

# THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

*The Newsletter of the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Salem, Oregon  
April 8, 2009*



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## Dia de los Niños Potluck

Dia del niño, or the Day of the Child, has grown as an annual celebration throughout Mexico. This day recognizes children, pays homage to their importance in society, and endorses their well being. The Fellowship Team invites you to join us as we celebrate our children and youth during a potluck luncheon to be held on **Sunday, April 26**, after the service in the fellowship hall during our coffee and social hour.

You may sign-up for the luncheon on the sheets displayed in the fellowship hall. The sign up sheets help us to plan for a successful event. The Fellowship Team will need at least three people to help with setting up and five to help with cleaning up and putting away.

We will be putting together a slide show featuring our UUCS children; if you have pictures you would like included please forward them to Lydia as soon as possible. Contact Lydia.

*The Fellowship Team*

## Oregon State Penitentiary Service Opportunity

**Note:** *There was a misprint in the date for this event in the last newsletter. Our apologies. ~eds.*

Dances of Universal Peace, as part of The Open Door Project at the OSP, will coordinate an evening of spiritual dancing at OSP on **Thursday, April 30**. If you have participated in the Dances of Universal Peace at UUCS, this is an opportunity to participate in service work in the prison system.

The Open Door Project coordinates an evening once a month in which representatives from diverse spiritual traditions lead OSP members in a form of spiritual practice and offer a brief presentation related to the history of the practice. Rick has led Buddhist meditation in the prison and recommends the experience. "I had a good experience as we meditated and I felt very comfortable. The men were very gracious and hospitable. It's an unusual setting, but it was a good experience. I recommend it to you. It's meaningful and it helps to take down the walls of misunderstanding that exist."

I would like up to 10 dancers from UUCS to join 45 OSP members for an evening on dances as spiritual practice. Please contact me as soon as possible as background checks are necessary for anyone coming into the prison and OSP would like information on who will be attending at least two weeks in advance.

*from Pam Prichard*

## Reverential Ramblings

It's Friday morning, March 27. I'm sitting alone in the youth lounge at the First Unitarian Church of San Diego waiting for my ride to the nearby retreat center where the Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship is holding its biennial convocation.

It's been almost a quarter of a century since I served as the first intern minister of the San Diego congregation, and suddenly, here I am once again in the same place. On this gloriously beautiful morning I sit in solitude pondering the passage of time, marveling at all the changes the intervening time has wrought – seemingly, at this moment, almost in the blink of an eye. This is the same physical place where I was once an intern, but there is a new cast of characters. Pictures of my ministerial mentors, the Revs. Tom and Carolyn Owen-Towle, hang on the wall, but having since retired, they no longer hang around. I think about walking over to say “hi” to the folks in the office but there has been a complete turnover in the office staff – they don't know me. So I stay put. Besides, it's good to be alone, momentarily beyond the reach of all the normal demands and pressures of my life.

I fall into one of those poignant moods that once inspired Shakespeare to write: “When to the sessions of sweet silent thought / I summon up remembrances of times past / ...Then can I drown an eye (i.e., cry) for precious friends, hid in death's dateless night...” I think especially of the many members here who have since died.

Sitting alone I reflect on my internship at this large and loving congregation (over a thousand members). Frankly, it was an intense, pressure cooker experience – rarely taking a day off, attending so many meetings, always doing something or fretting about what needed to be done or getting psyched up to face that ultimate intern terror – preaching before a large congregation of thoughtful, well-educated, well-read people.

Belatedly, I realize that I tried so hard and worried so much about meeting people's expectations that I was not fully present – busyness crowded out and anxiety clouded over a deeper appreciation of this unique experience in this beautiful city. Now I wish I had relaxed more and enjoyed this special time. I don't exactly blame myself – I did the best I could at the time; but still, I feel a sense that somehow I was distracted from what was really important.

Soon enough my ride to the retreat center arrives. It's good to meet and meditate with a number of fellow Unitarian Universalists and reflect on how we can avoid living in a state of perpetual distraction and truly be present in each moment of our lives. The American Buddhist master, Shinzen Young, is there to both teach us and to embody the truths he teaches.

