



Redwood Reachout

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Sunday Worship Services

August 1, 10:30 a.m.: ***The Blessings and Curses of Tacky the Penguin*** — Marcus Liefert
Tacky is an odd bird, unique in all ways. What gifts have we received from the emphasis modern society, and Unitarian Universalism, has placed on individualism? What traps has it led us to fall into? Our UUtradition shows us that there is a time to be a heretic, and a time to follow tradition, a time to emphasize the individual, and a time to recognize the greater web.

August 8, 10:30 a.m.: ***Imag(e)ining the Divine*** — Marcus Liefert
There is a long history of controversy and strife in almost every religious tradition surrounding images of the divine. What is the role of the image and of the imagination in experiencing the holy? How has this controversy shown up in our own faith, and how might we use images and art to express and experience the divine more fully?

August 15, 10:30 a.m.: ***Hope Within History*** — Rev. Laurel Liefert and Marcus Liefert
Our current task as American religious thinkers is to liberate the spiritual and moral imagination. We have the opportunity to transform our critiques and our wounds into an energizing hope and imagination. How shall we choose to bless the world? Share the Plate: Haitian Connection.

August 22, 10:30 a.m.: ***Report from General Assembly*** — Bill and Geri Kennedy et al.
Join us for the annual General Assembly service to experience a bit of G A excitement and energy. Bill, Geri, Carol Cross, and Sarah Skovlund will share their adventures in Minneapolis.

August 29, 10:30 a.m.: ***Julia's Back ...*** — Rev. Julia Older
... and who knows what stories from the road she will share with us?

Invitation to Newcomers

Newcomers are warmly invited to join us for our monthly “Newcomer Circle” on August 8 after the service. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about our Fellowship and to ask any questions that you may have about us. We’ll meet in the Back Lounge at 11:45 for this 30-minute gathering. Childcare is available. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Johnson, Welcoming Coordinator, at 650-364-4995 or welcomer2uufrc@pacbell.net.

Director of Religious Education, Board of Trustees News

A Letter from Tracey Fecher



Dear UUFRC Community – After over 8 years on staff as the Director of Religious Education at UUFRC, I have made the decision to move on. I have accepted a position as the Autism Works Project Manager at Community Gatepath. Community Gatepath serves disabled infants to seniors with many programs and initiatives. It is an exciting opportunity for me to take the skills I honed as the Director of Religious Education and apply them, building programs in a new community.

My work in Religious Education has been very rewarding, and I am proud of the many programs we have built together over the years. My heart will still be at UUFRC; and the Fellowship will continue to be my family's spiritual community. I plan on attending services and possibly singing in the choir. I am working on a plan to define my transition from a member of the staff to a member of the congregation. There will be some guidelines to help us all as I transition to a new role in the congregation.

My time as the DRE at UUFRC has been precious to me. Most of all, I love the people of the congregation and believe that love will keep me connected to UUFRC for many years to come.

...and from Lori Longo, Board President

We are so very fortunate to have had Tracey Fecher as our DRE for the past 8 years. Her passion for the RE program resulted in significant growth in numbers of children attending, classes offered, and volunteer teachers involved with the children and programs. Her organizational skills helped establish a vibrant RE program at UUFRC that is a benefit to our whole community. Tracey will certainly be missed. We wish her well in her new position with Community Gatepath.

A committee will be formed in late August to begin the search for a new DRE. The search committee will include members from the RE Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Board and Rev. Julia. During the transition, while a search is conducted, Tracey has offered to consult with the RE Committee and Board of Trustees on a limited basis to get the RE programs up and running in the fall. We expect the RE program to continue as planned in the interim.

Thank you, Tracey, for all your love and dedication to the children, youth, parents and UUFRC community. We look forward to you and your family continuing as members of our community.

Board of Trustees July Meeting Highlights – Beverly Morgan, Corresponding Secretary

- For 2010-2011, Board Vice President is John Cooney, and Recording Secretary is Bill Welch.
- Cal Sloan will chair the Committee on Ministry; Eric Gentry has joined the committee.
- Steve Hill will be the chair for Building Maintenance; Linda Thomas will chair C-Groups.
- Administrator Debra Schwab suggested we install a password for UUFRC's WiFi network. The Board approved and Dave George will set it up and create a policy (if necessary). The password is in place, and anyone needing access can contact the office for the password.
- A new long-term renter, a violin instructor, will use the sanctuary Tues./Thurs., 1:30-6:30.
- Connections Committee chair Cindy Johnson has arranged for Olan Mills to update our photo directory, and pictures will be taken on October 21-23.

