



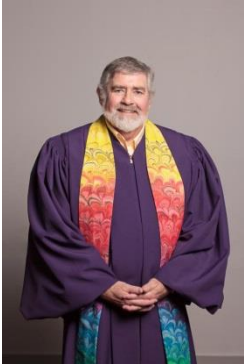
FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON

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Minister's Musings/Message:



I like roses. I may have mentioned it to some of you previously, but I like roses. Most places I have lived, starting out in the Chicago area growing up, I have grown roses. Hybrid Tea Roses do not generally do well in Arkansas, so I spent a few years deprived of roses other than one red wild

rose bush which did do quite well. Currently, with the help of a few of you, I am growing several rose bushes in pots (until I determine where there is enough Sun in my yard) along with some Tomatoes, a Lemon tree, a couple Birds of Paradise, some Dianthus, and a few other things. My yard, lovingly tended by Maxine who sold it to me, is full of trees and plants which surround and complement the beautiful Redwood in the back (I probably need to hire a gardener but am trying to keep up with things!). I am still trying to figure out what some things are in the yard and probably should call Maxine and just ask, but it is sort of an adventure to figure it out! Did I mention that gardening is a meditative practice.

I also like to hike, canoe, kayak, camp and ride my bike, though I haven't taken every opportunity to do those things. There just isn't enough time (or energy) in the day/week/month! I follow Henry David Thoreau in finding my greatest sense of wonder or spirituality in the natural world! To sleep under the stars or walk in a Redwood Grove, or sit watching the surf along a rocky beach are heavenly! I am so glad to be back where those things are possible. I am glad we got some rain in the last few weeks, and I am hoping we get some late storms this year to help with the drought, but I have been enjoying all the growing and greening trees and plants in recent days!

Another spiritual experience for me is in the sharing in the classes and dream groups we have been holding recently. Thank you to all who have shared in the lively discussions and interesting explorations of those groups! Thanks also to all those who helped so many of our UU Saints come to life in sermons last month!

And speaking of growth and vitality, April is also the month of the pledge campaign, a way to help the church grow and continue. I encourage you each to do all you can to support the church financially in the coming year! Give until it feels good, or right, or tithed or give to pay your fair share, but do what you can to support our congregation and our liberal religious mission to Stockton and the world!

Have a wonderful April!

Rev. Bob

Sunday Services - 10:30 am (Unless otherwise noted)

4/6 Doing Something Green for Earth Day! Rev. Bob Klein

4/13 Sermon on the Amount! *Thoughts on Pledging and the other ways we support our Church*
Rev. Bob Klein

4/20 Easter, Resurrection and all that Christian Stuff! Rev. Bob Klein

4/27 Dwane Milnes

Adult Classes led by Rev. Bob:

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The Battle for God: a History of Fundamentalism by Karen Armstrong **Daytime Sessions Fridays 4/4, 4/11 10:30 a.m.-noon.**

Looking at our Shadows: based on Connie Zweig & Steve Wolf's book, *Romancing the Shadow: Illuminating the Dark Side of the Soul*
Those of you interested in this class, please let me know whether you prefer Thursday evenings or Friday mornings, or suggest another time! We will start either the last week of April or the first week of May if 5 or more people are interested! Watch weekly e-mails, Sunday Announcements, and/or our website uustockton.org

Other Upcoming Study Possibilities: *Let me know which interest you!*

Unitarian Universalist History & Theology (based on David Bumbaugh, Earl Morse Wilbur, and John Buehrens' books on UU History)
Blessing, Spirituality, and Panentheism (Matthew Fox's Creation Spirituality, based on his book *Original Blessing*, and other writings)

Dream Groups,

Dream Groups now on Hiatus: a number of people are taking a break or have dropped.

Anyone interested in meeting once a month, perhaps early evening on Fridays, or?

Dream Groups, looking at our Dreams—using Rev. Jeremy Taylor's method.

Our Dream Groups are now on hiatus. If you have been in a Dream Group or would like to join one, please let me (Rev. Bob) know if you would like to gather once a month and what days/times you are available.