At the end of the retreat, The Rev. Arid Straube, senior minister in San Diego, recites an “evening gatha” used in Buddhist ceremonies:

“Let me respectfully remind you,  
Life and death are of supreme importance.  
Time passes by swiftly and opportunity is lost.  
Each of us should strive to awaken.  
Awaken! Take heed, do not squander your life.”

The entire experience gave me pause to think – twenty-five years hence (should I still be living), as I reflect back upon this day, will I have fond memories or regrets? How about you?

*Love, Rick*



**LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem**  
**April 8, 2009**

**Religious Education Dates to Note**

**Youth/Adult Weds.** – Meditation 7-9 PM

**Elder Adult Wed. Apr. 8** – From Age-ing to Sage-ing, 1 PM, Lib., and next five Weds.

**All Sun. Apr. 12** – Mystery Friends continues through April.

**Child Sundays** – Children’s Choir, 9:30 AM

**Youth/Adult Sundays** – Readers’ Forum, Hanneman Hall, 9:15 AM

**Child Sun. Apr. 12** – Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by high school youth, Children’s Choir performs

**Youth/Adult Tues. Apr. 14** – Religious Education Team meeting, 6-8 PM in library. All are welcome, contact Lise if need childcare

**Youth/Adult Wed. Apr. 15** – Bible and Folklore, 7 PM, Lib., and Weds. in April and May.

**Older Child-Adult Thur. Apr. 16** – Dances of Universal Peace, 7 PM, Hanneman Hall

**7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sat. Apr. 18** – 6 PM OWL sleepover

**Youth/Adult Mon. Apr. 20** – Dessert and discussion about Rick’s sermon on Apr. 12

**All Sun. Apr. 26** – Multigenerational Potluck after church to celebrate el Dia de los Ninos and the end of Mystery friends--they meet their partner today!

**Ages 11-15 Sat. May 2 & 9**: 9 AM – 1 PM Red Cross Babysitting Training. All participants are asked to give two hours free babysitting to the congregation, otherwise there is no cost.

**Lise’s Letter**

I’ve been thinking about the concept of grace a lot lately. It’s interesting to me because as Unitarian Universalists, some of us don’t like to use this word because of its connection with our Christian heritage. Maybe it reminds us of the heavier parts of the Christian theology, like sin, that we’d rather forget. Or maybe grace implies to us that some higher power needs to set us straight, that we aren’t capable of making our own life decisions.

For me, it’s always been a much “lighter” word. I’ve identified with grace as a dancer and when I was old enough to do the calendar math, I was happy to discover I was born on Tuesday as well, so I got to be “Tuesday’s child full of grace!” Then there was Gracie Allen and George Burns. I learned about their comedy act from my father. While Gracie may have presented herself as one of the first true “dumb blondes,” in reality she was very intelligent to be able to perform the way she did; what a joyous gift she gave to all who watched her!

So a week ago when I was complaining to Friend #1 about something Friend #2 did, I asked Friend #1 if I should bring the issue up with Friend #2. Friend #1 advised, “Let’s cut her some slack. We all need a little slack now and then.” What wise words. I know I was thankful for slack and understanding this past week when I was out for two days with the flu. As I listened to Rev. Rick and Eric Schuman’s sermon about the challenges of claiming one’s sexuality in our heterocentrist society on Sunday, I thought about the difference it can make in a person’s life to be given just a little bit more room to be different. That same day I was saddened to hear about the Vietnamese immigrant who killed 13 others at a community center before killing himself. Apparently, this man felt degraded by others because he could not speak English very well. I wonder if those who made fun of him could speak any Vietnamese? I wonder if they had his courage to move to a new country and start over again?

Grace seems to be a tricky concept, and not always readily available, but I have come to believe it is actually much simpler if we will only open ourselves to its presence. Spending time in the majesty of nature, or taking time to catch one’s breath on a busy day is Grace. Smiling at a stranger or exploring feelings rather than condemning them can also be Grace. I know I can’t get by without Grace. Can you?

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## Spring Circle Supper

Are you ready to enjoy a last Circle Supper before summer? Circle Suppers are a chance to get to know fellow UUCS members and/or Friends in a potluck setting. The hosts are volunteers who open their homes to a small number of guests, provide a coffee/tea beverage, and determine how they want to arrange a menu. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet for hosts and guests will be in the Fellowship Hall for the next four Sundays. The next Circle Supper will be **Saturday, May 23**. For more information contact Lois Nodland or Leah Knudsen.

