



Welcome

Plan to be at church August 4 to help welcome Rev. Robert Klein. This will be his first Sunday in the pulpit as our new minister. What a grand way to launch into our centennial year!

Rev. Klein and his son, Aaron, drove a U-Hall all the way from Arkansas, arriving last week. Several strong young men from the congregation helped them unload and now Rev. Klein is settling in. His son will be flying back to his home in Arizona.

Rev. Klein is also asking for referrals for a Doctor, Dentist and Veterinarian in the area. If you have any leads please pass on the information to him.

A new beginning is afoot with a new minister and a new Director of Religions Education, Lisa Jones, who took over that position a few weeks ago. There is great energy as we look forward to strengthening our beloved community.

A small salad luncheon in Jackson Hall will follow the Sunday service. Please bring one ingredient to add to the salad. Contact Colleen Beilby at 465-7181 to let her know what you can bring. Stay tuned as there will be many activities in the near future where you can get involved.

Lisa Jones was recently hired as Acting Director of Religious Education. She will serve approximately a year supervising the Sunday school program. She has initiated a program for teens who want to work on

social justice and environmental issues, engage in discussions about their values, and plan fun activities such as movie nights, field trips, and sleepovers. Programming on nature and UU principles is designed for younger children. Future programming for the children and youth is likely to cover: thinking critically about ethical issues and the bible, studying multiple faiths, exploring spirituality and science, and applying UU principles.

A Word from the Minister

A huge THANK YOU to all those who have helped me to get settled into my beautiful new house! I now live an easy walk from the church. A majority of the boxes and tubs have been unpacked and the boxes were even broken down and taken away! Several shifts of volunteers have made a challenging move much easier. I look forward to getting better acquainted with all of you over the coming days, months, and years but I already have a great appreciation of your spirit, community, and commitment to the values of Unitarian Universalism!

In the chaos of the move, I have not picked out sermon topics very far ahead but my dogs have inspired me this Sunday to think about "The Value of Sidewalks and Living Where the Sidewalk Ends!"

I hope to see you soon!

Rev. Bob



**Sunday Services – 10:30 am
(Unless other wise noted)**

August 4- Rev. Bob Klein's First Sermon-The Value of Sidewalks and Living Where the Sidewalk Ends

August 11- TBD

August 18- TBD

August 25- TBD

Religious Education News

What's New in Religious Education for Youth and Children

Dear Congregants:

Thanks for voting for an increase in RE Funding – now let's raise those funds so we can afford it! **Participate in the Barbeque fundraiser** (see details elsewhere in this issue). Teens and children are needed to help us run the food to the cars on Aug. 14. Everyone can sell tickets now! Contact me at lisajonesoctavia@gmail.com now or leave a message with Tory after Aug. 1.

Let's perk up our August attendance rates! Let your kids find out who is back at church this school year, **greet new families shopping for a home church and checking out the new minister.** Please tell them about the program described below and direct them toward me.

Age Focused RE

A. Youth Group (7-12 grade)

Teens are studying what blocks our country from combating climate change and pollution problems. We will plan a social justice action

campaign and a party, sleepover, or field trip. July 14, 28, Aug. 4 and Sept. dates TBA.

YRUU: Christy Kelley will hold Wednesday night talk sessions twice a month at her house with David or Adele O'Niell as a second adult advisor to support the youth lead program. Starts mid-August.

B. K-6th grade: Nature based art and activities with Judy Andrews. July

C. 5th-6th graders: Upcoming programming will address UU history & principles, empowering kids to be spiritual and/or agnostic despite pressures at school, and possibly exploring Christian stories with both reverence and critical thinking. Volunteers needed!

Mixed-Age Spiritual Exploration

When there is no age specific programming for teens or elementary children there will be opportunities to explore spiritual beliefs through readings, art, games, and creative writing. Clay, water colors, and more.

The youth requested that we participate in Kids in a Box again in the Fall and we may plan an intergenerational talent show.

Lisa holds office hours at the church on Thursdays from 11-1 (note the change!) and should be reached in person or on her cell phone during that time frame: 242-1821. At all other times, please leave voice messages on her home phone or send her an e-mail.

Home phone: 547-1020 (except during office hours--see above)
lisajonesoctavia@gmail.com

The Treasurer's Report

I want to thank your all for your confidence in electing me the new treasurer of this church. I was treasurer a few years ago and it feels good to be back on the church board with a great team of board members. I have been treasurer and board member of professional and church related organizations for much of my life.

