

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A note from the minister

October 2015

For our focus this year, the Board chose “Building Beloved Community,” and, as I mentioned in my last column, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. named the creation of Beloved Community as his ultimate goal. The late psychologist and author, Dr. M. Scott Peck focused on Beloved Community as well and articulated several things it demands of us if we hope to participate in it. It demands that we include one another. It demands that we listen to one another deeply and work for consensus in our decisions, and it demands a steady commitment over a long time because Beloved Community is not built overnight.

As I think of this congregation in light of these demands I know they represent an ongoing challenge but I am heartened by the inclusivity, the respect and the commitment that is already evident and has been for years. Still, when it comes to getting things done, we need to remember to be patient. If we remember we are not just “getting stuff done” but also building Beloved Community, that patience may come a little more easily.

So, as this new Fellowship year unfolds and as we “get things done,” let us continue to include one another, listen to one another, be true to our process and relax and enjoy the journey every step of the way. That’s how the Beloved Community of this Fellowship has been, and will continue to be built.

Yours in the Journey

Rev. Bryan Jessup

Childcare

Attention all folks who wish to schedule childcare.

If you need to schedule childcare for a Fellowship sponsored event, Celia Haro is the interim Childcare Coordinator, her phone is 213-344-6938 or email ch186@humboldt.edu. She will need two weeks notice before your event.

Jillian Mooney



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 would love to have you join us when you’re ready.

Awanna Kalal

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People

Welcome new members **Mike Harris, Sherry Singh and Hari Singh**. Please notice their green name badges and take time to introduce yourself.

Pat Carr says “I was just walking on the ground and apparently stumbled. I have a quite rare injury called ‘bilateral quadriceps tendon ruptures’ which happened as I was painting our trellis, not hiking up a mountain as I was planning to do a few days later. I have little use of either leg, and expect a fairly long recovery.”

Virginia Chatfield is struggling with health care decisions and may be headed for surgery on her neck this winter. Yet, she is gardening on the HUUF grounds as if it caused her no pain. Thank you Virginia.

Michael Enis, Cathy’s son, just finished a very successful Ferndale Rep role as leading man in “Legally Blond.”

Edie Jessup’s broken ankle is limiting her. She can’t drive, and can’t get into some vehicles, but it isn’t slowing her down much. She is orchestrating many events from her wheelchair.

Darsty McAlinn arrived at the Stanford Cardiac Unit thinking she might have to have open heart surgery, but came away with only a band-aid on her wrist. She is thrilled with the process to unblock her circulation system.

Stephen Sottong attended the World Science Fiction Convention in Spokane and had a great time except for the day when the fires left the air hazardous to breathe. He also visited two of his nieces and former HUUF member Mashaw McGuinnis.

Ginger Kossow had a short hospitalization for afib issues, but is feeling fine. She reports very little need for medications.

Yours Truly, **Sylvia**, now has a break in each of the cobalt-chromium rods that run the length of her spine. They broke at the same level indicating extreme pressure at that location. No health risks other than pain are indicated.

Sylvia Shaw



Board report

Your Board of Trustees’ September 8 meeting looked back with members of the Stewardship Education Committee at the Spring pledge drive. They reported an increase in the average pledge and an increase in the number of “friends” pledging. They also asked how to handle members who do not pledge and whose UUA dues of \$87/year are subsidized by the Congregation. It was suggested we might have sponsorships.

The Board also looked forward to the adoption of a purchase and procurement procedure which requires pre-authorization and budget line numbers in order to be reimbursed for expenses. As a tool to aid this process, quarterly Quick Books reports will be sent to chairs of all committees who have a budget.

How to survey without doing a dreaded survey for our “Priorities and Goals,” previously referred to as the “5 Year Plan,” was discussed as we looked forward to the **October 11** Congregational Meeting.

Homework was passed out for decisions at the **October 13** meeting concerning a study book for our “Beloved Community” theme and for a review of the trial governance system of the Operations Teams in year 2014-15 and present.

