



Minister's Message

The ART of Interim Ministry



As I talked about on our Centennial Sunday, reading the history of this church has been fascinating. You have minutes from 1913 to 1917, then they skip to 1947! It was moving to actually see the beautifully handwritten minutes

from March 28, 1913, and follow the first few years. The first lot was going to be on the SE corner of Center and Elms Streets. The American Unitarian Association even bought it for the church, but everything was put on hold when this country entered WWI! The first minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb, was called in November of 1914; it obviously was important to have a minister, even at the beginning, but the forming of the Woman's Alliance was actually right from the beginning! And in the second year, the church elected a woman, Mrs. Rita Baldwin as board chair; remember, this was before women could even vote in political elections.

History is important, not just to leaner about and honor the past, but to build on for the future. The American Unitarian Association was helping at the very beginning to help grow liberal religion in Stockton, where this church has had a great social justice influence on the city ever since. I felt a chill as I read

about how Rev. Harold Schmidt left for Selma Alabama in the 1960's after Dr. King put out a call for ministers and leaders of all faiths to come and help after the terrible nightmare of the first attempt to cross had been brutally turned back by the police. He was literally putting his life on the line and this church supported him! And, of course, Robert Green, was the minister who helped start so many of the social justice groups in this city!

So your future is one of great potential to live up to, perhaps even surpassing the glory days of yesteryear. During the 1960's you had to go to 2 services because of growth, and even with that there was sometime standing room only at the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month! There was a "Future Needs Committee" created; perhaps a time to bring back something like that to decide what your future could be with a new minister?

Much love,
Rev. Art

SPRING

Sunday Services – 10:30 am

(Unless other wise noted)

April 7 Money Is As Money Does

Rev. Art Severance Pledge Sermon; what else needs to be said?

April 14 Ministerial Candidate

April 21 Ministerial Candidate

April 28 Visiting the Wizard

Rev. Art Severance

The history of religion is full of high priests, priestesses, Popes and bishops, shamans, medicine men and women, sages, prophets, gurus, ministers, even wizards and witches as well as kings and queens and many types of divine incarnations. Then, of course, there's the history of medicine, psychiatry, etc. with all its practitioners past and present. We come from a tradition which has always had a tension between clergy and laity, especially since the merger in 1961. What wizards are we looking for or trying to avoid these days?

Religious Education News

Needed: RE Liaison to the Board of Trustees

Religious Education needs a volunteer to serve as the RE Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

Requirements:

Must be member of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton of at least one year.

Expectations:

Attend monthly Board meetings (third Tuesday each month).
Attend Religious Education meetings (every few months).

Act as liaison between Board and RE Committee; represent Religious Education needs to the Board and report back to Religious Education Committee and parents about happenings on the Board.

If you would consider serving in this role, please email lisawritesagain@gmail.com ASAP.

Call for Volunteers

We have teachers scheduled through May and our minister is searching for an RE director. If you would like to lead activities for K-6th during Religious Education time in the interim period between religious education professionals please contact Lisa at lisawritesagain@gmail.com

We do screen volunteers with a background check for safety, which Michelle will discuss with you.

Social Justice News

Social Justice Collection Sunday, April 21st, 2013

This month's social justice collection is in support of UUSC. Keep an eye out for an announcement in our weekly "A Look Ahead" emails very soon!

Do you know of an organization that would be a good candidate to receive one of our social justice collections? If so, please contact Board President Ben Cervantes or board member Lauri McKindley. We meet periodically to decide who will be the recipients of our social justice collections, and we welcome your ideas!

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions!

Social Justice Collection

Our March Social Justice Collection raised **\$185.61** in support of **Habitat for Humanity**. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions!

Congregational News & Updates

Church Yard work day

Planned for Saturday, April 6, 9:00-12:00 only a big rain cancels. Let's make our church yard beautiful to show off for our ministerial candidate who will be coming soon. Please bring your own tools and good gloves. Questions or suggestions: Please call Rosemary at 478-4380

ALL COME FOR OUR PLEDGE SUNDAY SERVICE and LUNCHEON - THIS COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 7th.

