



UU Update

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa

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Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

August 7

"PRACTICING LOVE"

Service Leader: Jan Ögren, author of *Dividing Worlds*.
Licensed psychotherapist and lifelong UU.
Worship Associate: Frances Corman

Our congregation is committed to "Standing on the Side of Love" and most UU congregations proclaim that "Love is the doctrine of this church," but what does it mean for a creedless denomination to have love as its doctrine and how can we practice it? Love has become an overused concept and an underused practice. Come explore Love: definitions, myths, mis-beliefs and why it is important to revisit our views of love now.

August 21

"WHEN CHILDREN TALK ABOUT GOD..."

Service Leader: Rev. Chris Bell
Worship Associate: Lucia Milburn

Whether because of our purported theological diversity, or our insistence on complete freedom of belief, or other causes, we have had a hard time offering a clear picture of what we will teach our children about the great and traditional matters of faith. We'll use a thought experiment (space aliens invade!) to prompt our thoughts, and Rabbi Kushner will offer helpful advice.

August 14

"MISSION AND VISION"

Service Leader: Rev. Chris Bell
Worship Associate: David Hope

The purpose of this congregation is expressed in two ways. First, we have a Vision to express our UU Principles as fully as possible while nurturing liberal religious community in Sonoma County. We do that in four ways, expressed as our Mission: celebrating life, empowering people, caring for one another, and helping to build a better world. Where are you called to help fulfill this purpose?

ALL-AGES SUMMER PICNIC IN DOYLE PARK AFTER THE SERVICE.

August 28

"A CHURCH FOR EVERYONE?"

Service Leader: Matthew McHale
Worship Associate: Susan Bartholome

As Unitarian Universalists we believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, and encourage others to find their own spiritual path. Do we consider certain beliefs or paths more "acceptable" than others? We will explore how we might create worshipful experiences that are meaningful to people with diverse backgrounds and spiritual needs.

Matthew McHale, whose home congregation is UU Church of Long Beach, is a student at Starr King School for the Ministry.

September 4

INGATHERING

LAST 10:00am SERVICE!

Service Leader: Rev. Chris Bell
Worship Associate: Claire Beery

After our summer slow-down, we kick things off for the new congregational year with this annual reconstitution of our community. Bring a memento of your summer that fits in your hand to contribute to our Ingathering Artifact. The service is for all ages.

Still In School



I feel like beginning every August newsletter with something like "I love summer!" Not the boldest or most complex theological proclamation, I realize, but not at all untrue, either. There's certainly no point in wishing it were any other time of year, so one might as well love it.

Summer is precious to me for the relaxed pace, the late evening light, and the house full of kids. So far in July I've had lots of outdoor fun, gotten all my closets cleaned (that's been waiting four years!). I've been reading Carl Sagan, Alfred North Whitehead, and Rabbi Harold Kushner and catching up on *Breaking Bad*.

But, ironically, the highlight of the summer for me so far has been going back to school. In early July, Rita and I escaped to the beautiful wine country town of Windsor, California (perhaps you've heard of it) to attend a marriage enrichment seminar. It was presented by a couple of local therapists and their spouses, and we found it extremely helpful. It was the sort of workshop that worked equally well for those facing very serious challenges to their marriage, and those who just want to take communication and connection to a higher level. We're in the second group, you'll be happy to know.

Dr. John Gottman, a well-known academic psychologist who has done some of the most important research on married couples, provided the framework. He can watch a couple discuss a sensitive subject for only a few short minutes and predict with 90% accuracy who will be happily married, and who will be divorced or miserable, five years in the future.

We learned a lot, and it was more than a little humbling, actually. I often hear stories of personal and painful situations in people's lives. I can speak my mind. I think I'm a good listener and offer decent advice. But, boy, how one communicates with a partner or spouse is a whole different ball of wax, and it's very easy to feel like a total beginner.

Our closest relationships are usually the most complex, the most likely to send us down some path into childish behavior, and the hardest to navigate. As one of our instructors put it, "marriage is the hardest work I've ever done. It has also brought me the richest rewards." Such is life. There is no true reward without effort.

