



# The SLO UU News

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County

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February Theme:  
Compassion

In a month where the prevailing view of Love is romance—complete with television shows about million-dollar weddings and reality show competitions for love—it's up to us, a spiritual and ethical community, to provide a more meaningful example of Love for people to consider.

This month at the Fellowship, our theme is "Compassion." According to Karen Armstrong, who wrote the book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* that our Board of Trustees has been reading and discussing:

*Our modern understanding and usage of the word "compassion" is frequently watered down to merely mean feeling pity and sadness at the suffering of others. In fact, the Latin etymology of the word, *com pati*, means "to suffer with": to actively participate and share in the suffering of others, to feel what they are feeling. Living according to the Golden Rule, requires removing oneself from the center of existence and placing others in that spot.*

This month, we can practice compassion for each other and for every person that we encounter. We can ask ourselves "I wonder what they are going through?" and engage in an act of moral imagination: a chance to use our creativity to help us respond compassionately.

Whether it's an argument with a family member, a stressed-out colleague, or a driver who cuts us off in traffic, we can take just a second to stop and try to empathize and practice compassion.

Of course, sometimes we'll fail. Maybe there

is just no reason that seems good enough for taking the last open seat on the bus while a pregnant woman is forced to stand. Or maybe, after a hard day and not enough sleep, it will be just too hard to imagine what someone else is going through. In those moments, it's important to practice compassion toward ourselves and attend to our own needs and feelings.

This practice of compassion is likely to help us improve our own lives, and if it should catch on, could help us improve the whole world. Imagine if everyone—from parking attendants to politicians—took a moment to ask themselves, "What is that other person going through?" And what if, having practiced for awhile, we got really good at making decisions based on compassion—individually and in our communities?

This month, let's all practice together and see what happens.

Love will guide us,

Rev. Sean




**Sean will be traveling frequently this month as part of his search his next ministry. Please be patient if you need to contact him.**

### WHERE, WHEN, AND WHO ON SUNDAYS

2074 Parker Street, San Luis Obispo, 93401  
11 am Worship, Children's classes and Nursery

Rev. Sean Parker Dennison, Interim Minister  
David Robinson, Religious Educator & Administrator  
Rebecca Sloan, Music Director

For more information, call the church office,  
(805) 544-1669 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, or  
email UUSLO@slonet.org.

 <p><b>What's Coming Up At UUFSLO</b></p>	<p><b>Social Responsibility Circle</b></p> 
 <p><b>February 5-Whose Greatest Passion is Compassion-Rev Sean-</b>Some of the most admired and courageous people throughout history have been deeply committed to compassion. How does compassion inspire us to work for justice?</p> <p><b>February 12-Immigration As A Moral Issue-Rebecca Bernhardt-</b>Last fall, a dozen or so Fellowship members participated in a class exploring immigration as a moral issue. We watched stories of our ancestors, read articles and discussed earnestly the any aspects surrounding this complex issue. In today's service, we will present some of our reflections from the class. To help us convey the realities of our broken immigration system, we have invited Rebecca Bernhardt, an immigration attorney from Austin, Texas who is working on the front lines of the immigration debate. We welcome Rebecca (Dave and Ann Bernhardt's daughter) who grew up in this congregation</p> <p><b>February 19—TBD-Watch in the News and Notes for an update</b></p> <p><b>February 26-Open Source Spirituality-Rob Sheely-</b>Taking charge of your own spiritual life</p>	<p><b>Community Outreach Offerings for 2012</b></p> <p>This month's second Sunday offering will go once again to the SLO Women's Shelter Program. Last year we began our outreach program with an offering to the Women's Shelter, and raised \$1221! It was the biggest offering of the year! Please be generous once again with your donations to this important agency in our community. The women and children who need protection and a new lease on life will thank you!</p> <p>Social Justice Committee will meet on February 5 to discuss the next several months of donation recipients. Please join us if you have input, or contact me. Gina Whitaker for the Social Responsibility Circle</p> 

## Growth & Learning Circle, Never an End to Learning



### REView – February 2012

February is SECRET PAL month! The bags for exchanging gifts and clues are hanging in the Hallway. Adults – don't forget to be a bit tricky when putting stuff in your Pal's bag. They are getting cleverer every year at finding ways to discover your identity, so you need to be even MORE clever to stay one step ahead of them. Last year, one of the kids had someone *else* watching their bag so their adult Pal would think they weren't looking!

