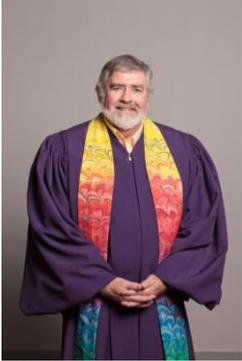




Minister's Musings/Message:



I just returned from a wonderful District Ministers' Retreat at St. Dorothy's Retreat Center up at Camp Meeker near Santa Rosa. I was pleased to see several colleagues I have known for years and to meet many other District Colleagues whom I had not known before. The

camp is in a forest of Redwoods and I could hardly have felt more at home between the warm welcome of my colleagues and the beautiful setting. It was a refreshing and relaxing time for me—the first real weekend break since I arrived, and it was very good! I took Hwy 12 across the Delta on my way to the retreat, but I took a slight detour on my return trip to drive a few miles on Highway 1 overlooking the ocean and then swung back through Oakland to go past some areas I remember from my time at Holy Names College (now University) when I studied with Matthew Fox at the Institute for Culture and Creation Spirituality. It is good to be back in California!

I actually started to write this part before leaving for the District Ministers' Retreat, when I was still a bit discouraged after the October Board Meeting. Like many churches over the years, we face some significant financial challenges and the pledges have been coming in slowly. Generally, I tend to wait to see how finances are after the end of the calendar (tax) year before worrying very much, since there are usually several people who will make substantial payments in December. I know that between the expenses of the move here, medical expenses and some expensive surprise Dental visits, I have not paid much yet toward my intended starting pledge of at least \$200/month.

One of the things that helps me worry a little less is seeing how many strong and devoted leaders are working for First UU Church. The news that the government shutdown is over may also help the financial situation. If you are behind on your pledge and can catch up or can give a little more, it will help a lot.

Now that the fire is not an issue, I have been hoping to get up to Yosemite before the weather gets too cold, and I would also like to get back up to the Calaveras Big Trees and over to Muir Woods (I was going to stop there on my way back from the Ministers' Retreat—but after a weekend in the Redwoods I decided I could wait)! There are so many interesting places to go that are not far away!

As the nights cool and the calendar year winds to its end, I hope that things are well with each of you! I have often found November to be a good time for assessing life and meditating on the year soon ending. The heat of the summer is past, the rains will hopefully come soon, the harvest is ending, and it is time to celebrate Thanksgiving! May this be a month of gratitude and appreciation.

Peace,

Rev. Bob

INSTALLATION 4 pm Sunday November 24th for REV. ROBERT J. (BOB) KLEIN

The installation ceremony is a time to honor our minister and to formally introduce him to the community. The Rev. Jane Bechle will be the main speaker! Guest ministers and lay leaders will be on hand to welcome him.

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

Nov. 3 Radical Hospitality-Welcoming the Visitor! Rev. Bob Klein

Nov. 10 Unitarian Universalism and the Military
Rev. Bob Klein and Kerry Keithcart Kerry
Keithcart Col (USAFR retired). **WHAT UU &
THE MILITARY HAVE IN COMMON**" Yes
many UU's protest wars yet UU ministers have
served in the military & we have Veterans in our
congregation. Share a dialogue from both sides as
we "Bless All Who Serve" in anticipation of
Veteran's Day Nov 11. Co-leaders Rev Bob &
Kerry Col (USAFR retired)

Nov. 17 Gratitude! Rev. Bob Klein

Nov. 24 Levels of Truth Rev. Jane Bechle

Nov. 24th 4 p.m. The Installation of Rev. Bob
Klein: Rev. Jane Bechle Preaching the
Installation address.