The ultimate point of the seminar was to learn how to handle conflict well. Gottman has shown that married/partnered folk (both gay and straight) mostly fight about the same things again and again. These are perpetual problems rooted in their personality differences, histories, and points-of-view that **are never going to go away**. Thinking that they will is mistake number one. Shaped by

our parents, by our previous relationships, by our long history, we fall easily into unhelpful patterns. The healthy and happy marriage is not one that has no conflict, but one that has learned to negotiate and weather conflict well, with kindness and an open mind.

Hmm. A little like a happy and healthy congregation...

There are also gridlocked problems, which are perpetual problems that a couple either doesn't talk about or yells at each other when they do. Most folks have one or two of these gridlocked issues at hand: sex, money, kids, in-laws, when and how to travel, careers, how much Giants baseball to watch, and the like. There are many candidates for gridlock, I suspect.

To help us find the key to dealing with gridlocked problems, the first day of the seminar was basically spent getting reacquainted with our spouses, and telling them all of the things that we liked and respected about them. It was a great way to start, and offered a wise lesson for everybody: be nice! Everybody was all smiles the following morning, just in time for a day of taking about "regrettable incidents." Now that was real fun...

What was so humbling about the seminar was how basic the skills were that help with these situations. Affection. Attention. Turning towards. Forgiveness. Curious listening. Taking responsibility for one's words and actions. Accepting the influence of the other. Stating clearly how you feel. Not giving advice unless asked. Remembering that your partner is another human being with his or her own preferences and perspectives who is not obligated to adopt yours. Giving up on final solutions for the sake of making things work.

I observe that these basic skills apply to every relationship, not just a marriage.

I also give thanks that we never stop learning in this life, unless we make the foolish choice to stop doing so. The Fourth Principle calling us to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning says we can't do that. I like to think of UUCSR as a place where folks can put our learning into practice, and find the spiritual resources to stick with the lifelong, repetitive, strangely simple yet painfully hard project of simply being a decent and faithful human being.

Alas, summer will end soon, and the real school year begins. I'll keep teaching you about Unitarian Universalism, and you can keep teaching me about what it means to be a servant and a leader and a friend (all at once), and Rita will keep teaching me about love, and why we really don't need all of these damned compact discs anymore.

Happy summer. See you in class!

Greetings from the Board

The Board of Trustees' first official meeting of FY 2011/2012 will be August 11, followed by another meeting on August 25. Except for July and August, the Board meets in the Board Room at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of the month. With the exception of infrequent executive sessions, Board meetings are open and all members are welcome to attend. Agenda items must be submitted, ideally with documentation, at least 10 days before the Board meeting

On August 11 the Board will elect its officers. UUCSR by-laws require all officers be Board members except the Treasurer(s) and Corporate Secretary. Board members Mary Louise Jaffray and Cathie Wiese have agreed to serve again as Vice-president and Corporate Secretary, respectively, and will be nominated for these positions. Art Rosenblum and Amy Young have agreed to be nominated to serve as Co-Treasurers. Board members may make other nominations at the time of the meeting.

At the August 25 meeting the Board will plan the agenda for the Sept 2-3 Board Retreat. In addition to examining long and short-term goals, the Retreat enables the Board to focus on particular aspects of congregational life and governance such as integration of new members and the efficacy of the council system. In addition to being fired up by Rev Chris, who will be leading our discussions, the Board expects to eat well and laugh a lot. Thanks are due to Ann Chambers who again has generously offered her beautiful, spacious home for our retreat.

Finally, if by August the hoped for monetary surplus resulting from revenue exceeding expenses in FY 2010/2011 has materialized, the Board will begin discussions, with guidance from the Financial Stewardship Council, on how to apply the surplus to those items not fully funded in the budget passed in June.

Laura Jean Hageman
President-elect

UUCSR Operates Using Volunteers

Sixty nine committees and seventy five different skill levels are needed to accomplish the work of the Congregation in house and in the community.

In September our volunteer coordinator will be asking each of you to indicate the following:

- What Committee you are working on?
- What committee you might like to work on?
- What skills do you offer as a volunteer?