After church on February 12<sup>th</sup> RE will be conducting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valentine's Cupcake Walk and Sale. RE families supply the cupcakes, the kids add the frosting. And everyone in the Fellowship gets to show their love for their friends and the hardworking members of their Fellowship by buying them a cupcake which the kids will deliver on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. So buy a cupcake for every member of the Choir. Buy a cupcake for the Board. Buy one for the Lawton Steering Committee. Or buy one for your SPECIAL sweetheart. Watch the *News and Notes* for more details.

The new Website ([www.uuslo.org](http://www.uuslo.org)) is up and running and the Administrator is looking for content! We need to fill that web site with information about all the fabulous goings-on around here. I'm looking for someone who can spend about an hour a month updating the RE section. It involves getting some training on how to update the website – but he assures me it's not that hard.

Neighboring Faiths continues this month for our teens to explore the faiths that share our community and our world. In the next few months they will be exploring earth-centered traditions and Islam. HUGE thanks to the parents who are coordinating this effort and making it all possible.

It is certainly a hectic time in our Fellowship – getting our new building ready to move into; searching for a new Minister; getting a budget ready for next year – and I know EVERYONE is busy with those efforts. RE is also looking for volunteers – so remember it's not a competition. ALL these efforts are working towards the same goal – a vital, thriving Unitarian Universalist presence on

the Central Coast. On our part, we need 1) classroom helpers on Sunday morning (a commitment of about two hours once a month on Sunday); 2) RE Committee members (a commitment of about 1.5 hours once a month for a meeting and about 2-5 hours a month for other duties); 3) a website updater and/or Facebook manager (about two hours a month work-from-home stuff for each); 4) RE Greeters to welcome RE visitors on Sunday morning (a commitment of about one hour, one Sunday a month starting when we move to Lawton). If any of these jobs fits your temperament, skills and availability, please contact me for more information.

Are YOU getting the RE Update every week? Every week I send out an email update with information about events and classes for the coming weeks as well as teacher schedules and other important stuff. To get on the list just send an email to [re@uuslo.org](mailto:re@uuslo.org) and let me know you want the weekly RE Update. **Take note of the new email address!** See the Admin New for more info.

#### Mark Your Calendar:

Every Sunday in February – Secret Pal Exchanges

Feb 26 – Secret Pals Revealed!

#### February / March 2012 at Camp de Benneville Pines:

Feb 18-20: PSWD Elementary/Family Winter Camp

[www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org) Email: [uucamp@aol.com](mailto:uucamp@aol.com)

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Angelus Oaks, CA, 92305

#### IN JOY

David Robinson  
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## Column From The Board



### Philosophical Thoughts and Exercises

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is from Ecclesiastes 3:1-15: it is one well known to most of us. Here are a few of the pithy statements as translated in the New English Bible (1972.)

*“For everything its season, and for everything under heaven its time.  
A time to be born, and a time to die  
A time to plant, and a time to uproot.  
A time to kill and a time to heal  
A time to pull down, and a time to build up.  
A time to weep and a time to laugh.  
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.  
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.  
A time to seek and a time to lose.  
A time to keep and a time to throw away.  
A time for silence and a time for speech.*

*I know that there is nothing good for man (sic) .....except to live the best life he can while he (sic) is alive (v.12)”* The New English Bible (1972).

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I find these statements relevant for us today.

**Why a challenge?** The current theme proposed by our Chris Cummings (President) is one of Compassion. This theme, although taken up by many, is also a challenge to many including myself.

What is compassion? How do we show compassion? How do we seek the good for others? How do we support others who think differently from us? How do we come across to others? How do we share our ideas without coming across as aggressive or biased? How do we honor our differences? How do we honor ourselves? How do we change as new members join us with different ideas? How do we adapt to the needs of our changing community? What is community? How do we build community?

