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Interfaith Choral Opportunity

-submitted by David Owens

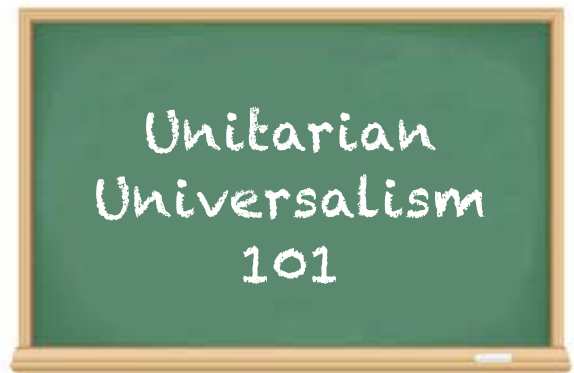
Singers In The Congregation: A wonderful opportunity has been sent our way to join the Choir at South Valley Unitarian Universalists as well as other singers from around the valley in an Inter-Faith Choral Celebration to be held at the Assembly Hall on Temple Square Friday-November, 7th.

The work we are doing is a collaborative song cycle called 'Songs Of The Earth'. This nine piece song cycle is by the Minister at South Valley-Patty Christiena Willis and their Music Director-Mary Lou Prince. For this fine and rewarding work, we open the invitation to anyone interested in joining to please do so. We will be working on this repertoire at our regular choir rehearsals (Wednesday evening 7:30 pm) beginning October 1st.

This satisfying and lovely work is not difficult at all and singers of some skill will be able to join and share in what is sure to be a rewarding musical experience. For more information, please feel free to call David Owens 801-390-0488 or speak to one of the Choral Directors. Don't miss this opportunity to not only sing with a 160 voice choir in the historic Assembly Hall, but to also join with our Chancel Choir and our friends from South Valley in some fine music making.

UU Orientation October 14

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Activities Fair - September 21, 2014

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Congregational Briefs

UU Highway Cleanup October 4th

Please set aside a couple of hours on Saturday morning, October 4, to keep Utah beautiful by joining our group of volunteers to remove litter along a 4-mile stretch of State Road 65 extending from Mountain Dell towards East Canyon. Meet at THE church at 9:00 AM to carpool, or at 9:30 AM at the Parleys Canyon UDOT maintenance facility adjacent to the Mountain Dell golf course. The state requires that participants be eleven years of age or older.....BUT, there is no upper limit. Bring gloves and a positive attitude. We should be finished by 11:30 AM. For any questions, or to sign up, please contact Frank Steffey at 801-277-2509.

Junior Singers

Rehearsals resume September 28th. 10:15 -10:45 in the Choir Room (Rm 210) This fun singing experience is open to all youngsters from about 1st to 7th grade. The major requirement is that you either have proficient reading skills or dedicated parents to be sure you learn the words to our songs. We will have a number of fun opportunities to sing throughout the year. Consistent attendance is also required so that we can build a reliable and fundamental musical core for this group. A fun way for young people to make friends and enjoy the experience of Group Music Making. If you have further questions - please feel free to contact David Owens 801-390-0488.

Mimosa Morning Training

Calling all who are interested in sharing in the fun of the Sunday morning hospitality team - coffee, welcome table, and ushering. Gather Saturday, October 4 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Church kitchen for training, snacks, and mimosas (not necessarily in that order!!!) Contact Kelly Goff for more info (210)896-2897.

Refugee Resettlement Committee

Paul McCartney wrote a song about us in 1968. "Junk" is the title. Here is the chorus: "Buy! Buy! Says the sign in the shop window. Why? Why? Says the junk in the yard." As you yield to the buy impulse, the Refugee Resettlement Committee will turn your discards into treasure. Call either Joe DuBray (801) 930-9640 or Ron Anderson (801) 671-8968 to arrange to have your junk removed from the yard.

UU Jam

Unitarian sing-a-long and acoustic music jam will be Monday October 13 from 7pm to 9pm in The Sanctuary. Everyone is invited and all levels and abilities are welcomed. Bring 6 copies of songs with chords in large print to share or just show up and sing/play what others have brought. If you have any questions

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Religious Education

Mary Kroener-Ekstrand



Dear All,

Whether you are a newcomer or a longtime member, I hope that you had an opportunity to check out the many activities, committees, and programs of our church at the recent

Activities Fair. If you missed it, there are still many ways to find out about upcoming opportunities for service, learning, and engagement within our congregation. Try some of these:

1. Pick up a copy of the Welcome Book in the racks in Eliot Hall or at the Welcome Table after a Sunday Service.
2. Read the Torch and Order of Service Announcements.
3. Check out the First Unitarian Church Facebook Page and website.

