

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A note from the minister

May 2017

In the last several weeks we Unitarian Universalists have found ourselves involved in some powerful conversations about race and culture. The term “white supremacy” has come up and shocked many of us out of our place of comfort. Here are some notes from the Black Lives in UU website that might help us engage this issue, ask important questions, humbly open to new learning, and carefully listen to people of color who have felt the negative impact of white supremacy in our world.

Historically, our country was built on “white supremacy.” White Europeans came to the Americas, committed genocide against Native Americans, built a cotton economy on the backs of African American slaves and built railroads on the bodies of Chinese laborers. It is now doing a similar thing with Latino immigrants. The overriding world view that allows for this kind of oppression is the view that white people are somehow better and more loved by God than other people.

The term “white supremacy” is jolting. It conjures up images of hoods and mobs. But today, “white supremacy” is much more subtle. It is a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that still tend to benefit white people over people of color. In 2017, KKK membership is not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. We ordinary people have internalized its rules and are often afraid to challenge them. Awakening to white supremacy and how it oppresses the human spirit is essential if we want to build a faith that will help us move toward a more just society and a more peaceful world.

It has become clear that, in order for us Unitarian Universalists to be more effective at tackling the white supremacy in our wider culture, we must also identify ways in which the systems of white supremacy still linger within our own faith and our own lives.

We UUs, like all other people, are imperfect human beings, still learning and evolving. That evolution is sometimes painful, but it is always worth the effort. I look forward to walking with you and our entire association and we continue this journey toward wholeness.

Yours in the faith,



Rev. Bryan Jessup

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Jillian Mooney retiring as Director of RE

After more than 20 years serving as the Director of Religious Education here at our Fellowship, Jillian Mooney is retiring. We owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for her steady leadership in creating a program that meets the very diverse needs of the children and families we serve. Her inspiration and energy played a huge part in the establishment of our Halloween Festival. Her experience with child development helped guide our teachers in the creation of age appropriate lessons for our children. Her passion for fun and life stirred the hearts and imaginations of parents and kids for more than two decades.

On Sunday, **June 4**, after the single service at 10 a.m. we will have a potluck brunch and a show of celebration and gratitude for Jillian and all she has given us.

RE testimonial

My kids, Trevor and Kit, attended the RE program from the time they were seven-year-olds right through the end of high school. There was even a time when the kids were in seventh grade that I was starting to tire of giving up my Sunday mornings for Fellowship, but their persistent “No, Mom, we HAVE to go!” kept me coming. Who could argue with that? What kind of program would inspire middle-schoolers to actually want to go to Sunday school? HUUF RE, that’s what.

The two things I noticed Trevor and Kit learning on Sunday mornings that stand out for me were the emphasis on the UU principles, and the teaching about other religious traditions. Over time, I could see that Trevor and Kit began to internalize those principles, and gain new perspectives from learning about other religions. By the time they were nearing the end of high school and had participated in the Coming of Age program and attended several teen conventions, Kit and Trevor were able to express their own sacred beliefs, and have a healthy appreciation for the beliefs of others. I know that I could not have instilled these qualities in my children on my own. The HUUF community and RE program was the village I needed to help raise my kids. The value to my family of the HUUF RE program is truly priceless, and I thank everyone who has given their time and pledges to this wonderful program, and encourage others to continue to do so.

Sandy Lynn

Seeking Interim Director of Religious Education

Name of Congregation or Employer: The Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Address: PO Box 506, Bayside, CA 95524 (24 Fellowship Way, off Jacoby Creek Road)

Time Requirement: 20 hours per week average. Flexible on how hours are spent, depending on week or month’s requirements. Oversees large group activities two Sundays per month. Office Hours during week. Required weekly meetings with minister and monthly meetings with Youth RE committee.

Compensating at UUA Fair Compensation Guidelines: Yes on salary; no on benefits.

