

Sunday Services

Feb. 6 – 9 and 11 a.m. Rabbi Naomi Steinberg of Temple Beth-El, will speak. She has done entertaining and enlightening services at the Fellowship several times. She sings and tells stories from the old testament.

Feb. 13 – 9 and 11 a.m. Collective Responsibility — Loren Cannon, Ph.D.

Dr. Loren Cannon will share details of his dissertation, which deals with philosophical questions about responsibility, especially whether it can be attributed to a collective or just an individual. If a collective can be responsible for something, he states, then there is the question of whether that responsibility "distributes" to members of the collective, or not, and under what conditions. Cannon argues that one's character becomes morally tainted through the internalization of group narratives that unjustly divide humanity into "us" and "them;" those who are thought to be morally considerable and those who are less so. Such narratives identify the values of the group in question and produce a social environment in which one is pressured to accept the stories as true and to act accordingly. Borrowing from Peter French's views of moral immaturity, Cannon argues that individuals in such circumstances often need to re-describe both the story of their group and their own personal narrative to begin to take responsibility for group-based devaluing practices.

Dr. Cannon has a PhD from Arizona State University and has taught philosophy at Humboldt State since his graduation in 2006. While his research revolves around collective responsibility, he also has publications which focus on philosophical aspects of compassion and the nature of gender. Before earning his doctorate, he taught college-level mathematics, was a naturalist ranger for the National Park Service and served in the Peace Corps in Nepal.

February 20 – 9 and 11 a.m. Radical Hospitality – Rev. Dorothy May Emerson

The Rev. Dorothy May Emerson will talk about "Radical Hospitality: What does it mean to be welcoming? What is at the root of the practice of hospitality?"

Rev. Emerson is a Unitarian Universalist community minister with Rainbow Solutions in Medford, Mass., where she focuses on connecting spirituality, money and justice; consults with organizations such as Promise the Children; and is the coordinator of the Margaret Fuller bicentennial. Her books include "Standing Before Us: Unitarian Universalist Women and Social Reform 1776-1936," "Glorious Women: Award-Winning Sermons about Women" and "Becoming Women of Wisdom: Marking the Passage into the Crone Years." She is currently working on a memoir from the 1960s. She is in the area to visit her brother, Howard Emerson, who will play the Celtic harp for the service.

February 27 – 9 and 11 a.m. Loleta Project – Panel discussion

This program will give us an update on the congregation's Loleta Project and to give information on ways in which members of the congregation may contribute even more if they choose. The three guest panelists will be Sally Hadden, the principal of Loleta School where several members of HUUF assist in classrooms; Gillian Sparrow, the person in charge of the Loleta Food Pantry to which members of HUUF contribute each third Sunday of the month; and Marina Cortez-Hash, coordinator of the Loleta Community Resource Center, which HUUF has supported through donations of money, clothes, shoes, etc.