday Services

May 3 “The Road Ahead” Dale Osborne
Music: Our own vocalist Nicole Glasser will share special music

May 10 “The Legacy of Flower Communion” Rev. Dr. Karen Stoyanoff
Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing “Come To My Garden” from the Broadway musical *The Secret Garden*.
Note Please bring a flower to share!

May 17 “Redesigning Grace: The Call for Universal Grace in Challenging Times” Rev. David Miller
Music: Guest Artist Joe Daigle, jazz guitarist

May 24 “This I Believe...” Rev. Dr. Karen Stoyanoff
Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing “One Power.”

May 31 “Transformation: From I to We” AJ Blackwood
Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing the anthem.

June 7 “Doubt” Rev. Dr. Karen Stoyanoff
Music: Orange Coast Choir will sing “Cherish Your Doubt” by UU composer Elizabeth Alexander.

Wednesday Services

7:00pm Mediation Orientation 7:30pm Service 8:45pm Social Gathering

May 6 “Silence” AJ Blackwood

May 20 “Multimedia and Meditation” AJ Blackwood

June 3 “Exploring Trees” AJ Blackwood
Childcare will be provided with a RSVP. Please contact AJ Blackwood.

Additional Services

1:00 p.m. Vista Park, 1200 Victoria St, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
(Across the Street from OCUUC)

May 3 “Beltane: Come Celebrate Life!” Covenant of UU Pagans

REACH

Information & Scheduling

Please note that the REACH is an openly published newsletter and all material submitted is subject to general public publication including names, email addresses and phone numbers.

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Sunday May 3

As we come closer to the reality of a new UU community and a new home, how can we best (gracefully and honestly) deal with the changes we will all face? Dale Osborne shares some thoughts and tips.

(Beltane) OCUUC/Tapestry CUUPS invites you to a Beltane celebration! Come dance the Maypole...Come flirt with nature... Come and be crowned the May Queen or King... Please RSVP to Christine Hernandez kitchenwitch2@cs.com Stay for the feast after the ritual! Please contact Brenda Titus to sign up for the potluck brenda.titus@yahoo.com

Wednesday May 6

We will explore what silence is. Do we every really get away from the noise of cars or people chatting and rusting? Join us for a night of investigating how to quiet our lives.

Sunday May 10

Each year we choose one Sunday to experience Flower Communion—a sharing of beauty and gifts. This memorable exchange and the legacy behind the Flower Communion, was created by Norbert Capek, imprisoned by the Nazi's during World War II, and offers us a model for our own lives. How do we create beauty in the midst of strife, suffering, and deprivation? Come, bring a flower to share, and explore the possibilities for life even when it is difficult to maintain hope.

Sunday May 17

Looking back to our Universalist heritage, we can redesign the concept of grace to be used as the compassionate foundation of our actions in these times of great hope and great challenge.

Wednesday May 20

Can the TV offer you a space to meditate? Have you ever found yourself lost in a slideshow of images? We will explore visual and audio resources as a method of meditation.

Sunday May 24

Members of the congregation will share their beliefs with us as part of this service.

Sunday May 31

Explore with us, what it means to be transformed from an “I” center to a “We” center worldview. How do we as UUs transform ourselves and the world as we engage it?

Wednesday June 3

We will be exploring trees as gifts of inspiration and beauty.

Sunday June 7

What role does doubt play in our lives—is it constructive or destructive.

How do we as Unitarian Universalists use doubt as part of our theology. How does doubt affect the way we lead our lives? The themes of this service will be woven together with readings from the play *Doubt*, by John Patrick Shanley. Readers will be Keith Jenkins, Margaret Armstrong, and Rayna Hamre.

Casual Comments from Karen

We're missing some of you that we haven't seen for awhile! I know that it's spring, the weather is glorious, and there are lots of things to do on Sunday morning; but I also know that our community feels incomplete without you. So, if you haven't been around for awhile, please come back. There's a lot going on and I know some of it will turn out to be just right for each of you. Sunday services, of course, continue all year long. We celebrate life in our second service with wonderful music and hopefully inspiring words - I say 'hopefully' because at least many of those words come from me and I don't want to presume. In our early service we offer you a time of quiet contemplation and spiritual renewal. Every other Wednesday evening we offer a Meditation Service that provides another alternative to more traditional UU worship. Whichever of these you choose, there is mutual benefit from your participation. Our community is graced with your presence, and you have a chance to explore our Unitarian Universalist mandate to spiritual growth.