Please join us at a Board (**October 13**, 5:30) or Team (**October 27**, 5:30) meeting or pass on your thoughts and concerns to Board members via conversation or email.

Sylvia Shaw

Religious Education

October 4

Preschool

Who are we? We'll get to know each other and make paper bag puppets.

Kdg-2

We'll explore what it means to be a UU and make art together.

3-5

Why did Sherlock Holmes use a magnifying glass? He was always questioning. We'll add this to our toolbox of faith in this weeks lesson. Come find out more.

October 11 - All Worship

All ages together will sing, dance and make a joyful noise to celebrate how grateful we are to live in our beloved community. We'll make grateful flags to remind us through out our week of the people and things that we have in our lives that bring us joy.

October 18

Preschool

Who is in our family? We all have different families, we'll make a family tree and share who is in ours.

Kdg-2

We'll talk about how we can be good people in the world. We'll share and make a craft.

3-5

Did you know before GPS there was a tool called a compass? Ancient mariners used this to cross the seas in ships and explorers used it to stay on track. They used it for the integrity, something that was always accurate. Come find out more about integrity.

October 25 - Social Action Sunday

All ages together will cook for the Arcata night Shelter.

Youth Group schedule

October 4

Middle Schoolers under 13 will meet at 11, and Teens will meet at 12:30. Both groups will look at the UU principles and discuss what they mean, their implications, whether we agree with them, and ways we can put them into practice.

October 10

Both groups will meet together and will participate in a community style worship at the Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

October 16

We'll having a movie night for the youth at 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship.

October 25

The youth will learn about different social justice movements and discuss ways they can become involved in social movements they are passionate about.

Jillian Mooney

Getting events on the HUUF calendars

To ensure that everything occurring at HUUF or HUUF related makes it onto the Calendar, please email office@huuf.org with the words “Calendar Request” included in the subject line. Don’t be afraid to ask for a confirmation, in fact, I suggest it.

If you want your event to be included in the Newsletter Calendar or the Website Calendar, please submit your written requests prior to the 20th of the previous month (i.e. the newsletter deadline).

If you want to add something to the Website Calendar after the deadline, please contact Steve directly at newsletter@huuf.org and request that he amend the Website Calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxana at 822-3793 or office@huuf.org.

Help shape the Fellowship, October 11

Be part of the discussions that will shape the Fellowship’s focus for the next five years. Join us at the Congregational Meeting on **October 11** after the second service.

First, we will be asked to approve the slate of three candidates for the Nominating Committee for 2015-2016. These three will evaluate and select the candidates for our next Board.

But even more importantly, we will discuss the Board’s Priorities and Goals for our future. This plan was described in a “Letter to the Congregation” in the September newsletter. A copy of the letter is linked from the homepage of our website www.huuf.org. Be thinking about the Board’s five goals: Modest growth, RE as top priority, Maintaining our physical plant, a focused Social Justice issue, and Financial Strengthening.

To prepare for the meeting’s discussion, consider: “Which of these goals could you put your energy behind?” and “How would you envision accomplishing this?” For instance, what social justice issue might we focus on, and how might we reach out to the greater Humboldt community with this issue? Or how might Children’s RE, Adult RE, and the congregation become more integrated? Such questions will characterize the congregational discussion starting October 11. There will be food to sustain us as we talk, and child care will be provided. Come be a part of shaping our future.

Adult RE class – the many sources of our UU faith

The class will be held Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall – starting October 5. The Rev. Jessup will facilitate. The class will focus on the fact that we each support our spirits in slightly different way, and that, as UUs, we have a number of great resources to choose from. We have the freedom to use what we find helpful and not use the rest, and we have the commitment to accept and honor one another in our different tastes, styles and paths. Sign up for this class by calling the office 822-3793, or by emailing the Rev. Jessup at minister@huuf.org.