Adult Classes led by Rev. Bob:

Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism

(based on Bishop Spong's book)

5 Sessions beginning Friday, Nov. 1st 10:30
a.m.-noon (contact Rev. Bob if you are interested
as times may change—Proposed sessions Nov. 1,
8, 15 and Dec. 6 & 13) Contact the office if you
would like a copy of the book which is also
available on Kindle)

Dreamwork Group, looking at our Dreams—
using Rev. Jeremy Taylor's method

Introductory Session Thursday Nov. 7th 1-3
p.m. Bring a Dream! Further meeting dates to
be determined by group. (Recommended reading:
one of Jeremy's books on Dreams--The Wisdom
of Your Dreams is available on Kindle)

Treasures Report Oct. 2013

We are about one-third of the way through our
fiscal year, and if you look at the financial data on
the board in Jackson Hall you will know how we
are doing. The short message is "not too well." As
I write this in mid-October, expenses are running
ahead of income by about \$7,000.

We have put off the purchase of a new office
computer, reduced our phone bill and cancelled
the Yellow Pages in Lodi and Tracy. Small
change but it helps. If you have any suggestions
on how to reduce this deficit please give me a
call, 209-474-7421.

Dave Hall

Social Justice News

Social Justice Collection Sunday, Oct. 20th 2013

This month's social justice collection is in support
of Animal Friends Connections. 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 **\$191.00**
in support of Give Every Child A Chance.
Thank you to everyone for your generous
contributions!



Religious Education News

What's New in Religious Education for Children and Youth Opportunities and Events

RE has a strong need for volunteers to teach the children. Lisa can help you with the simple learning and planning required.

We also welcome help with a multi-generational project videotaping and interviewing our adults and children about their beliefs.

Pizza donations for the teen discussion groups also needed!

Save these Dates:

Church-wide Holiday Party -- December 22

For Teens and Kids

Teens meet to plan a talent show: Nov. 3, 2-3 (come earlier at 12 to start the discussion group with Rev. Bob.--see below).

All Teens Welcome to Youth Group Pizza Discussion Days Invite teens you know to attend a series of Youth Group discussions with Rev. Bob Klein on whatever topics interest them, 7th-12th grade. Currently scheduled (12:30-3) for: Nov. 3, 10 and 17 and resuming on Dec. 1st and 15th, future dates TBA. Please donate pizza or other lunch food for the teens.

On Nov. 3, the first day, the teens will meet earlier with Rev. Bob at 12 and then can stay to plan a talent show with Lisa from 2-3.

November 23 Book Character Costume and Trivia Contest (From Mythology and the Percy Jackson (elementary age children) series to Dr. Who and the Hunger Games (teens), at Barnes and Noble, as part of our fund drive; 11:30 (til 1?).

Put Barnes and Noble books on your holiday gift list and raise much needed funds to support the church.

Questions? Contact Acting Director of Religious Education, Lisa Jones at 547-1020 (home/landline) or lisawritesagain@gmail.com. Office hours Thursday 11-1.



Congregational News & Updates

Minister's Office Hours:

Rev. Bob will be keeping 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 new cell 209-684-6345 for appointments or emergencies. Messages left at his home or on his cell will be checked at least daily. Feel free to e-mail uurevbobk@gmail.com

TEACUUPS

Many years ago there was a group in this church called The Earth Alliance, part of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (www.cuups.org). I would like to try to begin again and see if there is interest in rebuilding this group. It is open, of course, to all who might find us an interesting group of people. This group is not restricted to the pagan/atheist/agnostic/earth loving members and friends of this church. Please join us for a discussion on the possibilities at my home, 2111 Lido Circle, on Wednesday, November 20 from 7:30 to 9 PM.

Dave Hall



Welcome New Members

Mikayla Meyling

My name is Mikayla Meyling and I am currently 24 years old, born in Lodi but raised and currently live in the same neighborhood as our church.

I work as a childcare provider for the youth of our church and have held the position for a little over a year. I also work for my aunt and occasionally do work as a caterer for UOP.

I am working toward finishing my last semester of college and hope to obtain a teaching credential to teach elementary school children.

