

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

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UUSS Online Calendar

January 4 to January 11, 2009

Please check the sign board near the office for meeting locations.

Sunday, January 4

8:30am UUSS Food Bank Basket
9am UUSS Book Store
9:15am Child Care for Infants & Toddlers
9:30am Service: Rev. Kraft
9:30am RE Classes for Children
11:15am Service: Rev. Kraft
12:30pm Catered Lunch:
12:45pm Congregational Conversation
4:30pm Private Rental

Monday, January 5

1pm UUSS Harmonies
6pm Property Management

Tuesday, January 6

10am Ted's Web Discussion Group
2pm Program Council Steering
7pm Lay Ministry (Off Site)

Wednesday, January 7

10am DayDreamers Group
10am Ministry Circle
7pm Ministry Circle
7pm Choir Rehearsal
7pm Vision into Action

Thursday, January 8

10:15am Alliance Program
7pm Finance Committee

Friday, January 9

No events scheduled

Saturday, January 10

9am Religious Services Retreat

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10am American Rvr Prkwy Stewardship
3pm Private Rental

Sunday, January 11

8:30am UUSS Food Bank Basket
9am UUSS Book Store
9:15am Child Care for Infants & Toddlers
9:30am Service: Rev. Kraft
9:30am RE Classes for Children
10:45am Teacher Appreciation
11:15am Service: Rev. Kraft
12:30pm Catered Lunch:
12:30 RE Committee
12:45pm Personnel Committee
1pm Spiritual Journey
1:15pm Forum: Human Rights in Pakistan
2pm OWL 4th & 5th
3pm Servetus
4:30pm Private Rental
5pm UUSS Film Club (off site)

NOTE: UUSS Committee and Activity groups are open to all who are interested or curious. A complete listing of these groups can be found in our *Pathways* brochure, which is on the pamphlet rack near the Welcome Table and on our web page.

Catered lunches, provided by the Napoli Academy, will be offered after the second service today. You need a ticket to exchange for a meal. The ticket costs \$7; there is no charge for tickets for children and guests.

- Announcements & Events -

Religious Education classes for children and youth today; parents and young people please check in at the RE Welcome table outside of the Fahs room before service. Children will begin the service in the Sanctuary with their families and then proceed, with their teachers, to the classroom. Sr. Hi Youth may go straight to room 12 at 9:30. Classes end at 10:45. Children will be picked up by a family member by 11:00. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under in room 11.

Next Sunday: - Rev. Doug Kraft – “Religious Experience: Nirvana Unbounded Today, and Sunday the 25th of January, I am offering a road map of consciousness that begins with forgiveness and joy and goes all the way to nirvana, enlightenment, merging with the divine - the metaphor of your choice. The classical descriptions of this map sound esoteric, but the actual experience is more accessible than many people realize. I will be crawling out on a limb with this, so wish me luck..

The Congregational Conversation monthly meeting is the first Sunday of each month at 12:45pm. Today's agenda for discussion includes the development of a strategy for use of bequests to UUSS, and appropriate ways to honor the donators of these bequests, and their families and friends.

UUSS Harmonies: Community sing-along of hymns and other old favorites. January 5, Fahs Room, 1 to 2:30 pm. "Shower singers" are encouraged to attend. Contact: Judy Lane, jlane612@earthlink.net or 457-4527.

Human Rights Issues in Palestine: The Alliance program, Thursday, January 8th, features UUSS member, Dick Taylor discussing the very current issue of human rights and other issues in Palestine and Israel. Dick will share his pictorial presentation of a tour to Palestine, Israel and Egypt through Global Exchange. Coffee at 10:15 a.m., program begins at 11; bring a bag lunch for after-program conversation. Desserts will be provided. For information call Aggie Vawter, 965-6088.

Mark your calendar! Teacher Appreciation Brunch, Sunday, January 11, marking the halfway point of the child/youth Sunday School. All Religious Education teachers are invited to come to Room 6 between 10:45 and 11:15 on that day to accept some food, drink and adulation from your RE committee, Board, Program Council and church staff.