When I think on these things I am drawn to some of these statements such as, “so now is a time to be born

*and a time to die, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time for silence and a time for speech, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.*

One consistent idea that strikes me when I ponder on these ideas and the message from Ecclesiastes is the fact that we live with constant contradiction! As Chris quoted in the January 8<sup>th</sup> Worship Service: we have come to find sanctuary both within our fellowship and from the world. Thus, we love to gather together, to meet with our friends and confidants. At the same time can we put aside our own needs for a while to embrace those of others? Can we accept differences of opinions when other speak of them with such gusto and passion? Can we keep quiet when others need the space and time to share their joy or concern? Can we scatter ideas amongst others knowing that maybe we may not agree or even understand their opinions? Can we warmly embrace, in word or hugs, and give time to those outside our usual realm of friends? Can we venture more into these activities and still honor ourselves. I think on these things.

**Why Relevant?** We are in the midst of leaving our current temporary home and moving to our new home. This brings with it so many tasks, chores, decisions, ideas, and demands, as well as financial commitments, and perhaps even some changes in our unique culture. Then there is our new Capital Campaign: can those who have already given, give more? There are so many questions raised, so many decisions to be made, so many steps to be taken, so many professionals to hire, and so many permits to obtain. How do you feel about this process?

When I think on these demanding activities and needs I am drawn to some of these statements such as, *So now is a time for us to plant and a time to uproot, a time to pull down and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time for silence and a time for speech.*

The thought that come to my mind when I think about these demands and these message from Ecclesiastes is that I wish that I had more time and more hands to do this work, and more active listening skills to work with the many different opinions in our various groups. Then I realize that we are actively moving forward together and that is the key, all of us together. This means that I need to do all that I can, as do all of us together. Obviously, not everyone can be involved in every decision, at the same time I know that all decisions being made are informed by our principles and



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values. I know and trust that our several leaders and task forces critically consider alternatives and refer to our principles before making decisions. (Check out the web site [uuslo.org](http://uuslo.org) for up to date information.) Consequently, there are times when I need to be silent and listen to others, times when I may feel the loss of something I thought was critical, but there are times to build up new processes and maybe even a new culture. Through all of this I remember that there are many times to celebrate our good fortunes together.

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Simultaneously there are so many other of our ongoing activities that need our critical attention, e.g, our meeting groups, our current classes and possible new classes, our recent members, members in need, those in our midst that are sick, our worship services, office help, the ongoing and demanding work of our search committee, our monthly pledge drives, and the purchases needed for our current work and facility, and our outreach, to name but a few

When I think on our ongoing activities and needs I am drawn to some of these statements such as, *So now is a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to pull down and a time to build up, a time to seek and a time to lose,*

We are in a time of being a very healthy community, we have uprooted a time of conflict and significant differences of opinions, we are ready to plant together. We have pulled down the past and need to continue to build the essence and substance of ourselves as individuals and as a community. What can I do to help in this process? What can you do to help in this part of our work? What needs do I have that can be addressed in our fellowship? What need do you have that can be met in our fellowship? How can we reach out to others in need? What can we do together, and what do we need to lose? What can we do as individuals and as a community to continue to heal and to grow? Let us think on these things!

*"I know that there is nothing good for man (sic).....except to live the best life he (sic) can while he (sic) is alive (v.12.)"*  
*How do we build our new community?*  
*How do we live the best life we can?*

**C. Andrea Brown (Board member)**



## Pathways



### SOPHOMORE CLASS of 2010 REUNION

You are cordially invited to attend a Pot Luck dinner on February 17, 2012 at **Carol Lewellen's, 1710 Southwood Drive, SLO.** We will meet at 6 P.M. to remember and listen to what you have to say about your experiences in our UU and how we can make it even better. We welcome the following members: Kathy Myers, Marilyn McClellan, JoAnne Miller, Misty Epperson, John Alongi, Jessica Lynn, Sandra Sondhi, Jim Riccardo, Pat Crowns, Dave Bernhardt, Carol Lewellen, Gayle Leaf, Kelly Kim, Alice McNeeley, John Smigelski, Annette Sheely, Rob Sheely, Penny Porter, and Christy Harter. If you missed our get together last February, please feel invited to this one. You will be receiving a welcome letter from the Membership Committee in the mail.