Think about what personal skills you can provide in addition to your membership, and your pledge, to the ongoing "VISION OF UUCSR."

Bob Watkins

Treasurer's Report

It's been quite some time since I had the opportunity of serving this community as its Treasurer. Times have changed since the UUFSC and Stoney Point days. We moved, we certainly have gotten bigger and more complicated and we changed our name. Still we are the same community and I look forward to helping out once again (although I'm not sure that I'm looking forward to all those meetings).

The role of Treasurer has evolved over the years since I last wore that hat and the support provided to our financial operations is much more sophisticated and complex. With the establishment of the Council system, running the operations of our community is in the hands of all of us, not just a few dedicated volunteers. The detailed oversight of our financial position is in the capable hands of the Financial Stewardship Council ("FINSTEW)" and ultimately with the Board of Directors.

So what is the role of the Treasurer anyway? When Laura Jean Hagerman, the incoming President (and previous Treasurer) asked me if I would be willing to serve as Treasurer we sat down and had a couple of conversations about the Treasurer's role in our new management structure. We both agreed that the Treasurer should "know what's going on financially and be able

to communicate it to both the Board and the Congregation. I see the Treasurer as a participant in the monthly review processes but not the decision-maker, that's the role of the FINSTEW and Board.

So monthly, I will try to use this space to keep y'all informed on specific aspects of where we are at financially. If you have any specific questions about the budget let me know and I'll try to get an answer for you.

By the by -- one issue has cropped up. We are sharing our basket with charitable organizations on a twice-monthly basis (it's been good for both the charity like our Saturday morning breakfast for our friends and the congregation's finances) and many of us put a check in the basket. PLEASE make sure you identify the check as a "basket" donation (not pledge) in the memorandum line on your check, or enter the charity in the memo line. This makes it easier to separate donations intended to be split and pledge or other donations to the congregation.

We are in the process of finalizing our 2010-2011 actual position and I hope to have at least a preliminary report in the September Newsletter and a final wrap-up at the October membership meeting.

In Friendship,
Art Rosenblum

SAVE THE DATE!!!

You won't want to miss the biggest event of the year!

Our annual UUCSR Service Auction will be *Saturday, October 22nd*.

It is not too early to begin thinking about what you would like to offer or donate.

Last year was terrific, and this year will be even better with your great ideas.

Mark your calendars!

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Last month I had the awesome experience of serving as an adult advisor at the first ever Pacific Central District Middle School Camp (MiSC). It was five days of workshops, games, worship, and small group activities set in one of the most beautiful places on our planet. (The Mendocino Woodlands State Park). What impressed me most about the camp was the way that the youth were with one another. I describe it as five days of consistent practicing of the first UU Principle. Everyone was worthy, everyone was accepted for who they are - all the time. During the camp I heard stories about how it is in other parts of the youths' lives, especially in school. I heard stories of relentless scorn, fear of humiliation, and a feeling that there was nothing they could do to make it better. At UU camp the youth had support instead of scorn, laughing together not at another, and safety to do, be, and say what was true to them.

About mid way through the week a "fish bowl" exercise took place. The way it worked was that the youth presented the adult staff with questions they had for us regarding our role in the MUUGs community and we adults presented them our questions regarding their experience with MUUGs. The adults began in the middle of the fish bowl and answered well thought out and deeply relevant questions about our relationship to them in the community. They listened to us with rapt interest as we responded from our hearts. Then it was our turn to listen to them and we heard some wonderful things. There were 35 youth in the fish bowl and all but a few shared at some point during the evening.

Among other things we learned about their feelings about leadership and what they need to develop leadership abilities. They shared a deep respect for the adults who participate in MUUGs

programming. But the most inspiring thing they shared was about how their experience in the MUUGs community had influenced their sense of themselves as Unitarian Universalists and their relationship with their home church communities. All around the circle we heard "before and after stories". For instance: Before I came to MUUGs I...."liked church okay" or "was getting tired of going to church.". or "church was not a very important thing in my life". After I came to MUUGs " I never wanted to miss going to church"...or "I felt much more connected to my church and religion"...or "I had really understood what it means for me to be a UU." The youth were able to articulate how being in a community of UU youth related to the principles and values of our faith. The positive impact of their experience in MUUGs was unquestionable and a beautiful thing to be part of.