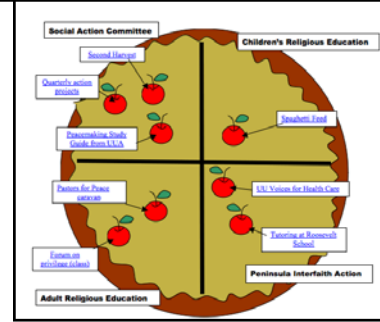
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Share the Plate with Haitian Women August 15

Over three million people were affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti, leaving thousands of Haitian people without homes, many of them women who are single parents and heads of households. Kay Pou Fanm Ayisyen is a project of Haitian Connection, a Haitian NGO, in partnership with Asosyasyon Peyizan Fondwa and the Trou Kofi Women's Organization of Fondwa. Fondwa, a rural community about an hour's drive from Port au Prince, suffered 90% devastation of its schools, homes, and infrastructure.

Women who own their own homes in Haiti are more able to maintain their own small businesses, and feed, clothe, and educate their children. Now is a crucial time for Kay Pou Fanm Ayisyen as they attempt to raise funds to help women in Fondwa build new homes for themselves and their families.

Sunday, August 15, UUFRC will be taking a special collection for this organization.



Mug O' Green Party for Peninsula Interfaith Action

Come join us for a Mug O' Green Party! The party is a benefit for Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA), which helps faith groups like UUFRC plan and initiate major social action projects, like our Roosevelt School tutoring program. While mingling with other friends of PIA, you'll receive your very own PIA mug filled with pesto pasta. You'll munch on garlic bread and veggies while sipping a refreshing green punch. We'll have ice cream for dessert and live entertainment, including a singing Irish priest! Green is the theme for the party, so wear green and bring your greenbacks and checkbooks. Prizes will be awarded for the most innovative green costumes.

The party takes place Friday, August 20 from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Matthew Church auditorium, 1 Notre Dame Ave. in San Mateo. The suggested donation is \$25 per person or \$50 per family. RSVP by August 13 to PIA by calling 650-592-9181, ext. 10.

May the luck of the green be with you!

Second Green Sangha Gathering August 14

Join us for the second Green Sangha gathering, a meeting and retreat in Redwood City on Saturday, August 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. As a grassroots organization, Green Sangha creates opportunities for individuals to come together to meditate, to educate and support one another, and to perform direct environmental action. Join us on August 14 to learn more about Green Sangha, meditate, discuss spiritual principles and practices, and enjoy earth-friendly snacks. Plans are being developed for Green Sangha actions on October 10 (that's 10/10/10) to move toward a sustainable society not dependent on polluting fossil fuels. We hope to be able to form a new West Bay/Peninsula chapter of Green Sangha. For more information, call 510-532-6574 or visit www.greensangha.org, or call Marianna Tubman, local event coordinator, at 650-367-7325.

Committee and Group Activities

UUFRC's Annual Rummage Sale, September 11 — Geri Kennedy

Yes, UUFRC's annual rummage sale is a happening thing! Save the date, September 11, with a preview sale Friday evening the 10th.

As always, we will need lots of volunteer help! We'll do our main sorting on Monday, the 6th, which just happens to be a holiday for many of us. There are loads of things to do: sort, price, help staff the floor on Saturday, and take the leftovers to Savers that afternoon. We'll continue sorting throughout the week of the 6th, so there will be lots of opportunities—something for everyone to do, even the kids can help! A sign-up sheet will be available in August.

Start saving your nice items so we can top last year's total of \$4,185! You can start bringing things to the church on Sunday, August 29. Items that sell well are nice children's toys and clothes, good electronics, tools, sports stuff, and kitchenware. Please do **not** bring textbooks, Reader's Digest books, big exercise equipment, broken electronic stuff, or adult clothing. Sorry to sound picky, but these are the things that experience has shown just don't sell well. If you bring something big that does not sell, we will be asking you to pick it up.