We look forward to meeting with you all on Friday, February 17 at 6 p.m.

The Membership Committee: June Minikel, Chair, Jan Clarke, Deene Shahinian, Gene Nelson, Carol Lewellen, and Joe St Clair



## Social Justice



### Justice General Assembly is for Everyone!

June may seem far off, and with all that is happening around our Fellowship, I can understand if it doesn't seem real important to folks at this time, but this year, General Assembly will be very special, and I want to encourage folks to give strong consideration to attending, either as a delegate from our Fellowship or simply as an attendee without delegate status.

Registration and housing opens on March 1, and early registration rates continue until April 30. You don't have to pay your registration fees on March 1, BUT, the best housing options fill **immediately on March 1. *What I mean by that is within 10 minutes of the online reservation system going live at 7 AM on March 1, the best rate rooms will be gone! I assure you, I speak from experience!***

Therefore, I urge you to use February to investigate the [uua.org](http://www.uua.org) web site, and all the information that is available about GA now, and consider attending so when March 1 comes, you will be ready to grab your hotel rooms!

There will be something for everyone at this GA, no matter where you may be in the spectrum of social justice work, whether you're just beginning and coming to learn, or whether you're a seasoned activist - there will be programming and opportunities for you to have **m e a n i n g f u l i n v o l v e m e n t .**

There will be community events outside, as well as work done indoors. Phoenix will be hot, but the housing is nearby and there are a lot of food options in the convention center, so it will be possible to limit your sun exposure.

There will be an exhibit hall--the Justice GA Expo--with concessions and social justice exhibitors. GA programming will be focused on justice issues, including topics such as the spiritual foundations of justice work, the theology of social justice, as well as a more tactical **f o c u s o n o r g a n i z i n g .**

There will be regular Plenary sessions for governance, as well as programming and worship such as the Ware Lecture (<http://www.uua.org/ga/programming/14600.shtml>) and Service of the Living Tradition (<http://www.uua.org/ga/programming/174729.shtml>). A preliminary schedule of events has been posted here: <http://www.uua.org/ga/programming/14599.shtml>.

The convention center (<http://www.uua.org/ga/travel/14838.shtml>) is a modern facility with efficient climate control systems. We wish to be as inclusive as possible when considering potential delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, drop a note to Chris Cummings now, and let her know, as we have a process for selecting delegates. General Assembly is a multi-generational experience, where many different talents and abilities come together in **community; families are welcome.** Accessibility Services, Financial Aid, and Childcare are available.

Please feel free to call or email me to ask about our Justice General Assembly in Phoenix Arizona; and, if you decide to attend, I have a special button for you to wear from now til June, to encourage others to attend as well.



## Administration



### Our Email is Changing!

WOW – there are a lot of changes going on around here lately. And here’s one more. Like all the others (a new building, a new minister, a new website), this change is bound to create some confusion bordering on mild chaos for a while – but once we get settled in it will make life a lot easier!

All our Fellowship email is being brought under one “roof”. Instead of having wildly different emails depending on who you wanted to contact, everyone will be available under the name: \_\_\_\_\_

@uuslo.org Why **@uuslo.org**? Because [www.uuslo.org](http://www.uuslo.org) is our NEW WEBSITE and we’re bringing all our hosting under one umbrella (see the Admin News article for info about the new website).

For example – [minister@uuslo.org](mailto:minister@uuslo.org) will get your message to Rev. Sean. [music@uuslo.org](mailto:music@uuslo.org) will send it to Rebecca Sloan, the Music Director. [office@uuslo.org](mailto:office@uuslo.org) will put you in touch with the Office. [re@uuslo.org](mailto:re@uuslo.org) will get your stuff to the Religious Educator. [administrator@uuslo.org](mailto:administrator@uuslo.org) email will be sent specifically to your Administrator. [office@uuslo.org](mailto:office@uuslo.org) will be a catch-all if your email needs to go to whoever is working in the office (the Administrator or the volunteers who staff the office on Thursday and Friday) or you’re not sure where to send it.