(Recommended reading: **The Wisdom of Your Dreams** by Jeremy Taylor)

Please forward to anyone you think might be interested!

Minister's Office Hours:

Rev. Bob keeps walk-in hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10-12 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Please call to be sure that he is in and available as occasional meetings, hospital visits, and other appointments may need to be scheduled during these times. Rev. Bob is also available by appointment at other times. Please call his home 209-227-7591 if he is not at the church, or call his cell 209-684-6345 for appointments or emergencies. Messages left on his cell will be checked at least daily. Feel free to e-mail uurevbobk@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report to the Church – April 2014

Pledge income continues to run about 5% below what our budget calls for. By keeping expenses low, we are still showing a positive income of about \$600 at the end of February. Property tax bills will be paid at the end of March, which will change the situation significantly. We do not pay property tax on the church itself, but there are about \$700 in special assessments due that are not waived in spite of our non-profit status. The other bills are on the rental property.

By now you have seen the proposed budget for next year and the pledge drive is underway. This budget is a minimum for the operation of the church as it is today. There is no extra for growth and only the generosity of our members can provide what is needed beyond this budget to provide for improvement. As always, you can view the monthly details of our finances on the board in Jackson Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Hall

Religious Education News

What's Happening in Religious Education for Youth and Children

Children's Spring Session: Special Age Specific—
Sign up to Participate--Programming (See below)

Youth Program: Discussion and activity dates are
being agreed on via e-mail—get in touch with Lisa
Jones for more info.

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Wrapping up the Earth Day/Easter Programming:

April 6th Earth Day Contact Lisa for how you can
participate in the intergenerational service (10:30)
or festival at Victory Park (11-4).

April 13th Spirit of Adventure with Larry and/or
Nature Day

April 20 Easter Party in the Cottage/ Attendance
commitment due today for Spring Session

April 27 – May 25 Spring Session: Special
Programming—See below. Attendance commitment
required by April 20th.

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Spring Session:

Please sign up your child and commit to attending
at least 4 Sundays, and also RE Sunday on June 1st,
during our Spring Session (April 27-June 1). Send
an e-mail to Lisa Jones today and no later than April
20th to confirm you can commit and indicate which
Sunday you would have to miss, if any.

I. Children's Choir: The children will practice a
song to be sung with the adult choir on RE Sunday
Dates:

4/20 and 27

5/11 and 5/25

5/4 after church rehearsal with Pianist

11-11:30 performance June 1

II. Special Age Specific Programming

Click the links below and scroll down on those
pages to get a feel for the classes that will be
offered to Wonderers and Creators:

A. **Wonderers**—3rd grade-6th (mature 2nd graders
& interested teens are welcome)

[Art & Spirituality](#)

B. **Creators**--4yrs-2nd grade (active third graders
might prefer this group)

[Art and Treasure Hunting](#): We'll use these activities
to talk about definitions of church, religion, God,
and our right to different points of view.

**Note: Lisa Jones, Director of Religious
Education, has changed her office hours to
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Best place to leave messages:

religious_ed@stocktonuu.org

547-1020 (home phone/landline)

**During office hours you can reach her directly
via her cell phone 242-1821.**

Congregational News & Updates

Emerson Coffee House Collective

Don't miss our next Emerson Coffeehouse on
Saturday, April 12. Our very own Linli Wong will
enchant us with her beautiful piano playing. Her
fingers fairly dance on the keyboard. Performing
with her will be colleague Jan de la Cruz and other
students from UOP's Conservatory of Music. They
will be performing their end of the year recital
pieces. We are so fortunate to be close to UOP so
that we have access to exceptional music so take
advantage of this opportunity.

Admission is \$10, \$5 for students. Refreshments
will be served.

Mark your calendar - April 13th

PLAN TO ATTEND PLEDGE SUNDAY
SPECIAL SERVICE and LUNCHEON

Make your pledge of support immediately after the service, then join us for lunch.