Deadline info

Deadline for the **November** issue of the newsletter is Tuesday, **October 20**, 5:00 p.m. Send your committee reports and articles to newsletter@huuf.org. Neither PDF files nor late submissions can be accepted. Crisp, clear graphics may be sent as a separate file, not embedded in your article.

Stephen Sottong, editor



CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are 10¢ a word. Send your check to the HUUF office and the text of your ad to newsletter@huuf.org.

Art at the Fellowship

We thank Andrea Pickart and her friend Michael Harris for the beautiful photography we enjoyed in September. We will be graced with another photography show for October. This artist is one of the youth in the Fellowship, Slate Taylor. I love it when artist start young to share their talents with the world.

Then for November and December Rebecca Stauffer will be showing her work. On Saturday, **November 14** Rebecca will host Art of Giving in the sanctuary. Look for more about this in November newsletter and save some gift shopping until then.

January and February 2016 will be the annual All Member show of paintings and prints as well as photography. March and April will feature the work of members in fabric, glass, mosaic and any other 3D work that can be safely hung on the wall. May will be the children's art exhibit. June will be a guest artist. July and August are to be arranged. Which brings us back to September 2016. Are there suggestions?

Cheryl Peterson Rau



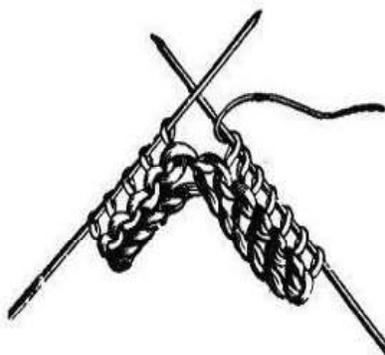
Craft group moves on

On a "cold and stormy day" about ten years ago a group of women gathered with knitting needles, crochet hooks, ready conversation and a huge number of stories and projects. The group clicked (literally) and has met the first Monday of every month since then.

In the interim we gathered new people, new projects and began to diverge with other projects and goals.

The last meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday, September 30. We encourage anyone to choose a new place to meet, with other ideas and projects and to Carry On!

Beverly Allen



Book club

If you like to read a variety of books and spend a delightful afternoon discussing them with a group of friends over a cup of coffee or tea; have we got a deal for you. Our book club of UU women is looking for additional members. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at different member's homes.

At our **October 16** gathering we will discuss the newly published book "A Year of Necessary Lies" by Kris Radish. This is the story about women who risked their lives supporting the goals of the Audubon Society in 1904. Their efforts in Florida to stop the slaughter of birds for their plumes was an undertaking that was both risky and inspiring.

For information about the meeting please contact me at 840-0938.

Anne Weiss

Doing HUUF chores and saving HUUF money

Thank you to the following folks who have volunteered to set up for our 9 a.m. services: Chip Sharpe, Valerie Gizinski and David Harris. We still need someone to set up for October 11 – and for all of November. Please email Bryan with dates you are willing to serve – minister@huuf.org

Thanks to the following folks who have volunteered to wash cups after our 11 a.m. service: John Schaefer, Sylvia Shaw, Chip Sharpe, Bert Taylor, Richard Kossow, Ruth Broderick. We still need cup washers for October 25 and November 8, 22 and 29. Please email Bryan with dates you are willing to wash – minister@huuf.org.

Sunday, Oct. 4 – 9 and 11 a.m.

St. Francis, the Pope and Universal Compassion – Rev. Bryan Jessup

In the Catholic tradition, Oct. 4 is the feast day of St. Francis. Many UUs, like people of other faiths, draw great inspiration from his example of compassion for humanity and all things living. The current Pope chose “Francis” as his name, and in remarkable ways he is following the saint’s teachings. Today we will honor the spirit of St. Francis. Bring photos or drawings of your animals, and during the Story for All Ages we will have a Blessing of the Animals.

