

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



July/August 2017

A note from the minister

Summer is here in - Loudly sing cuckoo
The seed is growing - and the meadow is blooming
and the wood is coming into leaf now - Sing cuckoo

Summer has arrived, - Sing loudly, cuckoo!
The seed is growing - And the meadow is blooming,
And the wood is coming into leaf now, Sing, cuckoo!

This Middle English poem about summer resonates with me strongly this year. After all the rain this past winter I am very grateful for a time to dry out, for the warmth and the increased daylight. I am grateful for the beauty of Humboldt County and the opportunity to be outside without getting soaked.

Eddie and I plan to spend a lot of time with friends and family this summer. A whole group of us are turning 70 together and on July 14 will gather in Oregon for a grand festival. Eddie and I hope to use the rest of the summer for rest and renewal, and we send you good thoughts for having the same experience in your own way.

We'll be gone and off duty for the whole month of July. In August, we'll return for my "Study Month" beginning with the All Fellowship Camp in Mattole. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of you there, and then, during the rest of August, gearing up for the new Fellowship year with a new Acting Director of Religious Education and a new Administrator.

Wow! What an exciting passage we find ourselves in. I am so glad to be with you on this journey. Glad for the rest. And glad for new beginnings too.

Yours in the faith -

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Board coffees continue

The Board of HUUF is continuing its monthly "A Board Member Is In For Coffee" time where members can visit with a HUUF Board member to discuss whatever is on their minds. Board coffees are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month at Kinara's Corner. During the summer, Board members will be there immediately after the service. Beginning in September, Board members will be there between services. Generally a different Board member will staff these coffees each month.

Greg Blomstrom, Co-President

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Religious Education

The youth Religious Education program is going through a time of transition. After more than 20 years at the helm, Director Jillian Mooney has retired. We are so grateful for the wisdom, love and humor she brought to the job. A search committee to hire a new RE Director has received several applications and will conduct interviews over the summer. The RE Committee will be working closely with the new Director to keep our RE programs running smoothly. At the same time, the leadership change will also begin a period of reflection and feedback to see if there are new roads we want to go down.

Since this will be a year of growth and transition, we could use the help of volunteers more than ever. If you have a special passion (art, science, music...) that you would like to share with the children, we can help you plan and lead a lesson. Don't want to teach? There are many other ways to help: kid-friendly snacks are needed weekly, classroom teachers can always use assistants, and the RE Committee will have various tasks and events that could use a helping hand throughout the year. Please sign-up for a volunteer opportunity on our clipboards in September. We look forward to your engagement and input.



Danielle Stubblefield

Aging with Grace

Aging with Grace is taking a short summer vacation. We will resume meeting **August 27**, the fourth Sunday of the month, following services.

Members of the group decide the content of our discussions. We are always present to support each other by listening to the concerns and challenges of aging. We also share information and may, with permission, suggest solutions, or introduce a specific topic of interest as a focus for our attention.

We encourage you to join us to deepen our circle of support and expand our awareness, understanding, wisdom, and, yes, our mastery of the elder years. We may be in different stages of the aging adventure but we all can be part of the transformative, emerging conversation about aging that is taking place in our Fellowship as well as in the wider community. You are welcome to drop in.

Nancy Engel

The Operational Purpose of HUUF

To help focus its work with the Fellowship, the Board at its workshop on June 10 answered questions about what the purpose of our Fellowship is – within each of us, among us and between us. Here is what the Board members came up with.

- **Within us, the Purpose of our Fellowship is:** To nurture love, truth, justice, goodness, spirit, integrity and health.
- **Among us, the Purpose of our Fellowship is:** To practice being, and to promote, a true welcoming, caring and a diverse community.
- **And Beyond our Walls, the Purpose of our Fellowship is:** To help empower people to model and promote social and environmental justice and to stand up for and serve the most vulnerable.

I am very grateful to be working with a Fellowship and a Board that is committed to serving these purposes.

Rev. Bryan Jessup

People

We wish **Abigail Hasting-Tharp** a fabulous trip to New York this summer to study music and congratulate her on graduation from eighth grade.

Two other items about members came to our attention in the last few weeks:

On Friday, May 19, our daughter, **Lilith Kirk-Levine** stepped in to break up a fight between two 6th grade girls at Zane Middle School. Until asked about the incident on the way to school the following Monday morning we had no idea she was involved, nor the extent of her actions. We are very proud of our daughter. We are very grateful to the UU community that nurtures her spirit and promotes the values we hold dear.