*The Circle Supper Committee*

## CUUPS News

The next meeting of the Coven of UU Pagans of Salem will be **Thursday, April 9** at 6 p.m. at the church. We will celebrate the full moon with a ritual. We will also have a potluck and business meeting.

On Friday, **May 1**, we will celebrate May Day, also known as Beltane, with a bonfire,

potluck, and ritual. Mary Jo Eyer will be hosting the event. Call her for directions.

## Foster Parents Night Out Training

The UU Foster Parent Night Out program has been serving 11 foster families. These families have from two to seven foster children. We could use more volunteers to ensure that we never have to turn away these families. The next opportunity for the mandatory training is **April 13**, from 6-9 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church at 1230 Liberty St. SE. So far, five UUs are planning to go. If you are interested or have questions, please contact me. Janet Neuburg.

## ALERT! ALERT!! ALERT!!!

On **April 19** after Sunday services, a group of willing workers from Women's Alliance and any volunteers they can round up will be cleaning both closets in the church foyer and the storage closet in the Fellowship Hall. Any items that are not claimed before that date will be donated to Value Village or Goodwill. So check out these closets to see if any of your possessions have ended up there.

*Sandra Meredith*

## Employment Support Group

The newly formed Employment Support Group meets each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the church in the library. The group is for friends and members of the congregation who are seeking employment, whether they are currently employed or not. The group works together to provide assistance to each other with networking, resumes, interview skills, and general job search information as well as general moral support. If you are interested in participating or have expertise you would be willing to share, please contact me.

*Brian Hodges-French*

## Nominations for UUCS Board

Annually, nominations for expired Board positions are presented by the Nominating Committee and are taken from the congregation. Board membership involves attending

monthly meetings and a summer and fall retreat, actively engaging in the work of the Board including financial, legal and maintenance needs, empowering staff, and visioning the future. One must have been a member of the congregation for a year and be willing to serve a two-year commitment. New and long-time members are encouraged to participate in this work.

If you are interested, you may nominate yourself or someone else who has approved your nomination prior to the annual meeting. A slate of candidates will be presented to the congregation in mid-April and a final vote will be at the annual congregational meeting on May 17. Contact Christine Ertl, Phil Smith or Linda Geissler.

## Oregon UU Voices for Justice

The *Oregon UU Voices for Justice*, an emerging statewide UU legislative advocacy network in Oregon, will be meeting at UUCS on **Saturday, April 18** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (soup lunch will be served). The workshop is meant to further the development of the statewide network and learn from Rev. Carol McKinley, Coordinator of the Washington State UU Voices for Justice, and Rob Keithan, Intern Minister at the First Unitarian Church in Portland and former member of the Advocacy and Witness staff at the Washington, D.C. UUA Social Justice office. The mission of the UU advocacy networks across the country is to help educate, organize, and advocate for public policies that reflect our UU values.

Sign up at the Social Action Team table after church if you plan to attend and/or help us out by making a pot of soup, loaf of bread, or plate of cookies for the workshop lunch.

Contact Laura Stine to RSVP & for more information.

## Contra Dance in May at UUCS!

SAVE THE DATE for the 5th Saturday UUCS Contra Dance on Saturday, **May 30**.

\$8 admission at the door—Instruction at 7:30 p.m.—Dance begins at 8:00 p.m.

Contact a Fellowship Team member for more information.

## Landscape Work Party Report

Thank you to Ted Cory and a new UUCS member (name to be published later) who showed up for the March landscape committee work party. It was a cold, windy day. Ted has also been responsible for ordering and spreading 14 yards of playground quality cedar chips in the children's play area, plus power washing the play equipment. He has also been weeding, pruning, trimming, etc. The next landscape committee work party will be held on **Saturday, April 18** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ted Cory will head up the group as I will be away. Please join us. For more information, call Sharon Dearman.

## Landscape Committee Fundraiser

After you read the next sentence, you may hear loud whooshing sounds (collective sighs of relief) from all the amazing volunteers who worked so hard at our brunch last year. We are not having a brunch fundraiser this year but we are going to have a plant sale on **Saturday, May 30**, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on **Sunday, May 31**, before and after the service. We will be featuring beautiful plants from Hart's Nursery again, with reasonable prices and gorgeous, healthy plants. So save room in a pot or two for these fabulous flowers. For more information, please call Sharon Dearman.