But the good stuff doesn’t stop there. We can create as many email boxes as we want. Eventually, you’ll be able to send email directly to the Newsletter editor at [newsletter@uuslo.org](mailto:newsletter@uuslo.org). Or to the *News and Notes* editor at [newsnotes@uuslo.org](mailto:newsnotes@uuslo.org). Or to the Worship Arts committee at [worship@uuslo.org](mailto:worship@uuslo.org).

And the system will be VERY flexible. Want to rename your email address to make it easier to remember or easier for a visitor to guess? Done. Want your Committee mail to go directly to your personal email box instead? Done. Want your group’s email to automatically go to everyone in the group? Done. Want to change any of this a couple of time until we get it right? Done.

Obviously, it will be a bit confusing at first and it will require individuals to make the changes in their personal email address books. Admittedly, the biggest beneficial impact at first will be for your paid staff and for visitors / guests. But in the long run, everyone will benefit from being able to target their email more accurately. Future leaders and paid staff will be able to shift into their roles seamlessly (at least from an email standpoint). When a volunteer position changes, the email address will stay the same so there can be continuity of communication.

Watch for a complete list of the new emails within the next few weeks. Implementation will begin February 1 and we’ll give you about six months (until the next fiscal year begins on July 1, 2012) to get used to it and to help us work out the kinks. For now, if you have any questions contact the office at [uuslo@slonet.org](mailto:uuslo@slonet.org). Or better yet – make that first shift NOW and start sending office email to [office@uuslo.org](mailto:office@uuslo.org)!!

THANKS

David Robinson, Administrator



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<p>Admin News – February 2012</p> <p>The Office will be closed on Monday, February 20.</p> <p><b>We have a new website – <a href="http://www.uuslo.org">www.uuslo.org</a>.</b> What we don't have at the moment is very much content. It's taken a lot of work to get us this far, but now we need <b>your help</b> to make it a truly great site. First, spend some time exploring what's there and how it's arranged. Then, concentrating on your area of concern, decide what <i>should</i> be there. Then contact me and let's <i>get it</i> there. The best way - make an appointment to meet with me in the office so we can make changes, review the layout and make decisions in real time. You'll be able to make sure it looks just the way you want it to look. Second best – send me the content electronically (preferably in Word; but in the body of an email if you don't have Word) and I'll transfer it to the Web Site.</p> <p>After the basic content is set up, I'll be conducting classes on some very simple ways YOU can keep your area of the web site up to date. But let's get rid of that "Under Construction" banner first!</p> <p>Computer tutorials will continue in February, but I'm not sure what the schedule will be just yet so watch the <i>News and Notes</i> for details. This month we'll cover Microsoft Word. You'll need to know some basics for this class. The introductory tutorials are available on-line. Contact me to learn how to access the self-paced on-line courses. Class size is very limited to allow hands on practice (although if you bring your own laptop, we can add you to the class regardless of numbers). We also have access to a large number of on-line classes you can do at your own pace in your own time covering a wide variety of programs: Excel, Power Point, Windows 7, Visio, Outlook, and Publisher – just to name a</p>	<p>few. Contact the office for info on how to access the courses. Still looking for suggestions for the next course – Publisher or Power Point anyone?</p> <p>Don't forget that Newsletter submissions should be sent directly to the editor, Laurie Napoli, at <a href="mailto:vnapoli@sbcglobal.net">vnapoli@sbcglobal.net</a>. Newsletter submissions that are sent to the office, especially if sent right near the deadline (the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month), might not get forwarded to Laurie in time. If you have an article that you want in <i>News and Notes</i> AND in the Newsletter, send it to the Office <i>and</i> to Laurie.</p> <p>Please don't forget to lock up our ENTIRE building if you're the last one out of the church. The exit door at the end of the Bathroom Hallway is the one that gets forgotten. Even if you did not unlock it, please check it before you leave. Keys and instructions (it only locks from the outside) are posted on the bulletin board on the back wall of the office.</p> <p>THANKS David Robinson, Administrator Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday, 9am to 1pm The Office is staffed by volunteers Thursday and Friday from 9am – 1pm 544-1669; <a href="mailto:office@uuslo.org">office@uuslo.org</a></p> <p>Please keep the article below separate from my Admin article if possible. Thanks.</p> 



## Social Justice



### Going To GA?

This note was written by a UU planning to attend GA and published on the UUA-GA List. I thought it was very poignant and wanted to share with everyone. Please consider attending GA. These are some of the reasons why we must show ourselves in Phoenix this year!