In my spare time I enjoy cooking for family and friends, traveling as much as possible, meditating, hanging out at the beach, reading, watching MMA/UFC, and exercising- which includes boxing. Since late April of 2013, I've been on a mission to make myself as healthy and fit as I can be, and I love the journey!

I come from a family of Christians, Catholics, Atheists, Agnostics, and even Quakers. I believe I've always been a Unitarian Universalist, I just didn't always know there was a name for what I believed in! I am lucky to have the support of many in my immediate family, including both my parents. Many people in the congregation have met my mother, as she has attended and expressed interest in the church as well. In the UU Church, I know I've found a place to call home.

Jeremy Teeter

My name is Jeremy Teeter, I'm twenty-five years old, still learning what it means to be an adult. I was born in Washington, but grew up in southern California, and I've lived in The San Joaquin valley for almost ten years now. I have studied psychology, first at Delta College, and then at U.C. Davis, and I now have my sights set on becoming a teacher.

I first became involved with the Unitarian Universalist church in Davis. There, I participated in the campus ministry group, as well as sometimes attending the Sunday service and certain classes. I wanted to join because, up until that point in my life, my spiritual life was mainly something I did alone. raised more or less agnostic, I had my ideas about religion and spirituality, but they felt empty to me without being put into practice. I had been turned off by both "in your face religion" and "hard atheism", so the UU church seemed like a nice fit.

I have been blessed with some amazing experiences in. I've been a volunteer and board member for a seasonal homeless shelter. As part of this, I was able to work directly with many other faith communities. Also, I had an internship with Glide church in San Francisco, where I worked to help provide support for people in low income housing in the city.

Even with all these experiences, I have never quite found a place to put down my roots and call home. That is why I'm really excited to finally find a community such as this one to become a part of fully.

Christina Dilemuth

I was born in Upland, Ca. and lived mostly in northern California during my childhood but my Father was career Air Force so we did travel including 5 different schools during 6th grade and two years in Portugal.

I graduated from Atwater High School, one of the first graduating classes. I met my husband while attending UOP and we were married in the UOP Chapel by Dr. Maynard in 1963, 50 years ago.

After I graduated college with a BS in mathematics both Fred and I joined the Peace Corps where I worked as a teacher at the High School in Palau in the Western Caroline Islands. We spent 4 years in that paradise and our son Jay was born there.

We also have a daughter Jamie. Both children live in the SF bay area. Jamie has two boys aged 7 and nearly 3. Jay has a boy 8 and a girl 3. We spend every Friday babysitting Luq the youngest boy. We absolutely love this "job."

I still teach two hours a week every Thursday in Fremont and volunteer at the Troche Library in Stockton several times a month. My mother is alive and well at 92 and we visit her weekly in Sacramento. When I have spare time I do enjoy reading, biking, working out, walking, travelling and I really want to love gardening and cooking but have discovered that I don't. I also knit, crochet and sew on occasion. Did I mention garage sales? And of course I've always loved teaching and relating to adolescents.

Why Stockton to retire??? We've been asked that so many times. We had been looking for a retirement location and came to Stockton following an ad in the Fremont Argus touting houses on a lake. The Brookside development was closed but a realtor showed us a house on Lake Venetia which we fell in love with. We are really fond of this area but miss having friends who live close by.

I think the most interesting and unique place I've been is Jellyfish Lake in Palau. We visited Palau in 2004, 33 years after leaving and had the opportunity to swim in a lake with thousands of jellyfish. They have no stingers because for many years they have been breeding in this lake with no predators. The experience was indescribably otherworldly.

We've been attending UU church since late June and fell in love with the philosophy and the people immediately. We are eager to become part of the UU circle of friendship and support and begin making a difference in Stockton.