Here in her words is Lilith's story:

What made me help the girl who was getting beaten up was that my parents have always taught me to help others who need it. I first heard an aid call out and ask, "What's going on over there?" My first instinct was to look over and see what was happening. When I saw the girl get pulled down by her hair, my first thought was to help her. Of course I wasn't just going to continue to let her get hurt.

When I helped the girl I felt like I helped save a life of a child who was still maturing and could live a long life. When I saw her get pulled down I was scared to go over and help thinking that I would get hit if I tried to break it up. I was brave enough to stop it. I would never just stand by and let it happen or let someone get hurt. Fighting is never the solution to anything. A supervised meeting with an adult is a more responsible way to solve something.

And I asked Chip Sharpe to tell me about Kurt Newman for whom Chip has dropped stones on more than one occasion:

Kurt Newman, living with multiple sclerosis for more than a quarter century, has not attended a HUUF service for such a long time that many of us are unacquainted with him. Kurt remains a member of one of the two Men's Groups that originated at HUUF. We gather every other Saturday morning around Kurt's bed at Fortuna Rehabilitation & Wellness.

Kurt was a significant force in environmental protection and activism, among other things, teaching safe and benign methods for tree-sitters to climb into targeted redwood trees, and helping to paint that notorious crack on the face of Hetch Hetchy dam.

Kurt's spirit and persistent engagement with the world throughout his progressively debilitating illness has been inspiring to all who know him.

Sylvia Shaw



Mayar's 100th birthday party

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Linda Vinson is offering her experienced and loving house/pet sitting services. Contact linvinson@yahoo.com or 808-987-7323.

Wanted – Congregational/Office Administrator

Our Congregational Administrator, Roxana, is going to school this coming fall to obtain a teaching credential, so HUUF is looking for an office manager (technically, a congregational administrator). The job entails working 20-30 hours per week doing the daily office work that keeps HUUF running (and Bryan on his toes). We're looking for a go-getter with excellent office management skills. Quickbooks and HTML experience would be a plus. A job description and application forms are available from Roxana at the office at 822-3793 or via email at office@huuf.org. Please contact me at 839-9017 or gregb@bbwassociates.com if you or someone you know would like further information or to apply for the job. We haven't set a firm date by which applications should be received, but we're hoping to have the selected applicant spend the last week of July working with Roxana to learn the ropes.

Greg Blomstrom

Books for the jail

Collecting paperback books and magazines at HUUF for the Humboldt County Correctional Facility has been ongoing and welcomed for many years. Please keep our contributions coming. They are always gratefully received. Deposit books and magazines for the jail in the cube-shaped basket near the entry to the foyer. No hard-backed books and no romances. When the basket is full or overflowing, someone (it used to be Awanna) needs to call Maggie Shaffer, 798-1656, or email her at shafferpost@yahoo.com. Maggie will arrange a pick-up of the books at HUUF and delivery to the jail.

Ursula Osborne



Thanks from Jillian

I want to thank everyone for my wonderful retirement party. As reluctant as I was to be in the spotlight, it was so sweet and endearing to hear your kind words and to know that I've made an impact in my years here at Fellowship. It hasn't been a one way street. My spiritual experience and growth has been fed by the profound words of your children and the loving interactions of the people and families throughout my life in relationship with all of you.

I've also not done it alone. I've been blessed with a multitude of devoted folks, who have served along with me in this process. I know I leave it in good hands with our dedicated RE committee, committed teachers, our growing OWL program, our Board and of course, our dear Bryan. We are also blessed to have him as our Minister and I have enjoyed serving with him these last few years immensely.

I know our congregation will support the next DRE and RE in this transition time with the many gifts you have shared over the years. I also encourage new people to step up to serve our youngest UUs and find out how much you learn about yourself in the process, as I have.

I am grateful for all your generosity and thoughtfulness. My quilt is amazing! It will warm me in so many ways. Both physically and with it's beauty, and with your words of love, it will warm my spirit. I will always cherish it, as I will my days as your DRE.