## Change in Schedule for Folklore & the Old Testament II

On four Wednesday evenings, beginning on **April 15**, and continuing on April 22, April 29, and May 6, Part II of the class on the Hebrew Bible will meet in the library to read and discuss the books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Included in the studies will be the strict dietary and behavioral laws, the Ten Commandments, and the life and death of Moses. Joyce Bynum will act as moderator. For further info, call her.

## Microfinance Forum

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the lives of people struggling with poverty in a poor country?

Microfinance started with the idea that lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large population groups find ways to break out of poverty. In 2006, Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for transforming the lives of millions of poor families in Bangladesh and other countries by lending small amounts of money to poor women to start a business to sustain their families. Muhammad Yunus believes that every single individual on earth has both the potential and the right to live a decent life. In many countries, credit for poor women can be obtained only at a very high cost and with requirements that keep families from breaking out of poverty.

Across cultures and civilizations, Yunus and the Grameen Bank have shown that even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development. Microfinance has proved to be an important liberating force in societies where women in particular struggle against repressive social and economic conditions. Economic growth and political democracy cannot achieve their full potential unless the female half of humanity participates on an equal footing with men. Microfinance has shown great potential to help the world's poor.

Inspired by the work of Yunus and others as well as their personal experiences, a small UUCS work group has been exploring starting a microfinance project for our congregation. We have launched a pilot project to test its viability and explore options. During the Sunday, April 19 service, Carol Doolittle and Ann Hanus will report on the progress of that pilot project in Laos.

Join us at one of the UU Microfinance Forum that will be held twice—on **Sunday, April 26** following the UU service **or on Monday April 27**—at 7 p.m. at the church. The Forum will last about an hour. You will learn more about how you can make a major difference for a small investment. At the forum we will cover:

- Why microfinance for UUCS?

- What is microfinance?
- What options are we considering?
- Report back on our pilot project in Laos
- Response, Ideas and Discussion

For more information, contact Ann Hanus

## Banner Contest

How do you explain Unitarian Universalism to others? Have you made an “elevator speech” that conveys what you believe UUism is that can be delivered in the time the elevator goes from the first floor to an upper floor? You may be the person who would enter the UUCS Banner Contest.

Can you come up with an inventive, intelligent, irresistible, and/or inspired entry that explains UUism here in Salem? Winning entries will be approved by the Board of Directors and made into banners to hang on our fence for Salem-ites to see from Cordon Road. Entries may be turned in to the light orange file folder in Vicki Cunningham's (Board Chair) box in the work room, next to the office. Entries can also be e-mailed to me. A panel of judges will look them over and present as many as possible to the board. Entries must be in by **Sunday, April 12**.

*Linda Geissler*

## News of the UUCS Community

Happy news for **Dennis Ehrp** and his wife, **Jill Baker**! Dennis' daughter Jody and husband Ben Hime, birthed, as Dennis writes, “A beautiful little boy they've named Landon Wyatt Hime, a real keeper! I'm really jazzed, my first grandchild, the first boy born into my family in a generation! I'm counting the ways I can spoil him, fulfilling my grandfatherly duties immediately.”

**Bill and Molly O'Dea** went on a three-day cruise last month to attend the marriage of daughter Rachel to John Howard. Rachel made wedding arrangements with Carnival Lines wedding coordinator who took it from there, including meals, ceremonies and cruise itinerary for the fifteen family members and friends, in addition to the group who came on board for the ceremony only. The ship took them out of San Diego to Santa

Catalina Island and the resort town of Ensenada, Baja, Mexico. Rachel and John live and work in Salem; she's a nurse at Salem Hospital and he is a teacher in local schools.

**Alan and Gloria Holland** traveled to Girdwood, Alaska early last month to visit Gloria's daughter Annie and her husband Rick Fitts, who married last fall in Lake Placid, N.Y. The best news came the first morning when the couple announced that they are expecting a baby next October. Other highlights included watching the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race in Anchorage, spending a night in the charming village of Talkeetna, where Rick's band put on a real show and Alan and Gloria danced into the wee hours! Day trips to Portage, Whittier, and Hope, snow-mobile and dog sled rides, a day of skiing for Alan and a trip by tram to the top of Alyeska Mountain all made for a fantastic, albeit snowy Alaskan experience.