During the week we have other opportunities for you to engage with the con-

gregation. Some of them are essentially social, like the women's group; while others are meant to inspire your thinking [Adult Classes like the new "Reel Story", the book group, or one of the Theology Discussion Groups for instance]. Some cross the line between social and thought provoking, such as our Covenant Groups. There are opportunities for you to work on 'building just communities' such as ATM cooking sessions. Regardless of what you choose, we will welcome you enthusiastically.

In the last analysis, we are only as strong as the community we create.

Everyone is important and there is work and play for all of us here at OCUUC. It is together that we build the safe space where we know we can be whomever we are—where we will be accepted and will accept all who come to share life with us. It is here that we create a community that is connected, caring, and working together. We are here for each other in times of need and in times of celebration. Right now we're working toward merger with Tapestry, but while we are waiting for the events that will allow us to be together as one community [renting our property to some other group and working out a rental agreement with the landlord of the place we've found], there is a lot to do at Orange Coast UU Church. Come join in the fun, the meaning-making, and the struggle. We're in this together!

In the meantime, may you Go shining.

Merger Joint Task Force

We are happy to announce that the website Merger page has been updated. Please check the website at ocuuc.org/church/merger_taskforce.php. Please contact AJ Blackwood if you have comments or concerns. Also please note that the next Town Hall Meeting will be on May 24, not May 31 as previously announced.

Shared Plate Recipient for May

Aids Services Foundation, Orange County (ASF) was founded by a small group of volunteers in the summer of 1985 because people were dying, desperately needed help, and had nowhere to turn. ASF is the largest and most compre-

hensive non-profit AIDS-services organization in Orange County, with a staff of committed individuals and hundreds of dedicated volunteers. The Foundation helps more than 1,500 men, women and children living with HIV disease. Services include food, transportation, housing, emergency financial assistance, kids and family programs, mental health counseling, support groups and

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Communications

Welcome to the new monthly REACH. As you page through this edition, you notice changes in organization and format. Sections include:

- Visioning: news and information regarding leadership topics
- Services: a description of all services throughout the

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Katelynn's Children and Youth Corner

May is a busy month, but it is full of celebration and fun as we conclude the 2008-2009 RECY (Religious Education Children and Youth) year. Read the announcements and sign up for activities that interest you. In May, the Chalice Children classes focus on getting to know the congregation and understanding that it is a safe place for children to be themselves.

The World Religions classes finish up the year with a portrait of Unitarian Universalism. The classes will present their "A Faith Like Mine" projects throughout the summer during the "Time for All Ages" portion of each service. It is sure to be a treat for all.

RECY's summer program starts next month, June 7. This summer RECY will be "Creating Peace and Justice with our UU Principles." The summer's focus is social action and what each children and youth adults can do in his/her community to improve the safety, quality, and health of people, animals, and nature around the world. The curriculum helps define the nature of peace, justice, prejudice, and conflict while working toward creative resolutions and actions steps. This summer we need teachers but we also invite special guests to come tell the Explorers about the social causes that inspire activism. Explorers will also participate in social action projects and field trips and ideas. Volunteers for these special events are welcome, so please don't hesitate to join us. Stop by the RECY table on Sundays and for more information and to say hello.

Music Notes from Beth

About a dozen members of Orange Coast Choir will be taking a road trip to Mesa, Arizona next week 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. We will be taking a caravan to Arizona, and there may be room for non-singers in the carpools as well. Let me know if you want to ride with us to Mesa. We promise not to sing "100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall," but we might sing other songs in the car...

I am very excited to be "graduating" from my 3-year UUA credentialing program. My classmates and I will be recognized at the Service of the Living Tradition at June's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. The three years' coursework involved classes in music, leadership development, and UU history and governance. It has been an

amazing journey with the six other colleagues from around the country who formed the first-ever music credentialing class. I hope many of you are planning to attend General Assembly's Service of the Living Tradition and can witness this historic and personally significant event!