Come help continue our Centennial Celebration, with a very special and stirring sermon by Rev. Art, great music, and followed by our traditional complementary luncheon, with a variety of delicious sandwiches, salads, accompaniments, beverages and, of course, our special "Blast-Off" birthday cake!

PLUS, be among the first to hear an announcement of the name and some biographical information about the Settled Minister candidate our Search Committee has selected.

Take the opportunity for a thoroughly enjoyable day and fill out your pledge card for the coming year. (That way, no Pledge Steward will need to come calling to obtain your pledge - it will be done!)

Come for inspiration! Come for food! Come for fun! Come for community!

Leave happy knowing that your pledge of church support is on record!

See you there,

Your Pledge Drive Committee

Emerson Coffee House Collective



Music Scholars Concert *"An Emerson Evening with Music Scholars"*

Saturday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

Open to Everyone

The Emerson Coffee House is featuring young talent: musical scholars of today who will entertain us for another generation. Come enjoy the piano, voice and other instruments. This will be a novel and very enjoyable experience featuring youth who are emerging local artists.

Please join us at the Emerson Coffee House where the music always puts wings under our us.

Coffee House doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music beginning at 7 p.m.

The cover charge is \$10 at the door for adults, \$5 for students. Your musical wanderlust will be satisfied if you bring it along to the Emerson Coffee House.

Refreshing Beverages and Snacks are provided.

Up Coming Performances:

May 11 Seaport Quintet

June 8 Frankie and Annette

WE HAVE A CANDIDATE!

As soon as contract matters are settled, we can announce the name of the candidate that the Ministerial Search Committee has selected for you to consider as the next minister of our beloved church.

The candidate's week is scheduled for April 14 through 21 and a number of small group meetings are planned for you to have an opportunity to get to know our candidate. The congregation will make a decision after church on Sunday, April 21, so be sure you have a chance to become acquainted with our candidate.

You can sign up on one of the sheets to be left in Jackson Hall or you can call coordinator, Rosemary Atkinson at 478-4380. You will be able to see your meeting choices on the Church Website at www.stocktonuu.org.

Here are the list of dates times and locations of the small group meetings.

Saturday April 13 7:00 PM
Emerson Coffee House

Sunday April 14 10:30 AM
Church

Sunday April 14 12:30 PM
R.E. Committee and parents

Monday April 15 6:30 PM
No host dinner at Rubio's 5759 Pacific Ave.

Tuesday April 16 12:00 PM
Lunch at O'Connor Woods

Wednesday April 17 10:30 AM
Coffee Clatch Fireside Room

Wednesday April 17 5:00 PM
MSC Fireside Room

Wednesday April 17 7:00 PM
Evening Chat Fireside Room

Thursday April 18 1:00 PM
Afternoon Tea Fireside Room

Friday April 19 7:00 PM
Worship Associates Fireside Room

Saturday April 20 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM
Walk in Oak Grove Regional Park

Sunday April 21 10:30 AM
Church

Sunday April 21 11:45 AM
Light Lunch Jackson Hall

Sunday April 21 12:15 PM
Congregation Meeting Vote to call

Monday April 22
Candidate returns home.

Men's Group Meetings April 3rd & 17th

Meet the first and third Wednesdays 7 PM-~9 PM. We welcome all regardless of gender. Discussion usually centers around politics, family, work, entertainment, sports, life in general and the like. It's just casual, relaxed conversation among friends. Location varies; call Al Babylon at 209-956-6838 if you'd like to try us out.

Book Group Meeting



The Book Club meets this month on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson Hall. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye* by Rachel Joyce. Facilitated by Pat Davis.

New members or "drop-ins" are always welcome. If interested in joining us contact Herman Washington at 209-957-8433 or lhwash@comcast.net

Thanks,
Herman

**BOOK CLUB READING SELECTIONS for
APRIL - AUGUST 2013**

MAY: *Mistakes Were Made (But Not By Me)* by Carol Tavis & Elliot Aronson Facilitated by Dwane Milnes.

JUNE: *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See. Facilitated by Leslie Washington.

JULY: *The Crucible* (a play) by Arthur Miller. Facilitated by Anne Struck.

AUGUST: *Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett. Facilitated by Sigrid Eilers.