We had followed the grieving of Alan's family over the impending death from late-stage prostate cancer of nephew Jim in Bend. Late last month he died, with a funeral Mass celebrated 10 days ago. They appreciated the outpouring of support from UUCS members.

Since April 1, high school seniors' rituals include rushing home to review the day's incoming mail, hoping for acceptance notices from their college applications. We'd like to include news of those happy occasions in this column. UUCS families, please write of your senior's news!

If you will share your joys or concerns with others in our community, please contact me.

*Joan Erickson*

## **GA Homestay Offer**

Becky Hickox, former UUCS member who lives 20 minutes north of downtown Salt Lake, has an upstairs guest room (double bed) if anyone attending General Assembly in June would like to use it. She'll be helping to set up and staff the UUA bookstore, so may not be able to provide transportation—but if you're driving or renting a car, it could work out.

## **UU Events around the Pacific NW**

### **Come to UU Celebration of Interdependence Family Camp!**

**MISSION:** To provide UUs from the Pacific Northwest a sustainable and affordable retreat, in honor of our 7th Principle, our "blue boat home." This camp offers an opportunity to share multi-generational fellowship, while rekindling our spirits and celebrating interdependence. Rich offerings of music, play, spiritual practices at sustainable earth-friendly camp in an alcohol-free setting.

**WHAT:** Second Annual UU Celebration of Interdependence Family Camp

**WHEN:** 4th of July Weekend, Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5

**WHERE:** Camp Cedar Ridge, Vernonia, 40 miles west of Portland in Tillamook Forest

**WHO:** Sponsored by UCCWC in Hillsboro. Come join us! Reverend Sue Ayer will be our chaplain onsite.

**HOW:** Affordable prices: \$132-\$140 adults; \$95 5-9 yr olds; 4 and under free. Includes THREE nights lodging and NINE meals, along with all camp amenities: pool, slip-n-slide, athletic courts, and 28 acres on the river under starry nights.

**Registration:** Registration Opens **April 15**. For more information and form, please go online at [www.uccwc.org/familycamp](http://www.uccwc.org/familycamp) or contact Sara Cloe, RE, at UCCWC, OR talk to members of your church community who attended last year:

**Definitions:** "Family"—Any UU who wants to celebrate with others from the Northwest. What makes this camp different? The vision of intergenerational, family-style programs that don't segregate out age groups for many activities. And, the programs pack an earth-based punch! From Sunship Earth to The Great Universe Story, all framed in worshipful gatherings of celebrating life outdoors, i.e.: FUN!!

**PS.** If you want to contribute to a campership fund for those who can't otherwise attend, whether you come to camp or not, please do so through the registration form—

Thanks!! Encourage your church to set up campership fund for your members.

### **Naramata 2009 – Joyful and Liberating!**

Eliot Institute offers a seven-day, one-of-a-kind experience of play, community, and worship for the whole family in beautiful Naramata, on the shores of Lake Okanagan in British Columbia. This year's session runs **June 27 – July 4**, and will feature Rev. Amanda Aikman and Julia McKay as the theme speakers. Come join us!

Visit [www.eliotinstitute.org](http://www.eliotinstitute.org)

### **WhaleCoast Alaska 2009**

The WhaleCoast Alaska registration deadline has been extended to **April 15!**

Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer in our 13th year! See REAL Alaska, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Juneau, and Sitka. UUs host events and lead tours. We visit Tlingit and Inupiat Native Alaskans, see lots of wildlife like bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters, and bald eagles, and visit Denali and other National Parks. Dave Frey, a 28-year Alaska resident, leads the programs.

Visit [www.whalecoastak.org](http://www.whalecoastak.org). E-mail [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org) for information. The tours usually fill quickly. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

## **UU Events Further Afield**

### **Stebbins at Asilomar 2009**

**Let's Celebrate!**

**Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31, 2009**

2009 will celebrate many decades of wonderful Unitarian Universalist Summer Conferences at Asilomar. All good things must come to an end and Stebbins has been unable to attract and keep enough younger leadership to continue meeting. This will be the last planned Stebbins and we want to spend time to honor long-time attendees and remember wonderful times together while still providing another great program for new people.

