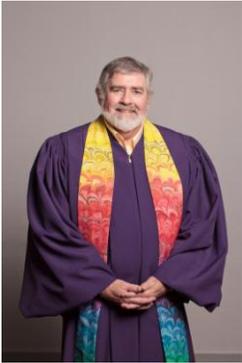




Minister's Musings/Message:



This is my first real article as your settled minister, and I use the term "settled" very loosely. There are still too many boxes waiting to be unpacked, a few things that I just can't find, and more things that I keep

discovering I need to do as a new resident of Stockton! The dogs are licensed, the car and I are licensed and the car has gotten new tires and a new sensor, I have new accounts, and on and on it goes!

Modern life is not simple, nor easy, and neither getting old nor moving are for the faint of heart (oh yeah, I also have a new cardiologist and primary doctor). Actually, I am settling in nicely and enjoying the mostly mild temperatures, the one chance I have had to visit the Big Trees, and the opportunity to get acquainted with Stockton and the members and friends of First UU of Stockton.

The start of a new church year is always both busy and exciting and there is a lot going on in terms of planning and preparing for the Fall season. There are also frequent changes to deal with in both volunteer and professional staff. Music Director Curtis Mannah has taken a job in Hayward and has already moved with his family, so we are looking for a new Music Director even as we are inviting people to come out and join the choir.

As we gather together we will be holding our Water Communion In-Gathering Service on September 8th and I want to invite everyone to bring some water back from travels (or share symbolically) and to send the office a few digital pictures of special places visited (especially if there is water involved) this summer. Come join us for a special time of sharing our stories and experiences in this multi-generational service.

Peace,
Rev. Bob

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

Septemer 1- Labor Day Dwane Milnes

September 8- Thoughts for In-Gathering and Water Communion (as a way of coming together in the Fall after many of us have traveled, we bring back water or symbolically share water from our travels as we share our stories) Rev. Bob Klein

AN INVITATION TO WATER COMMUNION AND INGATHERING

Many UU Congregations set aside the Sunday after Labor Day to celebrate a homecoming of sorts, the time to gather together after summer travels and the changes that summer may bring. We will gather to share our stories, mingle the waters we brought back from our travels (symbolic water available) and tell our stories from the summer during Worship on September 8th. Those who have a few digital pictures from the summer (especially if they involve water

and family) to share are invited to send those to the church office by September 3rd to be included in a slide show for that service. Anyone wishing information or to help out may contact Rev. Bob.

September 15- Our Journeys: Committed to Lifelong Learning? (This service will include a Dedication of Religious Education Leaders) Rev. Bob Klein

September 22- Living the Dream! (not that dream, the dream of a better world!) Rev. Bob Klein

September 29-Making a Difference! What are the things that we do that really make a difference? Rev. Bob Klein

Future Services of Special Interest (planning volunteers please call Rev. Bob):

October 6-A Celebration of How Animals Bless Us! (dogs, cats, and small animal companions welcome) We are also looking for volunteers to help on this day please contact the office if you are available.

October 13-Coming Out Day! (anyone have a rainbow door?)

October 27-A Celebration of Halloween, Samhain, and the Day of the Dead! (costumes welcome)

Religious Education News

WHAT'S NEW IN THE RE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

--Lisa Jones, Acting Director of RE

LEARN ABOUT RE MEETING--OPEN TO POTENTIAL TEACHERS AND ALL PARENTS

Come to the RE Meeting and light lunch potluck **Sept. 15 at 12:15** in the conference room to learn more about this year's RE program and communicate your goals for the future of the program. Find out about teaching and assisting with the program as a volunteer. Childcare provided (Returning parents please bring a potluck offering; new parents please be our guests).

VOLUNTEERS still needed to:

assist with teaching classes

help with fundraising to support the 20 hour DRE position (see Tory Sonstroem)

help with planning intergenerational parties

BROCHURE: There's a new brochure in the foyer and in Jackson Hall that you may share with potential new church families you know from work or your kids' friends.

YOUTH: A YRUU discussion/games group began meeting at Christie Kelley's house in August and will meet two Wednesday nights per month (7-9 p.m., most likely the 2nd and the 4th of every month). We are planning a Bake Sale event and environmental action project. We welcome more teens even if their parents don't attend our church.

Contact Lisa Jones for more information about the above or any additional questions about RE.

Most days call me at home 547-1020

On Thursdays: Office Hours 11-1 p.m. 466-7743 (push 2 to leave a message and I will call you back)

Social Justice News

Social Justice Collection Sunday, Sep. 15th 2013

This month's social justice collection is in support of The ALS Foundation our Office Administrator Nichole Ybarra's aunt was diagnosed with ALS last year and Nichole will be participating in the ALS Walk in Sacramento on October 5, 2013. If anyone would like more information on ALS or the Walk to Fight ALS please visit www.alssac.org.

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

Emerson Coffee House Collective

Music Scholars Concert

"An Emerson Evening of Music with a UOP Connection"

Saturday, September 14, at 7 p.m.

Emerson Coffee House

At the First UU Church, Bristol and Pacific, in Stockton

Open to Everyone

The Emerson Coffee House is featuring young talent: musicians with a connection to the University of the Pacific. That guarantees an evening of real enjoyment. An evening of song. An evening of piano. An evening of ukulele. UOP has drifted down to the

Emerson Coffee House for this evening of entertainment

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

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

The cover charge is \$10 at the door for adults, \$5 for students.

Your musical wanderlust will be satisfied if you bring it along to the Emerson Coffee House.

Refreshing Beverages and Snacks are provided.

Music Notes:

Our Choir begins singing at Sunday services on Sunday, September 8. If you'd like to add your voice to the choir, please join us! No singing experience is necessary; come and learn!

Our first time together is a kick-off Potluck & Practice on Thursday, September 5, 6 to 8 pm at Betsy & Kerry Keithcart's home.

The Sunday services for choir in September will be September 8, 15, and 22 - arrive at 9:30 for warm-ups. We will try out having regular rehearsals on Thursday nights at the church, September 12 and 19, from 6:30 to 8 pm.

Interested? Please email Lydia Chadwick at lydia.chadwick@sbcglobal.net for details and to RSVP for the potluck.

INSTALLATION FOR REV. ROBERT KLEIN

An installation service for our new minister, Rev. Klein, will be held in early November. This will be a major event in the life of this church.

An installation ceremony is a time to honor our minister and to formally introduce him to the community. Guest ministers and lay leaders will be on hand to welcome him. The exact date will be announced when the guest speakers have been confirmed.

The previously announced celebration for September 21 will be combined with the installation service.

Membership Class

Are you interested in joining our congregation or would you simply like more information about our church and how we differ from traditional protestant churches?

Plan on attending a class following the church service on Sun., September 29th. Immediately after coffee hour, those interested will enjoy a bit of lunch and informational presentations from 12 noon to 3 P.M. (earlier if we finish up before that time). Rev. Bob will help with the history of the denomination and you'll learn more about our church in particular. A great opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome.

Please notify Mary Bullard if you would like to be part of this class, so that we'll know how many to expect. marybee2@gmail.com or 477-8745.

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.

September: The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes. Facilitated by Sara Milnes

October: The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman. Facilitated by Clair Trujillo

November: 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

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.

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:

- * 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!

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.

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

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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