

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



May 2018

A note from the minister

By now most of you have heard that I will retire in a year and Edie and I will move out of the area. We have so loved being here in Humboldt County and at this Fellowship with you! We will be sad to go but the time has come, and Edie and I look forward to some great adventures together while we're still up and mobile enough to enjoy them.

Speaking of great adventures, we are also looking forward to our last year with you. The Board and I are envisioning this coming year as a time in which we will pay particular attention to continuing to build our organizational power here at HUUF. Part of what that means is that we will be looking for "champions" in various areas.

"Champions" take the lead in gathering a few folks together to plan and organize in particular areas of Fellowship life. Then they recruit people for particular, time-limited tasks. We already have a number of great champions, but they often need one or two other champions to help them plan and recruit.

Wendy Rowan, for example, is a champion for Adult Religious Education but when I leave she will be all alone in the planning. We do not yet have a champion to work with a few others to keep us closely linked to the UUA's and Pacific Region's various efforts. And then there's next year's canvas.

When we look around the Fellowship, we can see great health and vitality. We can see many champions already at work: Scott Allen and Chip Sharpe for building issues; Berti Welty for our All Fellowship Retreat at the Mattole (not to even mention for our new storage sheds and a number of other projects); Valerie Gizinski for grounds; Jamila Tharp for the Soul Matters Groups; Bonnie MacGregor for Sunday Services. But nearly all of our current champions need a couple of other champions to plan with and help them in organizing and recruiting. And some areas need brand new champions to step forward. Near and dear to my heart, for instance, is the need for a "set up and take down" Champion for Sunday services.

As the Board and I and current champions work together to recruit and train new champions this next year, you'll be hearing from us. We hope you will not fight your enthusiasm for the opportunity to help this Fellowship grow even stronger than it already is.

Yours on the journey,



Rev. Bryan Jessup

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June Editor

Bert Taylor will edit the June newsletter. As always, do not send articles directly to either me or her, send them to newsletter@huuf.org.

Stephen Sottong



From the Editor

People

Beverly Allen moved to Timber Ridge, raising some eyebrows with her colorful hair. She is rapidly getting to know the other denizens, sampling the myriad activities offered, walking around her new 'hood, and enjoying not having to cook and wash dishes. Beverly welcomes visitors and phone calls.

Congratulations to **Maisie Jordan French** and **Sarah Wasiuk** (granddaughter of **Jackie Wales**) who are graduating from high school, and to **Hannah Buffenbarger** (granddaughter of **Beverly Allen**) who is graduating with a Master of International Affairs degree from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M University.

We send good wishes for a smooth and speedy recovery to **Richard Taylor** who is home recuperating from a fall and a broken left hip.

Anna Mae Botley is enjoying a visit this month from her daughter who lives in New Zealand.

Brad Meiners is home recovering from neurosurgery and would appreciate cards.

Cathy Enis is temporarily homebound and appreciates cards.

Pat McCutcheon had a well-attended poetry reading in April.

Cheryl Rau is heading for a second hip surgery in May.

Third Annual All-fellowship Summer Retreat

Sylvia Shaw

Join us **August 3-5** for a mixture of stimulating workshops, fun crafts, inspiring worships, hikes, peaceful time relaxing by the river or under a tree, and great fellowship. There will be special Kid Zone activities, Teen programs, a No-Talent-Required Talent show, and Intergenerational happenings to enjoy at the beautiful Mattole Retreat Center (www.mattolecamp.com). In addition to cabins with bunk beds, there are spaces for tents and RVs at the same price. There is a swimming hole, volleyball court, and lots of green grass and shady trees. A large campfire area will be available for evening programs. The main lodge, with limited sleeping area, is handicap accessible.

All meals are included. We will do our own cooking to keep the price down. Everyone will be asked to pitch in with chores. The cost is: \$105 Adults (13 and up), \$80 Youth (6-12), \$60 Children (2-5), under 2 Free, with a \$300 maximum per family. Partial scholarships will be available.

Reservations are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail your registration form and deposit to Bert Taylor at 2152 Mustang Lane, Arcata CA 95521, or return it to the registration table in the foyer. Forms and information will be available each Sunday starting June 3 at the registration table, and on the Fellowship web site: www.huuf.org. The deadline to request scholarships is **July 8**, and for registration is **July 22**.



Joanna Welch

Religious Education cooperative visioning retreat

Join us on Saturday, **June 16** for a day of restorative contemplation as we explore how our religious education cooperative can best nurture and support loving families. Parents, grandparents, teachers, volunteers and wise elders are encouraged to participate. Further details to come.

Therese FitzMaurice

Religious Education

What does it mean to be a people of creativity or a creative family? This month's theme asks us to view our lives through the lens of intentional creation. I am delighted to focus on the challenging aspects of bringing our visions into the realm of daily life. Our reading in the Soul Matters packet highlights the significant influence of those we create with. This month our youth will have an opportunity to explore how essential compassionate communication is, in achieving our dreams.