With love,

Jillian

HUUF Events - July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:30 am Worship Leaders 1 pm Garden Work Party
2. 10 am Service 12:30 SAC Cmte. Mtg. 6:30 Private event	3 8:30 am Private Event	4 Independence Day All Day - Private Event	5 All Day - Private Event	6 7 pm Thursday Reflections	7 5 pm Caring Circle Happy Hour	8 8:30 am Private Event 10 am All Fellowship Picnic
9 10 am Service 11:15 Board Coffee	10 8:30 am Private Event	11 5:30 Board Mtg. 6:30 Private Event 6:30 Financial Peace	12	13 8 am Private Event 7 pm Thursday Reflections	14 9:00 am Private Event 7 pm "Pursuing the Dream" Watch Party	15 1 pm Garden Work Party
16 10 am Service 6:30 Private event	17 10:30 Membership Mtg.	18 8 am Private Event (tentative)	19	20 7 pm Thursday Reflections	21 9:00 am Private Event 6 pm Community Potluck	22 8:30 am Private Event
23 10 am Service 12:30 Growing Old Gracefully	24 8:30 am Private Event	25 6:30 Private Event 6:30 Financial Peace	26	27 7 pm Thursday Reflections	28	29
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August Sunday Services

Sunday, Aug. 6 – 10 a.m. – Harmony with Mother Earth – Veronica Galliani, Joanne Huffman, Bob Billstom

Veronica, Joanne and Bob will lead us in an exploration of how we are able to experience harmony with our Mother Earth. Please bring a flower, a shell, an object, or a memory of feeling at one with nature and the world. Share your thoughts and treasures with us.

Sunday, Aug. 13 – 10 a.m. – Raising Peace from the Ashes of War – Chip Sharpe, Rev. Bryan Jessup

In this service coordinated by Chip Sharpe and the Rev. Bryan Jessup, we will remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the death and destruction caused by all war. We will explore what we, as citizens, can do to heal wounds and create peace in our individual lives and in the wider world around us.

Sunday, August 20, 2017 – 10 a.m. – Unifying Values: Messages for Life Among Us – Wendy Rowan

Poetry can be appreciated as providing messages for life. Many of us have favorite poems that have been helpful with our life journeys. Often such poems express unifying values found in many faith traditions and cultures such as love, justice, dignity, peace, harmony and faith. This Sunday, attendees are encouraged to bring a poem to share that illuminates a unifying value.

Wendy Rowan has been facilitating poetry participation services for many summers at the Fellowship. Her love of poetry was nurtured by Jean Wagner, a founding member of the Fellowship.

Sunday, Aug. 27 – 10 a.m. – Stragglers: Struggles Becoming Strengths – Bob Billstrom

This will be largely the true story of a journey from the internal and external prison of a “straggler” and “outcast” to a life of deep self-acceptance and celebration of personal uniqueness and power.

Bob has been friend of HUUF since 2009, when he was invited to attend by Marie Escher, who believed the warmth of the Fellowship would greatly benefit the situationally troubled Bob. Eight years later, and true to the rebel nature of many UUs, he is not a member but a steadfast and loyal friend who has found himself serendipitously increasing his love and involvement with the Fellowship.

July Sunday Services

Sunday, July 2 – 10 a.m. – Bridging the Chasms Between Us with Common Values – Berti Welty

In UU circles we often say, “We don’t have to think alike to love alike.” What might be possible if we really expand that concept beyond our walls? Are there values which people of different faiths and political orientations can agree are common, and are they life sustaining? Can we learn to deeply listen to others from our hearts. Can shared values motivate us to act in the world, perhaps alongside people of differing cultures or beliefs. We will start with an exploration of the Common Values selected by the elder caucus of the True North organization, in which this congregation is active. These are: Love, Justice, Dignity, Peace, Harmony and Faith. There will be opportunities for reflection and discussion.

Sunday, July 9 – 10 a.m. – In Spirit-Crushing Times, Read a Book – Valerie Gizinski

A book can provide solace when we’re suffering, instill hope when we’re down, fire up our souls or open our eyes to new possibilities. A lovely way to find a wonderful book is a recommendation from a friend. Please come and tell us about the books that have lifted your spirits and made a difference in your life.

Valerie Gizinski, along with her spouse, Pat Carr, have been Fellowship members since 1995. Valerie’s passion for reading began long ago with *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, read after lights-out, under the covers with a flashlight.

Sunday, July 16 – 10 a.m. – Faith and Resilience: In This I Trust – Bonnie MacGregor

Our Unitarian Universalist “faith” tradition draws from many sources: direct experience of the mystery affirmed in all cultures; wisdom from the world’s religions; teachings and practices of Earth-centered traditions; and the guidance of reason and the results of science. This becomes very personal and urgent for us when we face loss or pain beyond our ability to cope. What then do we turn to in order to “make it through?”

Bonnie will facilitate our sharing and listening to each other’s stories of resilience and experiences in testing the sources of strength in which we trust.

