

the Outlook

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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS *Children's programming concurrent*

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We are Unitarian
Universalists:
a people of the open mind,
the loving heart, and the
helping hands.

Welcome to UUCVH!

July 3, 2016 "What Does Being American Mean to You?" **Howard Richman**
We will take time during this 4th of July weekend to share our thoughts on what it means to be a American.

We will ask all who want to share their feelings on this subject to take part. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the round to share our thoughts or readings from other sources to give our perspectives. Then we can continue to discuss our ideas at the luncheon after the service.

July 10, 2016 "Mid-Summer Ruminations" **Florence Chase**

Our fellow congregants will present personal compositions or selected readings that will amuse, afflict, help, strengthen, embolden, anger, comfort or surprise you. Each of the ideas expressed will provoke continuing conversation among us this morning as we share our reactions to what we hear and learn from these thoughtful writings.

July 17, 2016 "How Did I Get Here?" **Bonnie Keith**

How did I happen upon Unitarian Universalism to begin with? How specifically did I find my way to the UUCVH?

We all have our own personal history, background and journey through life.

What has been your spiritual journey to lead you down the path to join the Unitarian Universalist Church?

Was it fate or some other force of nature that drove your spiritual chalice?

Come and share your story with us and how we all came to be in this place at this time!!

July 24, 2016 "Education and Advocacy With Urgency" **Adrienne Shapiro**

Adrienne Shapiro is co-founder and Science Administrator of Axis Advocacy, supporting work to cure Sickle Cell Disease. Adrienne is a fourth generation of mothers in her family to have a child born with Sickle Cell Disease, and was an early supporter of work with bone marrow and later stem cell transplants. She speaks nationally at educational conferences and has met with Southern California Congress members to lobby for the support and passage of the Sickle Cell Education Act. Join us to gain wisdom from her experiences.

July 31, 2016 "That's How The Light Gets In" **Kathleen McGregor**

More than a quarter century has passed since the Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted by Congress. In that twenty-six years, UU churches have become pretty good about assistive listening devices and large type orders of service. The common disconnect is considering mobility impaired. What about invisible disabilities? How well do you know your pew mate? What does it mean to be a welcoming congregation, a truly welcoming, "come as you are," "glad to have you" congregation for the broken and the visually put together?

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Arriving in Columbus and getting to GA has been on my mind and now I'm here. Getting to work is what this trip is all about. Getting my energies replenished by UU's that are moving, doing, shaking and staying awake through the justice issues, political, social, environmental, cultural, changes and upheavals of our time is amazing to me.

What I'm seeing, hearing and feeling is life altering if you're open to that kind of experience. I feel open and ready to engage. How about you? GA can be visited on line. Our movement is taking on big issues and I believe trying its best to help a world in need of healing/love!

Lastly, the music has been awesome. I know of only a few things I like more than good music in fact really there is Nothing like being with thousands singing, moving, feeling the power of music to heal us and bring us together. I leave you with these words from a song you might know-

'I Need You to Survive' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMcJL_UDAvw

These words are simple yet they remain at the heart of my/our ministry together.

Stay Awake and in love,

Rev. Gordon



Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

Sunday, July 3
First Sunday Potluck
Following service at 11:30am
Bring a salad luncheon dish to share!



Wednesday, July 13
7:00pm
UUCVH Board Meeting
Meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to all members.

Reminder!



MONDAY, JULY 18
12PM (NOON)

OUTLOOK NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE!

Tips to get your message out:

- ✓ Write it yourself.
- ✓ Proofread & correct.
- ✓ Include contact name with phone &/or email.
- ✓ Add date, time, location.
- ✓ Email items to the office uucvh@uuverdugo.org

Note that Sunday Orders of Service Bulletin deadline is by the prior Tuesday.

Eblast requests to be emailed to the office a week in advance.

Thanks!

ASCENCIA Lifting People Out of Homelessness

Friday, July 8

Food prep begins at 2:00pm for meal service at 6:00pm.

1851 Tyburn Street, Glendale, CA 91204

We will be preparing our monthly dinner for Ascencia on Friday, July 8 as part of "The Guest Chef" program. Please contact Betsy Burcham or Ann Kleinsasser if you are able to help prepare or serve the dinner, or both.

Laundry baskets and lists for Ascencia are available, please feel free to take one home.

GREATER LOS ANGELES UU JUSTICE GROUP

Rev Gordon Clay Bailey & Rev Rick Hoyt-McDaniels
Join the Greater Los Angeles UU Justice Group on Facebook.

JUUSTICE LA, is a newly formed social justice focused entity that encompasses all of the UU congregations in LA County. UUCVH is of course, one of them. Our minister, Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey and social justice committee chair, Lisa Bailey were both at the founding meetings, along with over 30 Unitarian Universalists from 11 (UUCVH makes 12) sister congregations in LA county, most were represented. We have had subsequent participation from our UUCVH congregation as well. The meetings are currently held at the Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena every 6 weeks on a Saturday. The next meeting will take place August 6th, at 10:00 am in Pasadena. Below are the Vision and Mission statements that were agreed upon in our April Meeting where a few of our members were in attendance.

VISION - We envision a flourishing community throughout greater Los Angeles that embodies the Unitarian Universalist values of justice, equity and compassion that recognizes the worth of every individual, and respects the environment we share.