As UU adults we fully understand and appreciate the sense of belonging we get from our affiliation with our congregations. Our relationships with like minded folks provide us with companionship and support which deepens our faith and broadens our perspective. The same thing happens in PCD youth programming. In both MUUGs and YRUU our youth come to understand what it means to live by UU Principles in a larger context and they do so with beloved companions on the journey.

The next MUUGs retreat will be held on the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 at the Livermore Church. The next YRUU Con is the weekend of August 19, 20 and 21 in Walnut Creek. I encourage all MUUGs to attend, I know I will be there! I will send out registration forms as soon as I get them.

In faith,
Deborah Mason

Here is what's happening in RE this month:

We will continue our Summer Program: *Young Peacemakers* through the end of August. Stay tuned for big plans for a new year of RE classes beginning in September!

- 08/07/11 Making Peace -Be a Friend Teachers: Deborah and Sheila Reilly**
- 08/14/11 Worship in the Park - see details on Page 1**
- 08/21/11 Inter generational service: What I Would Give the Children
Children will spend part of the morning in worship and part in RE class.**
- 08/28/11 Be a Peace Hero - Teachers: Deborah and Kristin Elizondo**

Advocates for Social Justice

SHARE THE BASKET

On Sunday, August 14, one half of the Offertory will go to the Graton Day Labor Center, a community based, worker led center where day laborers and domestic workers come for employment, health education and services, ESL classes and the creation of justice. It nurtures self respect and self-advocacy, leadership development, and community participation. This year it is celebrating its 10th Anniversary! The Graton Day Labor Center provides a unique service to an underserved section of our community

so when the basket comes your way, please be as generous as you can!

On Sunday, August 28, one half the collection will again go to Saturday Breakfast. The number of guests is still high, and the price of food isn't declining, so when the basket comes your way, please continue your amazing generosity so this program and our neighbors will continue to thrive!

Hot Topics

Every month for the last year, an average of more than 60 of our Sonoma County neighbors are deported. And the vast majority of them have committed no crime. (Being in this country illegally is a civil, not a criminal, offense.) Imagine how this impacts every member of their families! Can anything be done? Yes! On **Sunday, August 7th** Rick Coshnear, a local immigration attorney, will tell us about the recently settled lawsuit brought by

the Sonoma County Committee for Immigrant Rights and the Northern California Chapter of the ACLU against the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement, formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service). Come to the Board Room at 11:30 to learn about what has happened and what we can do to promote decency and respect in our county's treatment of undocumented persons.

Women Together—Farewell to Summer!

Save the date...August 27th!

Women Together is hosting our annual End of Summer Gathering. All women of our congregation are invited to join for food and conversation at the Sebastopol home of Cathie Wiese on Saturday, August 27th from noon to 3:00 pm. We will soak up the summer sunshine, share summer stories, take a dip in the pool if you want, and enjoy those great Women Together potluck dishes as we say farewell to summer in Cathie's spacious backyard. There will be plenty of shade, too! Bring your favorite potluck lunch dish to share, a beverage of your choice, and a swimsuit and towel if you think you might like to have some wet recreation. Your children are welcome if they are good swimmers would like to play in the

pool (which might be a bit chilly since it is not heated--we never know).