Status: Interim – **not eligible to apply** for the permanent position

Contact Name: Rev. Bryan Jessup or Danielle Stubblefield

Contact Email: huufdresearch@gmail.com

Application Deadline: As soon as possible – or 6/1/2017

Date of Posting: 4/3/2017



Pacific Central District Annual Meeting

The Pacific Central District’s District Assembly will be Friday evening, **May 5**, and Saturday, **May 6**, at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, CA. HUUF gets 3 delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, please email minister@huuf.org. The HUUF Board will pay the registration fee for HUUF delegates. The highlight of the gathering will be the UUA presidential candidates’ forum on Saturday afternoon. Register: <http://www.pcdoua.org/events/district-assembly/>. Home hospitality might be possible. Email Chuck Rosene at chuck@mduuc.org for information.

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Religious Education

May 7:

Classes will finalize what we will be sharing in the service and include children who plan to celebrate our year together in Religious Exploration.

May 14: Friendship Sunday

Spend time making a Mother's Day card and playing with friends.

May 21: (Please note new date) Multi-generational Service

All ages together will share our year in RE. Stay in the service with your family. Childcare for younger children will be available. Stay after for Sundaes Sunday. Bring an ice cream topping of your choice. RE will provide ice cream.

May 28: Friendship Sunday

Children will read, play games and do crafts together.

Please take the opportunity to sign up for Arcata Shelter delivery of food for RE. Only this month and next for the opportunity to deliver food children have made to the emergency shelter the third Tuesday of every month. Contact Sonya at glasserkey@yahoo.com. If you miss the RE delivery times, you can always deliver in the summer and sign up as an individual or family. Contact Jan Rowan, 599-1250.

Last month during All Worship Sunday we talked about renewal and rebirth. We made an altar to Spring and placed spring flowers and greens on it. We lit candles in the four directions. Two children turned the wheel to count each season, as we chanted at each turning:

Leader: As candle wick and flame now meet,

Children: From the core of earth, we call up heat.

Leader: We turn the wheel: the winter's done.

Children: Closer now we bring the sun.

Leader: We turn the wheel of death and birth.

Children: We change the seasons of the earth.

Leader: We turn the wheel to beckon spring.

Children: May new life rise in everything.

On our altar we had stones that said trust, courage, truth, joy, release, insight, dream and love. We talked about what those words meant to us and how we could foster one of those or other values in our lives. We planted seeds and whispered to them what we wanted to grow in ourselves. We sung our hymn, Spirit of Life, and thought about how we have roots in our families and in this congregation.

I think that is why I find that hymn so moving. As a parent, I came here as a family of two, looking for some roots both for myself and my daughter. As parents we want to provide both roots and wings for our children. Providing the roots is often easier than watching our children grow wings.

This congregation has helped many families grow many children into amazing adults, who live our UU values in their world. I believe those values have made the flying easier. Thank you for pledging your commitment to our future and our children.

Jillian Mooney

UUA General Assembly

GA takes place **June 21-25** in New Orleans. HUUF has three delegates plus Bryan's and Jamila's votes as ministers. You can be a delegate right here in Humboldt. You'd be an "Off-site" delegate. The Board chooses the delegates. You can find out about being an Off-site Delegate at: <http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants/delegates>. And you can apply to be a HUUF Delegate by emailing our Board President Greg Blomstrom at gregb@bbwassociates.com.

Tiny house quilt raffle

The HUUF Quilting Bees have created a unique Tiny Homes Quilt to be raffled to benefit Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA). Funds raised will build a tiny home in a Tiny House Village for the houseless.

The quilt was designed and assembled by more than 15 members and friends of Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. On a blue background, the squares are of tents, trailers, and tiny houses. The Tiny Homes Quilt is 52"x82". Bright and delightful, it will cheer a bedroom, keep you warm, and support affordable housing for the homeless in Humboldt County.

Great thanks to Kim Moor for organizing this fundraiser, and support from the Helen Davis Memorial Fund, Humboldt Area Foundation, Redwood Empire Quilt Guild and Joanie Weiser of Wild Goose Quilting.