There is always a lot going on around here, and your involvement matters! Most groups and programs welcome newcomers throughout the year, so don't hesitate to jump in and give something new a try.

In Service,
Mary

RE Newsbits

Family Night, Monday Oct 6th, 6-7:30pm

Our first Family Night of the church year will be held on Monday, October 6th. On the first Monday of each month, families with infants – 6th graders are warmly invited to gather at the church for a light supper and program. Look for an email invitation, and please do take a moment to rsvp so that we know how much food to have on hand! This month, we will have Back to Sunday School/Religious Education open house.

Save the Date – Annual Halloween Carnival, Tues. October 28th

Each year our YRUU/High School Youth Group plans an evening of Halloween activities as a fundraiser for their summer service trip. You won't want to miss the fun, so mark your calendar now and look for more details in the next issue of the Torch.

UU Orientation Program, Tuesday, Oct 14th, 7-9pm in Eliot Hall

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8th/9th Grade OWL Begins in October

Our Whole Lives is a nationally renowned program on human sexuality developed in collaboration by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ. The program presents a comprehensive approach to human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner and is based firmly on the values of respect, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. The curriculum helps young people apply these values to their behavior and provides them with information and skills they can use throughout life.

Junior High OWL includes a mandatory parent orientation, which will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The class will begin at 1:30pm on Saturday Oct. 25th with an overnight retreat. The regular class sessions will

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be held on Sunday mornings from 9 until 10:30 am through May. We will have breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas (2 weeks off), ML King weekend, President's Day weekend, and Easter. We hope this will allow you to fit the program into your family calendar and make attendance a priority.

Invitations to register for this class have been sent via email to families of 8th and 9th graders in our church. If you did not receive the invitation, please contact Mary at dre@slcuu.org.

High School/YRUU Update

I just wanted to say hello and welcome you to our new year in High school RE and YRUU!! My name is Jillian O'Karma and I am your High school Advisor. I am so excited to start the year and we have so many great things that coming up.

This year in High school RE we will be continuing a similar small group ministry style of education. Our focus will be on world religions and a general understanding of them. We will discuss certain aspects of life and culture, and how they relate to us as UU's.

YRUU will be held in the evenings only twice a month. Every month they will be on different Sunday evenings so please check the calendar located on our bulletin board in Eliot Hall. During these times will be discussing upcoming events, continuing with some RE things, and sometimes just hanging out!

Some of our teens will be traveling New Mexico for our annual Fall Con, where they will be joining other UU teens in a weekend of faith, fun and bonding. These Con are a way that our teens can see other churches and members, and get a better and deeper understanding of their own personal faith and community. We will have other Cons throughout the year, so if you would like to volunteer to chaperon or have a teen that would like to participate please contact me.

On Sunday the 28th of September at 6:30 pm, will be a YRUU meeting as well as a parent

orientation. If you can come please do, if cannot please contact me before the day so I can email you a summary of the meeting. This meeting lays the groundwork for volunteer efforts, as well as helping us get to know and what you would like to see out of High school RE and YRUU.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to get involved in any of these programs feel free to contact me by email at yruu@slcuu.org. Can't wait to see you!

Politics of the Left Reading Group beginning Wed, Oct. 1st.

The tradition of radical socialist politics has deep roots internationally, but even more close to home here in the USA and here in Salt Lake City socialist ideas have informed and motivated social movements to organize and fight for a reorganization of the political and economic systems that currently hold back so much social progress. The goal of this group is to discuss the deep history of the socialist project, the current status of that project, and the future of that socialist project, and to develop that common vision with other Socialist around the world.

Primarily we will read articles from Jacobinmag.com, but the texts can vary depending on what the group is most interested in. Please come to our first meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1st from 6:30-7:30pm in the Haven.