Sunday, July 23 – 10 a.m. – Songs that Move Us to Justice – Joanne Huffman, Veronica Galliani and more

Join with us to sing and listen to songs that inspired movements toward social justice throughout the years. Share your memories from the past and hope for the future of justice in our world. Please bring snacks to share during this informal summer gathering.

Sunday, July 30 – 10 a.m. – Common Threads – Quakers and Unitarian Universalists – Berti Welty

Both Quakers and Unitarian Universalists have evolved from a strong Christian foundation into religious communities with shared values combined with a powerful call to make a positive difference in the world. Join us as we explore the differences and commonalities between these two faith traditions. What is Quaker worship? What does it mean to “hold someone in the light?” We will hear about Quaker practices such as the use of testimony, advices and queries, and the unity process. We will also get a taste of worship through stillness.

Big Lagoon All-Fellowship Picnic

The Big Lagoon All-Fellowship Picnic will take place on Saturday, **July 8**, from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. Bring your friends. Bring your beach stuff. Bring paddle craft. Bring games. We'll play in and on the water. Maybe play in the sand. The Barbecue will have burgers (including vegetarian ones) and hotdogs. Bring side dishes to fill out the picnic. We are asking a few people to bring sliced tomatoes, leaf lettuce, sliced onions and pickles. Please let me know if you are willing to bring these items. We'll provide the burgers, hotdogs and buns. Plan on eating about 12:30.

Directions: Head north on 101 past Trinidad and the turn-off for Patrick's Point. There is a long downhill stretch. The left turn for Big Lagoon is just after the freeway becomes a four-lane road. Follow the brown signs to the day use area of Big Lagoon County Park. Bring a few dollar bills for the parking fee. Look for our blue canopy. For more information, call 476-0654 or email bertijo@humboldt1.com



Berti Welty

Excerpt from the 1966 Ware Lecture by Dr. Martin Luther King

There is nothing more dangerous than to build a society with a large segment of individuals within that society who feel that they have no stake in it, who feel that they have nothing to lose. These are the people who will riot, these are the people who will turn their ears from pleas for non-violence. For the health of our nation, these problems must be solved. In the areas of housing, schooling, and employment there is still a great deal that must be done. We've come a long, long way; we still have a long, long way to go and action programs are necessary. I've heard it said that the day of demonstrations is over; this is something that we hear a great deal. Well, I'm sorry that I can't agree with that. I wish that I could say the day of demonstrations is over, but as long as these problems are with us, it will be necessary to demonstrate in order to call attention to them. I'm not saying that a demonstration is going to solve the problem of poverty, the problem of housing, the problems that we face in the schools. It's going to take something much more than a demonstration, but at least the demonstration calls attention to it; at least the demonstration creates a kind of constructive crisis that causes a community to see the problem and causes a community to begin moving toward the point of acting on it. The church must support this kind of demonstration. As the days unfold, I'm sure that we will need this more.



Caring Circle happy hour

Your Fellowship Caring Circle invites you to join us for a Happy Hour meeting on Friday, **July 7**, at 5 p.m. We'll serve appetizers, beer and wine.

This is an opportunity to get acquainted with us and learn about our mission. We are a congenial, cooperative, supportive committee doing "feel good" work.

More hearts, hands and energy are needed to ensure that we are at full strength.

Nancy Engel, Nancy Cook, Sylvia Shaw, Jeanne Chapin, Roxana Hand, and Pat McCutcheon

An Invitation to Circle Dinners

Circle Dinners are a fun, casual opportunity to socialize with other HUUF Members and Friends and get to know each other. These occur once a month at the convenience of hosts and guests.

One person (or two people, for those wish to co-host) hosts a dinner in their home or appropriate place of their choosing. They decide how many they would like to have participate in their dinner and organize the dinner from a list of names provided. The host usually prepares the main dish and contacts the guests, asking them to bring side dishes, salad, appetizer, dessert, beverages, etc. Different people attend each dinner, allowing guests to vary each time.

For those not currently on the Circle Dinner list, please add your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet available in the foyer on Sunday mornings, or contact Eve at 444-8220. Please let me know if you are willing and able to host, and in what month(s) you would like to be a host.

Eve Anderson

Groundbreaking for new storage sheds

It's a groundbreaking – at least if you consider that we've started construction of two new storage sheds just off the deck by the HUUF office. The new sheds will help consolidate our stuff (including stuff stored off-site at a cost of \$110 per month) into one of the two new locations. This is going to be a major event. Huge thanks to Berti Welty for the vision, drive, scale model and energy behind consolidating our stuff, reducing monthly expenses and freeing up space in RE.