Enjoy a variety of sandwiches, salad, fruits and vegetables, and of course, a big cake!

Let's make it a party - plus your pledge to the church will be recorded and there will be

no need for a pledge steward to call on you.
See you April 13th!

WE'RE IN THE RUNNING FOR A CHANCE TO SELL FIREWORKS THIS YEAR!

These are the safe and sane ones the city allows nothing that leaves the ground and explodes in the air.

A chance at a great money-maker, but it's a lottery – we'll have to wait to see if our name is drawn out of the pool of applicants!

If so, we'll be assigned to a stand – no choice there.

I MUST BE SURE PRIOR TO THE DRAWING
THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH HELP.

The stand will operate for only a week, from noon June 28th through 9 PM on July 4th.

Please indicate when you could be available for 2 to 4-hour shifts during that time. Teens OK!

Please complete a form in Jackson Hall and place in "FIREWORKS SALES" bag in or contact Mary Bullard, marybee2@gmail.com



Book Group Meeting



**April 23, 2014: Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver Adele
O'Neil will be the facilitator.**

May selection is: Norwegian By
Night by Derek B. Miller. Singrid
Eilers will be the facilitator.

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

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

I will be finishing the picture directory April 4th.
Please check your email for a draft of the directory
and send me any corrections and photos by April
1st. If you do not have a digital photo contact
Nichole at 466-7743 and we can schedule a time for
you to come in and get your picture taken by April
3.

Coupon Books

Ever want to see a theater production at the
Stockton Civic Theater? Page 89. Take your
grandchild to the Haggin Museum? p. 79. Try Flips
hamburgers in Lodi? Page 11 on the Lodi side. All
of these two-for-one deals are available in our Gift
Check Coupon Books. The coupon book is good
until Dec. 31, 2014. Get them at the coffee hour
after church or ask Herman Washington or Pat
Davis to look at one. \$12. brings a nice profit to the
church and many good deals for your pocketbook to
enjoy. Great gifts, too.

Do you like to sing?

The choir is accepting new members! If you love to
sing, or have always wanted to try out performing,
here's your chance. The church choir is open to
anyone who would like to sing with us. We rehearse
at 9am on Sunday mornings before the service. We
usually rehearse and sing 3 Sundays each month.
Contact Amelia Roberts, Music Director, at
AmeliaiRoberts@gmail.com (don't miss the middle
initial "i") for more information.

New Members

Karen Ann Cardinale

Karen was born in Long Beach, CA, but was moved to White Rock, British Columbia at the age of eight months. Returning to the U.S., she lived in Skykomish, WA until 1956. She says she was raised in the forest, in a small town of 50 people and sawmills. From there, her family traveled, lived in San Francisco for two years and, in 1958, returned to Long Beach.

In 1967, she moved to Stockton, where her two sons were born at Dameron Hosp. She now has six grandchildren, one great-grandson, one great-nephew and two great-nieces!

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and Long Beach City College in the mid-sixties and also has taken classes at S. J. Delta Community College here.

There has been quite a varied work experience. Starting young as a file clerk in Long Beach, she became a secretary for an electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, architectural firm, did Acct. pay/rec. for Manpower (in Santa Clara), and while in Stockton, was a teacher's aid at San Joaquin High School. Relocating to Sonoma Co., she took a position with the county Office of Education in Santa Rosa. While still in Santa Rosa, she became a Coordinator/Supervisor for the local Interfaith Homeless Shelter for Men. She has also worked as Supervisor of Differently Abled at the Food Bank, a diversity program, with clients assisting with sorting, packing and palleting goods. She found time to intermittently work as a nurse's aid for Hospice in Sonoma Co., as well as Food for Thought food assistance program, Food for Humans, and Face to Face, a support group.

Karen returned to Stockton in 2009. Grandma stays busy Mon.-Fri. helping her youngest son with his three youngest children.

She joined this church to “be able to be as I am, as I was supposed to be all along” and she says it's been a “great journey so far. . . .”