Sunday, Oct. 11 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Magic is Real – Katherine Almy

Magic is real, and miracles happen all around us, says HUUF member Katherine Almy. It’s a simple message, she adds, but one that bears repeating. Katherine will share her belief that life is full of miracles if we can learn to see them. “A part of me will always want to fly on a broomstick and wield a magic wand like Harry Potter,” she says, “but I also know that magic is relative. It all depends on how you look at the world.”

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Working for World Community Starts Right at Home – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Rev. Jessup and the Ministerial Relations Committee invite us to consider peacemaking and conflict resolution in our own hearts, in our fellowship community and around the world.

Sunday, Oct. 25 – 9 and 11 a.m.

Healing and the Human Heart – Karen Harris

The Buddha taught that suffering is inherent and inevitable in every human life. But we also carry within us a mysterious capacity for healing, the powerful potential to restore wholeness to our bodies, our minds, and even to our deeply wounded hearts. What is the alchemical power that can transform our experience of suffering into one of healing and wholeness? Can we heal our life’s deepest wounds? How can we align ourselves more completely with our intention to be a force for healing in the world? Looking beyond the science of medicine, we will explore more ancient forms of human wisdom about the transformative power of healing.

Karen is a university lecturer, yoga philosophy instructor and interfaith minister. She has spent years traveling in Asia and has lived and practiced in ashrams and monasteries in the U.S., India, Nepal and Tibet. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and currently teaches in HSU’s Religious Studies Department.

HUUF Events - October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:15 Private Event 7 pm Thursday Reflections * 7 pm Private Event	2 Set-up for Service Auction	3 * 8:30 am Private Event * 8:45 am Private Event 9 am Worship Leaders 9 am Bldg. Work Party 6 pm Service Auction
4 9 & 11 am Service 12:30 pm SAC Mtg. * 6:30 pm Private Event	5 * 6:30 Arcata Men's Group 7 pm Sources of Our UU Faith	6 * 5:15 pm Private Event 7:00 pm Financial Peace	7 *9 Private Event * 1:30 Crafts Group 6pm Training in Community Networking 7pm Choir	8 *5:30 Private Event 7 pm Thursday Reflections	9 * 9 am Private Event	10 * 8:45 Private Event
11 9 & 11 am Service 12:30 pm Cong. Mtg. *6 pm Private Event	12 7 pm Sources of Our UU Faith	13 5:30 pm BOT Mtg. 7 pm Financial Peace University	14 *9 am Private Event 6pm Training in Community Networking 7 pm Choir	15 7 pm Thursday Reflections	16 * 9 am Private Event	17 * 8:30 am Private Event 9 am Garden Work Party *5 pm Private Event
18 9 & 11 am Services 12:30 SAC Brunch * 6:30 Private Event	19 10:30 am Membership Mtg. * 6:30 pm Arcata Men's Group 7 pm Sources of Our UU Faith	20 10:15 Caring Circle 7 pm Financial Peace University	21 *9 am Private Event 10:30 am Ministerial Relations * 7 pm Private Event 7 pm Choir	22 7 pm Thursday Reflections	23 * 9 am Private Event	24
25 9 & 11 am Services 12:30 Aging with Grace * 12:45 RE Retreat	26 7 pm Sources of Our UU Faith	27 5:30 pm Op. Team Mtgs. 7 pm Financial Peace University	28 *9 am Private Event 6 pm Training in Community Networking 7 pm Choir	29 7 pm Thursday Reflections	30 * 9 am Private Event	31 * 8:30 am Private Event

Bio for Carl Thomas

My three brothers shared my early history but I started being my own person at 12, when my family moved from Menlo Park to Eureka in 1953. My first impression of Eureka was a wet, gray place with lumber mill burn cones at main crossroads.

Our parents wanted us to graduate from college. I found I could keep my grades up by taking all the art classes offered in junior and senior high school. This strategy didn't work when Dad made me take two years of Latin.