They only have rooms for 70 people. If you want to guarantee your space, please

### **ARMS**

Members of the Addiction Recovery Ministry Support (ARMS) group are always available to provide assistance to UUCS members struggling with addiction. They can be reached through the "warm" line which is monitored daily.

complete the pre-registration on the web at [www.serve.com/stebbins](http://www.serve.com/stebbins) and return with your \$100 deposit. More information on the program is also available on the website, or you can call Kathi or Murray Bullis. (See also the *flier on the hallway bulletin board.*)



## **Podcasts of Past Sermons Available Online**

Sermons from past services are available at <http://uucs.podbean.com> or you can go to the UUCS website at [www.uusalem.org](http://www.uusalem.org) and click on the "Listen to Past Sermons Online" link.

Download to your iPod for later or listen online now!

## **UUCS e-mail List**

Be sure to join the congregation's e-mail list on Yahoo! Groups—a handy and effective way for our members to keep in touch and keep up to date. You can check it out on the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uucslist>.

It works like most mailing lists: when you send an e-mail message to the list address, everyone on the list gets a copy of that e-mail.

We don't have more than a couple of messages per week, so it's not really an unbearable addition to your e-mail overload. It does mean you keep up-to-date with UUCS announcements, doings, news, projects, questions, solutions, etc. It is a closed list, meaning only approved UUCS list members can send messages. This means NO SPAM.

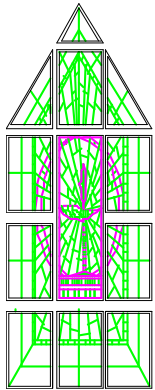
It's super easy to join—send any message or blank message from your e-mail account to the subscribe address: [uucslis-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uucslis-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will receive a reply that tells you how to post, how to unsubscribe, etc.

The moderator has to approve new members, to keep out spammers. If you don't get a welcome message within a day or so, please e-mail Ernest Perez at [uucslis-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:uucslis-owner@yahoogroups.com).

*from Ernest Perez, UUCSlist Moderator*

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## UUCS Calendar



Wednesday, April 8	SIHN at UUCS through the 12th Age-ing to Sage-ing Class, 1 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	UU Meditation (Compassionate Mind UU Sangha), 7 p.m. Board Meeting, 7 p.m. (All are welcome) CUUPS Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 12	Readers' Forum, 9:15 a.m. (every Sunday) Banner Contest Entries due
Monday, April 13	Foster Parents Night Out, 5 p.m. (moved from April 6)
Tuesday, April 14	Employment Support Group, 11 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15	Age-ing to Sage-ing Class, 1 p.m. UU Meditation, 7 p.m. Folklore & Old Testament, Part II, 7 p.m. Chat 'n' Craft, 7 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)
Thursday, April 16	Dances of Universal Peace, 7 p.m. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)
Saturday, April 18	Landscape Work Party, 9 a.m. OR UU Voices for Justice, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 19	Readers' Forum, 9:15 a.m. <b>NEXT Newsletter Deadline</b> , 11:30 a.m. Path to Membership Class, after the service
Monday, April 20	World Religions Dessert and Discussion, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	Employment Support Group, 11 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22	Age-ing to Sage-ing Class, 1 p.m. UU Meditation, 7 p.m. Folklore & Old Testament, Part II, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 24	High School Youth Spring Con, through the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, April 26	Readers' Forum, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, May 17	Dia de los Niños Potluck, after the service Annual Meeting of the Congregation

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**SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**

**10:30 a.m. (Child Care Available)**

**Sunday, April 12**

**“A Revolutionary Gospel”  
Easter Sunday**

**The Reverend Richard R. Davis**

The Harvard Chaplain Peter Gomes speaks of “The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus.” What is it? Why has it been a closely guarded secret through much of Christian History?

**Sunday, April 19**

**Lise Adams Sherry**

**Sunday, April 26**

**“An Evolving Spirit”**

**The Reverend Dana Worsnop  
Atkinson Memorial Church**

On this Sunday, our minister Rick will be exchanging pulpits with his friend and colleague Dana Worsnop. Regarding her sermon Dana writes: “How are evolution and religion compatible? Some think Darwin ‘killed’ God. Yet from the beginning, there were very religious people - among them Unitarians - who were excited and inspired by evolution and found way to incorporate it into their religious and spiritual lives.”