

# UUFSD FOCUS – JUNE 2011



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito is a safe haven and community of inspiration creatively meeting the spiritual, social, educational and emotional needs of members and their families in ways consistent with our UU principles. Through this mutual support,

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## SUNDAY SERVICES – 10:00 a.m.

Child care is provided

Monthly theme: Unity

**June 5: A Summer of Noticing** – Homework for all of us this summer: How can we be more conscious about how connected we actually are? *Choir sings this Sunday!* **Rev. David A. Miller**

### *SUNDAY, JUNE 12 IS MUSIC SUNDAY!*

Our theme is **WE ARE ONE**, and we plan to celebrate our Oneness with inspiring music about our Earth, Our World Society, and the joy and blessings we all share. Our guest percussionists are **Aislinn Burnett** on marimba, **Nathan Chong** and **Adam Larocca** on drums. Come and join us in making a joyful noise!

**UUFSD Choir and Gianna Drogheo, Director**

*After Music Sunday on June 12 there will be a congregational meeting. Please come! We'll have a brief update on exciting happenings at the Fellowship, and you'll get a chance to vote on the budget for the next fiscal year. In order to sweeten the deal, we'll follow the meeting with a **luncheon and ice cream** served to you by your board members, your minister and your DRE. We look forward to seeing you then!*

**June 19: Celebrating the Summer** - Come join in Rev. David's last service before his summer break and celebrate our Second Annual Summer Solstice Service. Please bring drums and/or other rhythm instruments. We will also welcome and celebrate our new members. **Rev. David A. Miller**

**June 26: To be Announced.**

## DAVID'S DIALOGUE

I cannot believe this congregational year is coming to an end. This was a truly amazing and fast-paced year. In preparation for this column, I went back to look at what I had written about for June of last year, and for a bit of a review I have decided to use that column as an outline.

Below are some of the things I listed last year as coming up for this year. I list them again with this year's comments.

- **Participating with the COM to build a Covenant of Right Relations with the congregation.** – The COM has begun this work, and we have adopted an interim Covenant from the Berkeley UU Church. More to come on this process next year.
- **Moving forward in our strategic planning process.** – The Dreamcatcher process is well underway, and will be continued through the course of next year. The goal is to achieve a clear mission and vision for the congregation to use as a lens or framework to make strategic decisions about the future direction of our congregational life together.
- **Supporting efforts to further grow a financial foundation for the Fellowship.** – As we announced at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> service, we are the beneficiaries of an incredibly gracious matching grant of \$300,000, \$100,000 a year for the next 3 years. And thanks to the hard work of the Stewardship Committee and your generosity, we have had a successful giving year in challenging economic times.

- **Build increasingly engaging adult education programming.** – This year we offered our yearly sermon class, our Spiritual Growth Circles and the Shift Happens class. Next year we hope to focus our efforts on “Building the World We Dream About”, which is a Unitarian Universalist program that seeks to interrupt the workings of racism and transform how people from different racial/ethnic groups understand and relate to one another.
- **Facilitate increased joy and celebration in our community.** – We established the Joy Committee and our quarterly potlucks. We also continue to weave joy and celebration in to our worship, community and congregational events.
- **Establish a young adult/campus ministry connection to and within UUFSD.** – Although still in a fledging state, we are continuing our commitment to this important ministry. May’s Young Adult and Campus Ministry Summit will help build momentum for the whole cluster in this important area of our work together.

We have experienced and accomplished so much together this year, and we have such wonderful plans and opportunities for the coming year. I am looking forward to joining with you all to create opportunities for healing and wholeness to transform ourselves and, in the process, to help each other and the world.

My last day here at the Fellowship before my summer plans begin will be Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The next day, I will be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. I will then take some time for vacation and study leave from June 29<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup>. I will be available for emergencies, but otherwise out of the office and not checking my email on any regular basis. Patricia will always know how to reach me should the need arise.

As I said last year, and continue to feel, it has been an honor and privilege to serve this congregation this past year. I look forward to productive and meaningful work together as we breathe this summer and then come back together in August to continue our shared journey.

Have a wonderful summer, **Rev. David**

## Dare to Dream



### “DARE TO DREAM” AUCTION & PARTY A SUCCESS AND FUN, TOO

Our “Dare to Dream” Auction and Party on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered your time, attended, and bid on items - you are enabling us to make our dreams for the Fellowship come true. From all the smiles and laughter that night (We sold out of wine!) to people returning for seconds and thirds on appetizers, to the dancers swaying to the music, and let’s not forget the spirited bidding in the live auction, it was certainly a fun party! Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who donated items and purchased the merchandise, services, and activities. I also want to give a special thank you to the members of the Stewardship Committee for their “Can Do” spirit and hard work on the auction, as well as about 35 other people who were important to the success of this event. This year we set a new record, \$18,000 in sales, and your auction committee is grateful for this wonderful contribution to our Fellowship’s general fund.

In Fellowship, **Judy Sherman**

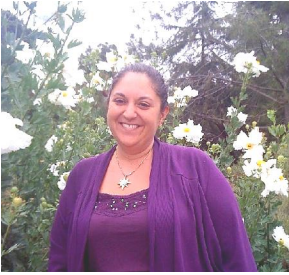


News

The UUFSD bookclub meets the second Monday of each month at **7:00 pm** in the UUFSD library to discuss the month’s reading selection. This month’s meeting will be **Monday, June 13**, and we will be discussing *The Art of Making Money* by J. Kersten. (You can see a description of the book on the Amazon website, if you like: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).)

So, pick up a copy, read it, and come ready to discuss!