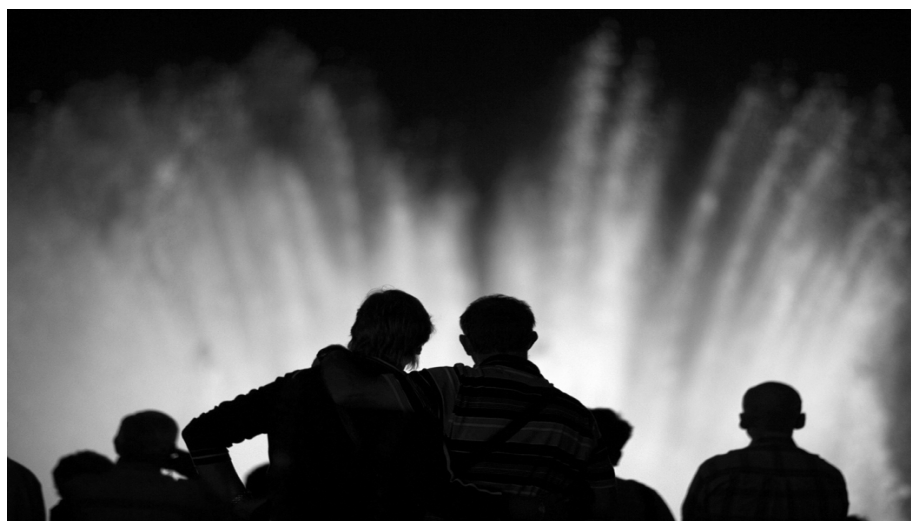
Plates, utensils, and iced tea will be on hand. We would love to have you RSVP at 829-3634 so we can look forward to your company,. Spontaneous gatherers are welcome, too! The address is 220 Frankel Lane in Sebastopol. It is in town and very easy to find. Call for directions if you'd like.



3rd ANNUAL UUCSR MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

AUGUST 26, 27, 28 2011

**SAINT DOROTHY'S REST
CAMP MEEKER**



**COME JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF “FELLOW”-SHIP,
LAUGHTER AND CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

(See registration form next page)

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

Newsletter@uusantarosa.org

E-mail Submissions

Greatly Appreciated!

Newsletter Assembly

10 a.m.—August 23, 2011

3rd Annual UUCSR MEN'S RETREAT

August 26, 27, 28, 2011

Please complete the registration sheet. Your check reserves your space. Make your check payable to UUCSR (memo Men's Retreat) and return with this form to the UUCSR office by July 24 2011. For further information contact Andy Levine at 887-9810 or bartlev@sonic.net.

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Do you have any special needs? (Accessibility, transportation, etc)

Would you be willing to carpool? YES___ NO___

(You will receive a list of attendees & information packet shortly before the retreat to assist you in arranging car pools. Carpooling is essential.)

OTHER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS? _____

COST: \$185.00; includes Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. Would you be willing to contribute to a scholarship fund to help our brothers who cannot afford the full amount? \$15, \$20, \$25 or any amount will be appreciated. Partial scholarships available, call for information.

PHOTO RELEASE & CONSENT: I consent to photography of myself and every person listed on this form, documenting my/our participation in retreat life; I authorize uncompensated use and reproduction of these photos and I release all rights & privileges, including financial and editorial, to said photos. If any photos are used, I understand that no names will be included.

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Renting Space is a Ministry, Too

Reflections on the work of the Glaser Center.

Last weekend, an alliance of local artists launched what they hope will be an annual event in Rohnert Park. Called 'Art Attack,' the all-day event was conceived as a party for artists and those who love the arts, held on the grassy expanse of lawn behind Spreckels Performing Arts Center. There was a series of bands playing music, a number of food booths, and a number of booths representing local organizations. On a whim, I decided to secure booth space, and spent the day talking about the work of the Glaser Center, handing out brochures about our rental spaces and some of the upcoming concerts and events we have planned for late summer and fall.

It was a wonderfully relaxing day; those of you who know me will agree that I rarely sit still, so finding myself gifted with six hours of outdoors down-time on a lovely Sonoma County afternoon was a true treat. The best part of the day, however, was meeting and talking to people, many of whom already knew the Glaser Center either as the home of the UUCSR (we really have built a reputation for ourselves, and it's a good one!), or for the performing arts events that happen so regularly.

Some of my favorite conversations, however, were those related to our other identity, as a facility where local organizations, non-profit groups, and just regular folks, can rent space for their own events and fundraising efforts. It was as I was engaged in conversation with a gentleman gushing about how much the Glaser Center and the UUCSR are this summer appreciated by a non-profit music school his daughter attends—a school that is holding lessons and performances at the Center this summer—that I had a realization.