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Environmental Ministry News



First Church Congregants at the Climate March - September 21, 2014. Photos by Richard Anderton

Two members of First Unitarian to Speak on Interfaith Panel at “Live More with Less” Conference

Live More with Less Conference
 Friday, October 3, 2014 1:30 - 6:30 pm
 Room 134, Science Auditorium, Utah Valley University
 800 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT

It is no longer sufficient to merely protest “supply side” assaults on the environment such as coal-fired power plants, fracking, tar sands & oil shale in Utah, the Keystone XL pipeline, nuclear power, etc. These protests are helpful but address only one-half of the problem—the supply of dirty energy. The other half of the problem is the demand for dirty energy. As long as demand for gasoline and electricity continues unabated, fossil and nuclear energy will find their way to the market despite protests. This is why many of Utah’s faith communities and universities are joining hands to sponsor a “demand-side” conference that explains how, for most people living here, a switch to a more modest lifestyle with a smaller use of natural resources is necessary, and in fact urgent, if we are to prevent unacceptable climate damage for the younger generation alive today. Modest lifestyles without overuse of Earth’s natural bounty are essential to earth stewardship—embraced by nearly every religious faith. Voluntary simplicity by all who are blessed with affluence is an act of compassion because it frees up resources so that the many people living in poverty can satisfy their basic human needs. Such a change in lifestyle makes people happier, allowing them more time for friends, family, and for community activities.

Richard Heinberg, Senior Fellow at the Post Carbon Institute, and author of eleven best-selling books including *The End of Growth* will address how we must change to avoid the worst outcomes posed by our current economic and ecological predicament. Other speakers include: Rick Gill, professor of Biology at BYU and expert in the field of planetary boundaries; Erin Silva, faculty at University of Utah’s College of Architecture and Planning, who writes and lectures worldwide on designing sustainable cities; and WARNER WOODWORTH, BYU professor (retired), humanitarian, “renaissance man”, author, developer of micro-credit programs, who will share how we can look to Utah’s pioneer forbearers for guidance in eliminating poverty in our midst.



Rev. Harold Straughn and Carole Straughn will represent First Unitarian Church on a panel of faith leaders and will speak about their transition to a more sustainable way of living and about our 7th Principle. Environmental Ministry is one of 10 co-sponsors of this FREE conference being organized by the Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance and the local university, faith-based, and non-profit communities. REGISTER for this FREE CONFERENCE: <http://livemorewithless.org/october-3rd-conference-details/>

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please contact Bill Stay at 801 360-5891 or Lori Shields at 801 440-6157.

Singing Circle: International Folksongs
All voices welcome - from shy shower singers to confident vocalists! Come learn wonderful songs, interesting harmonies and have fun! Adults and young people 15 years and up. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. When: Each month on the fourth Thursday, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Contact: Stacey at voicecoachSLC@gmail.com.

Dinner and Dialogue
Make new UU friends while enjoying good food and stimulating conversation. Sign up at the Welcome Table to HOST a dinner in your home. You set the date and the menu, and decide how many guests you can accommodate. Guests sign up to ATTEND and contribute by bringing a dish to share. What could be simpler? Questions, please get in touch with Jan Crane, 801 870-1222 or suppers@slcuu.org.

UU Lunch Bunch
A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded

people. Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Carol Shaughnessy at (801) 262-1151 or lunchbunch@slcuu.org.

- September 28th: Faustina (454 East 300 South)
- no dates for October have been submitted as of publication time

Ingathering Sunday - September 7, 2014
Photos by Steve Horton



September/October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sunday Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.	29	30	October 1 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Highway Cleanup meet at 9 am (pg. 2) Mimosa Morning Training 11 am (pg. 2)
5 Sunday Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. OWL Parent Orientation 6:30 (pg. 3)	6 Torch Submissions Due 10 am Family Night 6 pm (pg.3)	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	9	10	11
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Sunday Services

Sunday, September 28th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Necessities"

-Rev. Russ Menk

The Rev. Russ Menk will grace our pulpit this Sunday. Many of us will remember former congregants Russ and Jackie who left in 2008 for the Bay area in order for Russ to train for the UU Ministry.

Sunday, October 5th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Questions and Answers:

Life's Adventures"

-Dr. Tim Chambless

We are especially fortunate in having Dr. Tim Chambless, long-time member of our church, offering his wit and wisdom from the pulpit.

Sunday, October 12th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"The River of Life"

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

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