Tickets are \$5, or five tickets for \$20, and are being sold through **May 7**, when the lucky winner will be drawn. Watch for the quilt at various arts events and on Sundays at HUUF. For tickets or to arrange for your group to display the quilt: contact Kim at 268-8662 kjmoor2@gmail.com, or Edie 407-0047 ediejessup@gmail.com



Why the editors insist on certain forms

You probably wonder why we keep nagging you about things like expressing time as 6 p.m. or 5:30 a.m. There is a logical reason. The term a.m. stands for *ante meridiem* (before midday) and p.m. stands for *post meridiem* (after midday). Each letter is an abbreviation for a word, therefore each letter must have a period after it, and since none of the abbreviated words are proper nouns, small letters are used.

Some things commonly removed: the (707) prefix on phone numbers, since that area code covers almost all northern California. On dates, we remove the year unless it isn't the current one. Also, conventionally, the -rd or -th is removed from dates, so March 23rd becomes March 23. It looks cleaner and avoids line spacing problems associated with superscripts. We also expand terms like 3rd to third, and never abbreviate the names of days of the week or months to keep the newsletter's appearance more professional.

The @ symbol is only for email addresses and please spell out "and" instead of using the ampersand (&). We never use either square [] or curly { } brackets, only parentheses.

Please don't use tabs or spaces to indent paragraphs. If you don't know the proper method for indenting paragraphs, Google it. There are many good articles detailing the procedure.

Please write full, grammatically correct sentences. While bulleted items are fine, an article shouldn't just be a list of bullet points like a PowerPoint presentation.

Almost everyone remembers there is a comma between the date and year, but a surprising number forget there is also one between the day and month, so it's: Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Italics are used for the titles of larger works and quotes are used for the titles of chapters, episodes or short stories within a work. So it's "Fog" in *Quickfic* 5. This also means that movie titles are italicized. The convention in typewriter days was to underline titles, since typewriters couldn't do italics. This is no longer the case.

Use only one space after a period, not two. Retraining your thumb not to hit the space bar twice is difficult, we know, but please try.

In the U.S., the punctuation is *always* placed inside the quote marks. This may seem illogical, but that's the rules.

Your help with all of these makes the editor's job easier and gets the newsletter to you sooner.

Stephen Sottong

Single service starts May 28

Summer is almost here. A single Sunday service at 10 a.m. begins Memorial Day Weekend, **May 28**. This summer's theme will be the Common Values of True North. The common values are: Love, Justice, Dignity, Peace, Harmony, and Faith. Several of the services will include persons from other faith communities. More information in upcoming newsletters.

Berti Welty for Worship Leaders



Music Day is May 7

On Sunday, **May 7**, the Choir will host the ninth annual Music Day services at both 9 and 11. We'll sing, clap and breathe together, and just enjoy each other's company through music. There will be several opportunities for all present to participate. And the service is appropriate for all ages.

Choir members volunteer their time, energy and talent for nine months of regular, weekly rehearsals each year to bring special music to the HUUF community to enhance our worship. Music Day provides a chance to share more songs with all of you, all at once. We hope you will be able to join us.

mUUsically yours.

Elisabeth Harrington

Anonymous cash

In the past month, two envelopes containing cash and marked "Pledge" have been placed in the Sunday collection baskets. However, there were no names on the envelopes. It is impossible to credit this person's pledge without a name. Please be sure to identify yourself when giving cash. If you are the no-name donor, we thank you for your generosity and encourage you to call Roxana at the office (822-3793) so your pledge can be brought up to date.