Tim Bennetts

Tim is a third generation Californian of Welsh and Scottish descent. His great-grandparents were dirt farmers in Fresno, where he was born. His parents moved to Stockton in 1961 and bought a house on Lincoln Road, where it “dead-ended” before El Dorado was extended and Benjamin Holt Drive was called El Camino Real. He says his home was blessed with oak groves, rice, sheep, along with lots of snakes and rodents!

He graduated from A.A. Stagg High School, Class of '75, and also attended Delta College, which didn't last very long.

His career took off in 1984, when a friend suggested he apply with San Joaquin County Schools, Special Education Division.. That's where he found his calling as an Instructional Assistant. Applying his patience and good nature, he worked with many students and great teachers over the following twenty-two years.

Tongue cancer forced him to retire in 2005. Thanks to a good deal of radiation and faith, that cancer has not recurred, however, it has made his speech more difficult to understand and he asks us to please bear with him. He says, “Once you get used to it, I'll be saying a lot.”

He's been attending this church since last October and says he is moved by every service. He looks forward to being a U.U. for a very, very long time and we understand that he and his partner of many years, Doug Brown, will soon be married here.

Tim says, “I love Stockton!”



Debora Martin

Debora was born in Gulfport, MS, but moved to St. Clair Shores, MI at the age of one, where her mother and family were from, as well as her soon-to-be stepfather. They left Michigan when her stepfather was transferred to a new job with the telephone company in San Diego in 1963. Marriage to her now ex-husband in 1981 took her to Brooklyn, NY until this year, when she returned to her beloved California to start a new life.

Her early career was in commercial reinsurance. She returned to school to satisfy a creative need and one thing led to another, leading her to become a knitwear designer, graphic artist and teacher of design processes on the computer (commonly called CAD) for fashion and textile design, within the corporate arena and at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

The corporate world unexpectedly sent her packing at the end of last year and she decided to come stay with her aging parents in Lodi while she “regroups” and figures out her next step.

Debora has a daughter, Shauna Marie, who is 33, lives in Connecticut with her husband, Phil, and Debora's grandson, Joseph Edward, who just turned four. Debora's son, GianMarco, is 30 and lives in the Bronx. Both children followed in their father's footsteps and work in the restaurant business.

As far as hobbies, she says she's a BIG TIME knitter and also likes to teach knitting and crochet from beginning to design. She also does bead work and is learning quilting. At other times, she likes to walk, hike, bike ride, travel, read, meet new people and learn new things.

All these activities don't leave much time for a job, but she was looking and very recently found work. That is terrific, except that this job requires working on the weekends, so we won't be seeing her at services, much to her disappointment as well as ours. She does plan to stay in touch by joining some adult R.E. classes and participating where and when she can in other events.

Previously, her work took her all over the US and Canada, as well as France, the location of the home

office. She lived in Italy for a summer. She says there's too many places to list that she still wants to see, however, New Zealand and Guatemala would be at the top of that list. On her “bucket list” are sky diving, kayaking, and learning to watercolor.

In her youth, she did quite a bit of dirt-biking. She's met several celebrities, such as Carol Burnett, Brian Dennehy, Alex Grey and many fashion designers in NYC and during business travels.

Debora says she is a very spiritual person and has tried to find “answers” in many different flavors of Christianity and Buddhism and felt that none of them really spoke to her soul and her mind. It is also important for her to feel a sense of belonging and participating in a community. She is drawn to the diversity of the U.U. Congregation. Before coming to this area, she was attending, but not a member, of South Nassau U.U. Church in Freeport, Long Island. She joined us after just a few visits and was so looking forward to getting acquainted with all of us. We hope she finds ways to do that.

Sharon Marr

Sharon retired in 2010 from the City of Tracy as an analyst in the city's redevelopment agency. Except for a short stint (6 months) in Washington State, a long stint (15 years) in Reno, most of her life has been spent in California. She's resided from Shasta Co., where she was born and raised, to Davis, Sacramento (her favorite city), Milpitas, and finally, in 2000 to Modesto, where she still lives. She says she should have ventured a little further north to Stockton, since she ends up here quite often, though she would miss the library and the Gallo Center being so handy in Modesto.

