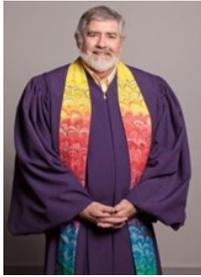


Minister's Musings/ Message



Thanksgiving has long been one of my favorite holidays. You get a long weekend and a feast, what more do you need? As Black Friday shopping developed, I was able to avoid most of the insanity, until one year there was this great deal on Palm Pilots at Best Buy—it was enough to remind me never to leave home again the day after Thanksgiving. Since that time, I have endeavored to remember the reason for the season—you know, Turkey, Stuffing, and Pumpkin Pie! But the food is enhanced by time with family and friends, the even more serious reason for the season! I am hoping to see my newest Grandson over Thanksgiving along with the other kids and grandkids. Maybe I will tell some stories about previous Thanksgivings spent with elder generations! I wish I had recorded stories told by my mother—it seemed like she would always be around until she wasn't. In any case, I hope that all our gatherings of friends and family for Thanksgiving are safe and happy and wonderful!

Time seems to slip by so quickly now. I'm sure I remember when summers lasted forever and there were weeks to prepare for any special time. Now I think of a time coming and it is already here. We are already winding 2015 to a close. It has been a pretty good year, but there were so many more things we intended to do and see and be! On the other hand, there is the political season, which already seems to have been going on forever and won't end until near the end of next year!

We are going to start the month with a Dia de los Muertos celebration on Sunday Nov. 1st led by Rosalie Saucedo, our Director of Religious Education. I hope you will come and bring pictures of the recently departed or loved ones you have been remembering. Come a little later after you sleep in and change your clocks for the end of Daylight Saving Time! Have a great month!

Rev. Bob

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

11/1 Dia de los Muertos! Rosalie Saucedo, DRE & Rev. Bob

11/8 Good Grief! Saying Farewells and Letting Go Rev. Bob

11/15 Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Heroes! Part 1 Rev. Bob,
Thanksgiving Award/Dwane

11/22 Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Friends! Part 2 Rev. Bob

11/29 Guest Speaker: Sara or Dwane Milnes

Emerson Coffee House Friday November 13th , at 7:00 P.M.

Emerson Coffeehouse welcomes Harmony Stockton and Franklin High School for special performances Friday, November 13, 7 pm. Don't miss the dynamic and touching selections performed by budding singers and musicians and their talented teachers. The choir of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton will join both groups.

\$10 for adults, \$5 for students

Website Update: We are in the process of updating our website. If you have any pictures from and UU Events over the last 2 years please bring them to the office or send them via email to office@stocktonnuu.org.

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Newcomers Class – Let us know if you wish to attend

If you would simply like to know more about our church and how we differ from traditional protestant congregations, or especially if you are contemplating membership, then I invite you to attend an informational class following the service on Sunday, Nov. 8th. Immediately after coffee hour, we will enjoy a lunch in our conference room and informational presentations starting at noon. We promise to have you out by 3 P.M., at the very latest. If you require child care, let me know.

Rev. Bob will help with the history of the denomination through the centuries and you'll learn more about our church in particular, including our historic organ. A great opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome.

Note: Because the class includes lunch and we also must have enough packets ready, we ask that you please call or email to me if you plan to attend. It is obviously important that we know how many to expect. Hope to see you there.

In fellowship,

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Ever wonder how the goodies appear on the serving table after church. Well, it is because a few committed good souls bake or buy treats and provide them for all to enjoy. Some of the good hosts and hostesses have been doing it once a month for years. A great many coudos go to these angels. If there are others who would like to contribute to Sunday's treats and/or to make the coffee and clean up afterwards, they should contact Rosemary Atkinson at (209) 478-4380 in order to coordinate the contributions.

Rosemary

Memorial Rose Bushes

The memorial rose bush for Stan and Dorothy Sandeleus is well established now with Dave Yoder and Syd Thompson tending to the watering. We now have space for 3 more rose bushes. Is there anyone who wishes to buy a new rose bush and have it dedicated to a loved one? Please call Rosemary at (209) 478-4380.

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

November 18 (3rd Wed to avoid night before Thanksgiving)

West With the Night by Beryl Markham presented by Barbara Kelley

December Potluck Date to be decided. We will each read a poem we would like to share.

January 27, 2016: **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng. Presenter is Carol Clark

February 24, 2016: **The Faraway Nearby** by Rebecca Solnit. Presenter is Sara Milnes

March 30, 2016: **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry: A Novel** by Gabrielle Zevin. Presenter is Darrell Burns

The Alliance

Congratulations to Dee Hezler she was the winner of the Alliance Raffle..

