

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



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## **May Services: 5:00 pm worship service followed by a potluck**

5/7/06 - "An Introduction to Non-Toxic Homes" by Teri Van Huss, of Sequoia Riverlands Trust

5/14/06 - "Mysterious Moons" by Janet Wood

5/21/06 - "Goddess Timeline - Images of the Feminine" by Connie Tippet

5/28/06 - "If You're Only Looking for Happiness", presented by Anna Garcia

6/4/06 - Annual Congregational Meeting

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## **Call to Annual Meeting**

**Sunday June 4, 2006 - 5PM**

Celebrate last year's activities,

Vote on 2006-07 Budget and Slate of Officers

Plan for future

**Volunteer Positions Available** - one to four month commitment

**Hospitality** - host guests, orient to UUism, make name tags, add to lists

**Volunteers** - recruit workers for Sunday evening tasks, e-mail reminders

**Children's curriculum** - select curriculum, kit up materials

**Sunday School teachers** - schedule adult partners, teach young people once every two-three months

**Newsletter** - word process announcements, e-mail most & mail a few

**Programs** - recruit & schedule presenters, select sermons from Church of Larger Fellowship or other sources, inform newsletter editor

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**June 21-25, 2006** - UUA General Assembly, St. Louis, MO. For additional information [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

**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](http://www.pcd-uua.org/pcdldrshp/pcdleadershipschool.htm) or talk with Debbie, April or Don.

## **CHURCH-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**May 4, 11, 18, 25** - Thursday evening small group discussing End of Faith: Religion, Terror, And the Future of Reason by Sam Harris. Contact Katherine Singh at [info@uuvisalia.org](mailto:info@uuvisalia.org)

**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.

Watch for news of the Spiritual Activism conference that will be held in Washington, D.C. May 17-20, 2006. The conference is the first East Coast appearance for the Network of Spiritual Progressives, co-chaired by Unitarian Universalist Association President Bill Sinkford. More information on [www.spiritualprogressives.org](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**May 6 (Saturday)** - Sierra Club hike up Redwood Canyon in Kings Canyon Nat'l Park. Carpool from Noble & Ben Maddox Taco Bell. Phone 733-2078

**May 6-7 (Saturday-Sunday)** - Audubon trip to east side of Sierras & Death Valley - phone Kim 783-2486 or Gary 734-0833

**May 12 (Friday)** – 7PM, Tazzaria Coffee and Tea, 208 W Main St, Visalia. “Smart Growth” Lecture by local planning consultant Karl Schoettler.

**May 15 (Monday)** – 5PM, Depot Restaurant, Visalia – League of Women Voters Annual Meeting

**May 19 (Friday)** – 7PM, Tulare Co. Office of Education “Pit” – “Managing a National Wildlife Refuge”

**May 19 (Friday)** – 7:30PM, Visalia Fox Theatre – B.B. King Benefit Concert ([www.vallitix.com](http://www.vallitix.com))

**May 26 (Friday)** – 8PM, Sierra Club LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite Valley. “John Muir in India” to be presented by Harold Wood.

**May 27 (Saturday)** – 8:30AM, Sequoia Riverland Trust – Nature Walk at Homer Ranch’s Dry Creek Sycamore alluvial woodland. Contact Jane Caputo at 739-0211 or [jane@sequoiariverland.org](mailto:jane@sequoiariverland.org)

**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.

**Attention All Educators** – Free recycling presentations for students K-12 in Tulare, Kern & Kings Counties. Interactive lessons on the “4 R’s” of recycling. Students learn practical applications and receive prizes for participation. Sponsored by CSET and Tulare County Youth Corps, funded by the Calif Dept of Conservation. Schedule your presentation by phoning 732-4194, ext 682 or 618 or fax 733-3971.

### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

**Audubon Society meetings** and environmental presentations. – Third Friday of month, 7pm at Tulare Co. Office of Education “Pit”. (5/19/06 – Jack Sparks, US Fish & Wildlife Service on “Managing a National Wildlife Refuge”. Weekend Field Trips meet at Sears parking lot at 7:15am. For information, call Kim at 783-2486 or Gary at 734-0833. (5/6-7 trip to Butterbrecht Springs, Jawbone Canyon and Death Valley.)

**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 – 5/2 Amigos Restaurant, 6PM

**Sierra Club-Mineral King Group.** Socials 2nd Wed. of month. (<http://mineralking.sierraclub.org> (5/6- 9AM – Redwood Canyon hike in Kings Canyon National Park.)

**South Valley Peace Center** - 2nd & 4th Sundays at Visalia Quaker Meeting House. 1-4PM. Peace Rallies on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month on the northwest corner of Mooney and Walnut. Check [www.svpc.org](http://www.svpc.org) for more information.

### **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](http://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

#### Newsletter items or address changes to:

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