Gina Whitaker

Hi All,

I look forward to our Justice GA, but I see coming back to my hometown of Phoenix as a sad homecoming. I was not born in Phoenix though we moved there in 1949 when I was quite young. In those days, Phoenix was a green oasis in a desert – a small town surrounded by green fields watered from canals built by the ancient ones. We moved to Phoenix from California -- my ancestors had illegally immigrated into Alta California in the 1840's. I'm saddened by what happened in Phoenix before we got there and by what has happened in Arizona since I left in 1968. As I was growing up, I slowly became aware of the eyesore on the northeast corner of Central and INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD. This Phoenix Indian School (now gone) in its early years was a "prison school" where native children were forced to "assimilate" – that is to give up their own tribal culture for the white man's ways. I plan on coming to Phoenix early to see my family and friends, which will include a trip to Nogales to visit my cousins. My cousins and their families are now treated in Arizona as second class citizens only because my uncle, an immigration officer, married a beautiful lady from Mexico. And in addition they now have to deal with increased violence. What did they do to deserve this?

I seems totally wrong to make claims that violence in the border is solely cause by our poor sisters and brothers from the south. We, the US, stopped the guest worker program (Bracero) in 1964, we still demand cheap labor, we demand drugs that in some cases should be legal, and we make available guns for virtually anyone to buy. We have responsibilities for both the demand and supply sides of this evil equation. I lived on the Mexico-Texas border most of the 90's and rapidly came to the conclusion that if I was born on the other side of the border – I too would risk my life and swim t h e r i v e r .

I sincerely hope that those of us who go to our Justice GA – come back to our home congregations even more energized to do the good work that needs doing.

Mac Goekler





# Stewardship



*News Just in- a few minor changes to note in the -*

## *The Welcome portion of our Welcome and Worship Circle*

Current changes to our Welcome program are due to coordinators moving on to new experiences in their lives, and our proposal to make our Sunday morning organization a little more efficient. So.....

### **Our Initial Welcome Program**

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| <b>Component</b>   | <b>Coordinator</b>   |
| <b>1. Greeters</b>   | <b>Jessica Lynn</b>  |
| <i>A new role for her and a big thanks for stepping up.</i>                                  |                      |
| <b>2. Joys and Concerns</b>  | <b>Ron Sampson</b>   |
| <i>A new role for him and also a big thanks for stepping up.</i>                             |                      |
| <b>3. Set up and Hospitality</b>   | <b>Joe St. Clair</b> |
| <i>An ongoing stalwart worker-this component is new to the Welcome portion of the Circle</i> |                      |
| <b>4. Welcome Team</b>   | <b>Andrea Brown</b>  |
| <i>(temporary-help needed)</i>   |                      |

*So how can you help so that we can continue to demonstrate a warm welcome to our Fellowship.*

**Volunteer to serve as a regular Greeter, or a Member of the Welcome Team or assistant for the Joys, Sorrows and Concerns**

...and serve in this capacity regularly on the same Sunday each month. Members and friends serving in this role usually arrive at the Fellowship approximately 30-40 mins. prior to the Sunday morning Worship Service.

**Volunteer to serve as a substitute Greeter, Member of the Welcome Team, or assistant for the Joys, Sorrows and Concerns**

...and be called on to fill in as needed when the members who regularly serve in this role cannot attend Sunday Worship for some reasons.

**Volunteer to serve as the coordinator of the Welcome Team.**

This is not a demanding role, the main tasks for the coordinators is to setup staffing for the recurring monthly schedule and to ensure that supplies are replenished as needed.