My support team consists of the ushers who collect the contributions from those who attend each Sunday, count the cash and record the number of checks after the service. This, along with the coffee money, is placed in a safe before they leave. During the week, Judy Andrews and Nichole count the cash again, lists the checks, plus any that come by mail, for Nichole to enter in the donation software and Judy makes the bank deposit.

Later in the week Nichole prepares the list of bills to be paid which I sign. Then our new bookkeeper, Jessica, comes in and does her magic on the computer with Quickbooks, prints the checks for me to sign, handles payroll and prepares the reports needed by the board. This process takes place each week and we need to thank them all for their dedication. In addition, I have the assistance of the Finance Committee, chaired by Sara Milnes, to watch over the process.

I will be posting the summary reports each month on the bulletin board in Jackson Hall so those who are interested can see how we are doing each month. The year end Balance Sheet and the Income and Expense summary for our last fiscal year are now posted. I will also report, in general terms, each month in this column.

We ended last year with a small surplus of about \$3500, thanks to rental income, fund raising events and special giving for the broken water pipe and huge water bills that

this entailed. We hope we do not have these unusual expenses this year.

If you attended the Annual Meeting you know that the budget, prepared by the Finance Committee and Board, was modified by the congregation to increase the hours of the RE director to 20 per month. The additional money that this required was not in the budget so an increase in Fund Raising was added to balance the budget again. Fortunately we have great Fund Raising teams who have taken on this goal. However, as a church body, we should be funding this work through our weekly and monthly regular giving. We need an increased commitment from the members and friends of the church to provide the funds to operate this church, and not rely on special events to meet our needs. Pledging this year was almost equal to last year, when we needed growth in that area. I am sure Rev. Klein will address this from the pulpit, and I will remind you here occasionally.

I will be in Europe in mid-August and Sara Milnes will be minding the accounts while I am gone. If you have any questions, please contact me at airsafe1@Comcast.net or my phone 484-7046.

David Hall

Social Justice News

Social Justice Collection Sunday, Aug. 18th 2013

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

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions!

Social Justice Collection

Our July Social Justice Collection raised **\$281.75 in support of the UUSC**. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions!

Congregational News & Updates

UU GROWS WITH U

If all friends and members do 1+ volunteer tasks and attend a few of many planned events we can reach the near-\$16K goal for events AND add new programs for young families.

See the TIX & VOLUNTEERS TABLE every Sunday after church in Jackson Hall.

- ✚ Most events are \$10 for 1 adult or 2 students/ kids.
- ✚ Buy 5 at a time and get an extra free ticket.
- ✚ Potlucks are \$10 for 1, \$20 per family.
- ✚ Potluck main dish is provided. You bring a salad OR dessert OR bread OR wine.

NEXT EVENTS - \$10 unless noted

AUGUST

Sat., 3rd, Flaherty's Poolside Potluck
5 pm swim, 6 pm eat & chat. Bring a chair.

Sun., 4th, 10:30 am Rev. Klein's 1st Sunday reception (no charge) Also stop by Tix/Volunteers Table

Wed., 14th, 5-7 pm Texas BBQ Take-out curbside pick ups. Must buy tickets & choose chicken/pork by Aug. 7. Tell friends.

Sat., 31st, 6 pm Blum's Solar Potluck - 10 max.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST

Sat., 3rd, 4-5 pm, 2 to help set-up at Flaherty's Potluck

Sun., 4th, 11:30-12, 1 to help at tix/Volunteers Table

Wed., 7th, 5:30 - 8:30, distribute Texas BQ flyers at Victory Pk. Concert - *More the merrier*. Also last day to buy tix & choose pork/chicken suppers)

Sun., 11th, 11:30-12, 2- to help at Tix/Volunteers Table

Wed., 14th, Many make light work at Texas BBQ Take-out: **4 pm**: 2 to set up. **4:30-7 pm** 2 more teens and 4 kids to carhop and 3 servers. **7 pm**: 2 to clean up.

Sun., 18th & 25, 11:30-12 noon, 2 for Tix/Vols. Table

Other: you choose day, time:

At church-

- * Touch-up painting
- * Work with flowers, bushes, weeds.
- * Greet visitors at entrance - 1 Sun/mo.?