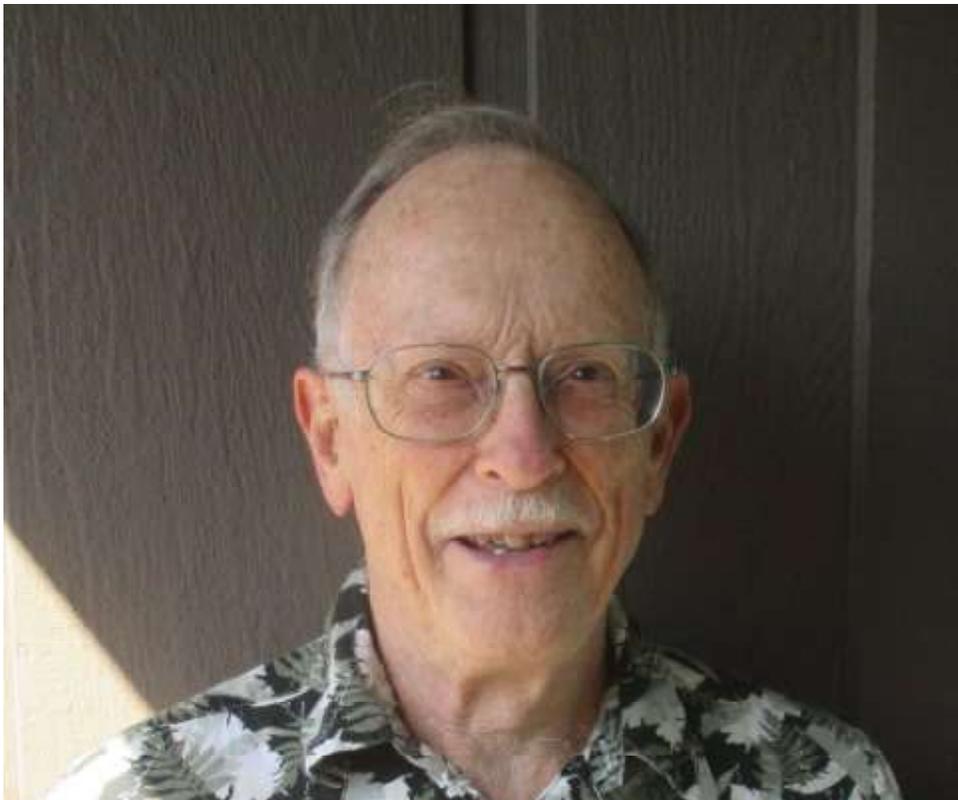
Trying to keep my grade point balanced at Humboldt State was a trial. After two years, I had a great girlfriend, JoAnn, and my art classes were fine, but Economics was like Latin to me. The college told me to take a break from school so I joined the Army.

After seven months of training I was assigned to an Evacuation Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. When not trucking, I worked as a surgical technician. JoAnn and I married and we spent the last year of my Army life in San Antonio. I was discharged in March 1965 and the 24th Evacuation Hospital went to Viet Nam shortly thereafter.

We returned to Eureka and I worked as an Orderly at the Trinity Hospital in Arcata on the 3 to 11 shift so I could attend HSU. Coworkers gave me a surprise baby shower in the breakroom, when our son John was born. Upon graduation, we moved to Tulare County where I worked as a Social Service Worker. I went back to school at Fresno State and got a teaching credential. We started attending the Fresno UU Church about that time and we had our third child. The Unitarian philosophy was what was missing in our other religious searches.

Becoming a Special Education teacher for Fresno County was a perfect fit for me. Our children grew up in Fresno and are Unitarians. JoAnn worked in health insurance, and with the Girl Scouts before getting her teaching credential. We both taught in the Central Valley for several years, then moved back to Eureka and began working for Humboldt County Special Education. I retired after 32 years of teaching severely handicapped children.

This year we attended the UU General Assembly in Portland with our grandson. This was a wonderful experience of listening and seeing ways to make the world a better place.