Family Practice

Consider trying out as a whole family "Exercise A" from the Soul Matters Small Group packet. I suggest that each person first list their own life projects, including school, work, home and hobbies and then help each other see other things you each have created. This can be a great opportunity to celebrate and recognize gifts each person offers. After you've created your lists, look for areas of overlap. What have you created as a family? What would you like to create?

RE Calendar

May 6: Exploration Sunday: Creativity and problem solving

pre-2: We'll begin with a short, centering meditation to open the space for two group activities: Tallest-tower building and a collaborative drawing.

3-8: We will create and untie a human knot, then explore other problem-solving games together.

May 13: All Ages: Mother's Day: The creation of a life. We will explore amazing creations including a musical, marble instrument. We will dream about what we want to create with this one, precious life.

May 20: Exploration Sunday: Creativity and our Faith.

Pre-2: We will explore how Unitarians and Universalists merged and then, through creating individual collages, how aspects of our lives merge - family, school, friends, hobbies, and where we live.

3-8: We will explore the youth-led merging of Unitarians and Universalists as we make playdough, or a "merger color chain."

May 27: Service Sunday

This is the first, single 10:00 a.m. service, which will continue till mid September.

All ages cook for the night shelter.

Teen Group: second and fourth Sunday

The teens will plan a spring outing and church visit, and discuss creativity. Movie Night: 6:30-9:00, Friday, May 4 (Star Wars: May the fourth be with you).



Therese FitzMaurice

OWL information meeting

K-1 and 4-6 grade parents are encouraged to attend the information meeting on Saturday, **May 19** from 4:00-5:15. We are excited to offer both section curriculums for the Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education next year. The 4-6 course will be offered in the fall, and the K-1 in January. At the meeting, we will outline the philosophy, framework and purpose of the program as well as discuss the schedule and fees.

The primary OWL teaching team members are: Emily West, Olympica McCutchan, Danielle Stubblefield and me.

Therese FitzMaurice

Sunday Services

Sunday, May 6 – 9 and 11a.m. – Music Sunday – HUUF Choir

Elisabeth Harrington, the Choir and several musicians and vocalists from the congregation will be featured in this service that will feed our spirits with song.

Sunday, May 13 – 9 and 11 a.m. – Women Against War – Rev. Bryan Jessup and Veronica Galiani

In this service we will remember Julia Ward Howe and her famous “Mother’s Day Proclamation” of 1872, in which she used her public fame as an author to bring to everyone’s attention, humanity’s addiction to war and the necessity for mothers, and all others, to overcome that addiction.

Sunday, May 20 – 9 and 11 a.m. – Being Decidedly Uncertain – Jan Ögren

How do we balance knowing who we are with being open to change? How can we hold passionately onto our beliefs and values and be accepting of other’s views? While many religions try to offer answers, Unitarian Universalism encourages a personal search for truth and meaning – a continual opening to the unknown. This morning we’ll explore tools for navigating life’s uncertain journey.

Jan Ögren is a licensed psychotherapist, international author and storyteller. A lifelong UU, she has spoken at many UU congregations and several of her sermons have won awards from the Pacific Central District. Her novel, “Dividing Worlds,” features a UU protagonist, and her recent book, “Dragon Magic: Amazing Fables for All Ages,” features stories shared with UU congregations.

NOTE: Beginning May 27 there will be only one service at 10:00 a.m. until September.

Sunday, May 27 – 10 a.m. – Memorial Day, People and Events Worth Remembering – Rev. Bryan Jessup

What is it that makes people and events worth remembering on Memorial Day? Is it just good deeds and kindness, or do we also learn from monumental mistakes and tragic miscalculation? Might past errors teach us something about repentance and forgiveness? Might recovery from errors teach us something about hope?

All Aboard the Great Redwood Trail

It’s not often these days that we hear good news coming from the halls of power. Fortunately, our State Senator Mike McGuire recently introduced a bill that would replace a crumbling rail line, that pollutes the beautiful Eel River, with a hiking trail.

There was a time when trains ran the length of the Eel River canyon and all the way north to Arcata, but those days are long past and while the trains haven’t run for years their tracks remain, though often falling into the river below, along with creosote and other toxic chemicals used along rail lines.

Senator McGuire’s bill, the Great Redwood Trail Act, or S.B.1029, would rehabilitate the rail bed and convert it to a trail running from Willits to our area. This would reduce pollution of the river while providing visitors access to redwood groves and isolated canyons along the Eel, which was recognized for its natural values when it was designated a Wild and Scenic River in 1972.