Nancy Cook

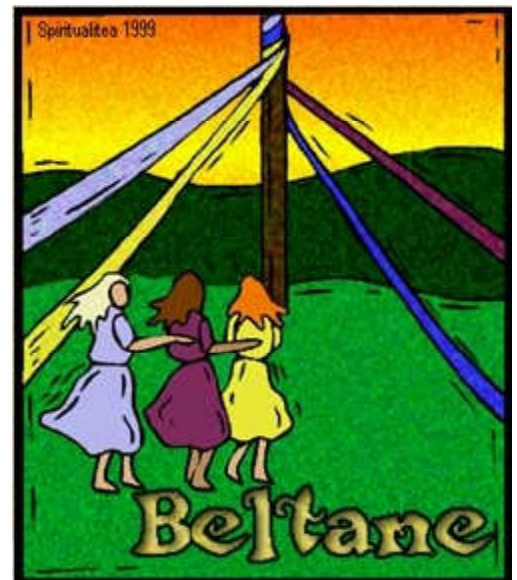
Beltane festival

It's May, season of growth and renewal, time to celebrate the cross-quarter day halfway between spring equinox and summer solstice. Join us Monday evening, **May 1**, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship for the festivities. You will be greeted at this child-friendly event with music and drumming, spiral dancing and song, as well as symbolic food and fires of Bel.

Please bring a votive or free-standing candle and come thinking about your intentions for the coming growing season — one for you personally and a second intention for your contribution to beloved community. You may also bring finger food to share.

Come revel in flower-filled May together.

Pat McCutcheon



Memorial Day informal gathering

You are invited to an informal gathering at 11 on Monday, Memorial Day, to remember those whose names are on the stones in the garden and at Blue Lake Cemetery, plus others who are dear to us. There will be flowers available and some chairs for sitting. If you enter through the main building, you may go down the ramp for easy access. As a special treat, our trumpet player will play Taps and another selection from the top of the Wisconsin Mound. There may be other performers, too. Please join us to remember.

Awanna Kalal

Memories of the 1980s HUUF Sanctuary Movement

In the late 1980s members of HUUF became concerned about the Reagan Administration's military support of reactionary totalitarian governments in Central America. Persons fleeing civil disturbances were seeking refuge. Reagan's administration was not supportive of these refugees and tried to capture them and send them home to circumstances counter to international agreements that support refugees from civil disturbance.

Churches in the U.S. were beginning to provide for refugees and were harassed by the Reagan administration. Priests in a Catholic church in Arizona were prosecuted for harboring refugees. Mysterious "burglaries" occurred in offices of churches harboring refugees, with nothing taken other than church documents from files about their refugee activities. Rumors suggested the FBI, then under J. Edgar Hoover, might be the culprit.

In the midst of this crisis, a national meeting was convened in a church in Berkeley for churches to organize a Sanctuary Movement. HUUF members and friends Louise Becking, Marian Ziemer, Ursula Osborne, Felicia Oldfather, Larry Goldberg, Kathy Zamboni, and I attended.

The meeting inspired participants coming from various Christian and Jewish denominations around the country. We at HUUF were moved to create a Sanctuary for our Fellowship and submitted a proposal at the next congregational meeting, which was approved.

We decided to focus our sanctuary effort on choosing an appropriate refugee family to protect and support. We found an agency, CISPES, in San Francisco, that vetted refugee families. We contacted them; they recommended two families. We chose the Santos Castillo family. Santos, the father, was a Salvadorian who fled after government military police invaded his house and murdered his wife. Their "crime" was that one of Santos' relatives sympathized with the rebels and had gone AWOL from the army. Santos was outside the house at the time the troops invaded, fearful of coming inside to protect his wife. If he had returned, the army would have murdered him also. As it was, he was still alive to take care of his children.

Santos then decided to flee with his children to the protection of the USA. With the help of coyotes, Santos managed to get himself and five of his six children across the border to Los Angeles, where they found temporary refuge. They were welcomed by our HUUF Sanctuary in 1987. They initially lived in a one-room rental. With our encouragement and moral support, Santos found work sewing sleeping bags at Moonstone Engineering. With the help of teacher Nancy Nichols and the support of the nuns, the children were provided full scholarship to St. Mary's Elementary School.

This was risky for our Sanctuary members, with the Reagan administration investigating and prosecuting sanctuary workers nationally. I volunteered to keep records for our sanctuary work. I kept them in my office at HSU, thinking if the FBI decided to burgle our records, they would have to involve the University in their illegal activities.

