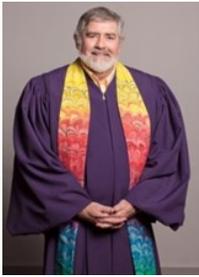


Minister's Musings/Message



Is June Spring or Summer? Sometimes it's hard to tell, but the Summer Solstice arrives Monday, June 20, 2016 at 3:34 PM PDT, so I guess it's fair to say June is both Spring and Summer. There is probably a greater chance that June days will be hot and dry, but they may not be as hot as July and August. June begins what is for some the summer break. Historically, Unitarian Churches (especially on the East Coast) closed for the summer, while the ministers went on retreat in Maine. These days, we don't generally close down the churches, but we often take an even more relaxed attitude toward church life during the summer. This can be a good time for pondering what church means in our lives, and how it may help us on our journeys. UU Ministers still tend to be gone several Sundays during the summer, for General Assembly most years and for much-needed vacations. I will be gone several Sundays this summer and hopefully will come back with new ideas and experiences to share. I hope that you each will have time for reflection and recreation during these summer months, but that you will check-in at church when you are around! And don't forget to come to the Annual Meeting after church on June 12th!

Peace and Safe Travels!
Rev. Bob

Sermons/Services:

6/5 Songs of our Lives: Poems & Prayers & Promises & Things That We Believe In! Rev. Bob SALAD SUNDAY

6/12 Democratic Process in UU Decision-Making Rev. Bob (Annual Meeting)

6/19 Guest

6/26 Guest

1UUCS STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS begins June 12

I would like to invite anyone interested to participate in the first step of a Strategic Planning Process for 1UUCS by joining a group meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting on Sunday June 12th. Please bring your ideas, your concerns, your hopes and dreams for 1st UU, and your calendar! My hope is to collect ideas and then schedule follow-up meetings to help prepare recommendations to the board for an ongoing Strategic Planning Group. Contact me--Rev. Bob if interested.

1ST UU ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY JUNE 12TH! Please Save the Date! Meeting will follow the worship service.

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First THURSDAY at First UU



Watch for notices with dates for the next gathering

Typical Schedule:

- 6:00 p.m. Gather and share simple meal (Pizza unless some folks sign up for something else)**
- 6:45 p.m. Share Brief Worship Experience (led by Rev. Bob and/or volunteers)**
- 7:00 p.m. Enjoy one of the Program Activities offered (done by 8 p.m. or earlier)**

Salad Sunday

Lunch is easy next Sunday, June 5th, immediately after the service. Another nice array of salads, breads, iced tea, lemonade, and yes, coffee if you want it, so plan to stay for a "cool" meal and socializing.

Meditation Group, Every 2nd Thursday

Come join Karen Parker in a meditation group at the church. Karen has been practicing meditation, and guiding individuals and groups, for more than 30 years. The next session will be Thursday, June 9th, 2016, at 6:30pm.



Book Club—Will meet the last Wed of the month. For more information contact Herman Washington at lhwash@comcast.net.

June 29

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Jessie Springborn will facilitate

July 27

Snow Falling on Cedars: A Novel by David Guterson. **Rosemary Atkinson will facilitate**

August 31

Ghettocide: A True Story of Murder In America by Jill Leovy. David Carpenter and Adelle O'Neill will Facilate

September 28

Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Duig. Dwane Milnes will facilaate.

October 26

Raised Right: How I Untangled My Faith From Politics by Alisa Harris. Sigrid Eilers will facilitate

Alliance News

The Alliance will meet for their annual program planning on Wednesday, June 8, at 11:00 a.m. Doray Johnson will host the meeting followed by a potluck salad luncheon in her home. If you plan to attend please contact Doray, at 473-0838, or Joan Briscoe, 956-9304, or email colleencook325@yahoo.com.

The Alliance is open to all church members or friends.

Funeral Consumers Alliance of San Joaquin and Mother Lode Counties will hold a free public education meeting on June 9th, 4:00-6:00 pm, at the Colonial Rose Mortuary, at 520 N. Sutter St. A Sheriff Deputy will speak on "What to Do First" when someone close to you dies. A question and answer period will follow the program. No reservations are necessary and ample parking is available. For more information call 477-8745 or 473-0939.

Pride Center host Family Day in the Park

The church is partnering with the Pride Center to host its annual **Family Day in the Park, at Oak Park on Sunday June 19th from 1 pm to 4 pm**. We are asking for donations of healthy food - fruits, vegetables, and snacks - for the 100 to 150 members of the public to enjoy. Valley Ministries (MCC Stockton) has volunteered to bring BBQ buns and meat so tomatoes and other goods from your garden are especially welcome! We can also use 2-3 volunteers to help Sam set up and take down tables, help with entertainment, etc. If you'd like to help, please sign up with food and volunteer donations at the link below - <https://goo.gl/81uufz> - or contact Sam Allen at sam.allen@hotmail.com, 209-271-6958. Please sign up by Sunday June 12th. Thank you!