Notes from Nurse Adair

It is good to be back with you again after my sojourn in Chicago! I have already attended two excellent programs and have many ideas to share with you. Do you have a pink dot on your driver's license? I would like to challenge you to go on record as a potential organ donor. An average of 17 people per day die due to a lack of available organs for transplant. People who choose to donate their organs have the power to save or enhance the lives of as many as 50 people. There are very few restrictions; age is no barrier. If you are younger than 18 and you express your wish to be a donor to your parents, they can approve your decision. People in their 80's and even 90's have been successful donors. Right now all you have to do is go to the statewide registry online at www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org and sign yourself up! You can become part of the nationwide registry of donors. We have informative brochures at the Caring Table and Donor Cards and "pink dots" to use until your driver's license renews.

In closing, if I were a hospital nurse in 1887, I would have to fill my kerosene lamps, trim the wicks and clean the chimneys daily as light is important to observe my patients' condition. I would only have to wash the windows once a week.

Mary Making Volunteer Connections

During the Visioning Meeting, a joint vision emerged. That vision included Social Justice as a major component in creating our ideal congregation. I am so excited to hear this as I feel such a connection with the words in our Unison Affirmation.

“Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. To dwell together in peace; to seek truth in love; and to help one another. This we affirm together.”

These words point to the importance of social action as something that the members of OCUUC strive to create together. Many groups and committees at OCUUC are focused on social action and justice. There are many choices and you should be able to find a group that speaks to you. Consider sharing your talents with these groups that need your help in Building Just Communities.

As always, if you don't see the group that speaks to you, let me know!

Love and Light,

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HIV education and prevention services. ASF hopes for the day when they will never have to open their doors again. Until then they will work to ensure everyone living with HIV and AIDS in Orange County will have access to life enhancing care. A.J. Blackwood and Mark Miller nominated AIDS Services Foundation as the organization that we will share with during May, AIDS Awareness Month. For more information see A.J. or Mark or contact Ty Rose at ASF (949) 809-5700.

OCUUC is the Church that takes an active role in assisting organizations serving a constellation of needs in our county. Help identify deserving programs by nominating them to share our offertory. For assistance, contact Naomi Blackwood, Kathleen McFarlin or Maurice Giss.

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month

- Staff Notes: all staff members, other than the minister, give information about each of their departments
- Caring: Information from AITF (All In The Family), the Caring Committee, and updates on members of our community
- Upcoming: Events for the month ahead
- At OCUUC: Information from other areas of the community
- UUA/PSWD: Information about Unitarian Universalist Association's and Pacific South West District's regional and national events.

Since this is a new format, we expect some growing pains as well as some improvements. Please send your concerns to Cynthia Meyer at REACH@ocuuc.org. All REACH material must be submitted to REACH@ocuuc.org by the 21st of each month. Articles for the June issue will be using an online form. We'll tell you later how to access it in a weekly e-mail blast.

All submissions are subject to review and editing for both content and format. Only OCUUC related information will be published. Submission of material does not guarantee publication. Publishing is at the sole discretion of the REACH staff and the OCUUC Communications Committee.



All in the Family

What is Swine Flu Anyway?

This is a respiratory viral infection with symptoms much like the flu that goes around every year. Symptoms are fever, achey joints, fatigue, lack of appetite and coughing. Some people have had runny noses, sore throats, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. It is spread person to person by droplet infection like colds and flu. If you touch something with the flu virus on it and then touch your mouth or nose, you can also become infected. The incubation period is 24 - 48 hours. Infected people are contagious for at least 5 days, children 10 days or longer.

If you contract Swine Flu, antiviral medications can help prevent serious complications (primarily pneumonia); see your health care provider immediately if you think you may have this flu. They can do a test within the first 4-5 days of symptoms to see if it is Swine Flu.

We are considering purchasing masks in bulk to sell at church. If you want to have a mask on hand now, make sure it is rated N95, which prevents microorganism transmission. They are available at hardware stores and pharmacies but cost much more than at a bulk rate.

For the most current information on Swine Flu on the web, go to www.cdc.gov/flu/swine of contact Adair Small, Congregation Nurse, at nurse@ocuuc.org.