New members or "drop-ins" are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us contact Herman Washington at 957-8433 or lhwash@comcast.net

THE LOAVES AND THE FISHES
It's amazing how each Sunday after church there is coffee a' brewing and goodies on the table. Many a generous soul brings something good to share and we owe each and everyone our thanks.

Here is the schedule of those true blue folks who show up each month to make the coffee and bring something to share. If your name is not on this list and still you wish to bring a special treat, the regulars would be happy to have the contribution. Can you please let them know so they won't stay up late on Saturday night baking goodies.

**COFFEE MAKERS FOR COFFEE HOUR
AFTER CHURCH EACH SUNDAY**

First Sunday:
Rebecca Douglass: (209) 951-1256
redo513@sbcglobal.net

Olivia Douglass: (209) 951-1256
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Willemina Atilano: (209) 470-5030

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rosymoonatk@comcast.net

Matt Green: 239-4567
mrmjgreen@yahoo.com

Third Sunday:
Coralita Rathhaus: 477-5770
crathhaus@sbcglobal.net

Pat Davis: 401-4821
patriciaferndavis@yahoo.com

Fourth Sundays:
Lauri McKindley and Liz Newman: 477-3542
lulu3mac@aol.com

Fifth Sundays:
Jim Buik: 982-4524
Al Babylon: 956-6838
alhampshire@earthlink.net

Emilie Hance: (209) 224-4567
em-hance@att.net

Back-up Volunteers:

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fwcranmore@yahoo.com

Lisa Jones: (209) 242-1821
lisawritesagain@gmail.com

Mikayla Meyling (209) 808-8997

Cindy Milford (209) 477-5984

Mary Bullard (209) 477-8745 (Will bring goodies occasionally when asked.)

Kathy Schick: 464-8304
kaschick@berkeley.edu

Food Bank Donations Needed



Please bring your donation to Church any Sunday. The barrel will be next to the piano in the fireside Room.

UU Alliance News

Music Therapy Program

The Alliance will sponsor a program on Music Therapy by Betsy Keithcart on Wednesday, April 10 at 1100 a.m. in Jackson Hall.

Betsy will explore insights into the value of using Music Therapy with individuals and how their response is measured.

A catered lunch from Boudin's will be served after the program. The cost will be 12.00 with the sandwich choice Turkey Avocado or Swiss cheese and Ham. Ice tea and coffee will also be served.

Please let Kay Owen, 477-3149, or Joan Briscoe, 956-9304, know if you have a choice or respond with your preference to Colleen Cook's email reminder.

As always, any church member or friend is welcome to attend the program and stay for lunch. This meeting requires reservations for the lunch only by April 8.

Kitchen Cleaning

Each month an Alliance member or church friend assumes the responsibility of checking the kitchen every week for soiled towels and sticky counter tops.

It is everyone's responsibility to see that the kitchen is left clean and tidy after each event. This includes not leaving dirty dishes on the counter tops.

A thorough clean up was done three weeks ago and paid for by The Alliance. However, both the refrigerator and the stove took extra time.

Please be aware that these two pieces of equipment are used over and over and should be left clean and food items marked for future use.

Ephemera Sale

The Alliance has a couple of boxes of Ephemera items left from their last Collectible Sale. If anyone has items of paper goods, old programs, photos, postcards, stamps, pictures, letters from WW 1 or 2, high school memorabilia no longer wanted or pieces of Ephemera that have been collecting dust please let us know. Most collectible are very old pieces of paper goods.

We are thinking of having a small early evening Ephemera sale sometime in the early summer.

Ephemera only - no doo dads or nick knacks. Joan Briscoe or Janet Bonner.

DAWN house, *Directions for Abused Women in Need*, a program of the Women's Center, appreciates the motel toiletries and other purchases (toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, etc.) church members have been donating for several years.

These items are sometimes packaged in small Zip lock bags and include, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, all helpful to a woman arriving without her own toiletries. Extras are included for DAWN house distribution.

Alliance member, Lois Hulsey, has been sorting, bagging and delivering your gifts for the past few years.

The Alliance thanks you with a small reminder. We do not use any item that has been opened or partially used. So please new and unopened items only.