REMEMBER: WATER AND PICTURES FOR WATER COMMUNION

At the end of the summer, on the Sunday after Labor Day (9/11), we will hold our annual Water Communion and In-Gathering Service. Please bring back a little bit of water to share from wherever your travels take you, and also send in to the office any interesting pictures of your summer!

Treasurer's Report to the Church – June 2016

The draft budget for next year has been approved by the Board and will be voted upon by the congregation at the annual meeting on June 12. Although pledges are down compared to last year, the budget is balanced.

As I indicated in April, S-Mart has changed the way it is running its reward program—instead of presenting your card at checkout, you enter your phone number. But FIRST you have to do a simple sign-up at the escrrip.com website to associate your phone number with First UU. Then be sure you enter your phone number on the pad BEFORE the credit card is entered.

This is my last report to you as your Treasurer, I will be going off the Board and someone will be elected to take over this job. I have been glad to serve you, and will be glad to retire again.

Respectfully submitted
Dave Hall, Treasurer

Religious Education

Fence Work and Butterfly Garden

Kyle Herbold has offered his gardening expertise to help us develop our Butterfly Garden. He, Greg Harper and their daughters Nadia and Callie have been working diligently on prepping our garden area for planting. RE workdays will be Saturday June 25 and Saturday July 23 starting at 9am both days. Anyone who is interested in assisting us in gardening can contact the DRE Rosalie Saucedo for more information.



Director of Religious Education Office hours:

Sundays 8am-12:30pm or by appointment

Volunteers and Training:

If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the DRE in person, by email or by filling out one of the **RE**

Volunteer Interest cards on the RE board in Jackson Hall. We need volunteers that are willing to commit to helping out in the cottage once a month.

Thank you for your patience as we further develop our youth RE program.

Find us on Youtube, Facebook, Instagram and Bigtent!

Rosalie Saucedo (DRE) email: religious_ed@stocktonuu.org



1UUCS ADULT PROGRAMS SPRING 2016 **BOOK STUDIES TO BE FACILITATED BY REV. BOB KLEIN** (Will be scheduled when 5 or more people sign up)

LOST CHRISTIANITIES: Christian Scriptures and the Battles over Authentication, a DVD Great Courses series by Bart Ehrman which mostly follows his book, Lost Christianities. Discussion led by Rev. Bob--continuing weekly on Sundays 12:30-2:30 p.m. thru June 5th.

Dream Group, looking at our Dreams—using Rev. Jeremy Taylor’s method based on Carl Jung’s understanding of Dreams. When 5 or more people express interest I will start a new group! (Recommended reading: The Wisdom of Your Dreams by Jeremy Taylor: paper/kindle) Contact Rev. Bob for more info if interested.

Covenant Groups: These groups usually gather in a member’s home or at the church once a month for an extended check-in and a topical discussion. Each group of 5-10 persons drafts a covenant of commitment and behavior to be revisited whenever a new member joins including the commitment to keep sacred what is shared and to support members of the group. These are not therapy groups but they often become important opportunities for members of the congregation to get to know each other in deeper ways. Current groups are meeting Monday and Wednesday evenings once a month. We are also looking for facilitators to help start 1-2 new groups. If this sounds interesting to you, please let Rev. Bob or the office know!

Men’s Group: Our Men’s Group, includes time to talk with other men about Being a Man, and other issues, as well as activities depending on the interest of those interested. We usually meet on First Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. (next meeting: June 7th) Please contact Rev. Bob if you are interested!

Social Justice/ Community Outreach

Here's the latest regarding our exciting First UU social justice work ...

The results of our "Listening Conversations" conducted in April have been compiled summarized by Roy Childs (see below). The information will help us plan our future efforts and also were used to formulate questions for the PACT (People and Congregations Together) Candidate's night on May 9th. We had a great presence at the event, with Rev. Bob, Dick Abood, and Rosemarie Atkinson speaking! Thanks to everyone for coming out and showing how much UUs care about the future of our community!

Our Social Justice offering (**total = \$333.00**) for April went to support the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your support! In June our offering will support Fathers and Families of San Joaquin (<http://www.ffsj.org/>), a local nonprofit organization that promotes "strong and healthy families and communities where children and youth are nurtured and fathers are engaged".

Please note the following upcoming events and activities ...