The Haven of Peace Collection- We are back in business gathering your travel collected soaps, shampoos and lotions. Women and children staying at *The Haven of Peace* were pleased to receive a donation delivered recently by Dee Hessler, Alliance member. Also needed are unopened toothpaste and brushes, women's personal needs, baby diapers (all sizes), as well as any of the unopened items listed above. The Haven has been a long time shelter for women needing temporary assistance in our community.

Religious Education News–

Director of Religious Education Office hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-11:30am 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.

Community Outreach:

Join the DRE every Monday morning from 10am-1pm to cook and serve food at St. Mary's Dining Hall. Youth are welcome to join to serve food if they are able. More information is available in Jackson Hall.

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



Delta Sierra Group

- What:** “THE BURDEN - Fossil Fuels, the Military, and National Security”
When: Saturday, November 7, 2015 1:00 pm-2:00 pm—Pre-screening Activities and Reception
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm—Film and Panel Discussion
Where: S. J. County Office of Education (north of the airport)
 Burwood Auditorium 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA
Cost: Free and open to the public!
RSVP: E-mail theburdeninstockton@yahoo.com
Questions? Phone Margo Praus at 465-8906.
Preview: View the 2 min trailer at www.theburdenfilm.com

Currently, the US consumes one-fifth of the world's oil, and the US military is the world's largest institutional consumer of petroleum. “THE BURDEN” is the first feature-length documentary of its kind to convey how our dependence on fossil fuels threatens our national security by 1) making us extremely vulnerable to volatile global market prices and 2) by putting the lives of our men and women in uniform deployed around the world at greater risk as they try to secure those resources. Winner of the Best Documentary Audience Award at the Long Beach International Film Festival, this film shows how the military is poised to lead development of new clean energy technology to meet its needs.

Following the screening of the film, a panel featuring veterans and policy makers will discuss the military's clean energy demands and the innovation that industry can supply. The Sierra Club's Delta-Sierra Group is a co-sponsor of this event hosted by Truman National Security Project and locally by The Committee to Bring THE BURDEN film to Stockton.

Social Justice/ Community Outreach

Social Justice News and Survey!

The Social Justice/Community Outreach committee wants to know more about you! We know that members of this congregation are involved in a variety of community organizations. So this month, we are conducting a short survey to find out about all the community groups our members and friends are actively involved with.

Please complete this online survey by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVHPJDK> **by November 15th.** The survey will also be available at the first two Sunday services in November if you prefer to do it on paper. If you'd like to serve as a contact for others you might be interested in finding out more about the organizations you're involved with, we ask that you provide your name and contact information at the end of the survey.

Once all the surveys are completed, we'll compile the information and provide the congregation with a summary. That way we can be aware of and celebrate all the great community work our members are engaged in. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Marr (sharonleemarr@yahoo.com) or Jeri Bigbee (jeribigbee@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to share your information with us!

In other news, during November we will be supporting the Emergency Food Bank by collecting nonperishable food items all month. Please place your donated food items in the barrel in Jackson Hall. Also, our 3rd Sunday social justice offering (November 22nd) will support the Emergency Food Bank. For more information contact Sharon Marr (sharonleemarr@yahoo.com). Thank you for your generosity!

In December, plan to join us at the **Peaceful Holiday Fair**, sponsored by the Peace and Justice Network at Central Methodist Church on **December 4th and 5th!** If you'd like to help with our First UU Church booth, please contact Jeri Bigbee (jeribigbee@gmail.com).

Keep up the good work!

Social Justice Collection

Our October Social Justice Collection raised \$ 427.30 for The Fire Relief. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions! If you have any suggestions for Social Justice Collection Recipient please contact Nichole Ybarra or Rev. Bob Klein.

Our next Social Justice Collection is Sunday, November 15, 2015 the recipient is The Emergency Food Bank.



UU THURSDAYS!
at First Unitarian Universalist Church

11/5 Choices: El Camino by Clair Trujillo, Religion & Politics by Rev. Bob, Stories by Rosalie

11/12 Choices: Black Lives Matter by Rev. Bob and Stories by Rosalie

11/19 Choices: Meditation w/Karen Parker, Saving the Rain w/Rev. Bob, Stories w/Rosalie

We are continuing to develop and grow this program and are always looking for people to share additional program choices (ideas below) in a low pressure supportive setting! We are looking for volunteers to lead classes such as:

Dry-land gardening, rain-barrels, and drought preparedness, El Nino Preparedness, Organic Gardening and Healthy Cooking, Canoeing & Kayaking, Hiking & Camping, Quiet Meditation Practices & Mindfulness, Travelogues, Aikido, Tai Chi, Yoga, Social Justice Programs, Adult Classes on UUism, Religion, and other topics of interest, Parenting Speakers/ Discussion/support groups, Family Spiritual Activities with kids, Knitting, Painting, Dancing, Singing, Drumming, Jamming, Young Adult Programs/Groups, Youth Programs/Groups. Dream Groups, Mandalas, Games for Children & Youth (all ages)

Typical Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Gather and share simple meal (not a potluck but volunteer cooks welcome to sign up)

6:45 p.m. Share Brief Worship Experience (led by Rev. Bob and/or volunteers)

7:00 p.m. Enjoy one of the Activities offered

7:30 p.m. End of Early/Family Programs

Specific Thursday Program Topics will be announced on Sundays when they are available. Meditation will be offered on Third Thursdays, several travel slideshows are expected, and there will usually be a discussion group led by Rev. Bob.



