

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



April Services: 5:00 pm worship service followed by a potluck

4/2/06 - "Early Man's Calendar / Time Keeping" presentation by David Hodges. Try to imagine living with the moon, the sun, the stars, and a fire as your only sources of light. You may wish to order your future activities. You think along the lines of a calendar. Do you use the phases of the moon as your guide? The moon has appeal: its cycle matches a woman's menstrual cycle, ten moons match the time from inception to birth. But, the moon will not tell you that it is time to plant, or when it is time to reap. We will review early man's choices, and the problems that his choices encountered.

4/9/06 – "Buddhism" – presentation by Katherine Singh, with a guided meditation from Rick Meyers.

4/16/06 – Easter Sunday – **no evening service**. Join with Quakers for potluck brunch and fellowship at 9:30am at the Lovett's back yard, down the road from the Meeting House.

4/23/06 – "Earth Day – UU Ministry for the Earth" – presentation by Harold Wood.
Board meeting will take place after service, during potluck.

4/30/06 - "Wages of Dignity, Wages of Hope" UUSC Justice Sunday presentation by Don Chapin & April Hill

SPECIAL UU EVENTS

Post April 16, 2006 – End of Faith: Religion, Terror, And the Future of Reason by Sam Harris will be the subject of a book discussion group that will meet on four Thursday evenings at various homes. Contact UUFV member and group coordinator Katherine Singh or email info@uuvisalia.org for first date and location.

April 22, 2006 (Saturday) Earth Day Event "Got Recycling on Your Mind?" 11am-3pm at Visalia's Recreation Park (Center at Jacob Street). Demonstrations on native plants, crafts, recycling opportunities in Tulare County and more. Food booths, games, prizes and raffles for children and adults. Recycled art contest and 2nd annual "Trash to Fashion" show. Compost will be given away (first-come, first-served) so bring your shovel and container.

The UU Fellowship of Visalia will have a table – please sign up to volunteer your time and encourage others to learn more about our faith and activities. Contact April Hill or email info@uuvisalia.org

April 28-30, 2006 (Friday-Sunday)– Pacific Central District Assembly – Concord Hilton Inspirational workshops and activities with UU's from all over the Pacific Central District ! Welcome UUA President Rev. William Sinkford, SF Chronicle columnist Jon Carroll (author of Unitarian Jihad!) and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker. Basic conference registration fee \$90.00. Make your hotel reservation at www.Hilton.com or call 1-800+HILTONS. Special rate for Assembly attendees! For additional information contact the PCD office at pcd@pcd-uua.org or 510-601-1437 or see the Pacific Central District web site (<http://www.pcd-uua.org/DA-2006.pdf>)

"Our Way of the Spirit" online adult religious education course will be available starting April 17. See www.uurgl.com/learn/ from the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE

June 21-25, 2006 – UUA General Assembly, St. Louis, MO. For additional information www.uua.org/ga.

July 22-29, 2006 – PCD Leadership School @ Westminster Retreat Center, Alamo, CA. For additional information see www.pcd-uua.org/pcdldrshp/pcdleadershipschool.htm or talk with Debbie, April or Don.

CHURCH-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENTS

March 31-April 1, 2006 (Friday-Saturday) The John Muir Center at the University of Pacific in Stockton will be sponsoring a "John Muir in Global Perspective" Conference (a once-in-five years event). Fellowship member Harold Wood will be presenting at the conference on "John Muir in India." The preliminary program and registration form (registration is \$60, including luncheons, for 2 days) is at <http://www.pacific.edu/college/muir>

Health Care for All Californians – Tuesday 4/4/06 dinner, 6PM at Amigos Restaurant, Akers & Walnut, followed by business meeting. RSVP Yvonne 739-8597 by 3/28 for \$7-9 Mexican buffet. Updates on progress of OneCare Campaign (www.onecarenow.org).

April 8, 2006 (Saturday) 2-4pm at Friends Meeting House. Photo exhibit on the effects of "Women's Labor and Life in Tulare County Agribusiness" and 2:30pm Forum on Air Quality and Pesticide Drift.

April 21, 2006 (Friday) 7PM Evening at the Library with Phillips Kauke, author of The Visalia Electric Railroad. Model trains on display. - Literary Basket Drawing raffle tickets available at Visalia library for \$1.00 ea – Baskets for "A Capitol Escape", Disneyland day-passes, children's books, gardeners, cooks, chocolate, trains, Yosemite.

April 28, 2006 (Friday) – 7PM at COS Room 305. Free Movie "Born into Brothels"

April 29, 2006 (Saturday) *Peacefire 2006* – A Celebration for Peace. South Valley Peace Center and American Friends Service Committee-Proyecto Campesino co-sponsored event @2-7PM, location TBA. Contact Dave Adalian at dpalta@comcast.net.

May 25-30, 2006 – "Science of Breath" workshop by Art of Living Foundation. At Friends Meeting House. Thurs, Fri, Mon, Tues, 7-9:30PM; Sat. 9-12pm, Sun, 1-4pm. Details to come.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Meditation Group – Wednesdays 6:30PM at Quaker Meeting House. Contact Rick Meyers (speechguy47@hotmail.com).

South Valley Peace Center - 2nd & 4th Sundays at Visalia Quaker Meeting House. 1-4PM. Peace Rallies on the 1st Sunday of each month on the northwest corner of Mooney and Walnut. Check www.svpc.org for more information.

Sierra Club-Mineral King Group. Socials 2nd Wed. of month. (http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineral_king)

Friends of Tulare Co. Library meetings – Second Monday, upstairs meeting room at Visalia Library; Book Sale on first Saturday of each month from 10am – 2pm in Visalia Library courtyard.

Audubon Society meetings and environmental presentations. – Third Friday of month, 7pm at Tulare Co. Office of Education "Pit". Weekend Field Trips meet at Sears parking lot at 7:15am. For information, call Kim at 783-2486 or Gary at 734-0833.

VISALIA UU FELLOWSHIP

Mission Statement – We are an open religious fellowship that espouses no creed. We support social justice, diversity, ethical living and each person's search for truth.

Please visit our updated website www.uuvisalia.org for more about Unitarian Universalism. If you would like to become a member of the Visalia UU Fellowship, please speak with a Board member.

UU Visalia Officers (2005-06):

President - Don Chapin
Vice President - April Hill
Secretary - Pam Meyers
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Worship Chair – Sandy Beals
Social Justice Chair – Harold Wood

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