Over the ensuing years, we provided moral and advisory support for the Santos family, but we were never asked for financial support. Santos took care of that. I do recall providing a small loan to Santos enabling him to purchase a trailer home for his family. Santos paid off the loan monthly. Louise Becking was amazing in acting as "surrogate mother" for the family, remembering birthdays, and helping Santos almost daily with family needs. Marian Ziemer and Kathy Zamboni also provided morale and emotional support. Rebecca and I spent a year meeting weekly with Santos to help him organize supporting documents to gain residency status, and later, permanent citizenship. We were aided by the legal advice of a good-Samaritan lawyer in San Francisco who provided free, volunteer legal service for refugees.

The results of our decades-long help have been rewarding. The two daughters have both obtained PhD's and married similarly highly educated American husbands.

It's been satisfying and rewarding for all of us, participating and contributing in this process, seeing the family become successful, contributing legalized integrated American citizens, and it helped focus and bond our Fellowship together on such a meaningful common cause of benefit to our community, nation, and world.



Howard Stauffer

Chaffee Bequest story (continued from March)

At the December 2016 Board meeting, decisions were made. The Chaffee Bequest is considered as the final distribution of the original bequest. Up to \$10,000 was authorized for completion of the handicap walkways in the Memorial Garden. Other decisions were listed in the March newsletter article.

The Chaffee ad-hoc committee was asked to prepare a recommendation for the allocation of the remainder of the bequest, and to determine repayment of funds borrowed from the original Chaffee Capital fund. The Five Pillars of best congregational financial practices and the fund's perceived limitations were also to be considered.

The ad-hoc Committee chose a balanced approach, considering uses of the funds consistent with the original intent, including uses felt to be in keeping with Florence's wishes. Other considerations included: the best use of the funds for the Fellowship's immediate needs and future financial stability; varied uses of the funds that would inspire ongoing forms of generosity; decisions needing to be made now as well as those needing further consideration.

Of concern: How can we encourage the transition in HUUF financial perspective to include "The Five Pillars" of best congregational financial practices?

At the January board meeting the following decisions were made. Allocations of the approximately \$60,000 Chaffee Bequest was as follows: Up to \$10,000 for completion of the Memorial Garden Walks - (already allocated by Board of Trustees); Up to \$10,000 for congregation-involved construction of two storage buildings (see related article); Transfer of \$20,000 to the HUUF Endowment Fund with no restrictions.

The remaining monies are to be kept in reserve in the existing holding account for the time being.

Several potential uses for the reserved funds were specified, including repaying the existing Chaffee Capital Fund at \$100 per month. The \$115 per month being paid for rental storage will be added to that amount, for a total of \$215 per month, once the storage rental unit is vacated.

The Endowment Committee was requested to establish a procedure to separate and account for purpose-designated funds received by the Endowment Fund in the future, and to write an article for the newsletter thanking people for recent non-pledge donations that would include those endowment funds for other congregations.

The Board of Trustees approved the construction of two storage buildings using volunteer labor.

Roberta Welty



We have a storage problem

We currently pay about \$115 per month for a rental storage unit. That money could be better spent repaying the existing Chaffee Capital Fund. While considering the best uses for the Chaffee Bequest, we explored the option addressing the storage dilemma. Using the Chaffee funds for this purpose is appropriate because:

- Aesthetics were important to Florence and the garden shed is an eyesore.
- The memorial garden and its upkeep is an established use of the funds.
- Items to be stored include the risers previously purchased with the Chaffee funds

Instead of building a large, permitted structure, we can build two smaller, adjacent, yet independent storage sheds. As long as they are no larger than 10' by 12', and meet other requirements, we can build them without permits. Two buildings have been designed. One will be at deck level beside the office door, with the large double door opening onto the deck. This will store the Halloween Festival supplies, the risers, tables and chair carts. The adjacent garden shed door will face south. The exteriors will match the planked main building, both in style and color.

Estimated cost for both sheds is less than \$10,000. Money has been allocated from the Chaffee bequest so we can commence construction as soon as the weather clears. However, we are hoping that contributions for this project will be sufficient to offset the allocated funds. The cost estimate assumes that all construction will be done with volunteer labor, allowing many ways to contribute your time, energy and resources. Look for the scale model in early May, considering opportunities for involvement. If everyone pitches in, we'll have the buildings done by summer's end.