Fred Dilemuth

After being born in Minnesota and raised on farms in Iowa Fred migrated to Stockton for college. After a four year hitch in Peace Corps Palau Fred served 47 years as a classroom teacher, counselor, site and district level administrator in the Bay Area. As a truant officer he started a program for unmotivated and underachieving high school students called "I CARE". Thirty years and 7,000 students later he still conducts counseling sessions and community volunteer projects with his "kids" resulting in a graduation rate of 90%

Outside of education he worked on HBO documentary "Crack America" which he received an Academy Award Nomination and a Television Series "For Kids Sake" at KPIX San Francisco earning two Emmys. In his "spare time" he trains and competes with the golden West Seniors Track and Field Team where he has earned All-American Status in eight separate events including the Decathlon. In 2002 he ranked 2nd in the world in the 100 meter hurdles.

When asked about which accomplishments he is proudest the immediate answer is his four grandchildren and their parents.

His favorite music: "The sound of people laughing!"

He is delighted to be joining the spiritual journey of fellow UU members and the atmosphere of caring and understanding that sets this congregation apart from previous "religious" experiences.

Thank you to those of you who helped clean the folding chairs.

As many have noticed for quite some time, our Jackson Hall folding chairs have been much in need of a good Home Economics cleaning.

Without setting up a committee to meet and discuss the issue for a month or two,

A spontaneous solution arrived among some like minded church members! We would each take 2-4 chairs home once or twice --sometimes even THREE times!! And with the help of an upholstery cleaner, (try Orchard Supply) see whether the chairs would clean up. Well, about 20-30 minutes per chair and voila! Please check the results and see for yourself. No need any longer to feel embarrassed at the spotty, stained look of said chairs!!

If you want to thank the cleaners, look for: Leslie and Herman Washington, Cindy Milford, Joni and Norrie Bean, Mary Bullard, Jessie Springborn, Harry Welte, and the "chair of the chairs", Mary Lois Thompson,



Choir Update

We have a new Music Director Amelia Roberts! Hopefully all you singers that have extended your summer break will be ready to jump back into choir! We may hold some kind of an optional read through of music either Tues, Weds or Thursday evenings, but **we will return to the main rehearsal at 9 am on Sunday mornings.** New singers are also encouraged to join us. Watch for more info as things develop!

Thanksgiving Dinner for those of us who are strays.

If you have strayed far from family and are not planning on being with relatives, we will be hosting a Thanksgiving Day potluck at 3PM. It will be in our home (unless more people sign up than our house can hold and we move it to Jackson Hall). We will provide the turkey, stuffing and gravy, your kitchen or store will provide the rest of the meal. Please sign up on Sundays after the service at the table in Jackson Hall, provide your phone number and what you would like to bring. Deadline for sign up is Nov. 24.

Dave Hall and Roseann Hannon 474-7421

Book Group Meeting

The Book Club meets this month on **November 27th** Innocent by Scott Turow. Facilitated by Carol Clark

December: Hay Fever a play by Noel Coward. Facilitated by Anne Struck

January 2014: Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeons Journey by Eben Alexander. Facilitated by Pat Davis

February 2014: The Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela. 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

Thanks, Herman



Emerson Coffee House Collective



Loki Rhythm returns to Emerson Coffeehouse Saturday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. Manny and Tanya Moreno, with their delightful eclectic group,

entertained us to rave reviews last year. The group's 15- instrument palette ranges from basic guitar and ukulele to flugelhorn, washboard, West African and Chinese drums and Australian didgeridoo. Son, 14 year-old Seren, plays saxophone, guitar and drums.

Manny says, "We have musicians from all cultures. We try to celebrate diversity of the Central Valley." He chose the name, Loki—Thor's brother in Norse mythology—so they could be a bit subversive.

Don't miss this real treat. Doors open at 6:30. Come indulge with a hot drink and a yummy snack while swaying to Loki Rhythm's infectious sound.

Tickets \$10.00; Students \$5.00.

Enter side entrance which is handicapped accessible.



GROW WITH U- What's next

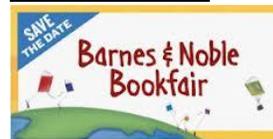
Not your usual COUPON BOOKS \$12

"I saved \$8 with my first coupon!" Dave Hall



Dozens of items not just fast foods. \$6 of every book stays with the church. The books are Good to Dec. 2014. Great gifts. Check them out, sell to friends. Available most Sundays in Jackson Hall.