Lost a Job? There is a government website, recently revised, to help folks with job transitions: www.usa.gov. Go to "Jobs and Education", then "Finding a Job". There is a link to www.CareerOn-eStop.org, which is also a helpful site.

Is your Teen at Risk? The Irvine Police Dept. is holding a free Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program for parents on Wed., May 6 from 6 pm to 8 pm at City Hall. Seating is limited. RSVP to 949-724-7193.

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Caring, from page 6

Having Trouble Paying for Your Prescriptions? Big Pharma has revised and expanded its program offering medications at reduced cost, depending on your income. This is for folks without Medicare or prescription insurance. Come pick up a brochure at the Caring Table!

Are you a caregiver for an elderly loved one or person with dementia? A recent workshop covered both general care and the special considerations in a disaster situation. I have free booklets, "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors;" stop by and pick one up! Of special note is a program called MedicAlert and SafeReturn. This provides an ID bracelet, along with access to a national program to help find wandering dementia patients quickly. If you have a loved one with Alzheimer's, the question is not will they wander away and become lost, but when! This is a good time to remind you that the Alzheimer's Association has many free classes and support groups meeting throughout Orange County; I have a list and you can call them at 949-955-9000.

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Caring, from page 12

The Orange Caregivers Resource Center also has numerous programs for a low fee with scholarships available.

Do you know someone in need of a residential care

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

Sunday, May 3:

(12:30pm) Women's Circle—
Monthly Meeting—"Are you a
Healthy Woman?" - Gillian 3

(1:00pm) Young Adults—LUnch
BUnch—Taco Mesa

Wednesday, May 6:

(7:00pm) Merger Joint Task Force
Meeting—Social Hall

(7:00pm) Contemplative Service—
Sanctuary

Thursday, May 7:

(7:30pm) Choir Rehearsal, Sanctu-
ary

Friday, May 8:

(6:00pm) Youth Movie Night:
RENT — Social Hall

Saturday, May 9:

(8:00 am-12:00pm) AIDS Team
Ministry Cooking—Kitchen

(9:30 am) North Orange County
HikUUs— Weir Canyon Regional
Park

(12:30 pm) Membership — Path-
ways to Membership—Social Hall

Sunday, May 10:

Mother's Day
(1:00pm) Young Adults—LUnch
BUnch—Soup Plantation (Scrip)

Thursday, May 14:

(7:30pm) Choir Rehearsal, Sanctu-
ary

Saturday, May 16:

(8:00am) Welcoming and Inter-
weave—AIDS Walk OC—Anaheim
Stadium

Sunday, May 17:

(10:30am) Welcoming and Inter-
weave—Long Beach Pride Parade

(1:00pm-3:00pm) Religious Explo-
ration — Gleaning Field Trip

(1:00pm) Young Adults — LUnch
BUnch — GreatOut Doors at Long
Beach Pride

Tuesday, May 19:

(7:30pm) Choir Rehearsal, Sanctu-
ary

Wednesday, May 20:

(7:00pm) Contemplative Service—
Sanctuary

Thursday, May 21:

(7:00pm) Merger Joint Task Force
Meeting—Tapestry

(7:30pm) Choir Rehearsal, Sanctu-
ary

Sunday, May 24:

(12:45pm) Town Hall Meeting—
Social Hall

(1:00pm) Young Adults—LUnch
BUnch — Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, May 27:

(6:00pm-9:00pm) The Reel Story
— Leap of Faith — Social Hall

Thursday, May 28:

(7:30pm) Choir Rehearsal, Sanctu-

ary

Sunday, May 31:

(11:15am) Religious Exploration—
End of the Year Parties!!! - RE Class-
rooms

(1:00pm) Young Adults—LUnch
BUnch—Applebees

Saturday, June 6:

(2:30pm) Spring Auction Gather-
ing —Social Hall

(3:00pm-5:30pm) Spring Auction

Sunday, June 7:

(1:00pm) Young Adults — LUnch
BUnch — Applebees

Religious Explorer Calendar

Friday, May 8 at 6pm: OCUUC
Youth hosted movie night

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day
and Flower Communion

Sunday, May 17: Gleaning Field
Trip 1-3pm

Sunday, May 31: End of the Year
Parties!!!

