

Sunday services

September 2 – 10:30 a.m. Labor Day in Song – Erik Peterson and Sandy Lynn

Erik and Sandy will present and lead songs connected to the labor movement in the United States. The background of the songs will be included, giving not only a historical perspective over the last two centuries but also a connection to poignant current-day labor issues. Erik and Sandy are HUUF members who have performed in services as well as in the community. They have a deep love and respect for folk music and the power that song and singing have together, especially in influencing a movement.

September 9 – 10:30 a.m. Gathering of the Waters. Wendy Rowan.

In this reconvening of the congregation after summer, the annual Gathering of the Waters will be conducted and the theme for the year, Creating Peace, will be explored. The year's theme reflects the UU 2010 Statement of Conscience: "We believe all people share a moral responsibility to create peace. Mindful of both our rich heritage and our past failures to prevent war, and enriched by our present diversity of experience and perspective, we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace." The program will conclude with the creation of a peace poem to be displayed in the Fellowship. After the service there will be a potluck on the patio. Please bring your fully prepared potluck items to the kitchen prior to the service. As always, assistance with set-up and clean-up is greatly appreciated.

September 16 – 10:30 a.m. Contemplating Right Relationship – Karen Harris M.Div.

Quakerism teaches that the path to peace is through right relationships, not only with our fellow humans but with all aspects of creation. Some say that right relationship means to "live simply, so that others may simply live;" others call for a radical restructuring of our economy and personal lives. What is right relationship? How can we cultivate this powerful teaching in our own lives? Karen brings a committed spiritual practice to her work as a university lecturer, yoga philosophy instructor and interfaith minister. She has spent years traveling in Asia and has lived and practiced in ashrams and monasteries in the U.S., India, Nepal and Tibet. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and currently teaches in HSU's Religious Studies Department. Karen was the interim minister at HUUF for almost three years.

September 23 – 10:30 a.m. Abundance of Autumn and a Foundation for Peace – Christy Baker

As we celebrate the abundance of autumn, we will reflect upon our capacity for peacemaking. Recent Starr King graduate Christy Baker will help the congregation think about the foundation for peacemaking that is required to transform public policies, religious consciousness and individual lifestyles. Christy has worked for the UU Legislative Ministry in California on statewide faith-based justice and advocacy issues in health care, LGBTQ equality, and the Human Right to Water movement. Currently she works as the communications coordinator for the Congregational Church of San Mateo. She is passionate about spiritual formation, religious education and pastoral care.

September 30, 2012 -- 10:30 a.m. Creating Peace on the Birthday of the World – Rabbi Lester Scharnberg

Rabbi Scharnberg will talk about High Holy Days: their associations, relationships and meanings. The rabbi has worked within congregations, taught at both HSU and CR, and has been a favorite presenter of teachings and music at HUUF over the years.