MISSION - Our mission is to organize the resources of individual Unitarian Universalists and our congregations into a regional body that acts as an inspiring leader and effective partner to transform oppressive systems and create social justice in greater Los Angeles.

As you can see from the powerful statements we agreed upon, this organization, albeit young, is seeking to become an amazing force in creating a world where love and justice will prevail. We have identified 3 areas for which we have action items.

- 1) Economic Justice - Tax for homelessness – A Ballot initiative that would tax the 1% and the money would go to seek solutions for our homeless population. (see Ann Kleinsasser for more info)
- 2) Equity (racism, sexism, homophobia, islamophobia, etc) – Action for Jasmine Richards, the young Black Lives Matter (“BLM”) activist in Pasadena who was unjustly charged, then convicted for felony lynching and a request to act by BLM LA.
 - a. update: Jasmine is officially out and has completed her time for the "lynching" charge. She was held on bail for misdemeanors and was released over the weekend on \$2500 bail.

A generous donor contributed to covering the funds to have her released and BLMLA is now pushing for donations to help pay that person back. Please donate at www.crowdrise.com/blmla and note "jasmine" to help support covering those costs.

- 3) Environmental Justice - Seeking an action to affect change in our environment – there was more information needed on this item but will have more after the August meeting.

If any of those topics interest you, please join us August 6, 10:00 am at 301 N Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103 (directly off the 210). If you'd like to know more, please contact Lisa Bailey at lisasf@gmail.com or (646) 549-3890.



WOMEN'S GROUP POTLUCK Friday, July 8 @ Noon

Women and those who identify as women, bring a dish to share & have fun!



Sunday, July 10 MEMBERSHIP COMM. MEETING 9:00am (before Service)

Come help us plan ways to build connections with other members & newcomers!

See chair Florence Chase with your interest.



Thursday, July 21 7:00pm "WHITE PEOPLE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE"

White People for Racial Justice will continue to meet in the summer at Neighborhood Church in Pasadena, the third Thursday, at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 21, 7:00 pm. In addition to other timely topics, we will be continuing our discussion about how to partner with Black Lives Matter LA and speaking about our engagement with the Occidental campus, partnering with a professor, setting up a panel discussion at Occidental and in September, our monthly meeting will be held on campus. Please contact Lisa Bailey for more information and if you'd like to carpool to Pasadena for the meeting in July.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Gary Clark

This month begins a new Church year for Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills, and it begins a term as President for me. I believe that we will continue to evolve in a more meaningful way. The UUCVH is comprised of a unique group of generally outstanding individuals, I have often felt pleased, even somewhat proud, to be a part of it, and always intrigued and impressed by the variety of people here, and by what they have done in various aspects of their lives, by their life stories, and by what they have become. When my wife (Vickie Guagliardo) first brought me here around 2002 or so, I felt at home, perhaps because there were so many other people here who had also traveled through the 1960s, and who shared that nascent idealism of the time, blended with the residual existential reaffirmations of America from World War II. There are many who helped bring us here, and I have enjoyed knowing some of them. So we have a new full-time Minister, who I believe that we have gotten to know over the past year, and will now strongly move forward, leading us into this coming year when he returns in September. In recent years, I have been grateful to have our membership stable, while I do not expect to convert the entire community to UUs, our membership is growing, and we will be doing new things. There are many potential paths to have an impact in the community, and I believe we will have more of an impact on the broader community. And, our Church will be a place that fosters the personal growth of its members.

Have a good summer, and a good vacation, some of the next few services will be in the round in Fellowship Hall. I hope we see each other on Sunday mornings, and enjoy your thoughts and mountain climbing during the summer.

Respectfully,

Gary N Clark



Please join us for our Social Justice Committee meeting on Sunday, at noon on July 24th after the service. We will be speaking about initiatives we'd like to plug into/take on in the next church year that begins in September. For any questions, please contact Lisa Bailey



Thank you for your generosity each week! UUCVH has donated over 100 items in March and April. Please bring your donations of non-perishable goods to church on Sunday morning to be collected by the children during our Sharing Our Abundance Offering.



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

July 3:

Celia., Greeter

Carol H., Usher

Howard R., Sound Tech

July 10:

Ann K, Greeter

Paul K., Usher

Alan K., Sound Tech

July 17:

Florence, Greeter

Gary, Usher

Jesse, Sound Tech

July 24:

Julie, Greeter

Howard, Usher

Jesse, Sound Tech

July 31, 2016

Ann MR, Greeter

Terry, Usher

July 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30am Worship Service: 11:30am – First Sunday Potluck	4	5	6 10am-1pm Building Maintenance, closed	7	8 12noon Women's Potluck Luncheon 2pm Guest Chef @ Ascencia, Glendale	9
10 9-10am Membership Committee 10:30am Worship Service:	11	12	13 7pm Board Meeting	14	15	16
17 10:30am Worship Service:	18 Noon: Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21 7-8:30pm "White People For Racial Justice" @ Neighborhood UU	22	23
24 10:30am Worship Service: 12:00pm – Social Justice Comm.	25	26	27	28	29	30
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All events take place at UUCVH unless otherwise noted