Though we have long thought of our musical and performance offerings as our "arts & culture ministry" to Sonoma County—in a very real way our rental efforts are a ministry as well.

Yes, charging rent is a business transaction. But how many business transactions are concluded with tears of happiness and a big, warm hug, as happens in our

offices on a fairly routine basis? Some of our renters come to us in a highly vulnerable state, from those who are looking scouting locations for a memorial service or a spot to hold a fundraiser for a loved one battling cancer. In such cases, we are providing more than just a room—we offer comfort, collaboration, and above all . . . kindness. That extends as well to those renting space for various interfaith events, from bat mitzvahs to baptisms to prayer circles to Zen retreats; I've lost count of how many times people stop by to thank us for making them feel so welcome, so appreciated, so important.

That is the heart of ministry, a commitment to making others feel worthy of your time and energies. Add to it a willingness to work with people who are financially burdened, as we sometimes do. A couple of years ago, we made a conscious decision NOT to raise our rents as other rental venues were doing, precisely so that we could continue to be affordable to groups and organizations who need it the most. Our shorthand phrase for this policy is, "We will get through the recession by being the last affordable venue in the county." But more than that, we are performing a ministry to Sonoma County, by maintaining our principles of respect and understanding and kindness, even while negotiating a rental contract and assisting our guests through their all-important, often life-changing events.

I've known this for a while now, but last weekend, chatting with neighbors on a bright sunny day, it became as clear as the sky overhead. What we are doing at the UUCSR is changing the world, little by little, in ways that are expected and surprising.

I am very proud of that.

We should all feel good about the work we are doing together.

David Templeton
Glaser Manager and Artistic Director.

Fall Adult Education Class for Women

Come celebrate the Divine Feminine in a 5 week course starting September 21 at UUCSR. Revised(2007) UU curriculum, "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" is an affirmation of the wisdom of rediscovering the Divine Feminine form as a way of bringing peace and justice to the Earth. Topics to be explored:

The Sacred Female,
In the Name of Mother and Daughter,
Woman Power,
The First Turning: Shift from Goddess to God, and
Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace.

Dates: Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16th.

Time: 7pm-9pm.

Led by Julie Ristich Malm, MS in Education, UU for over 50 years, educator, former Director of Education at UUCSR, meditator, swimmer, grandmother, seeker of the Divine Feminine.

For questions and/or registration, email Julie at JulieMa840@aol.com or phone 539-5897(after Aug. 15.)



Job Announcement from UUCSR Religious Education

We have two paid positions in our preschool:
 Preschool Teacher and Preschool Teacher Aide
 Both positions require experience working with preschool aged children
 and are for 2 to 3 hours per week.
 If you or someone you know is interested
 please contact Deborah for the
 complete job descriptions and application procedures.
dlre@sonic.net or 568-5381

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Unitarian Universalist Congregation Santa Rosa 16, June 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by President, Andrew Hidas

Members Present: Bob Barrows, Ann Chambers, John Farison, Laura Jean Hageman (Co-Treasurer and President-Elect), Phyllis Heagney, Andrew Hidas (President), Mary Louise Jeffray (Vice President), Lois Nagle, Cathie Wiese (Secretary), Craig Work

Member Not Present: Bonnie Daines (Co-Treasurer)

Newly Elected 2011-12 Members Present: Jeanie Bates, Alan Proulx, Peter Wilson

Newly Elected 2011-12 Member Not Present: Joe Como

Non-members Present: Chris Bell (Minister, member ex-officio), Terry Graham (Recording Secretary), Julie Ristich Malm, Jamie McReynolds, Betty Miller, Art Rosenblum (2011-12 Treasurer)

Open Mic: No participants

BOT Minutes of 19 May 2011 Approved as Submitted

Financial Stewardship Council Appointments: Proposed new members were Linda Balabanian, Jan Hess and Kirsten Olney. Bob moved to accept all three to the Council, seconded by Laura Jean. Motion passed by show of hands without objection.