- **PACT Environmental Justice picnic** at Victory Park in Stockton on **Saturday, June 4th** from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. Come meet folks who share common interests in promoting a healthy environment for all.
- On **Sunday, June 19th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at Oak Park** in Stockton, our church is partnering with the **Pride Center** to host its annual **Family Day in the Park**. We are asking for donations of healthy food - fruits, vegetables, and snacks - for the 100 to 150 members of the public to enjoy. Valley Ministries (MCC Stockton) has volunteered to bring BBQ buns and meat so tomatoes and other goods from your garden are especially welcome! We can also use 2-3 volunteers to help Sam set up and take down tables, help with entertainment, etc. If you'd like to help, please sign up with food and volunteer donations at the link below - <https://goo.gl/81uufz> - or contact Sam Allen at sam.allen@hotmail.com, [209-271-6958](tel:209-271-6958). Please commit by Sunday June 12th. Thank you!

"Conversations" Summary

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR SOCIAL ISSUES CONVERSATIONS! Some who were not able to attend sent in responses later. All together we received input from over thirty people. Your ideas contributed to PACT's candidate's night and helped make it a huge success. Here is a very brief summary of your responses.

Inequality issues received the most attention and within that group many pointed to homelessness as the key problem.

Education was also a top concern, including reducing drop out rates, the need for more tutoring and mentoring, more support staff, and early education.

Issues related to the environment also received many responses, with concerns expressed with inadequate affordable housing and the need for a better Stockton general plan.

Beyond the above, a great variety of issues were raised related to racism, violence, family and gender. The Social Justice committee will continue to discuss results. If you have not had a chance to participate but would still like to have your input please email Roy Childs (rchildspacific.edu).

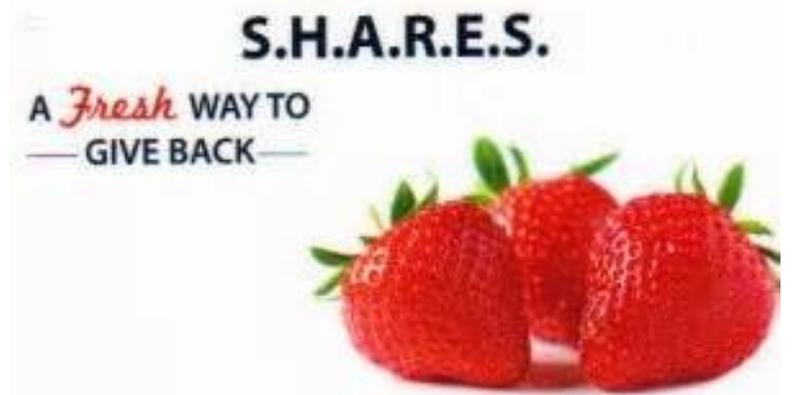
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It only takes a minute, and it means so much to the church to get this extra income. Here's how you do it: Go online to www.escrip.com/.

1. **Your Information:** enter your zip code. On the second screen enter your First and Last named email, and enter a password for [escrip](http://www.escrip.com/).
2. **Select your non-profit:** In the search box, enter First Unitarian Church—3 choices will arise, select the First Unitarian Church. It will then come up with the First UU at 2737 Pacific Avenue. Put a check in the box to select. You can choose up to three organizations to receive your donations, but do consider giving it all to First UU.
3. **Register cards or phone numbers used to shop:** For S-Mart, put in your phone number. If you shop other places that use [escrip](http://www.escrip.com/) and have a store card, you can enter that too.
4. **Review your information** and complete.

If you have any questions or need help you can contact Sara Milnes.



General Assembly 2016 June 22-26, Columbus, OH

The theme for GA 2016 will be **Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect**. The faith world is increasingly multifaith. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives individually and collectively. The labels—Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, theist and non-theist—no longer define who or what we love, or how spirit moves in our lives. General Assembly 2016 in Columbus Ohio will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future that works for all.

Most events will be held in the **Greater Columbus Convention Center**, 400 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215.

Contact Rev. Bob if you would like to attend....



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1st UU 6 pm	3 Mexican Dinner 5 pm– 8 pm	4 Environmental Justice Picnic 11 am– 1 pm
5 Sunday Service 10: 30 am Salad Sunday	6	7 Men's Group 7 pm	8 Alliance Program Planning at 11 am at Doray Johnson's House	9 Funeral Consumers Alliance Free Public Education Meeting 4 pm- 6pm at Colonial Rose Mortuary Meditation 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Sunday Service 10: 30 am Annual Meeting Strategic Planning Process Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday Service 10: 30 am Pride Center's Family Day at Oak Park 1pm-4pm	20 Summer Solstice	21	22 Book Club	23	24	25 RE Work Day 9am
26 Sunday Service 10: 30 am	27	28	29	30		

Minister's Office Hours:

During the main church year, Rev. Bob generally 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, trips, summer travels and other appointments may need to be scheduled during these times.* Rev. Bob is also available by appointment at other times. Please **call or text his cell [209-684-6345](tel: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

General Office Hours

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

The Mission of our church
Is to nurture individual spiritual/ethical growth,
to be inclusive of all people,
and to be an active voice of conscience
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