HUUF members can support the bill by contacting Sen. McGuire’s office in Eureka at 445-6508 or at his office at 1036 5th St., Suite D, Eureka, CA 95501.

Pat Carr, Environment Subcommittee of Social Action Committee

Looking Ahead – Options for Getting involved

HUUF Events - May 2018

Tu	Apr. 24	7 p.m.	Open Soul Matters Group
Fr	Apr. 27	6:30 p.m.	Teen Group – Con-style worship
Fr	May 4	6 p.m.	Teen movie night - Star Wars
Sa	May 5	4–9 p.m.	Beltane Ritual, Mexican Potluck
Su	May 6	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Committee meeting
Su	May 6	12:45 p.m.	RE committee meeting
Tu	May 8	11 a.m.	Membership committee meeting
Tu	May 8	5:30 p.m.	HUUF Board of Trustees' meeting
Sa	May 12	9 a.m.	Worship Leader's meeting
Su	May 13	1 p.m.	Owl Informational meeting
Tu	May 15	7 p.m.	Open Women's Group
We	May 16	10:30 a.m.	'Stoners' meeting – Memorial Info
Fr	May 18	5 p.m.	Caring Circle Happy Hour
Sa	May 19	12-3 p.m.	Grounds work party
Sa	May 19	3:30 p.m.	Owl information meeting
Su	May 20	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Brunch
Tu	May 22	7 p.m.	Open Soul Matters Group
Sa	May 26	3-5 p.m.	Celebration of the life of Jack Munsee

***** Summer schedule, single worship service at 10 a.m. *****

Sa	June 2	9 a.m.	Worship Leader's meeting
Su	June 3	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Committee meeting
Su	June 3	12:45 p.m.	RE committee meeting
Fr, Sa	June 8 & 9	Eve. & Day	HUUF Board Retreat
Su	June 10	11:30 a.m.	Board car wash & beer fest
Su	June 24	11:30 a.m.	Congregational meeting

Fr-Su	Aug. 3-5,2018		HUUF All Fellowship Retreat
Sa	Oct. 27, 2018	5-9 p.m.	Halloween Festival

Weekly Wed.	7 p.m.	Choir practice
Weekly Thurs.	7 p.m.	Reflections – open discussion group in CARE building
Weekly Sunday	10-10:45 a.m.	Children's choir
Weekly Sunday	9 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service

Out of Area UU events

Fr-Su	Apr. 27-29	UUA – Pacific Western Regional Conf. - Portland Oregon
Fr-Su	May 18-20	Spring Teen Con
We-Su	June 20-24, 2018	2018 UUA General Assembly, Kansas City, MO
We-Su	June 19-23,2019	2019 UUA General Assembly Spokane, WA

Halloween Festival

I'm spearheading this year's Halloween Festival and have the honor of working with a remarkable group to bring the Festival back to our community this year. The date for this year's festival is **October 27**.

As a mom who wants to share with my children a meaningful celebration of the Halloween season, I have missed this beloved festival the last couple years, a sentiment I believe many share. The theme for this year's festival is: "Into the Mystery." This theme will help focus inspiration and bring structure and continuity to the event. I invite you to think about the theme and see what comes alive for you.

We have structured the planning of the event in a way that will make it easy for you to help, by forming subcommittees that will oversee aspects of the festival:

Sales and Marketing: tickets, marketing, sales, baked goods - Rebekah Paez: rebekahpaez@gmail.com

Skits: props, scenes, costumes, actors - Sandy Lynn: sandy5527@sbcglobal.net

Crafts: for skits and welcoming bags for children - Judy Rishel: judy@rishel.com

Infrastructure: set-up and break-down, tents, tables, lighting, volunteer food, parking - Berti Welty: bertijo@humboldt1.com

Process and Planning: miscellaneous planning - Sarah Trapkus: waxingvisions@gmail.com

Contact me with questions at waxingvisions@gmail.com. I am excited to share this time with you.



Sarah Trapkus

Dance party

Join the Fellowship in early June for an intergenerational, inclusive, dance party, DJed by Connor Alston. Our theme is "Rockstars in Space" and we encourage folks to dress up. There will be something for everyone, with artists ranging from Fleetwood Mac and Diana Ross to Daft Punk and Steve Aoki. All music will be screened and will be appropriate for all ages. We're taking requests, so if there's a song you'd like to hear at this event, please email me at navarra.carr@gmail.com



Navarra Carr

Deadline info

Deadline for the **June 2018** issue of the newsletter is Sunday, **May 20** at 5 p.m. Send 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 are not accepted without prior approval.

Full guidelines are available at <http://huuf.org/?page=Guidelines.html>

Stephen Sottong, editor

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Pledge Drive Update

Thank you to all who have submitted their 2018-19 Pledge Forms. We are happy to report that as of April 19 our pledge total is \$165,550. We are well on our way to funding our 2018-19 dreams.

