



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Visalia *September 2005 Newsletter*

From the Editor:

"Far or forgot to me is near;
Shadow and sunlight are the same;
The vanished gods to me appear;
And one to me are shame and fame.

They reckon ill who leave me out;
When me they fly, I am the wings;
I am the doubter and the doubt,
And I the hymn the Brahmin sings." -[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), *Brahma*

September Services: 5:00 pm worship service

September 4: "Spiritual Journeys" – led by April Hill. Share your own spiritual journey.

September 11: "Religious Language – The Language of Reverence" –led by Marilyn Giese. Our annual post-summer ingathering. Welcome back UU's, friends, and seekers. Bring water (actual or symbolic) from the source of your summer travels.

September 18: "Evensong: Beginning Together" -- led by April Hill

September 25: "Nature and Universe as a Spiritual Path" – led by Harold Wood

WORLD CAFE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On August 21, 2005 the UU Fellowship of Visalia held a World Caf'e on Religious Education led by Marilyn Giese attended by twenty stakeholders of the congregation. The discussion was intense for over two hours, with each individual fully engaged and energized by the process. Conclusions were reached on numerous questions, and the amount of work that was produced was astounding. It was agreed that religious education is everyone's responsibility and that we should utilize the strengths within the congregation. The Fellowship Board plans an early meeting to develop a framework for the Visalia UU religious education program based on the World Cafe findings. Others will be asked to contribute their skills and talents. Stay tuned.

The regular church season starts Sept. 4 and we will return to the post service potluck and social time.

UU Visalia Officers:

President - Don Chapin
Vice President - April Hill
Secretary - Pam Meyers;
Treasurer - Debbie Wing
Newsletter Editor – Dale Moore

Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

Membership/Growth
Program/Worship
Religious Education
Social Justice (emphasis on environmental justice)
Caring
Contributions (emphasis on local organizations)

VISALIA UU FELLOWSHIP -- website www.uuvisalia.org

PCD will be hosting the UUA's marketing consultant, Valerie Holton, presenting:

"An Introduction to Church Marketing"
Saturday, October 15, 2005 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m
Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church
22577 Bayview Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541

---> please note the date change from an earlier announcement <---

This promises to be a very useful training opportunity for congregations interested in using low-cost marketing methods to attract more Sunday guests. Register by notifying PCD District Administrator, Chuck Rosene at (510) 601-1437 or by email (preferred) at pcd@pcd-uua.org

Early bird registration = \$10, on or before October 1, 2005

Standard registration = \$15

Registration Deadline = October 9, 2005

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