New member bio

Tamara McFarland began attending HUUF this Spring with her two children - Carlos, 9 and Bella Mae, 4. Tamara and her husband, Matt, are lifelong residents of Humboldt County. Tamara grew up in Freshwater and still has many relatives in the area.

Tamara is self-employed as a jewelry designer working from her home studio (www.mcfarlanddesigns.com). She also enjoys cooking, knitting, gardening, and taking walks with her three dogs. Matt is a Eureka firefighter. Carlos attends Freshwater School and Bella Mae is in preschool. The McFarland family enjoys outdoor activities like going to the beach, kayaking, and camping.

Tamara has been involved in various social justice causes over the years, from supporting local animal welfare organizations and vegan outreach efforts to promoting fair trade, marriage equality, international women's rights, and immigrant rights. Tamara is happy to have found a congregation of kind and open-minded individuals and looks forward to getting to better know more of you.

Board sponsors Shay MacKay as candidate for ministry

At its September Meeting the HUUF Board of Trustees voted unanimously to sponsor our former Administrator, Shay MacKay, as a candidate for UU Ministry. Sponsorship means that the Board has knowledge of the candidate, attests to her relationship with a UU Congregation and has faith in her skills and abilities.

Along with their sponsorship, the Board asked Shay to send a note about how her journey is going. Shay replied:

“Three years ago, held safely in HUUF’s loving embrace, I closed my eyes and surrendered to a call that had been moving within me for a long time. I entered seminary, let go and gave way - to whatever the process of formation required of me, to wherever the journey toward deeper ministry took me, and to however Spirit decided to dance and flow through me. Now, after all kinds of adventures, I am settling in to explore large church, urban parish ministry with Unity Church – Unitarian in St. Paul, MN. I also just finished a summer internship at the University of Minnesota Medical Center as an interfaith chaplain, which allowed me to be present for many deep and tender moments in people’s lives. My time spent in these two places continues to make it clear that I am headed in the right direction. With all that is happening in my life these days, I try not to spend too much time thinking about graduation next May and what will happen after, but I’m honored by HUUF choosing, once again, to affirm and support me on this journey, wherever it may lead. Peace and love to you, my friends.”



HUUF yard sale a success

A hearty thanks to all who worked on and contributed to the Multi-family / HUUF yard sale. Our net profit was \$1193. Kudos to Nancy Engels, Sylvia Shaw, Ann King and Barbara Madaras who not only contributed many items for the sale, but also helped to set-up, staff the sale, and sort things afterwards. Without your help, the sale would not have been a success. Also, thanks to all of you who contributed and/or shopped. It took the entire community.

Remember: We've started an on-going project of selling small, shippable items on ebay with the profits going to HUUF. Have items? Call or email me at 476-0654 or bertijo@humboldt1.com.

Berti Welty

Writing group?

Once upon a time, there was a lady who had an idea for a story. Instead of writing it down, she washed the dishes. The next week she longed to write a poem. Instead of writing it down, she typed an email. On the third week, the lady felt so inspired that she seized her favorite pen but could not find a single page to write on. She finally wrote 'Notebook' on her shopping list.

The End.

Having issues too? Want to start a HUUF writing group? I'm looking to meet with other people interested in developing their writing voice and/or life memiors. Contact me after service, or at cradlewaves@gmail.com

Caitlin Bair

PCD Leadership Workshop

Workshops on Religious Leadership for the 21st Century will be offered three times. Pick the date that best fits your team's needs:

17 October 2015: UU Church in Livermore

14 November 2015: UU Church of Davis

23 January 2016: First Unitarian Church of San Jose

Time: Open at 9:30 - program 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Register at www.pcdoua.org.

Thoughts on Social Action

Shared with Social Action Committee on September 13, 2015 by Veronica Galiani

I was hungry and you formed a humanities club to discuss my hunger. Thank you.

I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release.

I was naked and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.

I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for your health.

I was homeless and you preached to me of spiritual shelter of God.

