

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



April 2011

Consulting Minister search

In response to an email last fall from the HUUF Board requesting members to form a Ministerial Search Task Force, several members activated this task force in February. The Board gave them documentation which was needed to undertake our search process, and the committee began work. The committee consists of Barbara Madaras, Pat McCutcheon, Jack Munsee, Beverly Morgan Lewis (Board Liaison), Steve Newman, Berti Welty and me, Irith Shalmony.

Our initial task was to complete the written application and Congregational Record (CR) that the Board had begun. In the CR we described our Fellowship's mission, history, strengths, accomplishments, needs, desires, and more. We submitted the completed documents to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in Boston as well as to our regional office, Pacific Central District (PCD) in the San Francisco Bay Area, for their help with our search for a Consulting Minister. You can view the Congregational Record, as a copy is posted on the bulletin board in our hallway. The Search Task Force will have initial contact with ministers responding to our search and will recommend to the Board of Trustees the candidates we deem best suited to work with our congregation. The Board of Trustees will make the final determination among these candidates and the Consulting Minister will be hired by the Board of Trustees.

A Consulting Minister, initially hired for a half-time position and a one year contract, would serve our congregation in meeting our goals of transitioning from a lay-led fellowship to a fellowship with a shared ministry.

Please contact any member of the Ministerial Search Task Force or the Board of Trustees if you wish to discuss any of these issues.

In fellowship,
Irith Shalmony, Chair,
Ministerial Search Task Force

Budget deadline

Our 2011-2012 HUUF budget process has started. Sunday, **April 10**, is the deadline for requests for our upcoming year's budget from our committees and others. Your request needs to be detailed and specific about what you are asking for and how much. Requests can be e-mailed to office@huuf.org attention: Finance committee. Any questions can be directed to a member of the Finance committee. Thank you.

Debbie Coggins

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People

Jenny Cranston continues to improve and is now doing physical therapy. We are cheering her on.

Joy Thomas is doing better than anyone expected getting through chemotherapy.

June Davis has family in Japan and reports that everyone is OK. In the meantime she is in Boulder, CO, to assist her daughter whose home had a fire. Everyone is OK there, too.

Karen Knapp



Art on our walls

Our current exhibit of Ursula's Family's Historical Art pieces will continue until the last Sunday in March. I hope you have an opportunity to view them.

For April and May we will exhibit art work by the children in our RE program. Most of these works were completed at HUUF during one RE session planned and coordinated by Cheryl Rau. The project facilitators were Jean and Jack Munsee and myself along with parents. It was a fun project for all, and I encourage our Fellowship members to participate in RE.

In June and July, I would like to arrange an HUUF adult member art show. Of course, this requires participation by some of you. Please think of how and what you can contribute to make this a reality and contact me so I can begin planning.

Irith Shalmony

Now is the time to join

If you have been considering joining HUUF, think about doing it now. On **May 15**, we will present our annual new member welcoming ceremony; and we'd love to have you be a part of that event. Talk to a greeter any Sunday after the service to learn how you can become a member.

Awanna Kalal

Hail to Bob West!

Every week at the end of the service, the facilitator asks members of the congregation to help by putting away the chairs. This leaves us with the mystery - how do the chairs get back in their positions before the arrival of the earliest of us on Sunday morning? The answer to that mystery is Bob West. Bob is not a demonstrative person, and many of you may not know him well; but you should know that Bob is at the Fellowship every Sunday, well before the service begins, getting things ready for a smooth start. Not only does he set up the chairs, he checks them all to be sure they are sound and tightens up screws where needed. He sets up the pedestals and puts out the pebbles and the bowl of water. He sets up the chalice (no, it does not stay out all week). He puts the piano in position and has it ready for Annette. He checks the sound system and the microphones and makes sure that the facilitator has a spare battery on hand. Of course, he does sometimes take a vacation, but even then, he makes sure there is someone well-trained to cover his tasks. The result of this is that most of us don't even think about how everything comes to be in its place every Sunday morning. It's terrific that everything is ready each week, and that the rest of us need not worry; but we do need to think about it enough to appreciate it, and the next time you see Bob West, give him a big "Thank You!"

Program & Worship Committee



Shay MacKay

Double bookings? Oh no!