If your donation is something special, please tape a note so we know - the sorters and pricers are not always experts on that vintage amplifier/receiver (thanks to whoever donated that last year, we sold it on craigslist for \$275). You can also have a receipt for your donations; just ask.

August Hike/Beach Day at Marin Headlands —Kaye Bonney

Do your kids want to hang out at the beach but your spouse wants to go hiking? This month's outing has both options. We're heading up to the Marin Headlands, where those who wish can hike in the hills between Rodeo Lagoon and Tennessee Valley while others spend the day playing and picnicking on Rodeo Beach, a lovely sandbar between the lagoon and the ocean.

Hikers will start east of the lagoon, climb through coastal scrub along one side of the Gerbode Valley, crest at the ridgeline, walk out along Wolf Ridge toward the bluffs above the Pacific, and then head back down to Rodeo Beach. From the top we'll see the Golden Gate Bridge, Pacific Ocean, San Francisco, and the Bay.

This hike will be 6.8 miles long with an altitude gain of 960 feet. To accomplish this without walking back along Bunker Road at the end of the hike, we'll park a few cars at Fort Cronkite across from Rodeo Beach and then drive 1.5 miles back to the trailhead to start our hike.

Beachcombers can build sandcastles, play in the waves, or simply sunbathe. You can also take an easy 2-mile loop hike around Rodeo Lagoon or visit the Marine Mammal Rescue Center.

Meet at UUFRC at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 7, to carpool. Bring lunch and water. We should return to the Fellowship around 4 p.m.

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UUFRC Annual Retreat November 5–7 — Jen Davidson

Please mark your calendar and save the date for the UUFRC Annual Retreat, November 5–7 (Friday night through Sunday morning) at the Monte Toyon retreat center outside of Aptos.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of attending previously, the retreat is a wonderful way of relaxing and getting to know other members and friends better. The evenings tend to be quite informal, with board games, puzzles, music, beadings, crafts, and kids running around, sometimes with an organized “talent show” on Saturday evening. Saturday offers a number of different workshops, crafts, hiking, or just hanging out (there are activities for children and childcare for the youngest set). Meals are served buffet style and are quite good (the homemade bread is to die for!). Sunday morning features a short, informal, intergenerational worship service.

To make the retreat a success, we need crafts, workshops, and the like—led by YOU! Some examples of favorites from past years:

- tournaments (bocce ball, Frisbee golf)
- hikes (can be intergenerational, kids, night hikes, adults only, whatever)
- making ceramic chalices and Christmas ornaments
- decorating your own t-shirt or bag with fabric paints or sharpie tie dye
- making bookmarks for the hymnals
- making bath salts to sell at the Christmas bazaar
- “starry night” painting made by intergenerational artists and sold at the Silent Auction
- making masks inspired by the beautiful setting and used in the Sunday service
- making and decorating a huge egg-carton chalice
- workshops on subjects of general interest (e.g., health care, discrimination, parenting)

What we do is limited only by our imaginations! If you have an idea but don’t want to lead, or wouldn’t mind leading but don’t have an idea, please let me know—we’ll see what we can do. And let me know if you have ideas, have questions, or want to help!

Music Reading Clinics — Kay Kleinerman



If you want to learn to read music or brush up on your skills, come to the music reading clinics on two Thursdays, Aug. 5 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., taught by UUFRC Music Director Kay Kleinerman. We’ll start with basic music theory, and work our way through recognizing notes, note/rest values, time signatures, tempo indications, dynamic and tempo markings, and key signatures. The materials fee is \$10.00 per person (total). Please confirm your interest ASAP, so that Kay can make a roster and start to put together materials for all of you who plan to attend. You can contact Kay at kaykleinerman@mac.com.

Book Discussion Group (Now on Fourth Mondays!) — Carolyn Chaney

It’s not too late to read our July book, because Book Group has moved to the fourth Monday. For July 26, we are reading a classic, John Steinbeck’s *Winter of Our Discontent*. We meet in the front lounge from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For August 23, we are reading *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. September and October book picks are open for discussion at the next meeting. Hope you will come.