I was lonely and you left me alone to pray for me.

You seemed so holy, so close to God.

But I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold.

So where have the prayers gone? What have they done?

What does it profit a person to page through their book of prayers when the rest of the world is crying for help?

Steven Allen May 1970-71

Style notes

The newsletter uses a few particular style conventions:

Use only one space between sentences.

Paragraphs should be separated by a single carriage return and indented.

We don't use the "th" or "rd" at the ends of dates (e.g. October 4, not October 4th).

The proper form for time is "a.m." and "p.m." (not AM or pm).

I will remove almost every exclamation point.

Don't use tabs, spaces or carriage returns to format articles (I just have to remove them).

Working with me on these points helps speed the production of the newsletter.

Stephen Sottong



RE Retreat summary and goals

RE parents came together at the annual Religious Education Retreat on August 23 to delve into issues of parenthood, and what we'd like our children to find within RE. Bryan started us off by asking what questions about religion that our children have or we have on their behalf. These are some of the questions our RE kids and families are contemplating:

- What is death? What happens? How do we understand 'the afterlife'?
- How do we find unity as a family if different members have different religious beliefs?
- How do we cope with people who are judgmental or preach their religion (Hell, etc.) to your kids?
- Why do we have religions when people all around the world are fighting about them?
- What does it mean to be religious? What does it mean to be UU?
- How do we define the meaning of 'God' for ourselves instead of a mainstream portrayal?
- How do we keep the doors of religion/spirituality open to kids who firmly disbelieve in God?
- How come bad things happen to good kids?

No one tried to provide the answers that afternoon, but we knew that within HUUF our children would be able to explore and discuss these kinds of topics. Keeping these deeper issues in mind, we spent the second half of the retreat identifying goals that we wanted the RE Committee to focus on for 2015-16. Additional parents gave input at Fiesta Night the following week. The following will be our committee goals, in order of priority:

1. Provide parenting support with events like: more get-togethers, workshops on parenting topics, and continuing the monthly support group Parenting Together.
2. Expand OWL (Our Whole Lives) in future years to include younger grades and high school by working with the OWL committee.
3. Build natural playscapes to eventually replace the play structure with such natural features as trunks, mounds, swales, etc., built in an exploration-friendly and kid-safe manner.
4. Breach the generational gap within HUUF by looking for ways for families to better socialize with our senior members and to improve the overall 'welcome' to new families.

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Danielle Stubblefield, RE Committee Chair

UU principles and the chakras

This is an exploration for personal transformation using a series of Pagan (Earth-centered) Unitarian Universalist circles. In this experiential series, we will explore the alignment between the seven UU principles and the seven chakras, the major energy centers in the body according to ancient yogic philosophy and neo-pagan interpretations. We will meet once a week for seven weeks. Dates and times TBA. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP at 633-5527 or lovelucera@gmail.com

I've been active in the Goddess community for over 15 years as an artist, poet, priestess, presenter, and skilled ritualist. I graduated from UC Davis in studio art, and California Essence School of Yoga. I also studied Imaginal Psychology at Meridian University. I'm currently a special education credential candidate at Humboldt State University.

Lucera Love



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Hey batter, batter, batter...

Our big game is almost here. It's the Play-offs, Final Four (Ten?) and Grand Slam all rolled into one. Our Service Auction will be held on Saturday, **October 3** from 3-7.

The silent auction will begin immediately with the first table closing at 3:45. There will be two other tables of exciting auction items including services, dinners and unique items. The final silent auction table will close at 5:00.

A delicious dinner of barbecued burgers, both beef and veggie, plus all the fixings, macaroni salad, and apple cobbler ala mode will be ready at 5:00 or as soon as auction closes. The Dugout Store featuring hand crafted items, toys, books and homemade goodies will be open the entire auction.

Childcare with special activities will be provided. It promises to be a fun fundraiser for HUUF. Batters Up!

JoAnn Thomas