Place you choose:

- * Sell tix to Texas BBQ to friends by Aug. 7
- * Meals for member emergencies,
- * Phone members to fill volunteer slots or chat with shut-ins.
- * Use S-Mart card: 2% comes to UU
- * Think of items & services for Fall Auction

LET'S GROW!

ONE OF OUR OWN YOUNG PEOPLE WINS ART AWARD

Lee Sherpa, who graduated from Mc Nair high school this last year, was awarded first place in the student show at the Lodi Community Art Center for one of the sculptures that he created. He plans to study sculpture at Delta College in the fall with the ambition to someday becoming an art teacher himself.

Let us hear about the achievements of other young people in our church. Please send information about their accomplishments and awards in an e-mail to Lisa Jones, Acting Director of Religious Education (DRE), at lisajonesphd@gmail.com

Book Group Meeting



The Book Club meets this month on AUGUST 28th: *Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett. Facilitated by Sigrid Eilers.

Facilitated by Anne Struck.

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

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Emerson Coffee House Collective

We will not be hosting the Emerson Coffee House in July or August but will resume in September.

Food Bank Donations Needed



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

Collecting Bottles and Cans



The Church is collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles (water, soda, & juice ONLY – no other plastics) for recycling. Two barrels for your donations are in Jackson

Hall. Please drain all liquids before placing in receptacles. Every Monday the cans and bottles will be taken to a recycling center. For more information, contact Judy Andrews at (209) 476-9828.

Help Save Mart donate to our Church!

This may seem a little strange, that a grocery store could donate to a church. But here is how it works.

If you shop at Save Mart and show the "Save Mart Share Card" at the time of purchase, then 3% of the purchase amount will be donated to the church. This is like free money. Sara Milnes has Share Cards and will be happy to give you one.

Grant Research and Writer Needed!

There are grants out there that can be used by our church to support programs that will benefit our church and our community. Is this your niche in life? Would you like to research grants, and if there are some that we might use, draft the grant application? If so, we need your help! Please contact Dwane Milnes and he will help point you in the right direction

Will There Be Coffee For the Coffee Hour?

Yes, there will always be coffee for the coffee hour. But it seems that the cost is more than the donations that wind up in the donation cups.

Please help enliven our coffee hour with your donation as you enjoy that wonderful coffee and the desserts after church services each Sunday.

Coffee prices are going up and we hope the donations do as well.

UU Alliance News

Raffle

It's that time of year again for *Raffle tickets*. *They will be sold* Sundays beginning, Sunday October 7 and through October 28.

The drawing for the \$250 gift certificate for Lincoln Center will be November 3 after church. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Proceeds will be used by The Alliance toward a church project.

Fall Tea

A fall get together with Tea and Cookies will be at Marge Flaherty's home on Wednesday, September 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Christmas Tree Trimming

Christmas tree trimming and catered lunch is schedule for Wednesday, December 11 in Jackson Hall. A Christmas program will be at 11:00 with lunch served at 12 noon. Reservations will be required. Information: Doray Johnson or Coralita Rathhaus

Kitchen Cleaning

The new kitchen cleaning schedule will be out the end of August.

Please remember to check your month and find a sub if necessary.

We appreciate all of you who signed up to take a month at

cleaning, laundering towels and checking the kitchen for spills; watching for outdated items

in the refrigerator and straightening the shelf above the sink.

** A special thank you to those who use the kitchen and leave it like their own.

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

Charting the Course of Justice! Sunday, August 11th our UU Legislative Ministry is bringing "Charting the Course of Justice" to the northern San Joaquin Valley. at the Modesto church. Lunch, discussion and planning after the Sunday service.

For the past decade, the UU Legislative Ministry California (UULMCA) has been providing spiritually grounded justice leadership training, experiential learning adventures, young adult outreach and organizing to advance specific issues of interest to UUs in California: marriage equality, healthcare reform, immigrant and environmental justice. It is remarkable what a difference California UUs have already made by working together!

[PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THIS LINK SO WE KNOW TO EXPECT YOU!](#) And call Art Cofod at 209-401-3991.