May 16, 12:30

Pathways Meeting for People Con-
sidering Membership

Contact Tom Loughrey (714) 878-
2210

Lunch BUnch

5/3 – Taco Mesa

5/10 – Soup Plantation (Scrip
Location)

5/17 – Great OUT Doors at Long
Beach Pride

5/24 – Town Hall Meeting

5/31 - Applebee's

6/7 - Panera Bread

May 9

North Orange County HikUUs
meets at a regional park at 9:30 a.m.
on the second Saturday of each
month for an approximately 2-hour
hike. On May 9, we will meet at Weir
Canyon Regional Park in Anaheim
Hills. For information, contact Mau-
reen McConaghy at (714) 538-4716 or
e-mail hikuurs@ocuuc.org

June 6 Auction

**Wednesday, June 24 - Sunday,
June 28 - UUA General Assem-
bly, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

**Saturday May 9 – ATM Food
Prep and Cooking**

**Welcoming and Interweave
News**

Saturday, May 16 - AIDS Walk
Orange County. To walk for OCUUC,
see Mark Miller.

**Saturday, May 16 - Sunday, May
17** - Long Beach Gay Pride Celebra-
tion and Parade. Ask us.

Sunday: May 3—After second
service—**Women's Circle**

Topic of discussion: ARE YOU A
HEALTHY WOMAN?"

How do you feel about your body
image? How do you feel about your
weight?

What do you eat and drink to stay
healthy? Do you perform any consistent
exercise? What do you do to take care of
your inner physical health and your soul?
Take your pick!

Location/Time: Meet at Gillian #3 at
12:30pm-PLEASE BE PROMPT

YUUTH Group News

Friday, May 8th at 6pm

Movie Night and Party for Davis Lettieri

What: *Rent*, the musical

Where: OCUUC Social Hall

Who: Everyone! Mid and Senior High plus...

Come watch RENT with us as we welcome back Davis
Lettieri, who will be visiting from his travels in the military.
Tapestry youth are invited as well. We will provide pizza
and drinks. Please come and join us!

Suggested donation: \$4 or potluck item

What Wikipedia says about the musical: "Rent is a rock
opera with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson based on
Giacomo Puccini's opera La Bohème. It tells the story of a
group of impoverished young artists and musicians strug-
gling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side
in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the
shadow of AIDS."

Wednesday, May 27 and June 10

6:00–9:30

In The Social Hall

The first two films will be *Leap of Faith* starring Steve
Martin, and *Dogma* starring Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.
Watch for future "classes" to be held on Wednesday eve-
nings in July and following! Films will be chosen because
they offer us the opportunity to explore theology, personal
growth and exploration, and ethics.

Upcoming Music Events:

5/17/09 –Sunday Services - Guest Artist – Joe Daigle,
jazz guitarist

6/13/09 – Spring Choir Concert

The Spring Choir Concert will be Saturday, June 13,
7:00pm (just after the congregational meeting and potluck
that same day). The theme of the concert will be IMMI-
GRATION. Family Choir (all ages and abilities) and MUUsi-
cal Magicians (children K-6) will be rehearsing a few times
in May and June to perform in the concert along with
the Orange Coast Choir and special guests. Contact me if
anyone in your family is interested in singing with Family
or MUUsical Magicians.

6/20/09 – Summer Solstice service

The 2nd annual Summer Solstice service will be Sat-
urday, June 20. I will be gathering singers very soon to
learn some easy chants for the service. The June rehearsal
schedule will be very light – it's a great chance to sing for
those who aren't able to commit time-wise to the regular
Thursday night choir. Contact me if you're interested in
participating in the Summer Solstice service as a singer or
instrumentalist.

6/28/09—Sunday Services—Guest Artist Faith Rivera

Spring Auction

We know you've been waiting for this!

What: 2009 Spring Events, Goods & Services Auction

When: Saturday, June 6

Gathering: 2:30 PM

Auction: 3:00–5:30 PM

Catered dinner (\$5 advance purchase; children under 12 free)

Where: Orange Coast UU Church

Each year Orange Coast Church has two Events, Goods & Services Auctions which are the major fundraisers for the church's operating expenses. While supporting the church by offering and purchasing auction items, members and friends connect with one another in

various settings such as dinners, excursions, hikes, game nights, etc. Additionally, the auction items enable folks to share a ride to the airport, purchase a birthday cake, or have a room painted. The auction event itself is a lot of fun, and this year we'll be doing things a bit differently. We'll be starting earlier in the day and providing a catered dinner following the Auction.