For information, or to be added to our email list: **Sharilyn Parr: [6cc\\_7iV4iiZqXcf@uufsd.org](mailto:6cc_7iV4iiZqXcf@uufsd.org)**



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**RE NEWS**

Daaaaaaaaa da daaaaaaaaaaa da da da dum dum...the strains of pomp and circumstance flows through my head during certain conversations this time of year. Letters gloriously thick with promise, or thin enough to cut the soul with rejection. Our youth fledglings are planning and leaving our nest to soar and dip among the stars. We are learning that carefully laid plans do not always come to fruition, and while I want to protect them from these lessons, I know they are valuable. And, this lesson in particular is one they will grapple with their entire life. My wish for all of us, but especially for them at this moment in time, is a quote from an unknown source.

*“I hope your dreams take you...to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.”*

We have three amazing seniors that will be bridging this year and I cannot wait to celebrate each one of them. They are, **Katy Scott, Connor Solomon** and **Zach Solomon**. Celebrating each other reaffirms the passages that they have gone through, and that we have witnessed. The warm memories and love that people bestowed upon them in this Fellowship is now a legacy that they can hand to others. And so we hold each other in love, from hand to hand and generation to generation.

**Reasons and Opportunities to Celebrate!**

Everything is whirling towards the grand finale of Spring, and there are so many activities, festivities and opportunities happening at UUFSD. Creating community and strengthening familial bonds will be a primary focus for me in the coming weeks. Memories that will be woven into a bright tapestry of faith and love will keep my heart kindled for the start of summer.

Our Whole Lives will celebrate the youth and parents who have finished this amazing program, and our youth will be recognized in a service

acknowledging that they have officially completed the program and been “Taught Sex Ed at Church!” **June 5th is Teacher Recognition Brunch!** It will start at **9:15** in the library, before the service, and childcare will be provided!!! So please come, if you have ever assisted, taught or mentored for the RE Program. I, and the RE Committee, cannot wait to celebrate you!!!

**Our Senior Bridging Ceremony** will also be held on **June 5th**. It will be a wonderful time to celebrate our Senior’s future endeavors and remember all of their great contributions to our community.

The celebrating continues- on **June 12th** our last day of regular RE Classes will happen. We will start our Summer RE Program from ages 4-12 on June 26th! The summer program will focus on the connectivity between Nature and the Spirit. A wonderful program that has been graciously given to us from First Church.

So many things to celebrate - all the volunteers, our youth, our children... the coming of summer! I am really looking forward to the next few weeks, and although I know it will pass in a whirlwind of activity, this time I will be conscious to take precious moments and treasure the richness of it all.

In Love and Fellowship, *Alison*



**WELCOME**

**Chesley Blevins** is excited to bring his family, wife Caroline Nievergelt and sons Caleb and Cameron, to our spiritual community, and intends to become an active member. Chesley works for the County of San Diego Public Health Services as a licensed occupational therapist. He loves outdoor activities, including hiking and camping, and is very motivated to encourage others to connect to the natural world. *Welcome Chesley and family!*

## UPCOMING UUFSD CAMPING TRIPS

Attention all Campers – The Time is Drawing Near  
Come join the fun in the beautiful Laguna  
Mountains:



**Memorial Day weekend: Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30** at El Prado Group campsite.



**Fourth of July weekend: Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** at Horse Heaven Group campsite. Typically some folks arrive on Friday (after 2 p.m.), and others come up on Saturday in time to set up and join in the Community Stew Dinner on Saturday evening. Everyone brings something for the stew pots (traditional beef, chicken and vegetarian) and a side dish to share. The results are always tasty and no one goes hungry. The rest of the meals are on a family basis. Besides talking to the other campers, there are great hikes and mountain biking. The kids seem to always find plenty of things to do. We sing and tell stories around the campfire each evening. We have the campsite until 2 p.m. on Monday.

Nights tend to be a bit chilly on Memorial Day, but the days are warm. By the Fourth of July it is generally mild at night and borderline hot during the day. There is potable water at the campsites and pit toilets.

Don't like to sleep out? Come up for the day on Saturday and stay to enjoy the Community Stew. You can get home by 10 p.m. or so. To pay for the campsite we charge \$25/family, \$10/single, \$5/day-tripper. Questions: Contact **Betsy Gilpin**

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## UUFSD LIBRARY

We are grateful for members and friends who donate books to the library and who buy books at the Sunday Book Sale. The money we earn through book sales allows us to buy new books for our permanent collection.

We want to encourage all UUFSD members to use our library. (Even the littlest ones, there's a kids' section!) The best time to visit the library is on Sunday morning before the service. (There are often meetings in the library after the service, but you are welcome to check.) Or, if you would like to visit the library during the week, you are welcome to do so. Just call the office first to make sure that Patricia is going to be around, and she will open the library for you.

Submitted by **Sharilyn Parr**



## EMAIL COMMUNICATION AT UUFSD

UUFSD maintains two email lists that allow us to communicate to members and friends.

The UUFSD Announcements List is for "official" UUFSD announcements, such as weekly emails about each Sunday's service and other announcements about Fellowship events and activities. Only staff and board members post emails to this list.

The UUFSD Online List is for members to use to send emails to the member community. Anyone can post emails to this list, and anything is fine as long as it is in good taste and is likely to be of interest to all members. To post to this list, simply create an email and address it to **UUFSDOnline@yahoo.com**.

All members who use email generally choose to be on the Announcements List. Though not "mandatory" it is a great way to stay in touch between newsletters. Most members are also on the Online List, but those who wish to keep the number of emails to a minimum may opt to only be on the Announcements List.

For more information, or to be added or removed from a list, please contact **Sharilyn Parr: BookClub@uufsd.org** .