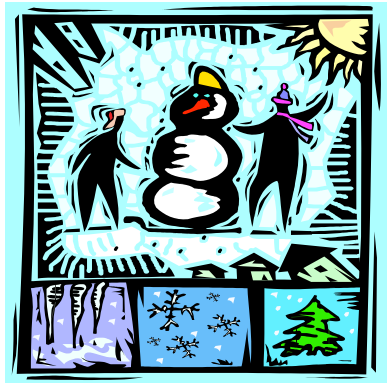


Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



December 2005 Newsletter

From the Editor: Everything in Nature contains all the powers of Nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff. [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

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

December 4: "Was it a Virgin Birth?", by Kim Litzen

December 11: "Green Sanctuary: Environmentally Friendly Practices for Unitarian Universalist Churches", by Harold Wood

December 18: "The Christian in Me", by Debbie Wing

December 25: No services will be held so that UU's can enjoy Christmas Day with family and friends.

Sunday Volunteers for December (what would we do without you!)

Children's RE

12/4 - Dorothy O; 12/11 - April H; 12/18 - Sandy B

Visalia UU Fellowship

* 12/4/05, Sunday - Growth Committee meeting during dinner

* 12/18/05, Sunday - New Members Class, 3:30-5PM - Come learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our Fellowship and consider becoming a member. Short film and discussion. Please RSVP to info@uuvisalia.org

* 12/18/05, Sunday - Board Meeting 3:30-5PM

UU Visalia Officers:

President - Don Chapin

Vice President - April Hill

Secretary - Pam Meyers;

Treasurer - Debbie Wing

Newsletter Editor - Dale Moore

VISALIA UU FELLOWSHIP – Please visit our updated website www.uuvisalia.org Thanks to Harold Wood for making it special!

"Guest at Your Table" -- An annual collection effort for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, encouraging UUs to remember at each meal the need for economic justice in the world. An unrestricted gift of \$75 or more will be matched dollar for dollar by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY. Collection usually gathered and sent in beginning of January.

Belated credit for the Ramadan sermon read on 10/16/05 by Sandy. The Reverend Ricky Hoyt is minister of the Foothills UU Church in La Canada, in Southern California. He has many sermons of interest at www.revricky.com/sermons

Ongoing Events

- * Board Meeting - 3:30 on third Sunday of month at Visalia Friends Meeting House
- * Meditation - 6:30-8:00PM at Kaweah Rehab Center, Visalia with Rick Meyers) (info@uuvisalia.org)
- * South Valley Peace Center - 2nd & 4th Sundays at Visalia Friends Meeting House. 1-4PM
- * Sierra Club-Mineral King Group. Socials 2nd Wed. of month. (<http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineralking>)
- * Friends of Tulare Co. Library Meetings - First Monday, upstairs meeting room at Visalia Library.
- * Audubon Society Meetings - Last Friday of month, Tulare Co. Office of Education - 7PM
- * Kaweah Oaks Preserve Nature Walks - Last Saturday mornings
- * World Meditation Day, third Sunday of month, 10-12 Noon. Brahma Kumari Center-Fresno. Call 435-2212 for info.

Special Events

12/10/05, Saturday- Worship Associate Training at Fresno UU Church, for people who would like to take on the responsibilities and privileges of being a Worship Associate. If you might be interested in attending and bringing back a model program for the Visalia UU Fellowship, please contact April, who is coordinating with Connie P in Fresno.

PCD - Chalice Lighters Program - The **One Out of Two at Ten** campaign challenges every congregation in the district to raise its level of participation in Chalice Lighters to at least one out of every two members at, at least, the ten dollar level. *We're asking half of us* to step up and support this very worthy program. Congregations may apply for grants to promote growth - anything from improved signage to hiring a Membership Coordinator, help with outreach efforts, or moving into a new building. Fresno, Visalia, and Porterville UU congregations benefited from a grant for spots on KVPR in 2001.

Reminder - A taped version of UU World is available **at no charge** to people who cannot read the printed magazine because of vision impairment. For more information, contact Devorah Greenstein, 25 Beacon st., Boston MA 02108, dgreenstein@uua.org

General Interest

If you've been curious about Utne magazine, you may read the November/December issue online at www.utne.com. Click on "subscriber login", type in username reader@utne.com and password; rehnquist. Articles on "Embrace Your Feminine-The Power of Nurture in a Man's World" "World Trade Organization: What Wou Need to Know" and "Reading Matters".

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