Treasurer's Report to the Church – November 2015

This month there is good news and bad news. The Good news is that the new owners have moved into the Bristol house and the transaction is final. The loan on the duplex has been paid off. We have moved most of the balance into our savings account until the Endowment committee decides when to invest it, given the volatile market. The bad news is that ordinary income is about \$4400 less than budgeted. This is primarily due to a lag in pledge income. Our ordinary expenses are about \$2000 under budget, even though it is about \$2000 over last year at this time.

Pledge reports for the first 4 months of the year have been sent out. If you are behind, this is a good time (from the church's perspective) to catch up. If you cannot keep up with your pledge, please let the church know (treasurer@stocktonuu.org) so we can adjust our planning.

This has been an interesting and active time for Dwane and I in getting all this property and paper work stuff done. Sara had worked hard at keeping the books straight on the changes and we will have a final report by next month on how it all turned out.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Hall, Treasurer

1UUCS ADULT PROGRAMS FALL 2015

BOOK STUDIES TO BE FACILITATED BY REV. BOB KLEIN

(There are sign-up sheets in Jackson Hall or you can contact the office or Rev. Bob.
Will be scheduled when 5 or more people sign up.)

Available Day/Times: Sun 3 or 7/Weds 10, 1, 3, 7/Thurs 10/Friday 10

JESUS, INTERRUPTED: Revealing the Hidden Contradictions in the Bible (and Why We Don't Know About Them), by Bart D. Ehrman, 2009 (available on Kindle, expands on topics in his book, Misquoting Jesus) Started Weds. 10/21 meets 11:30-1 Weds. except 11/25 ends no later than 12/16

JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE, by Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker, 2011 (available on Kindle)

CHANGE THE STORY, CHANGE THE FUTURE: A Living Economy for a Living Earth, by David Korten, 2015 (available on Kindle)

JESUS: UNCOVERING THE LIFE, TEACHINGS, AND RELEVANCE OF A RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONARY, by Marcus Borg, 2006 (available on Kindle, full revision of Borg's earlier work on Jesus)

COMING BACK TO LIFE: The Updated Guide to the Work that Reconnects, Joanna Macy and Molly Young Brown, 2014 (complete revision of earlier version, available on Kindle)

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: We have re-started 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: We have started a new Men's Group, which 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 will meet on First Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. (10/6) Please contact Rev. Bob if you are interested!

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Service 10:30 am Dia de los Muertos! Rosalie Saucedo, DRE & Rev. Bob	2 Volunteer at St. Mary's Dinning Hall 10 am– 1 pm	3 Program Council 4:00 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm	4 Jesus Interrupted book study 11:30 am– 1:00 pm	5 UU Thursdays 6:00 pm	6	7
8 Sunday Service 10:30 am Good Grief! Saying Farewells and Letting Go Rev. Bob Newcomers Class After Coffee Hour	9 Volunteer at St. Mary's Dinning Hall 10 am– 1 pm	10 Finance Meeting	11 Veteran's Day Jesus Interrupted book study 11:30 am– 1:00 pm	12 UU Thursdays 6:00 pm	13 Emerson Coffee House 7:00 pm Harmony Stockton and Franklin High School	14
15 Sunday Service 10:30 am Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Heroes! Part 1 Rev. Bob, Thanksgiving Award/Dwane Social Justice	16 Volunteer at St. Mary's Dinning Hall 10 am– 1 pm	17 Board Meeting	18 Jesus Interrupted book study 11:30 am– 1:00 pm Book Group 7:00 pm	19 UU Thursdays 6:00 pm	20	21
22 Sunday Service 10:30 am Gratitude and Thanksgiving for Friends! Part 2 Rev. Bob	23 Volunteer at St. Mary's Dinning Hall 10 am– 1 pm	24	25 No Jesus Interrupted book study this week	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27	28
29 Sunday Service 10:30 am Guest Speaker	30 Volunteer at St. Mary's Dinning Hall 10 am– 1 pm					

Minister's Office Hours

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, 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](tel:209-227-7591) if he is not at the church, or call his cell [209-684-6345](tel:209-684-6345) for appoint-

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
in the greater community.

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