She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren when she can; one is in San Francisco and two are in Reno. She also likes spending time with friends, knitting, reading, volunteering, walking (the hiking days are over!), some gardening, and choosing a new state each year to visit. This year, there will be two – Delaware and Montana. She feels fortunate to have had the chance to visit some European countries and while those trips were eventful, being able to see more of this country is, as the commercial says, “priceless!”

CAROLE DE AVELAR PETERSEN

Carole has been attending our church for about six months, but is a fourth generation Stocktonian.

Her work history is varied. She's been with the U.S. Dept. of Census, as an instructor for CAL Work, and part of the Sheriff Dept. work furlough programs. She has three certifications as a welder and iron worker; plasma cutter, torch, etc. She's also enjoyed working on congressional political campaigns.

Carole was a Patrol Leader and Administrator for the Stockton Chapter of Guardian Angels, spoke at civic functions, provided information to TV and other news media, and worked with SPD, city, and gang leaders.

Ask her what unusual things she's done and does she ever have a list! She was the Capt./Instructor for the Color Guard that marched with The Joaquin Caballeros, a championship drum and bugle corps from here in Stockton. She learned rifle drills with a Springfield with bayonet, carried a bull whip or Sabre in competitions, and marched with the corps down Main St. in Disneyland. She also had the opportunity to meet the celebrities from the T.V. show, "The Big Valley" and some of the Raiders football players, as well as others.

It doesn't stop there. Carole rode on a vintage fire engine, and visited movie sets in Stockton, where she met several stars. (Sigh...) She even spoke to Gregory Peck when she was a little girl. Later in life, she visited a Native-American burial site which had just been discovered near here and, (How many can say this?), dug for ancient bottles and other items from old out-houses in Stockton.

She's now a historian/researcher, working on the Spanish colonial era. She has also assisted an author who was researching and writing an article about her great-great-grandfather, a Deputy Sheriff who was murdered in the line of duty. The San Diego Sheriff's Museum, also using her research, wants to bring her to San Diego to see an area of the museum dedicated to this ancestor.

Her desire is to continue the fight against crime and blight, to help the effort to spay and neuter cats,

domestic and feral, so as to lower the number unwanted and needlessly killed, and to further understand water problems and the issues of Restore the Delta.

After all that, her "bucket list" includes visiting New York and the California missions, a ride on the Orient Express, travel to Maine for real lobster, to ride a horse again, sail on one of the Big Ships, do the flamenco, and just have fun!

April McDonald

April grew up in San Carlos, CA and moved to Las Vegas, NV when she was thirteen. Besides California and Nevada, she has lived in Missouri, Illinois, Oregon and Indiana, and actually has at some time traveled to every state in the US. No international travel yet.

She is single and has no children.

Her career is interesting and a bit unusual; she is an Air Traffic Controller and came to Stockton at the end of last November, when the FAA transferred her to our Stockton Airport tower. Unfortunately, she is now assigned to working every Sunday and, though she was very enthusiastic about joining us, will not be in attendance very often for the time being. She says she'll try to take a leave about once a month so that she is able to come to church at least occasionally. We'll have to hope for a promotion that will give her some weekends off!

She likes anything that is aviation related, playing slow-pitch softball (pitches and plays first base), enjoys movies (except horror or those with extreme violence), jigsaw puzzles, cooking, and meeting interesting people.

She attended our church last November, immediately after arriving in Stockton, and by December, was enthused about joining. She's a bit camera shy, but we're trying to talk her into posing for a photo.

Social Justice News

Social Justice Collection recipient for Sunday, April 20, 2014 is Peace & Social Justice Network.