For more information about what a Services Auction is and how it is run, visit the website at www.ocuuc.org. On the Home Page click on the Spring Auction link.

If you have questions about this Spring Auction please contact Judith Stamper at 949-548-6136, stamper3@pacbell.net or Katherine Martin at 949-854-6126 or kateloum@gmail.com. There will be an Auction Table on the patio each Sunday during May where you can get more information and purchase dinner tickets.

An Invitation for All Theology Explorers!

Karen is starting a new class that will be open to all. It is designed to give those who have already taken 'Building Your Own Theology' a chance to continue their exploration and to be equally appealing to those who have not taken the course, but would like an opportunity to talk about their beliefs and hear about other's. The class will be ongoing, but each session is complete within itself, so it is possible to drop in and out at any time [of course Karen hopes you'll want to come each time!]. Here are the details:

The Reel Story

Wednesday, May 27 and June 10

6:00–9:30

In The Social Hall

Bring a bag lunch, dessert and beverages will be provided.

We will view a film while we eat and follow it with a discussion.

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Contacts Karen Stoyanoff and AJ Blackwood

Book Discussion Group

The OCUUC Book Group has been meeting monthly for six years, and we've enjoyed being a reading community. Twice a year, we jointly make selections for the following six or seven months. Everyone who has read the month's selection is welcome to join us for any individual meeting or to become a regular part of the group. We meet on the first Monday of every month in Gillan 3

Seeking Truth

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Young Adults Molly Rossow

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Adult Programs

Building Your Own Theology

Reel Story

at 7:30. For further information, contact Mickey Jackson.

Here are our future selections:

May 4—*Lost on Planet China* by Masten Troost, presented by Ann Tyree

June 1—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffe and Annie Barrows, Tru Gorrie, presenter

July 6—*Vernon God Little* by DBCPierre, Marcia Hackett, presenter

August 3—*The Song Before It Is Sung* by Justin Cartwright, Clayton Gorrie presenter

September 7—*The Women* by T. C. Boyle, Barbara David presenter

October 5—*Trespass* by Valerie Martin, Sunny Harper presenter

November 2—*Rabbit, Run* by John Updike, Mickey Jackson presenter

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Interweave

We are doing something really important to help other people, and we are asking for your help. OCUUC is participating in this year's OC AIDS Walk on May 16, at Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

AIDS Walk draws more than 7,500 participants from corporations, small businesses, religious and non-profit organizations, schools, and individuals. All funds raised by AIDS Walk remain in Orange County where they help fund direct services for people affected by HIV/AIDS and educational programs to prevent the spread of HIV.

This year we have created Team UU:

Unitarian Universalists of OC. We are joining with Tapestry A UU Congregation, UU Church in Anaheim, UU Church in Fullerton, and UU Fellowship of Laguna Beach to create a huge UU presence at this year's event.

Log on to the OC AIDS Walk website at www.ocaidswalk.com, sign up to walk or donate to:

Team UU: Unitarian Universalists of OC.

This year's event will be one of the most fun and popular community events in Orange County! It is a fun day filled with entertainment, a Family Fun Zone with games and prizes, food from local food sponsors and an array of event sponsor booths.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Miller, Interweave Committee.

Religious Exploration by Children/Youth

Be our Special Guest this summer

Summer 2009, begins June 7 and will focus on creating peace and justice in our communities. Explorers want to hear how you, the congregation, promote peace and social justice; what do you do, who do you help? Come show Explorers how the UU principles help guide you in your life. Sign up to share your good works with RECY this summer. Talk to a RECY committee member or Kate-lynn Riva for more information.

Friday, May 8 at 6pm

Movie Night and Party for Davis Lettieri

What: *RENT*, the musical

Where: OCUUC Social Hall

Who: Everyone! Mid and Senior High plus...

Come watch *RENT* with us as we welcome back Davis Lettieri, who will be visiting from his travels in the military. Tapestry youth are invited as well. We will provide pizza and drinks. Please come and join us!