With spring right around the corner (hopefully) and summer approaching, activities at the Fellowship are increasing, both HUUF events and outside rentals. Please remember always to check with me in the office about availability of the facilities before scheduling events. This especially is true for committee meetings and small-group gatherings. For the benefit of everyone involved, we want to avoid as many double-bookings and interruptions as possible. Call the office any weekday at 822-3793 for a quick check before you make final plans.

District Assembly 2011

Pacific Central District –
UUA, May 13 – 15

Newark Fremont Hilton Hotel
“The Permanent and the Transient”

Featuring: Saturday Keynote
Speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-
Reed

Minister, Theologian, and Author
of *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination*. “We Took a Collection
and Sent Him on His Way: A Lament for Opportunities Lost, A Celebration of Those Who Dreamt”

Saturday Banquet Presentation:
Rev. Dr. William Schulz, President
and CEO, UU Service Committee,
Past President, Unitarian Universalist
Association. “Memories of the
Future: Major Imperatives for Unitarian
Universalism’s Future”

Enjoy a weekend of fun and
friends, laughter & learning, with
over 300 Unitarian Universalists
from across the Pacific Central District!

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Viva fiesta de Mayo

Music, dancers, great food, wonderful donations and it all benefits HUUF! Our Super Service Auction, **May 14**, from 2-7 p.m., is shaping up to be a fantastic fundraiser. Dancers from Loleta Elementary School will entertain us with their talents and costumes during our dinner break. The group features children of all grade levels who are excited about performing for us. They will begin this year’s performances with the Cinco de Mayo festivities at Loleta Elementary School and then will join us for our Fiesta on May 14.

Donation slips for our auction are now posted in the foyer and include many tempting items from dinners to dog obedience training, computer service to salmon mousse. Hopefully, you have also put your donation slip in the basket so it can be added to the wonderful selection. There will be a silent auction from 2 - 4:30, then dinner and entertainment, followed by a live auction. All donation slips must be turned in by **April 15** so that they can be listed in a catalog which will be mailed to members.

Dinner will feature homemade tamales, made for us by special cooks in Loleta, as well as enchiladas, beans, rice and salad. A children’s taco bar will also be available. Dinner combination plates will be available for \$10.00 and the children’s taco bar for \$2.50. A Cantina will sell margaritas and beer. Lemonade and water will be available, as will chips and salsa at no cost. If you would like to help as in food prep, as a cashier or in another aspect of the auction, please contact me at 442-5962.

A mercado (country store) will feature handcrafted items and homemade goodies. See page seven for more information. To find out how you can donate to this feature of the Fiesta, contact Maureen Lawlor or Debbie Coggins.

So join in the fun, mark your calendars, turn in your donation slips, and invite your friends to attend this important fun-filled fundraiser. Viva Fiesta de Mayo!

JoAnn Thomas

**DONATION AGREEMENT FOR THE
FIESTA DE MAYO
HUUF SUPER SERVICES AUCTION
MAY 14TH, 2011**

1. Describe the service item or event that you plan to offer in as much detail as possible:

2. Please include these details:

- Date & time the service will be offered:

- Number of times the service will be offered:

- Number of participants or spaces available:

- Starting bid for individual participant or group (if applicable): _____

Sample Catalog Entry

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Want a night out with good food and drink?
Join fellow UUs for a delicious dinner at
the home of Julius Child.

Menu: appetizers, entrée, dessert, bread,
wine and more!

❖ Julius Child, 567-8900

Date offered: January 1st, 2012

of guests: up to 18

Minimum bid: \$20 per guest

3. Limitations, restrictions or requirements for the services you plan to offer:

Special equipment: _____ Age requirement: _____

Skill level requirements: _____

Other: _____

AGREEMENT

I, (print name) _____ am offering the service described above for purchase by members or friends of HUUF at the Super Service Auction Fiesta on May 14th, 2011. I agree that the proceeds raised by the sale will be given directly to HUUF.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please submit this form as soon as possible, and no later than April 15th to be published in the catalog.

Deadline Wednesday, April 20

Please e-mail articles to jthomas3@csulb.edu. Print and .pdf items cannot be accepted. If you need a copy of the newsletter guidelines, see page seven.

There's lots of art and filler articles in this issue. I'd rather publish HUUF-related articles. Please send me some.