<http://tinyurl.com/kjvkdw9>

Stockton Area Events & News

DHX HOLDS "SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA"

Delta Harmony Xpress invites YOU to attend a "Sunday Afternoon Tea" in Jackson Hall on August 18, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. Lots of Harmony will be served along with iced tea and finger foods! The Tea is a Fund Raising Event for "Flipside" Quartet; these talented ladies placed FIRST in the April Region 12 Sweet Adeline Competition held in Reno. Flipside is honored to be representing Region 12 in Hawaii this November where they will compete with quartets from all over the world. Sweet Adelines is an International

organization with over 30,000 members worldwide.

FlipSide members are: Sandy Cope, tenor, who lives in Roseville, Kathy Pecsar, lead, who lives in Santa Rosa, Margaret Leggett, baritone, and Merriann Cree, bass, both who live in Stockton. This foursome formed in June of 2011. However, these good friends have sung together in various quartets through the years and are happy to have found the opportunity to all sing together again. They're very excited and thrilled to be on stage with Singing Sisters from all over the world!

Tickets for the "Sunday Afternoon Tea" will be available from any Delta Harmony Xpress member; the ticket price is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students. Curtis Mannah is the DHX's Director and Margaret Leggett is the Assistant Director. DHX presently has 24 members; it is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the art of singing and educating others about Barbershop Harmony, a true American art form. DHX invites you to join in a pleasant afternoon of Harmony, Tea, Goodies, and FUN! Proceeds will help send FlipSide Quartet to Hawaii! ALOHA!

Concerts in the Park - Summer 2013

Wednesday, June 5, - Wednesday, August 21
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: Victory Park
Spend an evening in the park with your favorite person, a picnic supper, and some great music as the Concert in the Park series continues for its 61st year! The 12-concert series typically attracts in excess of 12,000 people!

- **Aug. 7:** [Valley Concert Band](#) -- Genre: Big Band, 30-piece band
- **Aug. 14:** Nick Isaak Band
- **Aug. 21:** [Waterloo](#) -- Genre: Northern California's premier Abba tribute band

Stockton Obon Bazaar

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - Sunday, August 4, 2013

Stockton Buddhist Temple
2820 Shimizu Dr
Stockton, CA 95203

The highlights of the Bazaar include great Japanese food, Japanese Flower Arrangements, Mataro Doll Display, Japanese Sword Display and lots of entertainment; including, Taiko Drums, Tai Chi, Minyo Dance, Martial Arts and a Chapel Tour of the Temple.

Admission is free and there is plenty of parking.

Contact: buddhist@sbcglobal.net
(209) 466-6701

San Joaquin Valley Outdoor Movie Night: "Brave"

Sunday, August 4, 2013
8:00pm - 11:00pm
Oak Park

Fantasies Unfolded Events premier's "Outdoor Movie Night" in San Joaquin County which presents an outdoor movie on a giant screen located in Oak Park near Stockton, CA. First film will view August 04, 2013 at 8:30 pm but, try to arrive early for music, a raffle, and get a great parking space. Parking will be available for a small \$5 fee into the park. Film Night in the Park is a community event created to help stop the Violence within San Joaquin County.

Our first viewing this season will be the feature film distributed by Walt Disney Pictures "Brave" Rated PG. All films will PG & PG-13

Grab your blanket, pillow and bring your family "Outdoor Movie Night" in the Park is coming to Oak Park in Stockton, CA.

Admission is \$3, Ages 0-3 are free!

Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, and plenty of beverages, Glow Sticks, Necklaces and Bracelets available for a small donation.

For more information call (916) 376-7804 or visit: www.fantasiesunfolded14.com or



Stockton Pride Festival 2013

First Unitarian Universalist Church will have a booth at the event so come out and support the Church, Saturday,

August 17, 2013
11:00am - 7:00pm

Celebrate diversity at Stockton Pride's 2nd Annual event.

Come and enjoy yourself at Oak Grove Regional Park while we celebrate a day for our LGBTQ community! This vibrant and growing event is the only event of its kind in Stockton. Please come out to enjoy the food, festival atmosphere, fun, teen area, children's zone, and free entertainment.

Entertainment Schedule:

- 11:00am-2:00pm: Community cultural performances
- 2:30pm: Ryan Cassata
- 3:00pm: Marirose & The Gypsies
- 4:00pm: Drag Show
- 5:00pm: Dirty DJ's
- 6:00pm: Jambalaya

Find us here:

www.facebook.com/StocktonPride

www.stocktonpride.weebly.com

Instagram: @StocktonPride

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>August 28th</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>August 7th & 21st</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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