

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



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

- 6/4/06 - UUFV Annual Congregational Meeting** - Celebrate last year's activities, Vote on 2006-07 Budget and Slate of Officers, Plan for Future
- 6/11/06 – Introduction to Discussion of Henry David Thoreau's Walden – read “Preface” – coordinated by Harold Wood
- 6/18/06 – Walden #2 - “How Do We Spend Our Lives” – read “Economy” – coordinated by April Hill
- 6/25/06 – Walden #3 – “How Do We Wake Up?” – read “Where I Lived and What I Lived For”
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Congratulations to students, teachers, graduates and other life-long learners for another year completed!
Remember to vote on June 6, 2006 or to mail in your absentee ballots!

CHURCH-RELATED EVENTS

**Thoreau as Spiritual Guide:
A Summer Series using *Walden* as a Guide for Spiritual Renewal and Transformation
Sundays, 5 p.m., June 11 – July 23, 2006
at Friends Meeting House, 17208 Avenue 296, Visalia, California**

Our guidebooks for this summer's evening worship series will be:

- * *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau
Many editions available –including free on the Internet: Illustrated and annotated HTML version at: <http://thoreau.eserver.org/walden00.html>; Searchable Word .doc file at: <http://www.archive.org/details/Walden>
- * *Thoreau as Spiritual Guide: A Companion to Walden for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion* by Barry M. Andrews (Skinner House Books, 2000) available from any of these sources: www.uua.org/bookstore, www.amazon.com, www.bn.com

It is not *essential* that you obtain either of these books to participate in our summer series, but you will get more out of it if you do get hold of a copy of *Walden*. In addition, the leaders' resource will be the Barry Andrews book identified; interested participants may also be interested in obtaining a copy for personal reflection.

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Kings/Tulare Area Agency on Aging Senior Conference – begins at 8:15 on two days – Wednesday, 5/31/06 in Lemoore (Vineyard Inn & Restaurant) and Thursday, 6/1/06 in Visalia (LampLighter Inn). For seniors, their loved ones, and service providers. Conflict resolution, communication, recognizing signs of elder abuse, caring for caregiver, long term care. Free & open to public. Register by the day before. 730-2553 or 800-321-2462.

June 3, 2006 (Saturday) Annual Lawn Mower Trade-In – College of the Sequoias, 915 S Mooney, Visalia. Sierra Club “Roadrunner” newsletter reports a real deal. Trade in any gas-powered walk behind lawn mower and purchase a Neuton cordless electric-motored mower, regularly priced at \$399, now only \$150. First come first served while supplies last. *Remember: mowers must be drained of all fluids before turning in.* Retired mowers will be turned into scrap metal.

June 3 and 10, 2006 (Saturday) - Basic workshop on practical non-violence training - 8:30 AM. - 6:30 PM at Visalia Friends Meeting, 17200 Ave. 296, Visalia. Cost: \$40-\$100 depending on ability to pay (scholarships are available). Information: Mark Koenig, 592-4523, or AVP California, (800) 905-6765

June 10, 2006 (Saturday) Valley Yoga Workshops – 1616 W Mineral King Ave., Ste. B., Visalia. Morning Session 9:00-12:00 Intro to Nadi Yoga: The Yoga of Sound. Afternoon Session: 2:00-5:00 Sweet Dreams: Creating a Yoga Sleep Ritual. Instruction by Ann Dyer. \$45.00 per session or \$80 for both if purchased by June 3. Make checks payable to Valley Yoga, PO Box 552, Three Rivers, CA 93271

June 24, 2006 (Saturday), Nature Walk, 6:30-9:00AM – Learn summer birds at Kaweah Oaks Preserve. Sequoia Riverlands Trust. Donation \$5 members, \$10 non-members or join that day and attend for free. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes, bring water and a friend. Field guides or binoculars optional.

2006 Call For Applications LeConte Memorial Lodge Committee -The LeConte Memorial Lodge Committee is soliciting nominations to fill two vacancies on the LeConte Memorial Lodge Committee. Additional non-committee volunteer opportunities are also available for one-week on-site periods during the summer season, or occasional off-site volunteer contributions available year-round. COMPLETED RESPONSES ARE DUE June 30, 2006. Further information about the LeConte Memorial Lodge and its programs is available on the web at:

www.sierraclub.org/education/leconte/

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Meditation Group – Wednesdays 6:30PM at Quaker Meeting House. Contact Rick Meyers (meditation@uuvisalia.org).

Audubon Society meetings on the third Friday of each month, 7pm at Tulare Co. Office of Education “Pit” – *will resume in September.* Weekend Field Trips meet at Sears parking lot at 7:15am. For information, call Kim at 783-2486 or Gary at 734-0833.

Book Sale – First Saturday of each month at Visalia Library

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.

Health Care for All Californians – First Tuesday of month, various locations –

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

Outing to Little Baldy in Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. A moderate approximately 4-mile round trip hike. Bring water, lunch and hiking boots. Meet at 9AM in parking lot by Taco Bell at Mary’s Vineyard at corner of Noble & Ben Maddox in Visalia. Call Joanne at 559-733-2078 if interested.

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. More information - www.svpc.org.

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

Treasurer - Debbie Wing

Worship Chair – Sandy Beals

Social Justice Chair – Harold Wood

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