

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia



October 2005 Newsletter

From the Editor: "Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand" ~ Plato

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

October 2: Debbie Wing will present "Engaging our Theological Diversity, Part I" The presentation is based on the independent review conducted by the Commission on Appraisal which was presented to the UUA at the last General Assembly.

October 9: The Meaning of Yom Kippur, Jewish Holy Days

October 16: The Meaning of Ramadan, Islamic Holy Days

October 24: The Krishna Path: Divine Love, presented by Phil, a member of our nearby Krishna community. There will be a musical performance and Indian cuisine.

October 30: Tara Williams will present a program on Samhain (meaning "Summers End"), the Celtic pagan religious ritual.

Sunday Volunteers for October (thanks to ALL!)

10/2/05 Open & setup - ?; Children's RE - Kim; Music & Chalice Lighting - Debbie

10/9 - Open, host, music & chalice lighting - April; Katherine - Children's RE, Janet - Chalice Lighting & Reading, Kitchen Cleanup & close - April

10/16 - Open, kitchen setup, music & chalice lighting - April, Children's RE, Kitchen cleanup and close - Debbie

10/23 - Open & Children's RE - April, Host & Sanctuary Setup - Don, Kidwatch & lock up - April

10/30 - Open, Host & Sanctuary Setup- Don; Music

UU Visalia Officers:

President - Don Chapin

Vice President - April Hill

Secretary - Pam Meyers;

Treasurer - Debbie Wing

Newsletter Editor - Dale Moore

Committee volunteers to date:

Membership/Growth	April Hill (Chair) Harold Wood, Debbie Wing
Social Justice	Harold Wood (Chair) Bill Lovett, Janet Wood, Judi Wood, David Hodges
Program/Worship	Sandy Beals (Chair) Marilyn Giese, April Hill Judi Wood, David Hodges
Caring	Daljit Singh
Local Contributions	Dorothy Osak
RE Coordinators	Debbie Wing

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

Ongoing Events

For information about any of these events, e-mail: info@uuvisalia.org or call 559-734-4781

- * Board Meeting - 3:30 on third Sunday of month at Visalia Friends Meeting House (Sunday, Oct 23rd this month)
- * Meditation - 6:30-8:00PM at Kaweah Rehab Center, Visalia with Rick Meyers
- * Adult Religious Education Pagan Study Group - Third Thursdays @ 6PM potluck and discussion at 7PM - continuing discussion of Chalice & Blade and The Partnership Way . October 22 location TBD to discuss Chapters 6 & 7 through Session 6
- * 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

10/15/05 "An Introduction to Church Marketing". Saturday workshop from Pacific Central District. 10AM - 4PM at Starr King UU Church, Hayward with UUA's marketing consultant. To carpool that day at 6AM and return that evening by 8 or 9PM, e-mail info@uuvisalia.org . Register by e-mail at pcd@pcd-uua.org. Earlybird registration \$10 on or before 10/1; \$15 afterwards. Deadline 10/9/05. Bring a brown bag lunch and a note pad.

10/22/05 Meditation Retreat, guided by Rick Meyers, who conducts the regular Wednesday evening meditation sessions. Saturday 8:30-3:30 at Friends Meeting House, Visalia. Receive meditation instruction and settle your mind and thoughts for a day in a quiet and supportive environment. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a meditation cushion if you have one, a box lunch and a vegetarian ingredient for "Stone Soup". Cost \$15.

10/1/05 Women of Spirit "Spirituality for Self Empowerment" Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization. 3-5PM, 7319 N 4th St, Fresno - 435-2212

10/6/05 Thursday 7PM - League of Women Voters Visalia School Board Candidate Debates, Visalia Elks Lodge.

10/18/05 Thursday 7PM - League of Women Voters Visalia City Council Candidate Debates, Visalia Elks Lodge.

10/15/05 Sierra Club - Mineral King Group day trip to Yosemite Nat'l Park. Contact Sharon M at smhorses@comcast.net. (Posting of other programs at <http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineralking/upcoming.html>)

10/28-29/05 "The Jesus Seminar On the Road" at Fresno UU Church, 4144 N Millbrook.

Newsletter items or address changes to:

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UU Visalia Poetry Corner (submissions welcomed)

If only I had another hour

if only i had another hour
or maybe just a few minutes more,
my attentions could wander much further
from my desk and out of the door

my mind would sail 'cross the valley
and whip up the hills with the breeze
over deserts and lakes and farmsteads,
following rivers and soaring o'er trees

i'd hover to watch over friends
as they did their daily routine
and whisper that someone was caring
though my presence was actually unseen

just the thought i could make this journey
is pleasing enough at this time
to let my friends all know that i'm with them
not in person, but in whisper or sign
(D.A. Moore)