Because the sheds are small, we won't need a permit to build either one. One of them will be at floor level so that heavy items can be wheeled to various locations without disturbing people in the Sanctuary. We'll build the sheds entirely with our own volunteer labor. Contact JoAnn Huffman at jaahuffman@gmail.com or 510-586-1415 to learn when work is scheduled. We're going to self-fund these storage sheds, so please consider making a contribution to HUUF. On your checks, please write "storage building" into the memo line.



Deadline info

Deadline for the **September** issue of the newsletter is Sunday, **August 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.

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.

Membership Committee

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are 10¢ per word. Send your check to the HUUF office and the text of your ad to newsletter@huuf.org (email only).



All-Fellowship Summer Retreat

Get ready to join us **August 4-6** for the Second Annual All-Fellowship Summer Retreat, a mixture of stimulating workshops, fun crafts, inspiring worships, hikes, and peaceful times relaxing by the river or under a tree. There will be special Kid Zone activities, teen programs, a No-Talent-Required Talent show, and intergenerational happenings for all to enjoy.

We will stay at the beautiful Mattole Retreat Center (www.mattolecamp.com). In addition to cabins with bunk beds, spaces for tents and RVs are available at the same price. There is a special swimming hole, volleyball court, and lots of green grass and shady trees. A large campfire area will be available for evening programs and campfire treats. The main lodge, with limited sleeping area, is handicap accessible.

All meals are included. We will be doing our own cooking (to help keep the price down), and everyone will be asked to pitch in to help with chores.

Cost:

Adults (13 and up)	\$105
Youth (6-12)	\$80
Child (2-5)	\$60
under 2	Free
max per Family	\$300

There will be partial scholarships available.

Now is the time to register and be a part of this wonderful all-congregation retreat. Reservations are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available in the foyer or online at <http://huuf.org/2017registrationform.pdf>. Mail completed form and deposit to Bert Taylor, 2152 Mustang Lane, Arcata CA 95521, or return it to the registration table. You can also pay online at <https://goo.gl/KuvnS5>.

The scholarship request deadline is **July 9**; registration deadline is **July 23**. For information, contact me at 476-0654 or bertijo@humboldt1.com.



Berti Welty

Humboldt Mediation Services Mediator Training

Annual training of community volunteer mediators is being conducted by Humboldt Mediation Services at HUUF. Classes for the 34-hour course run from 5:15 to 9 p.m. beginning on Monday, **October 2**, and continuing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Saturdays, October 7 and 14, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is two weeks of intense role-play, discussion, and fun. You will be prepared to serve on a panel of three mediators and will practice skills applicable to every facet of life.

Two spaces in the class are reserved tuition-free to HUUF members. Priority is given to staff or committee members. Preregistration is required. Register by **September 2** for discounted fees.

Contact me at chipsharpe@sbcglobal.net or 599-6009, or Humboldt Mediation Services at 445-2505 or www.humboldtmediationservices.org for information and to register.

Chip Sharpe



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Looking Ahead

Sun	June 25	Congregational meeting after service to adopt 2017/18 budget
Sun	June 25	3 p.m. LGBTQI poetry reading.
Sun	June 25	6 p.m. HUUF statement on Sanctuary Policy with Centro Del Pueblo
Tues.	June 27	7:30 p.m. Roy Zimmermann concert
Sat	July 8	10-2 All Fellowship picnic at Big Lagoon
Sun	July 16	Coffee with the Board – immediately after service
Fr-Su	Aug 4-6	HUUF retreat @ Mattole Camp and Retreat Center
Fr-Su	Aug 4-6	Young Adult Con
Fr-Su	Aug 11-13	Teen Con
Sun	Aug 13	Coffee with the Board – immediately after service
Sat	Aug 19	Memorial service for Awanna Kalal
Wed	Sept 6	Choir begins weekly rehearsals
Sun	Sept 10	Gathering of the Waters – still on single service
Sun	Sept 10	Coffee with the Board – immediately after service
Sat	Sept 16	Taco fiesta at the Fellowship
Sun	Sept 17	Begin two services
Sat	Oct 7	Jamilla Tharp ordination
Sun	Oct 8	Coffee with the Board – between services
Sun	Oct 22	Congregational meeting – approve nominating committee
Fr-Su	Nov 10-12	Teen Con
Fr-Su	Nov 17-19	Young Adult Con