There are still people we are waiting to hear from. Please drop completed pledge forms in the pledge box in the foyer. Alternatively, call (822-3793) or email (office@huuf.org) and the HUUF office will send you a confirming pledge form for your records.

Dave Harris

Website Update

The Chaffee Grant Committee awarded \$500 to update our website. We are looking for two or three excited individuals to join the website committee. The committee will recruit and hire a professional web designer to update and rewrite the content and make decisions in regards to presentation of content. Current members include Pat McCutcheon, Dave Woody and me. Clear writing skills and an understanding of Fellowship life are a plus. The bulk of this work will be done over the summer. Contact me if you'd like to join the committee or apply to be the web designer at 498-3564 or t_keslin@hotmail.com.

Therese FitzMaurice

Work Party update

The Building Maintenance and Landscaping Work Party on March 17 was both fun and productive. Valerie Gizinski and I would like to thank the following participants:

Susan Allen, Rebekah Paez, Susan Penn, Maggie Moore, and Emily, Chris, Sam and Cara West for window washing

Carl Thomas, Scott Allen and our own Reverend Bryan Jessup for excavating and moving the old concrete parking bumpers and to Carl for pressure washing them in preparation for painting. Special thanks to Ann Kilby for painting them.

Chip Sharp, John Schaefer and Tommy Fitzmaurice for converting more of our Sanctuary lighting from fluorescent to LED.

Jan Rowen for cleaning the Janitor's closet.

Shawn Nichols for cleaning kitchen and pantry walls.

Bob Billstrom for refurbishing the kitchen yard wall and making a new gate. Scott Allen assisted by drilling holes in and painting things.

Cathy Hanafi for kitchen and other meticulous cleaning.

Hart Mendenhall for vacuuming carpets.

Kate McClain and Ezra Paez for cleaning the offices.

Kate McClain, Ann Kilby, Linda Lee, Cynthia Chason, Cathy Hanafi, Scott Allen and many others for all the delicious food.

Raquel Lee, Tai McElwain, and Tommy Fitzmaurice for weeding the cracks in the walkway of the RE landscape.

Bert Taylor, Karen and Stephen Underwood for beating back the Himalaya berry along the fence by the first three Memorial Garden beds.

Margy Emerson and Thea Gast for weeding the currant bed, wax myrtles and shore pines in the meadow, and Margy for carting wheelbarrows of mulch around them.

Karen and Stephen Underwood for transplanting a large azalea from the meadow into a Memorial Garden bed, and seeding the bare ground.

Susan Penn for sanding and treating the wooden bench in the meadow.

Ezra Mendenhall and Cadence Fitzmaurice for using the "cool tool" to pry up the large weeds in the meadow, while Therese Fitzmaurice planted native wildflowers alongside them.

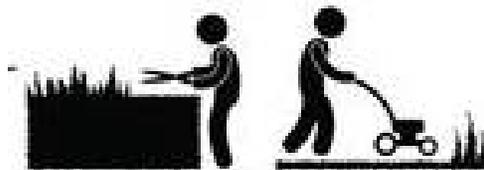
Linda Lee for removing large weeds throughout the meadow.

Karen and Stephen Underwood for weed whacking the mustard and radish along the fence line by the willows.

Maggie Moore for weeding many beds around the building.

Rebekah Paez, Hart Mendenhall, Margy Emerson and Valerie Gizinski for weeding and then adding soil cardboard and mulch to the manzanita bed by the back patio.

Hope to see you next time!



Scott Allen

Aesthetics and Art

The HUUF Gallery will continue to feature the work of our members until May 11. Our artists would enjoy discussing their work and what art means to them. The Member Show will be followed by the annual Children's Show which will remain in place until Religious Education Bridging Day.

The committee is planning the June/July and August/September shows now. Stay tuned. If you have an idea for a show contact our chair at her *new* email address cpetersonrau@gmail.com, or 926-7107.

Cheryl Peterson Rau



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Celebration of the life of Jack Munsee

The family of Jack Munsee is having a gathering to remember and celebrate his life at The Fellowship on Saturday, **May 26**, from 3:00 to 5:00. Anyone who remembers Jack and who would like to join the celebration is invited to come by to share some food and drink, hear some jazz, and raise a glass in appreciation and love. For more information, call 668-4095.

Jean Munsee

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, **June 24** following the single service, at approximately 11:30. The agenda is brief but very important. We will approve the 2018/19 budget and discuss options for moving forward with hiring a new minister, to hopefully have a seamless transition before the end of Bryan's ministry in June 2019.

Greg Blomstrom, Co-president

Welcoming Ceremony

Members who signed the membership book after June of 2017 will be presented and welcomed by the congregation at the service on Sunday, **June 3rd**.

Thea Gast, Membership Committee

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