Working for a peaceful world

The Peace & Justice Network of San Joaquin County (PJN) is a local grassroots educational non-profit, based in Stockton, in the Central Valley of California. We have been working on issues of peace, justice, and a healthy environment for over 20 years. To that end the group publishes a newspaper, Connections, hosts two cable television shows; Talking It Through and The Reality Show, and sponsors the local Earth Day, the Peaceful Holiday Fair, and other events. In September '05 we opened our new Peace Center which is giving us a much more visible and active presence in our community. We also encourage people to educate themselves with a variety of points of view and news beyond the mainstream.

Social Justice Collection

Our March Social Justice Collection raised **\$210.00 for the American Red Cross**. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions! If you have any suggestions for Social Justice Collection Recipient please contact Lauri McKindley or Rev. Bob Klein.

May: Woman's Center of San Joaquin County

The First UU Church Social Justice/Community Outreach movement is bursting into spring!

- Mark your calendars ... We'll have a table at the Stockton Earth Day Festival at Victory Park on Sunday, April 6th. If you'd like to help, please contact Jeri Bigbee (931-6871; jeribigbee@gmail.com).
- Our Habitat for Humanity crew had a great workday on Saturday, February 22nd (see the pictures below). Everyone is welcome to join the crew - just contact Art Cofod (art@cofod.net).

Let's keep the momentum going! Thank you for your continuing support and participation.



Alliance News

The Alliance is planning their April 9 meeting featuring a special video program beginning at 10:30 am.

The video traces the Women's movement through the years beginning in the Sixties to the present time.

It is an excellent program and takes about an hour. Discussion and a box lunch from Bodine's will be served after the video. There will not a business meeting.

Reservations will be required for the box lunch, cost estimate is \$13.00.

Mark calendars for the Annual Potluck Salad Luncheon and Program Planning meeting Wednesday, June 11 at Janet Bonner's home beginning at 11:00 a.m.

DAWN House Toiletries

Thank you again for your donations of hand soap, shampoo and toothbrushes from your travels. Hand lotion and other items needed by Women and their children fleeing a violent environment are truly appreciated. Remember - only unopened items please.

Alliance Kitchen Clean Up

Thank you to Mary Lois Thompson and Joan Briscoe for spending an afternoon working on the kitchen cupboards. Plastic drinking glasses are now located above the coffee cups for easy access. There are several boxes of plastic forks, spoons and knives. Please check before you purchase anymore. There is a full box of table mats as well as hot drink paper cups and a large assortment of foam cups and napkins. Stored dessert dishes have also been moved to available access although they should be washed before using. The Corelle soup bowls were moved to an upper cupboard location. Please help to keep the kitchen supplies visible, neat and accessible. Thank you to those who purchased some out of date dishes.

Western Farm Workers Association

Spring Family Brunch and Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 19, 2014 10am to 1 pm at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton.

Suggested donation: \$2.50 per person or \$5.00 per family. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

They are also looking for donations of baskets, candy, hams, eggs (hard boiled, fresh & plastic). Volunteers are welcome. You can also sponsor a family for \$5.00. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation please contact Nichole at 209-466-7743.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONNECTIONS!

Awaken the Spirit! District Assembly 2014!



April 25 - 27, 2014, at the Red Lion Hotel Woodlake Conference Center, Sacramento, CA!

Reserve your hotel room ASAP for the best choice of room - the hotel tells us that the best room are going fast!

Saturday Keynote Breakfast

District Executive Joshua Searle-White, Ph. D.



Our Saturday morning Keynote Speaker will be our own Josh Searle-White, District Executive of the PCD-UUA.

Josh will be speaking on The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth.

"Much is happening both in our corner of the UU universe and across the country. Let's talk about the truth of all of it, to paraphrase a famous prayer, no matter how beautiful it is."

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

Rev. Phil Porter with "Wing It!"

Our Saturday evening Featured Speaker will be Phil Porter with members of the "Wing It!" Performance Ensemble.

Phil Porter is the co-founder of Inter-Play, and Minister of Art & Communication at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Phil Porter is an artist, performer, theologian, teacher, and writer who has explored reintegration through the arts and the art of ideas for over 30 years.