Jamie McReynolds Ordination Request: Jamie briefly delineated his life path and its relationship to UUCSR. Since graduation from Starr King School of Ministry in 2009, he has been serving as hospice chaplain. He will be acquiring a required supervised ministry experience at Thomas Jefferson Memorial UU Church in Charlottesville, VA. Jamie requested that UUCSR ordain him, conferring the title "Reverend", tentatively in October 2011. He was accompanied by his advisor, Julie Ristich Malm, who will assist him in the ordination event planning. The ordination requires an affirmative vote of the congregation. Cathie moved that UUCSR BOT support the ordination of Jamie McReynolds by taking the candidacy to the vote of the congregation, tentatively in October 2011. Bob seconded. During the discussion, Craig requested that a bio be provided by Jamie to support the candidacy. Motion passed by voice without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Jean reiterated that both the Congregation and Glaser operation are expected to finish

very close to budget, with a likelihood of some surplus. Fiscal year 2010-11 closing will be available in August.

Congregational Meeting Review: Opinions and impressions of the conduct of the meeting included (a) financial/budget support data was presented in a very understandable manner, (b) presentation made clear the importance of adopting a balanced budget which resulted from input from every member of congregational Councils, Committees and the Board in making very difficult decisions to achieve a fiscally responsible budget, (c) the 75% commitment of paying dues during the first three-quarters of the year with the intent to pay 100% by yearend was accurately conveyed, (d) the "Appreciations", recognizing individuals who had gone above and beyond, was well received, (e) the "endowment" issue discussion was allowed to unduly continue, especially since no action could be taken at the meeting, (f) a goodly number of members exited the meeting after approximately 1-hour.

Board-Council Liaison Reports: Operations Council successfully accomplishing a variety of repairs

By-Laws Committee making good progress, a first draft to be submitted to BOT is expected by Fall 2011

Membership Council requires revitalization

Aesthetics Committee is without budget and influence

Executive Session convened from 7:35 p.m. - 8:04 p.m.

BOT Yearend Wrap-up: Observations included (a) rapidly progressing year with many of annual goals accomplished, (b) new BOT members became quickly engaged as contributors, (c) meetings stayed focused upon objectives, (d) members demonstrated patience and camaraderie to be effective, (e) the BOT established a greater transparency and closeness with the congregation, (f) future challenges include financial constraints, persisting growth management, religious community definition and the individual's relationship to the community, (g) there is a large percentage of individual participation in the congregation activities while there remain many who are searching for avenues for increased engagement.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Graham



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Help the Caring Commitee!

Anyone who has ever received a hand-written card during a difficult time will tell you how important it was. Simply being remembered by another brings hope and happiness. Our Mission and Covenant call us to care for another. Here's an easy way to do just that!

Every Sunday there will be a basket with a variety of cards – Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, Anniversary, Thank You, and even Blanks – available on the large wooden table in the Foyer so you can send your well-wishes and prayers to a fellow member or friend of UUCSR.

Names and addresses of those in the hospital, elders who are shut-in or in nursing homes, and any others that could use a word from a friend will be found here each week, and additional names can often be heard in the Milestones, as well. If you know of someone who would benefit from a card, add them to the list,

Just take a card, write your message, and then leave the card right on the table. The Caring Committee of UUCSR will apply the postage and mail it. (Or you can take the card home and mail it at your leisure, if you prefer.)

Volunteers for the Caring Committee are deeply appreciated. We provide food for members in hard times, occasional rides, and friendly visits. Please speak to Gail Alford, Chair, or Rev. Chris for more information, or to offer to serve.

Send a Card!

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa presents

Summertime Concert

at the Glaser Center

Mark Taylor

Aaron Haas

Flamenco & Classical Guitar

Under the Stars



Saturday, August 12, 7:30 p.m.

Glaser Center

547 Mendocino Avenue, downtown Santa Rosa

All seats \$15

Available at The Last Record Store & at brownpapertickets.com

Warm Weather Permitting, this show will be held in the outdoor courtyard; there is a chance it may be moved to the indoors Social Hall