

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Visalia
July 2006 Newsletter



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

- 7/2/06 – Walden #4 – “How Do We Grow?” – read “Reading” and “Sounds” – coordinated by Dave Hodges
7/9/06 – Walden #5 – “Society and Solitude” – read “Solitude” and “Visitors” – coordinated by Lesley Dyer
7/16/06 – Walden #6 – “The Spiritual Life” – read “Higher Laws” – coordinated by Don Chapin
7/23/06 – Walden #7 – “How Then Shall We Live?” – read “Conclusion” – coordinated by John Kamansku
7/30/06 – Evensong – Presented by April Hill

Welcome New Board Members!

President – April Hill
Treasurer – David Reid
Secretary – Janet Wood

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.

SAVE THE DATE

July 16th and 23rd, 2006 – Visalia Friends Meeting is having a fall retreat and discussion on the community solution to Peak Oil. The focus will be on spiritual and community aspects. Two films will be shown. 7/16 – “The End of Suburbia”, 7/23 – “The Power of Community, How Cuba Survived Peak Oil”. Time is 7:00, after UU service and potluck.

September 9 – 10, 2006 – San Francisco. Conference on "Cancer as a Turning Point - From Surviving to Thriving" for cancer patients and caregivers. Nob Hill Masonic Center (across from Grace Cathedral). Free/voluntary contributions, pre-registration suggested. www.healingjourneys.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Sierra Club Day Hikes – Saturday, 7/8/06 - to Mist Falls out of Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon. Suggest camping on Friday 7/7 before the 9AM hike. Saturday 7/29/06 Short Hike around Grant Grove. Meet at Martha's Vineyard Taco Bell at 8AM.

Visalia Library Summer Reading Program - Thursday Afternoons at 3PM - 7/6/06 - E&M Reptile Family; 7/13 - 1PM Visalia Oaks Baseball team and Mascot; 7/13 - 3PM Guide Dogs for the Blind; 7/20 - 3PM - Circus Extravaganza; 7/27 - 3PM Valley Oak SPCA.

Visalia Fox Theatre – Free Saturday evening movies (compliments of Starbucks). 7:30PM
7/1/06, - "Chicken Little"; 7/8/06 - "Eight Below"

Independent Film Series at Visalia Fox Theatre. Thought-provoking, social justice issues. \$5 tickets, starts at 7:30PM with organ prelude beginning at 7:00PM.

7/14/06 - "Since Otter Left"

www.foxvisalia.org/Fox_Visalia_Events.htm

Art Exhibition – In Search of meaning. Featuring paintings by Mona Selph, Aranga Firstman and Martha Widman. Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. July 1 – September 30, 2006. Artist Reception July 9th 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The Exeter Courthouse Gallery. 125 S B Street, Exeter CA

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 the month. <http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/mineralking>
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. For more information visit

www.svpc.org.

Monthly Peace Demonstration – 1st Sunday of every month. New summer location and time; 8-10 at the corner of Mooney and Caldwell.

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 (2006 - 2007):

President – April Hill

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