Suggested donation: \$4 or potluck item

What Wikipedia says about the musical: "*Rent* is a rock opera with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson based on Giacomo Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of AIDS."

Reel Story

Wednesday, May 27 and June 10, 6:00–9:30, Social Hall

The first two films will be *Leap of Faith* starring Steve Martin, and *Dogma* starring Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

Watch for future “classes” to be held on Wednesday evenings in July and following! Films will be chosen because they offer us the opportunity to explore theology, personal growth and exploration, and ethics.

Sign up and SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 17, 1–3 p.m. gleaning for Second Harvest

Second Harvest is a food bank in Orange County; look them up at www.feedoc.org. They offer many wonderful programs to the poor and hungry in South Orange County and there are many ways to support their organization. Gleaning, picking crops, is one way Explorers can volunteer, there is no age restriction so even the smallest Explorer can participate.

It is a wonderful way to provide fresh produce to the hungry and homeless. Sign up by e-mailing Katelynn Riva.

Women’s Circle

March Notes—We had an excellent discussion about the possible/probable merger of Tapestry, and their Women’s Wisdom Circle. Pending discussion with Tapestry- we entertained the possibility of meetings being open to any woman, either after service or evening meetings. We are looking forward to further discussions on this topic with the Women’s Wisdom Circle.

One advantage of being a UU is that we are always at choice! For more information contact Lili.

Sunday: May 3, 2009, after 2nd service—Women’s Circle
Topic of discussion: Are you a healthy woman”

How do you feel about your body image? How do you feel about your weight?

What do you eat and drink to stay healthy? Do you perform any consistent exercise? What do you do to take care of your inner physical health and your soul? Take your pick!

Location/Time: Meet at Gillian #3 at 12:30pm—*please be prompt*

Young Adults

Registration is now open for the second annual young adult camp (ages 18–35): “SUSTAIN THE SPARK: Building Community, Deepening Faith, Committing to Justice.”

Dates: 9/4–9/7

It’s held at Camp de Benneville Pines, www.uucamp.org.

Price is sliding scale \$150.00–195.00. Pay as much as you can—we do this in order to help those who make less money at this time in their lives to still attend this

life-affirming event. To register, visit www.connectuu.com. Look for Sustain the Spark.

What do we do at a young adult camp? Well, here are some things that happened last year:

1. singing and dancing in the rain
2. tons of great food, cooked by the amazing camp staff
3. meaningful worship
4. deep and thoughtful covenant groups
5. hilarious erotic poetry (imagine a love poem about Hillary and Condi) at the incredible variety show
6. time and space in which to breathe
7. nighttime stargazing hike
8. so many compelling social justice workshops it was hard to pick just one to attend
9. laughs, hugs, laughs, hugs ...

Join us! It won’t be the same without you.

Contact: AJ Blackwood or Tera Little at yacm@pswduua.org

Caring for One Another

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Artists Arise

“**Flowers, Faces, and Places—A Photography Show**” will continue on display until further notice. Please come enjoy the work of OCUUC photographer-members. We are planning another workshop soon, please watch for details. Let’s do art! later in the year!

For more information contact Mary Palischeskey Lundholm or Vera Viana-Asper @artistsarise@ocuuc.org

Concert Committee

6/13/09—Spring Choir Concert

The Spring Choir Concert will be Saturday, June 13, 7:00pm (just after the congregational meeting and potluck that same day). The theme of the concert will be IMMIGRATION. Family Choir (all ages and abilities) and MUUsical Magicians (children K-6) will be rehearsing a few times in May and June to perform in the concert along with the Orange Coast Choir and special guests. Contact me if anyone in your family is interested in singing with Family or MUUsical Magicians.

HikUUs

May 9

North Orange County HikUUs meets at a regional park at 9:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month for an approximately 2-hour hike. On May 9, we will meet at Weir Canyon Regional Park in Anaheim Hills. For information, contact Maureen McConaghy at hikuurs@ocuuc.org

Walking

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. Contact Adair Small

Building Just Communities

AIDS Team Ministries (ATM)

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Share Our Selves (SOS)

Celebrate Mother’s Day with SOS

Share Our Selves is an organization located in Costa Mesa that helps families in need. They provide financial assistance, food and clothing and medical and dental

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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: May 9

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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care. OCUUC has supported SOS for many years, most notably in the three collections we hold each year.

