

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



## November 2005 Newsletter

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**From the Editor:** "Let us sing a new song not with our lips, but with our lives."

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

**November 6** - "United Nations Sunday - Achieving Goals for Our World Community - Unitarian Universalism & the United Nations Millennium Development Goals." Presented by Harold Wood.

**November 13** - Presentation to be announced.

**November 20** - "Thomas Starr King" - Universalist and Unitarian minister, lecturer and orator who helped keep California within the Union during the Civil War. Presentation by David Hodges

**November 27** - "Evensong - Beginning Together Show and Tell" - The Evensong series offers participants and opportunity to explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts and current beliefs. Please bring an object, photo, or memento to speak of to the rest of us. Presented by April Hill.

**Sunday Volunteers for November (thanks to ALL!) There's always need for your contribution of time and service! Please speak with Debbie or David H to volunteer for Religious Education, or April to help with worship associate or essential housekeeping tasks.**

11/06/05 - Chalice Lighting & Reading - Katherine; Kitchen cleanup - Daljit.

11/13/05 - Children's RE - Janet Wood; Open up, host, & music - April; Kitchen cleanup - Debbie

11/20/05 - Children's RE - Anna Garcia; Open up - April; Kitchen Setup - Rick & Pam; Cleanup - Daljit

11/27/05 - Children's RE, Setup - Debbie; Chalice Lighting & reading - Katherine; Cleanup - Sandy

**VISALIA UU FELLOWSHIP – Please visit our updated website [www.uuvisalia.org](http://www.uuvisalia.org)**

\* CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - If you are interested in speaking, sharing or reading a sermon during December or January, please gather for a Worship Committee meeting during dinner on **November 13, 2005** or e-mail [info@uuvisalia.org](mailto:info@uuvisalia.org)

\* Board Meeting - 3:30 on third Sunday of month at Visalia Friends Meeting House (**November 20th** this month)

\* Adult RE Pagan Study - Third Thursdays @ 6PM potluck and discussion at 7PM - continuing discussion of Chalice & Blade and The Partnership Way. **November 17, 2005** location TBD - discuss Chapters 8 & 9 through Session 7 ([info@uuvisalia.org](mailto:info@uuvisalia.org))

\* Social Justice Meeting schedule: Third Sundays during the Potluck after the service. Next meeting will be **November 20, 2005**. All congregation members are invited to participate. For info: Harold @ [uuvisalia.org](mailto:uuvisalia.org)

\* **December 4, 2005** Growth Committee meeting during dinner.

\* **December 18, 2005** New Members Class to be offered - 3:30-5PM. If you have been considering joining the Visalia UU Fellowship, please RSVP to April at a service or at [info@uuvisalia.org](mailto:info@uuvisalia.org)

\* Meditation - Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00PM at Kaweah Rehab Center, Visalia with Rick Meyers ([info@uuvisalia.org](mailto:info@uuvisalia.org))

**Special Events - Unitarian Universalist related**

**November 5, 2005** - Leadership Development Day - 9-4:30 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto. Final Registration of \$45 by 11/1. Pacific Central District - UUA Workshops, Affinity Groups, songs from new hymnal supplement.

**December 2, 2005** - Fall Young Adult Anti-Oppression Conference at UU Church of Davis. Sliding scale registration fee of \$30-\$50. More information at [www.connectuu.com](http://www.connectuu.com)

Special Events - General Interest

\*\*\* VOTE ON TUESDAY 11/8/05 \*\*\*

- \* Evening with Mr. Jefferson - Clay Jenkinson from the 7PM Sunday NPR show will be at East Bakersfield High School on 11/2 @ 6:30PM and Fresno Veteran's Memorial Auditorium on 11/3 @ 6:30PM. \$25-30 tickets at 800-275-0764 or kvpr.org.
- \* South Valley Peace Center - 2nd & 4th Sundays at Visalia Friends Meeting House.  
12/5 Antique Toy Open House at the Warner's - 1-7PM @ 1370 Monache Ave, Porterville
- \* Sierra Club-Mineral King Group. Socials 2nd Wed. of month. ( [http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineral\\_king/](http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineral_king/) ); 11/19 Wed 6PM Dinner Social at Pita Kabob restaurant in Kohl's shopping center. To RSVP contact Bev at 732-3785 or [gmachine@psnw.com](mailto:gmachine@psnw.com)
- \* Friends of Tulare Co. Library Meetings - First Monday, upstairs mtg. room at Visalia Library.
- \* Green Party of Tulare Co meets 2nd Saturday of each month at 11AM. Call 684-0197 for location ([www.cagreens.org](http://www.cagreens.org))
- \* Health Care for All Meetings - 2nd Tuesday evenings. In Nov 2005, 11/15 Mtg 7PM, Board of Supervisors Conference Room.
- \* Sierra Club-Mineral King Group. Socials 2nd Wed of mo. [http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineral\\_king](http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineral_king)
- \* Audubon Society Meetings - Last Friday of month, Tulare Co. Office of Education - 7PM [www.theworks.com/~shadow/tapp/](http://www.theworks.com/~shadow/tapp/)
- 11/18 Chapter Meeting & Program - Sequoia Riverlands Trust - by Jane Caputo
- 11/20 Field Trip to Kern & Pixley Wildlife Refuges. A great chance to compare different wintering ducks & shorebirds. For info contact Kim Kuska at [kkuska@porterville.k12.ca.us](mailto:kkuska@porterville.k12.ca.us) or Gary Lindquist at [Felix6014@aol.com](mailto:Felix6014@aol.com).
- \* Kaweah Oaks Preserve - 11/19, 8AM-12PM – Clean-up & volunteer training opportunity. [www.sequoiariverlandtrust.org](http://www.sequoiariverlandtrust.org)
- \* World Meditation Day, third Sunday of month, 10-12 Noon. Brahma Kumari Center-Fresno. Call 435-2212 for info.
- 11/5 Women of Spirit, 2-4PM at 7319 N 4th St, Fresno - Pat Reeves, member of UU Fresno Church, greatly influenced by Sufism & Matthew Fox's Creation Spirituality. 435-2212
- \* Nov 12 & 13th Kearney Park Renaissance Faire, 10-5PM. \$6.00 / person (\$1.00 off with a canned food donation).

**Ten Good Reasons for Joining a Unitarian Universalist Congregation**

(from the Revs. Barbara & Bill Hamilton-Holway of the First UU Church of Berkeley)

- \* Because here we join with open hearts and minds to worship together, seeking what is sacred among us.
- \* Because here we are part of a long, liberal tradition of reason and tolerance, of hope and liberation.
- \* Because we honor our Jewish & Christian roots, & also reach out to know the great truths found in other religious expressions.
- \* Because here we acknowledge that revelation is never sealed and empower ourselves to search for new truths.
- \* Because here we nurture our children's enthusiasms and encourage their questions.
- \* Because here we welcome diverse people and views.
- \* Because here we join our strength with others to create a more just society.
- \* Because here we respect the whole self -- mind, body and spirit working together.
- \* Because here we encourage each other to be true to ourselves.
- \* Because here we build a supportive community that eases our loneliness and opens our hearts.

*November Newsletter respectfully submitted by April Hill, while Dale is traveling.*

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