Who's Who and How to Contact Us

UUFRC Regular Events

Every Sunday ~ Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
 Every Thursday ~ Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
 1st Sundays ~ Social Action Committee, 12 noon
 1st Mondays ~ Connections Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 2nd Sundays ~ RE Committee, 8:30 a.m.,
 and Newcomer Circle, 11:45 a.m.
 2nd Tuesdays ~ Committee on Ministry, 7:15 p.m.
 2nd Thursdays ~ Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Mondays ~ Finance Committee, 6:20 p.m. ,
 3rd Tuesdays ~ Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 and PIA Local Org. Comm., 7:30 p.m.
 4th Mondays ~ Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m.
 Last Thursdays ~ Newsletter assembly for mailing, noon
 Summer schedules can vary. See the Calendar of Events at
www.uufrc.org for updates

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Contact a Board member if you have ideas to share regarding the organization and governance of the church.

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Committee on Ministry (CoM) for 2010-2011

Contact a Committee on Ministry member if you have issues to discuss regarding the shared ministry of the church. Examples include worship, outreach, how we are treating each other, and how the settled minister is serving the congregation.

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Board Highlights (continued from p. 2)

- The UUA Fundraising Consultant will visit during the weekend of September 17–19. The consultant will focus on new ideas for the annual budget drive. Dave George will be the Board liaison to the Fundraising Committee and consultant.
- Mike McGrew will administer the staff's Simple IRA plan.
- The Board discussed allocation of the budget surplus and reserves funding.
- Kay Kleinerman has become our Music Director, with added responsibilities and salary.

Calendar of UUFRC Events, August 2010

Sunday	1	10:30a 12n	Service: <i>The Blessings and Curses of Tacky the Penguin</i> — Marcus Liefert Social Action Committee
Monday	2	7p	Connections (Membership) Committee
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4		
Thursday	5	7p	Music Reading Clinic Part I — Kay Kleinerman
Friday	6		
Saturday	7	9a–4p	Happy Trails Hiking Club: Marin Headlands
Sunday	8	10:30a 11:45a	Service: <i>Imag(e)ining the Divine</i> — Marcus Liefert Newcomer Circle
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10	7:15p	Committee on Ministry
Wednesday	11		
Thursday	12	7p	Board of Trustees Music Reading Clinic Part II — Kay Kleinerman
Friday	13		
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15	10:30a	Service: <i>Hope Within History</i> — Rev. Laurel Liefert and Marcus Liefert
Monday	16	6:45p	Finance Committee
Tuesday	17	7p	Worship Committee
Wednesday	18	7:30p	PIA Local Organizing Committee: Education
Thursday	19	7:30p	Choir rehearsal
Friday	20	12n	Newsletter deadline
Saturday	21		
Sunday	22	10:30a 1:30p	Service: <i>Report from General Assembly</i> — Kennedys et al. “Are You Ready?” Disaster Preparedness Training
Monday	23	7:30	Book Discussion Group
Tuesday	24		
Wednesday	25		
Thursday	26	12n 7:30p	Newsletter assembly Choir rehearsal
Friday	27	8p	Chant Night
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29	10:30a	Service: <i>Julia’s Back</i> — Rev. Julia Older
Monday	30		
Tuesday	31		

First Call: Annual Pacific Central District Men’s Retreat

This year’s PCD Men’s Retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, October 15–17. Come join UU men for a weekend of fun, kinship, workshops and more! The location is the Westminster Retreat Center, Alamo (near Walnut Creek).

Registration: go to www.pcd-uua.org and click the link for “PCD Men’s Retreat.”

Contact: Gordon Smith, pcdmensretreat@gmail.com, or call 408-393-6182.

Welcome All!

*We nurture each other on our personal and spiritual journeys
As we work for peace, compassionate justice, and a healthy planet.*

Are You Ready? Personal Disaster Preparedness Training at UUFRC

UUFRC is hosting other Redwood City congregations for an “Are You Ready?” disaster preparedness training on Sunday, August 22, 1:30–4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. Participants will learn how to prepare before a disaster and respond at the time of a disaster. This training is provided by the Redwood City Fire Department and is part of the Peninsula Clergy Network Disaster Preparedness and Response Project.

Congregants, family, friends are welcome, but space is limited. Please sign up by contacting the Peninsula Clergy Network at 650-627-0065 or pcn@blueconnect.org, or sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 8.

For more information, please contact Janette Rabin (650-508-8500 or janetterab@aol.com), Carol Cross (650-575-7305 or crosso828@yahoo.com), or the Peninsula Clergy Network.



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Submissions for next issue due at noon **Friday, August 20.**

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