



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia

March 2006 Newsletter

From the Editor: *Unitarian Universalism in a capsule - "It's a blessing each of us was born. It matters what we do with our lives. What each of us knows about god is a piece of the truth. We don't have to do it alone."*

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

3/5/06 – "Once Upon a Time in The Garden of Eden... The Story of the Seven Daughters of Eve, Their Travels, Their Children and Your DNA." Presentation by Marilyn Giese.

3/12/06 – "Is Bigger Better? An Inquiry about the Interdependent Web" a sermon by Richard Gilbert, read by Don Chapin. (Social Justice Committee will meet after service during potluck.)

3/19/06 – "Restore Hetch Hetchy, Yosemite's Buried Mountain Temple" presentation by Harold Wood. (Fellowship Board will meet at 3:30PM.)

3/26/06 – Presentation to be arranged.

Special Events

March 4, 2006 (Saturday) – 7:00 PM. "Thomas Jefferson Live at the Fox Theater." Pro-Youth brings an evening with humanities scholar and author Clay Jenkinson in character representing our third president, who said if he had a religion he would have chosen Unitarianism. Tickets \$25-50. For event information call Pro-Youth at 624-5810, call the Fox Theater at 625-1369 or visit the office on Main Street or at www.foxvisalia.org.

March 11, 2006 (Saturday) – 9:00 -@11:30 a.m. Crop Walk raises awareness about hunger in our midst, raises funds for Food Link of Tulare County and for disaster relief efforts of Church World Service or another designated charity, such as Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Walkers collect pledges and walk a route around downtown Visalia down Main Street and past Rescue Mission, Emergency Aid, Good News Center, CSET, Samaritan Center. Good fellowship, exercise and "walking the talk". Last year Visalia UU Fellowship donations were \$565 – can we increase?? Please contact Don or April to volunteer, donate or receive a pledge envelope. Sponsors may make contributions on-line at www.cropwalk.org under the California/ Visalia Cropwalk page.

March 11, 2006 (Saturday) The Visalia Education Foundation invites you to take a "Journey Thru the Sierra" on Saturday, March 11th, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the LJ Williams Theater. Lee Terkleon, award winning videographer, will be your guide during this presentation of two video documentaries about the majestic landscape in our own back yard. Tickets (\$10 for adults and \$5 for students with ID) All proceeds for this fundraiser will benefit the visual and performing arts in Visalia's public schools.

March 12, 2006 (Sunday) – 7:00 PM. Friends of the Tulare County Library benefit showing of Melissa Howard's play "Marvel Donagan" at the Ice House Theater, Visalia. \$10 admission includes dessert.

March 17, 2006 (Friday) – 7:00PM. Audubon Society monthly meeting. Fresno Wildlife Rehabilitation's Diane Ganner will bring an assortment of birds. Tulare County Department of Education Building, corner of Woodland and Burrel Ave. in Visalia.

March 18, 2006 (Saturday) – 7:00 PM, 1029 S Chinowth. Congregation B’Nai David hosts a concert to benefit FoodLink. Performer is a cutting edge artist who is a contemporary Jewish musician/educator and has performed extensively across North America and Europe. His innovative music and humor are sure to delight. Tickets are \$15 in advance from Lisa Strongin (627-8667) or \$20 at the door.

March 25, 2006 (Saturday) – Daylong Meditation Retreat, Quaker Meeting House. Contact Rick Meyers (speechguy47@hotmail.com) or see flier at meeting house.

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). The preliminary program and registration form (registration is \$60, including luncheons, for 2 days) is at <http://www.pacific.edu/college/muir>

SAVE THE DATE

April 28-30, 2006 – PCD District Assembly – Concord Hilton (<http://www.pcd-uua.org/DA-2006.pdf>)
Come join us as we welcome UUA President Rev. William Sinkford, SF Chronicle columnist Jon Carroll (author of Unitarian Jihad!) and Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker along with 400 Festive and Feisty UU's from all over the Pacific Central District! You can make your hotel reservation at www.Hilton.com or by calling 1-800+HILTONS. Be sure to tell them that you are with the UU District Assembly to get our special rate!. For additional information contact the PCD office at pcd@pcd-uua.org or 510+601-1437 or see the Pacific Central District Assembly web site.

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/pcldrshp/pcdleadershipschool.htm or talk with Debbie, April or Don.

Ongoing Community Events

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.

Health Care for All – 2nd Tuesdays at Tulare Co. Office of Education Board Room. 7PM.

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

Friends of Tulare Co. Library meetings – Second Monday, upstairs meeting room at Visalia Library.

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

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