Joy Thomas, editor



Classified ad

Pat McCutcheon will lead "A Community of Poets," an OLLI class where uncertain voices gain confidence. Writers at all levels are welcome.

Wednesdays in April, 1-3, at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center. To register - 826-5880. For more information, call Pat at 826-7107.

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Classified ads are 10 cents a word. Send text of your ad to jthomas3@csulb.edu. Send check for the amount of your ad to HUUF.

Religious Education



Please note that we are not following our usual schedule for the month of April due to lots of enjoyable events.

April 3: Friendship Sunday/Canvas

All ages will gather together in the CARE building to play games, do arts & crafts and read together while their parents enjoy our annual canvas event.

April 10: Curriculum Sunday

Preschool

We will have a singing Sunday to learn about our UU Principle-All people need a voice. Come share your voice as we sing, dance and make art together.

K-2nd

We have been talking about bullies and unkindness. This Sunday we will talk about acts of kindness. What do you think is kind? What act of kindness can you do? Have you done?

3rd – 5th

We will have fun doing some social action for our own Fellowship! We will make a piñata for the upcoming Service Auction. Come in clothes you can get messy (we'll have our aprons, too).

Intermediate

We will wrap up our visits to other congregations by discussing UU churches/Fellowships. What is the difference? Come share your experiences.

April 17: Earth Day Fair

We will all meet in the CARE building, hopefully inside and out to celebrate our beautiful Earth. Popular activities will be back from last year and new ones too. Come have fun.

April 24: Easter Sunday

Our annual egg hunt! Bring a basket to hunt with. Different sections for different ages, older hiders will be rewarded, so fun for all!

Upcoming RE Program Change

The Religious Education Committee has decided not to have the family day tea this year. In the past it has been a fun event on Mother's Day, but had also taken parents away from our wonderful speakers in the service. So instead this year, we encourage families to attend the fund-raiser at the Bayside Grange for the Emma Center. You can still have breakfast served to you and attend a service. The Emma Center is a non-profit organization that serves women of Humboldt County who have experienced abuse and trauma with holistic healing services.

Jillian Mooney

General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA), meeting in Charlotte, NC (**June 22-26**), marks the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow UUs from across the country as we remember the people and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination's relevant achievements and struggles and to chart new aspirations for the future. Experience wonderful and uplifting worship services—morning and night—led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages. Participate in our democratic process. GA is the way that our faith does business, bringing together the distinctive character of our individual congregations. Hear terrific speakers. There will be dynamic, entertaining programs and informative workshops. Connect with craftspeople and artisans, social action groups, professional and educational resources, theological schools, UUA organizations and staff, Beacon Press, and the UUA Bookstore in the General Assembly Exhibit Hall. Network with other congregation leaders and learn from one another. Return to your congregation reinvigorated and inspired to put your values to work. Witness for our faith in moving and exciting ways as we look forward to and prepare for a special "Justice" GA in Phoenix, AZ, in 2012.

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly & Conference Services professional staff coordinate logistics such as registration, housing, the exhibit hall, services to our attendees prior to General Assembly, and the GA Program. Contact General Assembly & Conference Services Office Staff.

The General Assembly Planning Committee selects the site for each General Assembly, sets the daily schedule, and determines which organizations affiliated with the UUA may present program material. In addition, the committee oversees the annual Ware Lecture, Opening Events and evening activities. Contact members of the Planning Committee.

Ed Uyeki

Pacific Western Region Webinars

Register for any or all of these webinars at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PWRUUAWebinars>. Please note that all of these webinars are Pacific Time.)

Tuesday, March 29, 7-8 pm, Youth Ministry: Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?, Presenter: Tandi Rogers

Tuesday, April 26, 7-8 pm, Transforming Nominating Committees, Presenter: Rev. Nancy Bowen

Thursday, April 14, 7-8 pm, Governance: Considerations for the Mid-size Church, Presenter: Rev. Ken Brown

Tuesday, April 19, 7-8 pm, Capital Campaigns: What To Consider? Presenter: Barry Finkelstein

Sunday, April 24, 3-4:30 pm, Leadership Development for Small Congregations I: Change and Crisis, Presenter: Kristen Dillon

