

Sunday, August 2, 11 a.m.

Emanating the gift of peace – Dr. Roy Tamashiro

Professor and peace activist Dr. Roy Tamashiro, a third generation Japanese American, will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His presentation will be part of his "Coming Full Circle" peace pilgrimage marking the 50th anniversary of his first visit to Hiroshima.

Dr. Tamashiro shares the narratives of Hiroshima citizens, including several hibakusha (A-bomb survivor-witnesses). By listening to their profound suffering, unbearable pain and never to be recovered losses, we paradoxically find healing for ourselves. Dr. Tamashiro will guide us in meditation and communion, assisting us to find and practice peace. He is chairman of the International Studies Committee of the Multidisciplinary Studies Department/School of Education at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

A Friday night potluck on July 31 at 6:00 p.m. will offer an opportunity to converse with him in a more informal environment.

Sunday, August 9, 11 a.m.

How a Book Changed My Life – Valerie Gizinski

We come together again to tell about a dearly loved book that transformed the way we look at the world. It could be something read to you when you were small or a book you read this year. We would love to hear about it. The service will be led by Valerie Gizinski, a long-time Fellowship member and avid reader.

Sunday, August 16, 11 a.m.

The Frog at the Bottom of the Well – Barbara Madaras,

Barbara Madaras, our new vice president and a HUUF member since 1999, shares a local story in which enlarging individual perspectives led to a trusting, and subsequently a creative relationship, one that is benefiting our community with a magnificent grove of old-growth redwoods. Since wisdom begins when we see that our own view is limited, perhaps we will all leave a little wiser.

Sunday, August 23, 11 a.m.

Credos in a Non-creedal Religion – Chris Chapin & Berti Welty

While Unitarian Universalists do not have a common set of beliefs, we each have struggled to decide for ourselves what we individually believe, or don't believe, about spiritual matters. Participants of the recent Building Your Own Theology class will share their experiences and insights gained.

Sunday, August 30, 11 a.m.

Homeless or Houseless: The Politics of Scarcity – Edie Jessup

Edie Jessup will explore the concept of food, shelter and health care as human rights, and the spiritual imperative to stand up for the common good in our interdependent web. The presentation will also delve into ways in which the Fellowship can get involved.

Edie is working on two projects with our homeless neighbors: Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives and the Humboldt Edge newspaper. In Maine, she worked for years with the York County Shelter Programs, and in Fresno she worked with homeless advocates.