The first one of the new year is at Mother's Day, when we collect items for mothers and their new babies. The next collection will be in August for school supplies, and the third is our Adopt a Family for the Holidays in December.


Mother's Day is May 10 this year, so we will be collecting baby items on the 10th and the 17th. Look for the purple Share Our Selves tablecloth on the patio between services. Any basic items are welcome, such as blankets, clothing and especially disposable diapers. If you would like to add a special gift for Mom, that would be appreciated, also. Gently used items in very good condition are also welcome. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this collection or any other collection for SOS, please contact Judith Stamper, 949-548-6136 or stamper3@pacbell.net.

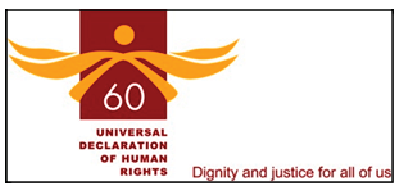
Thank you for your generosity.

facility? To suddenly need a care facility for yourself or a loved one can be daunting. Some people may need only short-term care after a hospitalization, or a permanent living solution. I now have a list of all licensed care facilities in Orange County which should be a good place to start your research if needed.

Is your 65th birthday approaching? The Office on Aging in Santa Ana is hosting a special program on the decisions involved in reaching this milestone. "Roadmap to Medicare" will be held on Wed., May 27, at 6:30 pm and Sat., May 30, at 10 am. RSVP to 1-800-434-0222. A \$20 donation is appreciated but not required.

Social Action Committees in Need

Committee	Need	Contact
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	Join in OCUUC's efforts with the UUSC. A working committee is needed to select and promote events.	Mary Lundholm
Community Service	One adult additional member of committee to help select recipient of plate sharing program	Maurice Giss, Chair
AIDS Team Ministries (ATM)	People to help cook once a month People to drive meals to clients	Cooking: Mary Lundholm Driving: Charlie Reed
Sharing Our Selves (SOS)	Volunteers to man collection tables during event weeks and people to package donations for distribution	Judith Stamper
A group you are passionate about	Action—needs you	Mary Lundholm



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church is seeking to vitalize our participation in the UUSC. This organization is not just about “Guest At Your Table”. The UUSC has advocacy campaigns to work on making positive changes in the world. Join this committee at OCUUC to focus the activities in which our congregation will participate. Possibilities include: Drumbeat for Darfur; 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Gulf Coast Advocacy; and \$10 in 2010.

The UUSC provides many opportunities to work for justice in your local community and around the world. They sponsor JustJourneys, which travels around the world for justice, and JustWorks, which includes Katrina Youth Camp, Civil Rights Journeys, and Legislative Action Day. These are just a few programs in which OCUUC can participate.

There are four main focus areas for the UUSC. These areas are: Defending Civil Liberties and Access to Democratic Process; Advancing Economic Justice; Promoting Environmental Justice; and Protecting Rights in Humanitarian Crises. Contact Mary Lundholm

ADR Report

UUA Presidential Elections/General Assembly

This year UU University programming has been included in the main part of GA. It will be held parts of Thursday and Friday. The six tracks are Stewardship, Multigenerational, Multicultural, Governance, Justice, and Theology.

The two candidates for president will also appear and one will be elected.

OCUUC will have votes equal to the number of our delegates. We can vote by delegate (instructed or not), by absentee ballot, or by a combination of the two. We will decide in June how to proceed. We still need volunteers for delegates for GA; talk to us.

Also on Friday, June 24, there will be a public witness event in central SLC by an interfaith group, Valuing All Families. There will also be our Marriage is a Civil Right banner flown from the convention center. See us to contribute.

UUA News

The economic depression has hit everyone hard. In response, the UUA has frozen the Annual Program Fund share per member at \$56.00 for 2009–2010, the same as this year. That is what it costs OCUUC for every member; and that’s only to the UUA. There are other costs: to the PSWD, for producing the *REACH*, and all the overhead of running a congregation and maintaining a payroll. Think about it when you make your pledge.

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



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