Wednesday, April 27, 7-8 pm, Campus Ministry Start Up Strategies for Congregations, Presenter: Kayla Parker

Thursday, April 28, 7-8 pm, Governance in Smaller Congregations, Presenter: Janine Larsen

Wednesday, May 11, 5-6 pm, Change and Small Group Ministry, Presenter Rev. Deborah Holder

Tuesday, May 17, 7-8 pm, Policy Governance: What's Basic, What's Flex? Presenter Rev. Margaret Keip

Sunday, May 22, 3-4:30 pm, Leadership Development for Small Congregations II: Navigating Dangers, Presenter Kristen Dillon

Wednesday, May 25, 7-8:30 pm, Stewardship for Small Congregations, Presenter Rev. Celilia Kingman

The Pacific Western Region embraces the Pacific Central District, Pacific Northwest District, Pacific Southwest District, and the Mountain Desert District.

Ed Uyeki

Is it your turn?

Ed Uyeki has served the Fellowship wonderfully handling Denominational Affairs. Would you like to take a turn? It would involve receiving Denominational Affair information, directing Unitarian Universalist Association/ Pacific Central District information to the congregation and newsletter and responding to UUA/PCD requests for information. If you'd like to keep the communication going, contact me at 268-8662.

Kim Moor

Mercado May 14

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist's own Fiesta de Mayo will take place on Saturday, **May 14**. While you and a friend are having a grand time eating amazing Mexican food and waiting for the auction to begin, you will have a chance to shop at El Mercado.

But we need all of you to help us stock our shelves!!

What do you have that we can sell? How about re-gifting that cookbook or new bowl that you never use? Have unopened unused gifts from birthdays long past? Never used knick knacks, wool socks from Cousin Frank, hand-made jewelry? What do you have that could stock our shelves at El Mercado?

Do you bake, or knit or make candles? Do you do handcrafts? Make greeting cards? How about wood work? Do you have some hidden talent you are willing to help us out by donating a sample of your craft to El Mercado?

We need products on the shelves of our little country store.

If you have something for us please call 668-1633 or email 410ist@suddenlink.net.

Thank you!

*Debbie Coggins
and Maureen Lawlor*



HUUF Newsletter Guidelines

Writing your article

Include the journalistic 5 Ws: What? Who? Where? When? Why? And sometimes How? Please keep committee articles to 300 words or, preferably, fewer. Announcements should be no more than half a column (150 words). Nonessential parts of articles will be edited to make room for additional articles. Since people other than committee members may read your article, find a way to tell readers how the info applies to them. Since headlines are set in a larger font, the longer your headline, the shorter your article can be.

To keep articles concise, please organize your thoughts. What's most important? How much of what you're saying is your mind processing your ideas, and how much is important to the article? Remember that this is a newsletter, not a magazine. Not many people are going to be interested in the innermost workings of your committee. Make an outline and write from it. Sometimes the outline itself is sufficient. Put the most important information first, then supporting thoughts. If the editor has to cut the length of your article, she can then omit the last sentence or last paragraph without losing crucial data.

Formatting

Any formatting you do makes more work for the editor and makes her crankier than usual. Please send articles as plain text. The easiest way is to type your article directly into your email or to cut and paste it from your word processor into your email. Do not send forwarded emails. Don't abbreviate words that I must then spell out.

The editor's job is to format articles during the layout process. Beyond punctuating and putting a hard return at the end of each paragraph, don't do any formatting. Do not center, bold, indent, italicize, underline, etc. Don't put your headline in all caps.

Submitting

Send your articles via email to jthomas3@csulb.edu. I will respond that I have received your article. If you do not receive such a response, assume that your message has not been received and send again. Hard copy is **not** accepted. Neither are .pdf files. Please sign your article. Anonymous articles are not accepted. Submissions must be received on or before the 20th of each month. No exceptions.

Editing

An editor edits. Please do not think that your article will necessarily go in as written. The usual reasons to edit are punctuation (especially excess commas) and length, but sometimes cohesion and logic require fine-tuning. Edited articles will not be returned for comment because I have only a few days between the deadline and the time I must get the newsletter onto the webpage. I edit everybody, so please try not to take it personally.

Thanks.

Joy Thomas, editor



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Church ladies with typewriters

These sentences (with all the bloopers) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need

all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will present Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'