The Alliance

Other UU Events & News Beyond the Congregation

Dear Folks,

There is a lot of news and activity from the UUA. The big news is that we're moving! Check out this article: "UUA to purchase new Boston headquarters" NEWS: Board approves lease-to-purchase agreement for 24 Farnsworth Street in Boston's Seaport District. By Michelle Bates Deakin, 3.15.13 http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/284714.shtml?utm_source=n

We will be leaving historic 25 Beacon Street! But it should help us grow. More locally, there is another historic event taking place in San Jose next month. The four UU Districts will combine for a Pacific Western Regional Assembly April 26-28, 2013 San Jose, CA

Join our four western UUA Districts in making history this spring as we come together in a Regional Assembly to explore and celebrate BIG FAITH * NO BORDERS! Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Christine Robinson Friday night's Opening Celebration includes the inspiring challenge of our featured speaker, the Rev. Christine Robinson, Senior Minister of First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque.

District Annual Business Meetings: Also on Saturday, each district will hold their annual business meetings on April 27, with some providing off-site participation at no charge. Look for brochure or go to: <http://pwruua.org/pacific-western-regional-assembly-2013/> This will include our Pacific Central District (PCD) Annual meeting for

which we need delegates. Your interim minister will be there (except for Sunday).

Also important is the 2013 General Assembly, A Meeting of Congregations- <http://www.uua.org/ga/> General Assembly 2013? June 19-23, Louisville, KY General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

- *Video recap of General Assembly 2012.
- *Registration and Housing Reservations?
- *Volunteer and Scholarship Applications?
- *The 2013 Schedule and Preliminary Program?
- *The Tentative Business Agenda?
- *Why Louisville?

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Google Map.

Contact Us Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly & Conference Services professional staff coordinate logistics such as registration, housing, the exhibit hall, services to our attendees prior to General Assembly, and the GA Program. Contact General Assembly & Conference Services Office Staff.

First Church Stockton is eligible for 3 delegates, and this year is an election year. I also will be attending that as well. If you are a member, and would like to be considered as a delegate (you can vote on all issues which come up in the business sessions of the Association only if you are a delegate.) Experience a UU community of 3-5000 UU's from around the country, experience what a UU Megachurch worship would be like! There are great workshops, programs, lectures, and a huge area of

affiliated GA vendors selling everything from books to pagan charms!

If you are interested in being a delegate, contact board president, Ben Cervantes soon.

Shalom,
Rev. Art
Hello dear ones,

A day of Multicultural and Peace building skills with The Mosaic Project
April 13th 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland 685 14th St Oakland, CA 94612

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley and the First Unitarian Church of Oakland are collaborating to offer a day of experiential learning from the Mosaic Project led by Marcus Liefert and Serian Strauss. The Mosaic Project is a leader in diversity and peace education in the Bay Area. Adults, teens, middle schoolers and elementary aged kids are invited to participate in a day of fun and transformation. For more information about the Mosaic Project, visit www.mosaicproject.org

The Mosaic Project (MP) reaches children before negative attitudes surrounding difference become entrenched. The Mosaic Project emphasizes building self-esteem and community and empowers students to create a peaceful future. In particular, MP focuses on four themes:

*The celebration of diversity and awareness of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination

*Respect for and appreciation of self and others

*Teamwork and cooperation

*Communication and nonviolent conflict resolution (including listening skills, expressing feelings productively, assertiveness, and empathy)

Lunch will be provided. \$25/individual, \$50/family suggested donation. No one refused for lack of funds.

For more information and to RSVP for the day please contact Marcus Liefert marcus@uucb.org or Laila Ibrahim at laila@uuoakland.org. Let us know by April 10th if you are coming so we can have enough food for everyone.

Stockton Area Events & News

2013 Manteca Crossroads Street Faire

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2013 - Sunday, April 7, 2013

Time: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Downtown Manteca
Yosemite Avenue & Main Street

Ranked as one of the top Faires in the State!

- Food
- Car Show
- Entertainment
- Kids Zone
- Over 300 vendors

FREE ADMISSION

Stockton Cambodian Temple New Year Celebration

Date: Friday, April 12, 2013 - Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Location: Wat Dhammararam Buddhist Temple

3732 Carpenter Rd
Stockton, CA 95215

Food, displays, music and more celebrating the Cambodian New Year!

The New Year's Celebration is free and open to the public.

