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

Welcome to UUCVH!

Aug 7

"Old Woman Laughing, but Sometimes Sad", Speaker Sally Currie

Sally Currie will share original "mostly funny poetry" linked together by comments about her life which led to writing it. Sally began rhyming when she was three years old and has now been at it for 80 years. She finds writing poetry to be as therapeutic as any psychiatrist's couch. Join us this morning to be entertained and inspired by Sally's wisdom and creativity.

Aug. 14

"To Yellowstone by Bicycle", Speaker Eric Kleinsasser

People like to travel for a lot of reasons, and in this world there are a lot of ways to go about it. A trip need not always be explicitly a spiritual journey or an adventure of self-discovery. Sometimes a trip simply happens because you want to ride your bike someplace. But if you spend enough time on the road, chance encounters and little moments can take you by surprise just enough to leave you with the memory of a meaningful journey.

Aug 21

"Are UU Awake?", Speakers Lisa Bailey and David Hostetter

As a congregation, we have recently taken on the work of educating ourselves about the current anti-racist movement in our country. Recent events have increased the urgency and the need for a revived commitment to racial justice. UUs have a legacy of being significant contributors to the abolition of slavery and the ending of segregation. These accomplishments are incomplete. How do we as a community committed to social justice join in the ongoing struggle to confront racism within ourselves, our congregation, our nation and the world? Lisa Bailey and David Hostetter will facilitate a discussion of the challenges we face and the opportunities for action.

We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Aug. 28

"Remember How Much it Hurts: Football and the Crisis of American Masculinity", Speaker David Hostetter

The return of the National Football League's Rams to Los Angeles means that America's most profitable professional sport will once again be part of our entertainment and economic environment. The problems within the league and the toxic style of masculinity it exemplifies raise important social questions. Why is the NFL so economically powerful? Can the role football plays in our national culture be transformed? Can we challenge the negative influence of football on the construction of American masculinity? David Hostetter will examine the role of football in our society and suggest opportunities for positive change.



AUGUST INTERFAITH CALENDAR

1
Lammas - **Christian**
Lughnassad - Imbolc * -
Wicca/Pagan Northern and
Southern hemispheres
Fast in honor of Holy Mother of
Lord Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**

5
Ganesh Chaturthi ** - **Hindu**

6
Transfiguration of the Lord -
Orthodox Christian

14
Tish'a B'av * - **Jewish**

15
Assumption of Blessed Virgin
Mary - **Catholic Christian**
Dormition of the Theotokos -
Orthodox Christian

18
Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**

25
Krishna Janmashtami ** - **Hindu**

29
Beheading of St. John the Baptist -
Christian

It had to go...it is now brighter in the sanctuary and the kitchen. All of the trees have been trimmed (by Canada Tree Care) and the ficus had to be removed. We are having a root problem in main line. Plumber had to come out twice in the past few months. From what I am told, that old clay pipe that was installed in the 1930's is showing its age too. Building maintenance is a job. The past few months I have not been able to tackle everything myself, had to ask for help. Thank you to those chipping in. Always more to do on the property. Paula

ASCENCIA Lifting People Out of Homelessness
Friday, August 12

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, August 12 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.



Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Gary Clark

August is the serious part of the La Crescenta summer, as the hot winds from the desert are more likely to flow over the mountains and down upon our gardens, yards, and homes. August is the month that we could celebrate or note the Assumption of Mary, or Tisha B'Av, the destruction of the First Temple and the Second Temple of Jerusalem. Many will go on vacation, and it is a challenging month to stay and work in your garden. I think it would be a good time of year for Unitarians to read Benjamin Franklin or Thomas Jefferson. I know that Unitarians have wide-ranging reading interests.

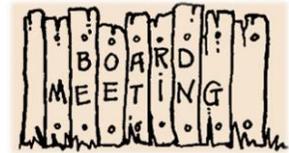
As the fall season approaches, it may be a good time to think about the various ways that we currently reach out to the community. We lost one of our leaders in the Social Action area, Jerry Buchanan, this past year. Jerry provided much drive, inspiration, and motivation in this area. This would be a good time to think about what we would like to do in the coming year.

Ours services tend to be lay-led during August, while our called Minister, Rev Gordon, is back in New York. Rev Gordon returns in September. I wish all of us the best during the coming month.

Respectfully,

Gary N. Clark
Congregation President

Sunday, August 7
First Sunday Potluck
Following service at 11:30am
Bring a salad luncheon dish
to share!



Wednesday, August 10
7:00pm
UUCVH Board Meeting
Meetings of the Board of
Trustees are open to all
members.

Reminder!



MONDAY, AUGUST 22
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!

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, August 12 @ Noon

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



Sunday, August 14 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, August 18 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, August 18, 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.

August 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10am Greater LA UU Justice @Neighborhood UU
7 10:30am Worship Service: 11:30am – First Sunday Potluck	8	9	10 10am-1pm Building Maintenance, closed 7pm Board Meeting	11	12 12noon Women's Potluck Luncheon 2pm Guest Chef @ Ascencia, Glendale	13
14 9-10am Membership Committee 10:30am Worship Service:	15	16	17	18 7-8:30pm "White People For Racial Justice" @ Neighborhood UU	19	20
21 10:30am Worship Service:	22 <i>Noon: Newsletter Deadline</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship Service: 12:00pm – Social Justice Comm.	29	30	31			

All events take place at UUCVH unless otherwise noted