*Your help is really needed*

*No matter how long you have been attending our Fellowship there can be a significant place for you to serve. Please contact Andrea Brown if you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, and/or would like to know more about the responsibilities. (528-8647, or candrea93402@yahoo.com )*



## **KCBX SPONSORSHIPS**

Many thanks to those who answered the call for help with funding our KCBX sponsorships. Thanks to you, we are able to use sponsorship spots to advertise our concert series through April. JoAnne Milburna93402@yahoo.com)

## Pathways Circle



### Springtime Field Trips: spaces still available

Spaces are open for more people to experience Eileen Pritchard's earthquake fault expeditions. On Saturday, March 31, the trip is to the Carrizo Plain National Monument. In addition to an opportunity to see effects of centuries of earthquakes on these grasslands and hillsides, there will also be a chance to visit a museum at the Visitor's Center, see Soda Lake, one of the largest undisturbed alkali wetlands in California, and that is far from all.

On Saturday, April 21, the trip takes in Parkfield, the "Earthquake Capital of the World." Come and find out why this tiny town has earned this title. This town boasts a population of approximately 18, but is the site of earthquake research by universities, the USGS, and many others institutions in the world.

Springtime also provides an opportunity to see fields of wildflowers on both the Carrizo Plain and Parkfield trips. We will stop to view, identify, and photograph those we see.

An additional trip, done the first time in 2011, to the Fault and the Pinnacles will be announced for May 2012 in the April Newsletter.

These trips were offered at the fall auction, and the only cost is \$15.00 for each one, payable to UUF-SLOC. We will ride share. To sign up or for more information, contact Eileen at 543-0405 or [<eileen.pritchard@mac.com>](mailto:eileen.pritchard@mac.com)



### The Women's Discussion Group

**We will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. All women are welcome.**

**Date:** Thursday, January 26, 2012

**Location:** UU

**Topic:** Hopes for the New Year

**Facilitator:** Ann Williams

**Host:** Ruth Reasor

**RSVP Sandra Sondhi at [Sandra-Sondhi@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra-Sondhi@gmail.com) 805-349-0884**

**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 1:30pm

**Location:** UU

**Topic:** Buddhism

**Speaker:** Sandra Sondhi

**Host:** Chris Cummings

**RSVP Sandra Sondhi at [Sandra-Sondhi@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra-Sondhi@gmail.com) 805-349-0884**

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:30pm

**Location:** Morro Shores

**Topic:** Aging

**Speaker:** JoAnne Milburn

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## February 2012

### February Events

**Feb. 1-Wednesday-7:00pm** A Chosen Faith  
**Feb. 5-Sunday\_12:30pm** Social Justice Comm  
**Feb. 6-Monday-9:45am** Music Committee  
**Feb. 7-Tuesday-7:00pm** Lit Wits-Sanctuary  
**Feb 8- Wednesday-2:00pm** Membership Com  
7:00pm A Chosen Faith  
**Feb 9-Thursday-10:00am** Worship Arts  
**Feb. 12-Sunday-12:30pm** 2cond Sunday Con-  
versation 12:30pm Valentine Cupcake Walk  
**Feb. 14-Tuesday-4:30pm** RE Com.  
6:00pm Board of Trustees-Sanctuary  
**Feb. 15-Wednesday-7:00pm** A Chosen Faith  
**Feb. 17-Friday-6:00pm** Sophomore Reunion  
**Feb. 19-Sunday-9:45am** Café Socrates  
2:00pm Symphony of the Vine concert  
**Feb 20-Monday-Office Closed**  
**Feb. 21-Tuesday-6:00pm** Ministry Council  
**Feb. 22-Wednesday-7:00pm** A Chosen Faith  
**Feb. 26-Sun.-12:30pm** Secret Pals Revealed  
**Feb. 28-Tuesday-6:00pm** Ladies of the Eve-  
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### February Recurring Events

Sundays: 9:45 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 Worship and RE  
  
Wednesday:2:00pm Senior Men's Group, Feb 15  
12 pm News and Notes Deadline  
  
Thursday : 10:30 men's group Feb. 2 & 16  
1:00 Women's Discussion Group  
(Feb. 9 & 23)  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal  
  
Newsletter Deadline-15th of the month

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