Featuring 20 wide-ranging and thought-provoking workshops!

Meaningful and educational programs for:

DYGT (District Youth Gathering Together),

Middle School, and two levels for Children (nursery care is also available).

Friday Opening Worship and Banner Parade! We'll have a dance Saturday night! PCD Annual Meeting! Old Friends and New! Sunday worship!

There is something for everyone at this year's District Assembly! Register today! Find out what's going on in UUism beyond our church! Who wants to go?

General Assembly, A Meeting of Congregations

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.

**General Assembly 2014
June 25-29, Providence, RI**

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, RI 02903. [Google Map](#).

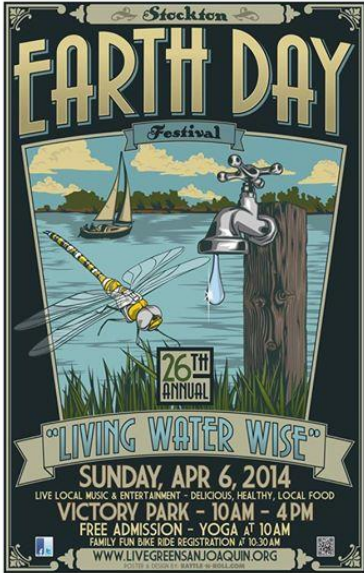
The theme for General Assembly 2014 is *Love Reaches Out*.

Religious life in America is changing dramatically and rapidly. Fewer people are identifying with specific denominations and most mainline religions are losing members in droves. People now find many outlets and places of engagement for their spiritual lives. Current studies of faith in America show that there is a movement toward a liberal, fluid kind of faith that doesn't fit with traditional denominational identity and structure. We already know that for every adult member of Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations, there are at least three non-members who also consider themselves to be Unitarian Universalist.

A core purpose of our faith is to help people grow in spirit and in service. We believe that our faith provides a path for each of us to unlock our transformational capacity to serve the world with love. We want to expand our faith not just to grow Unitarian Universalism, but also to better achieve this transformational purpose. Therefore, the General Assembly Planning Committee, the UUA Board of Trustees and the Administration want the General Assembly in 2014 help our association live into a future where our "Love Reaches Out" to share our faith both within and beyond our congregations' walls.

- Registration (rates increase 5/1)
- Housing and Travel (rooms added 3/21)
- Preliminary Programming Information (PDF)
- Tours and Excursions in and around Providence
- Financial Aid (applications due 3/31)
- 2014 Schedule
- \$100 reimbursement offered to Congregational Presidents

Upcoming community events



Come celebrate the Stockton Asparagus Festival inspired by San Joaquin County's most prestigious agricultural product. The Stockton Asparagus Festival is a three-day, multi-event, food, and entertainment festival, which celebrates food, fun and asparagus.

Location: **Downtown Stockton Waterfront**

Time: **10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

221 N Center St., Stockton, CA 95202 California

[Get \\$10 Adult Admission Tickets for the Festival!](#) Offer ends on 3/31/14.



PACT:

People and Congregations Together

Building Lifelines to Healing

Creating covenants For A Safer City On April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lifelines to Healing would like to invite you to our conference, "Creating Covenants for a Safer City" at Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Ave Stockton. Please join us to learn about Lifelines to Healing, and how your congregation can get involved in helping reduce the violence including different strategies such as Night Walks, Block by block, Restorative Justice, the Safe Return Project, ect.

For more information or to register email or call Tom Amato at PACT tom.amato@sbcglobal.net or 209-601-4457.

!PFLAG STOCKTON!

APRIL 13TH!

**COME SEE CARTOONIST KNAVE MURDOK
SPEAK ON LGBTQ MEDIA
REPRESENTATION!!**



**IN A
STEEL
CAGE!!!**

2737 Pacific Avenue, Stockton CA
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton
YOU WON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THE SEAT, BUT YOU'LL ONLY NEED THE EDGE!
!!!!SUNDAY SUNDAY SUNDAY!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!BE THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

Minister

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