Garden Show

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013 - Sunday, April 21, 2013

Location: The Janssen-Lagorio Pavilion
University of the Pacific
Larry Heller Dr
Stockton, CA 95204

Welcome to the San Joaquin County Home & Garden Show. Many homeowners just like you have discovered that improving your present home can be a more prudent investment compared to buying a new one. In fact, Californians spend millions on residential construction and general home improvements/decor each year. Home improvement projects can be costly, so you should take time and care when planning the project and hiring a contractor or purchasing products and or/services.

The San Joaquin County Home & Garden Show offers homeowners and future homeowners the opportunity to visit several vendors in one place at one time. Guests can visit vendors and get tips and new ideas to help improve and beautify their homes and yards. This year we will feature The Food Truck Wars Competition. Delicious Food Trucks from all over the central valley will battle it out for your vote! Don't miss the show!

Hours: Saturday: 10:00am-5:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am-5:00pm

Admission: \$3.00

Stockton Earth Day Festival

Date: Sunday, April 21, 2013

Time: 11:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Victory Park
North Pershing Avenue and Argonne Drive,
behind Haggin Museum, Stockton

More information to come!

This is the premiere environmental event in all of San Joaquin County, and as always, the focus of the day long festival is to educate

you about taking care of our natural resources - the earth, air and water. The Festival will have dozens of informative, interactive booths, displays and exhibits, plus there will be plenty of great food and exotic crafts. Begin the day with Yoga on the park green at 10 am. Join the hundreds of cyclists who will bike as part of the Family Fun Bike Ride and Parade. Registration is at 10:30 am. Or just come for the entertainment and the official start of the Festival at 11 am, which will feature colorful ethnic dance groups and great area bands. It is a fun day for families, and best of all, admission is free.

For more information on the Festival and how to be an exhibitor, vendor or volunteer, go to www.livegreensanjoaquin.org .

Stockton Asparagus Festival

Date: Friday, April 26, 2013 - Sunday, April 28, 2013

Time: 10:00am - 7:00pm

Location: Downtown Stockton Waterfront
221 N Center St
Stockton, CA 95202



Stockton Symphony presents "Pops & Picnic: Satisfaction - Music of the Rolling Stones"

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2013

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Location: A.G. Spanos Center, University of the Pacific campus

3601 Pacific Ave

Stockton, CA 95211

Join the Stockton Symphony in their last concert of the 2012-2013 season!

The orchestral pops presentation of the music of The Rolling Stones, featuring the cast of Satisfaction.

Can't always get what you want? Oh, yes, you can--if what you want is a colorful performance of fun and familiar rock and roll! Channeling Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, the cast joins the Symphony and showcases the most authentic cast and costuming audiences have ever witnessed.

Concert Sponsor: Bank of Stockton

Doors open at 5:45 pm; Concert is at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$22 - \$60

To purchase tickets for this event, please call the box office at (209) 951-0196



Regular Church Activities – Come Join Us!

Regular Groups & Meetings	Monthly Meeting Date(s)	Date(s)	Contact for More Information
<p>Book Group <i>All are invited to read & discuss books selected by the group.</i></p>	<p>4th Wednesday 7:00 PM</p>	<p>April 24th</p>	<p>Herman Washington (209) 957-8433 or bookgroup@stocktonuu.org</p>
<p>Men's Group <i>All are invited who wish to participate in our conversational sessions.</i></p>	<p>1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM</p>	<p>April 3rd & 17th</p>	<p>Al Babylon, 956-6838 or mensgroup@stocktonuu.org</p>
<p>Youth Group <i>Formerly called YRUU, our youth group offers opportunities for social get-togethers and service projects.</i></p>	<p>Special Events as Scheduled</p>	<p>Dates will vary. Please check the church website for more information.</p>	<p>religious_ed@stocktonuu.org</p>

Purpose

(Article III, By-Laws of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton)

We, the members of this congregation, shall foster Unitarian Universalist principles. We encourage each individual to determine his or her own creed and standard of theological belief. Toward those purposes, we are committed to creating a loving religious community through worship, study, service and fellowship while honoring diversity and respecting the inherent worth and dignity of each individual. We shall strive to render enlightened service to the various communities of which we are a part. We respect the interdependent web of all living things.

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