Berti Welty

People

Please welcome new members **Elaine Hattan, Julia Raines** and **Linda Vinson**.

HUUF seniors honored in the April Senior News included **Marianne Pennekamp** who received the League of Women Voter's annual Civic Contribution Award; **Terry Uyeki**, pictured with sister **Amy**, and **Rebecca Stauffer** for leading the local Women's March; **Sandy Lynn** for peace and freedom song with the Raging Grannies and lifetime worldwide social activist; and **Mayer Segal**, for turning 100 in June.

Congratulations to **Connor Alston** who is graduating from Tulane at the end of this term.

Congratulations to **Beverly Allen's** granddaughter, **Hannah**, who has an internship for the summer at Livermore Labs before she returns to the Bush School (Texas A and M) for the last semester of her Masters degree.

Jeff Thomas, Yemaya Kimmel and **Cynthia Chason** will be attending the International Interfaith Gospel Music Conference in Oakland, CA from April 27 - 29. The workshops includes Emmy Award winning performers and songwriters. Choirs from around the U.S., Germany and Denmark will be attending.

Stephen Sottong has one of his stories at the podcast:

http://www.centropicoracle.com/library/F0005_TheTravelWriter.php

Marla West will have her art on display at the Blue Lake Taproom for the month of May.



Sylvia Shaw

Joys, sorrows & celebrations

Our tradition of sharing joys, sorrows and celebrations at each service is meaningful for many people. Given the time constraints of the service, it can be challenging to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be heard. Also, some people may be hesitant to speak in front of groups, while some generously choose not to share to allow more time for others to express themselves.

In consideration of this dilemma, it has been suggested that we provide an additional way for members to share life's milestones. Establishing an attractive message board in the foyer is a potential format, and there could be other creative ways to give folks an opportunity to share. A few good volunteers are needed to think this through and provide oversight for implementation. Ideally, those involved should have an understanding of the value of sharing within the congregation, good organizational skills, and some creative spark. If interested, please contact me at wndyrwn@gmail.com.



Wendy Rowan

Another "End-of-life Issues" opportunity

"The Spirit of Aging: Opening to Soul Encounter," a day in retreat with Gina Belton Ph.D., who graciously presented to our next to last End-of-life Issues class, along with Charlie Garfield, will take place on Saturday, **May 20**, at the Fellowship from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$65. Register at pallipsych707@gmail.com.

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Art and Aesthetics

The expanded Aesthetics Committee met to discuss the foyer and the bulletin boards. We decided to get two larger, better-quality boards for the north wall. These will be compatible with the very large one already on that wall and will provide more display space.

We decided to try some new arrangements of the foyer furniture. Our goal is to enhance the spaciousness of the enlarged foyer visually as well as physically.

The current art show in the Sanctuary Gallery is "The Annual Children's Art Show" which will be up until **May 21**. On that day, the children and adults from Religious Education will present a program for the 11 a.m. service. After this service there will be quick switch to display the work of the youth who entered "The Peace Poetry and Art Contest." The event to honor the participants will take place that afternoon.

Cheryl Rau

HUUF elders

Beverly Allen is the first name in our Fellowship directory and is one of the few remaining active members of the Unitarian gambling elders. They held gambling parties to raise money to purchase a building, a gamble of a different sort—that their efforts would be maintained and grow in the future. Beverly was hooked in 1960 after being invited to a gambling event at the home of Phyllis Helligas. Beverly says it was her good luck to find friendly, yet fearless people she did not even know she was looking for. That group had been growing since 1954.

During the ensuing 57 years, Beverly has modeled Unitarian friendliness and fearlessness in countless ways. She has served five terms on the Board, three times as president, one of those terms with the “triumes,” three people sharing a presidential term. Beverly and cohorts worked closely with the Pacific Central District’s Women and Religion Task Force. She was among the first Fellowship attendees at the District’s Leadership School. She took the lead to provide spiritual support for women of the Fellowship by helping to present the two curricula, “Cakes For the Queen of Heaven” and “Rise Up and Call Her Name.” She traveled several times with the Women and Religion Task Force, once to Nairobi for the United Nations Women’s Conference and other times to Helsinki, East and West Berlin and Moscow. Beverly led HUUF in becoming a Welcoming Congregation.