Spiritual Journey, 2nd Sunday and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please join us Sunday, January 11th at 1pm as we share our individual and collective paths.. Bring your wisdom and wonderings, insight and yearnings, heart and heartache. Rev. Kraft lightly moderates the conversation. No cost. No sign-up. Come once or come always. All are welcome.

The afternoon of Sunday, January 11th Our Whole Lives (OWL) information meeting for families of 4th & 5th graders will be held. OWL helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. OWL teaches values of: Self Worth, Sexual Health, Responsibility, Justice and Inclusivity For more information visit:
<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/>

JC Superstar group trip for junior and senior high students and families. A group trip is organizing to see "Jesus Christ Superstar". Does a trip to the Community Center Theater on January 10th work for your family? A matinee at 2pm and an evening performance at 8pm. For more information contact Janet Lopes, janet@uuss.org by phone at 483-9283, ext 207. If we get 15 or more people attending at the same date & time, a 10% discounted ticket price is available.

Upcoming Events of Interest to UUSS

American River Parkway Cleanup – January 10
Spiritual Journey – January 11 & 20
Family Friendly Dining – January 14th
Coming of Age Bake Sale Fundraiser – January 18th
Newcomer Membership Orientation - January 24th
Post Inauguration Celebration – January 24th

Ministers' Office Hours

Rev. Kraft is on the UUSS campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Contact him for an appointment at 483-9283 ext 201 or by email to doug@uuss.org

Rev. Jones is on the UUSS campus Monday and Wednesday afternoons and during the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday. For an appointment, contact him at 483-9283 ext 203 or email to roger@uuss.org

Reverend Dr. Rebecca Parker, has co-authored *[Saving Paradise: how Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire](#)*. During their first millennium, Christians filled their sanctuaries with images of Christ as a living presence-as a shepherd, teacher, healer, or an enthroned god - but never dead. Once he perished, dying was virtually all Jesus seemed able to do.

Saving Paradise offers a fascinating new lens on the history of Christianity. Beacon Press.

Committees are now being encouraged to reserve their meeting rooms for the entire calendar year (January through December) rather than for the church year (July through June). This has become necessary to help avoid conflicts with private rentals and Family Promise visits which are often scheduled throughout an entire year.

Do you want a name tag? If you have been attending services for a few weeks and would like a "permanent" name tag, or if you have misplaced your old name tag, please fill out a form that can be found in the basket hanging from the Name Tag board, and place it in the basket. Hopefully, you will find your new name tag on the board when you return the following Sunday.

**Correction! -
Veggie Cookbook Correction: under "Soups",
page 16, Borscht, should read:
2 cans stringed BEETS (instead of 'string
beans').**

Family Friendly Dining, Wednesday, January 14th, at Fresh Choice on Howe Ave. (north of Fair Oaks Blvd.). This is more than a fundraiser, and good food, it's an informal, casual way to meet and converse with other UU's. A 15% discount from each meal is returned to UUSS by Fresh Choice. Meal coupons are located in the Pamphlet Rack near the Welcome Table. Come between 5:30pm and 7:30pm . . . before Ministry Circle, before Choir Rehearsal . . . Everyone is welcome!!

Save-A-Crab Fundraiser begins January 11th!!

Not only will your participation save a crab l, but help to reduce carbon emissions as well as meet our fundraising goals.



Warmth of Community -- Fire of Commitment

Would you be willing to be a Steward for this year's pledge drive? It's a wonderful way to make connections with other UUSS members. Trainings will be Saturday, January 31 or Sunday, February 1. Contact Mary or Rich Howard if you are interested at 359-7359 or mhoward@surewest.net.

Family Promise needs volunteers to work at the Day Center located on the Loaves and Fishes Campus on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 2 shifts are available: 10 am to 2 pm or 2 pm to 5 pm (times could be adjusted to meet your schedule). Volunteers answer phone and either open up or lock up depending on shift. You're welcome to join me during one of my shifts for a preview. Dorothy Mitchell 730-1099 dmitchellsac@yahoo.com

The first ever International Convocation of UU Women gathers February 26th to March 1st in Houston. For information and registration visit www.icuww.com