UU Book Fair



Guess what you are going to give and receive this year for Christmas or Hanukkah? Books, just BOOKS! (Or maybe coffee, e-books, or cheesecake!) How easy is that? During the week of November 17-24, most online AND in-store book purchases from Barnes & Noble will result in a 10% donation to our congregation. All you need to do is enter our special UU Book fair code number when you make your purchase -- **11219821**

Start making your lists (and checking them twice) now! This is the easiest fundraiser you will ever support. Fliers and bookmarks coming soon. Questions? Email Tory Sonstroem at tory.sonstroem@gmail.com

UU Alliance News

Alliance Raffle

Thank you to everyone who helped with The Alliance raffle.

The winner, will be drawn this Sunday, November 3.

A total amount earned from the raffle will be announced in the next Communitarian as well as plans for a needed church project. Your purchase of a raffle ticket was truly appreciated.

Thank you.

Christmas Tree Trimming

Christmas tree trimming and catered lunch is schedule for Wednesday, December 11 in Jackson Hall. Beginning with a business meeting at 10:30.

Special music by The Portsman will highlight the morning at 11:00 followed by a catered luncheon from the Saigon Restaurant. Price will be \$12. Reservations for lunch may be made by email to Colleen Cook or phone Doray Johnson, 473-0838.



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.

Stockton Area Events & News

A must see, one-man, one-act play by Michael Milligan ... on the destructive personal impact of the American Healthcare system. It makes public the private stories of thousands of Americans and shows an urgent need for change in a system failing so many. This is incredibly powerful and personal, based on a real-life story about Joe, the all-around independent man whose wife contracts cancer, loses her job, her insurance, their house and eventually her life. Laughter and tears guaranteed! Panel discussion, led by Michael Milligan to follow ... let's start the discussion! Do join us! We have tickets ... at [\(209\) 951-0499](tel:2099510499). Carol and Jerry (Student tickets, with valid student ID, available only at the box office.)

The "Mercy Killers" has had great reviews from the East Coast and also Great Britain. It deals with healthcare as a human right. It does not deal directly with single payer. The play is approximately an hour long. It will be followed by a short panel discussion which will focus at least in part on single payer healthcare.

The play deals with a conservative, Tea Party kind of guy. He is an auto mechanic whose main interests are his love of the United States and his wife. His world turns upside down when his wife develops cancer and becomes terminal. He does not have health insurance that will cover her needs.



MERCY KILLERS

NOVEMBER 7, 2013 | 7:00 PM

Warren Atherton Auditorium
San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton



Tickets \$10. Tickets free for all students with student ID. Purchase tickets at the Delta Center for the Arts Box Office 209-954-5110 www.deltacollege.edu/deltacenter/depts/arts/boxoffice.html or may purchase via MercyKillersStockton.com or 209-638-4191. Parking Tickets \$2, available at end of each lot. *A fee is applied for tickets processed through the box office. www.MercyKillersThePlay.com

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

Rev. Robert Klein466-7743

E-Mail.....minister@stocktonuu.org

Director of Religious Education

Lisa Jones.....466-7743

E-Mail..... religious_ed@stocktonuu.org

Music Director

Amelia Roberts.....466-7743

E-Mail.....music@stocktonuu.org

Administrator

Nichole Ybarra.....466-7743

E-Mail.....office@stocktonuu.org

Board of Trustees' President

Dwane Milnes 467-0224

E-Mailpresident@stocktonuu.org

How to Contact Us

Phone (209) 466-7743

Fax..... (209) 466-6474

E-Mailcontact@stocktonuu.org

Webwww.stocktonuu.org

Mail/Office.....2737 Pacific Avenue

Stockton CA 95204

Office Hours.....Mon. - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.