While Beverly was changing history, she had fun. She remembers the close relationships that held the Fellowship together and allowed the group to develop the beautiful grounds and building we enjoy today. Fun was one of their priorities, and they did it with radio talks on KHSU, retreats, celebrations and social action. Beverly was a part of the hosting committee for a Women and Religion Task Force meeting in Humboldt. In 2001 Beverly compiled a remembrance of these years into *In Our Own Words*, a Fellowship history using excerpts from board minutes and newsletters. Her sense of fun is relayed in her choice of those excerpts.

Beverly has stepped back from being a Board member and facilitator. However, in our conversation she wondered if an elders’ advisory council might be of service to the congregation.



Sylvia Shaw

Scanning help needed

In 2001 Beverly Allen compiled the first 46 years of HUUF history into a book titled *In Our Own Words* with excerpts from board minutes and monthly newsletters. Photocopies are available in our library, but we would love to make it available electronically. We need someone to scan the master and convert it to a document, and it would be extra special if that same person would do proofreading and corrections. Please contact the office, 822-3793, or Sylvia, 599-1563, sls500@yahoo.com, if you can help.

Sylvia Shaw

Looking for card players - bridge and/or poker

The Fall HUUF bridge classes have ended and a couple of us are searching for ways to practice our budding skills. We hope there are others out there who would like to practice, refresh the bridge you learned in college or do not play because you lack partners. We are thinking of having open play at HUUF twice a month as a way of getting started.

We are also hoping to learn to play poker.

If interested, contact Sylvia Shaw or Diane Dickson.



You can support immigrants in Humboldt

HUUF’s Sanctuary Subcommittee is working closely with Centro del Pueblo to learn how we can best support immigrant families in our community. Centro del Pueblo is a newer organization, and one of their critical current needs is funding. Please consider donating online at tinyurl.com/cdp-donate (sustaining monthly donations are especially appreciated), or mail a check to Ink People, Inc. at 23 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 (please be sure to write Centro del Pueblo in the memo line).

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Celebrating Peace Poetry and Art

Sunday, **May 21**, at 3 p.m., Fellowship Hall will once again be the scene of a celebration of the creative work of Humboldt County high school poets and artists on themes of peace and justice.

As in the years 2010 through 2015, a newly published collection of the students' work will be presented at the celebration, titled *Redwood Coast Peace Poetry and Art 2017*. The publication is a project of Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 Veterans For Peace, and HUUF Social Action Committee, the Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Humboldt Chapter of Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

At the celebration, poets will be invited to read their work, and students' artwork will be on display. Student participants this year represent three high schools: St. Bernard's Academy, Six Rivers Charter High School, and Eureka High School. The editors have been deeply impressed by the young peoples' thoughtful engagement with troubling and difficult issues.

The event is free, and everyone is encouraged to attend, to honor the students' effort and achievement.

Maggie Shaffer Coordinator, Peace Poetry and Art

Stewardship: the responsibility to maintain integrity

Stewardship is usually viewed as the activity and responsibility for managing an organization. The dominant understanding is that this task is the oversight of physical assets. There is a much more inclusive notion of stewardship that includes guarding the mission of an organization including the welfare of its participants and conducting its business ethically within the principle of "do no harm."

Oddly, we gauge the stewardship of our nation by measuring the GDP (gross domestic product), a complicated algorithm that is determined as a percentage of growth. But the oxymoronic character of this simple percentage is demonstrated in this example: If we had to spend millions more dollars on cancer treatment, that would be registered as an increase in the GDP. A few progressive economists have suggested if we decreased the profit in cancer treatment as a result of finding a cure for cancer, that would show up as a decrease in the GDP. Currently we don't have an index for cancer prevention. The point of this oversimplified example is that stewardship means much more than "keeping the lights on." It is alive, progressive, constantly looking for ways to maximize mission, prizing personal, and social and spiritual growth; however, American culture grooms us to describe skillfulness, happiness, growth and social justice in terms of profit and loss.

HUUF is a powerful demonstration of progressive stewardship. We have a wide variety of talented leaders who have divided the components of our mission into workable pieces where we all must take responsibility for outcomes. It involves commitment, service and financial support.

Our stewardship declaration is that we must provide what is needed to flourish. Thank you all.

Ruth Broderick for the Stewardship Education Committee

Deadline info

Deadline for the **June** issue of the newsletter is Saturday, **May 20** at 5 p.m. Send your committee reports and articles to newsletter@huuf.org (email only). While many file formats are acceptable, .doc, .docx, .rtf and text are preferred, and .pdf and .pages cannot be used. Late submissions will not be accepted without prior approval.

Stephen Sottong, editor

Becoming a member

If you are ready to become a member of HUUF, please talk to a greeter and we will schedule a time during the week for you to sign the Membership Book. There is a pamphlet available in the lobby which explains some of the details of becoming a member. We'd love to have you join us when you're ready.

Awanna Kalal

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May SAC brunch

We are celebrating the diversity of salad this month. Vegetable salad, fruit salad, tofu salad, potato salad, pasta salad, chicken salad, and whatever other types of salad our creative HUUF cooks can dream up. There may even be some warm varieties of salad. And be sure to expect a few scrumptious surprises.

Enjoy the food and community following the second service on Sunday, **May 21**. Please allow at least 10-15 minutes for food to be brought from kitchen and arranged on tables.

Recommended donation is \$5 per adult and \$1 per child. Proceeds from this brunch will go to Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, a non-profit agency serving those affected by, and dedicated to the elimination of, domestic violence.

Eve Anderson



Sanctuary potluck

To deepen our mutual understanding of what being a Sanctuary Congregation means and to help us move toward a consensus to become a Sanctuary, your Social Action Subcommittee on Sanctuary invites you on Friday, **May 12**, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish and come to our Sanctuary Potluck. We'll discuss this proposed draft HUUF Sanctuary Pledge:

As people of faith and people of conscience, we pledge to resist the newly elected administration's policy proposals to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities. We will open our congregations and communities as sanctuary spaces for those targeted by hate, and work alongside our friends, families, other faith communities and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people.

Therefore we covenant to:

- Take a public, moral stand for immigrants' rights;
- Reveal through education and advocacy the actual suffering of immigrant workers and families under current and proposed legislation; and
- Protect immigrants' privacy and safety and protect them against hate, workplace discrimination, and unjust deportation.

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Potluck and UUA Presidential Forum

There will be a potluck on Friday, **May 26**, at 6 p.m. Childcare will be available. The UUA Presidential Forum will follow at 7 p.m. As you may know, this is the year we elect a new president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. For several months, the three women running for UUA president have been making presentations across the nation. Many of these presentations have been recorded and are available for viewing. If their presentation at PCD on May 6 is available, we'll watch that one. Otherwise, we'll watch the most recently available. We will also have written statements from each candidate. If you request to be a voting delegate (see Rev. Bryan's related article), either by going to GA or by voting online, plan to attend this forum. The three candidates are: Susan Frederick-Gray, Allison Miller and Jeanne Pupke. Congregants are invited to go online through the UUA website to learn more about each candidate:

<http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections>.

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Linda Vinson is offering her house/pet sitting service for your home and pets. Available after June 5. Contact linvinson@yahoo.com or 808-987-7323.

Maisie French is hosting an African dinner fundraiser on Saturday, **May 20** at HUUF.

6 - 8 pm. Silent auction. Funds toward trip to Uganda this summer. RSVP Tracy 599-9335.

New member welcome

Many years ago, the word “ingathering” was commonly used by Unitarian Universalists across the country to mean a ceremony to welcome new members. The Membership Committee has decided to change the name of our local event to honor all new members from the previous year to something more meaningful: New Member Welcome. During the regular service on **June 4**, we will have our annual welcome ceremony to recognize all the new members from the previous year.

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