



## Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

### August 1, 2010

#### For Love of Water

Christopher L. Campbell, speaking  
Lay Leader: Linda Knight  
Worship Anchor: Kathy Long-Pence

This service will explore the healing power of water, our love of it, and our lust for it. Chris Campbell will speak about the ongoing battle for Delta water.

### August 8, 2010

#### Education

James Bushman, speaking  
Lay Leader: Ed Johnson  
Worship Anchor: Linda Knight

### August 15, 2008

#### A Musical Potpourri

Lorenzo Bassman, Coordinating  
Lay Leader: Stephen Mintz  
Worship Anchor: Jody Palmer

Once again the many talented performers in our church will be gathering to delight you with their special musical abilities. Many of our stalwart veterans, young and old, will return to entertain us, and this year they will be joined by some newcomers. You won't want to miss what promises to be a unique summer music presentation.

(The service will run somewhat longer than usual, so make your post-service plans accordingly.)

### August 22, 2010

#### Experience of the Holy

Karen Goodman speaking  
Lay Leader: Linda Tolladay  
Worship Anchor: Ed Johnson

As part of our day-long "congregational retreat," today's worship service will focus on the myriad ways we each may experience feeling part of something larger than ourselves.

### August 29, 2010

#### Leo Politi: Artist, Author, Preservationist

Denise Sciandra, speaking  
Lay Leader: Kathy Long-Pence  
Worship Anchor: Clare-Marie Wall

Leo Politi was ahead of his time in creating multi-cultural picture books and in seeing the value of preserving our architectural heritage. Born in Fresno in 1908, his work is an important part of the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature in the Madden Library at Fresno State. Come see his artwork in PowerPoint format and learn more about this multi-faceted man.

## Administration

### Church Staff

Bryan D. Jessup, Minister  
 Denise Lanier, Director of Religious Education  
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### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found items are in a box located in the office building closet near the back door. Another such box is located in the kitchen.



## Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

### **September Newsletter**

Aug. 24      Submission deadline  
 Aug. 31      E-mailing

### **October Newsletter**

Sept. 21      Submission deadline  
 Sept. 28      E-mailing

### **November Newsletter**

Oct. 19      Submission deadline  
 Oct. 26      E-mailing

### **Child Care Needs**

If you are planning to attend an event and wish child care, please call DRE Denise Lanier at 322-6146.

### **August Pastoral Care**

Sue Strauss 222-9526  
 Shirley Valett 449-9067

**Updated church directories are available in the Book Shop and office.**

## Membership

### Please Make a Note of These Updates

**Mary & Dave Fountain:**  
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**Scott & Natalie Maxwell:**  
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**Linda Arredondo:**  
llarredondo@yahoo.com  
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**Lydia Flores:**  
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**A Note of Thanks from Members of the Water Tour:** *Dear UUs of Fresno, Thank you so much for your hospitality! We greatly enjoyed the tasty dinner, wonderful home hospitality of your members, and learning about how you are "LEED"ing the way. We appreciate it all.*

### A Very Special Thank You to the Congregation

The Thursday night (Augusta, Maine Curriculum) Spiritual Quest Group wants to thank the congregation for making our collection of new underwear for M'Ella house residents House such a success. Between your generous donations of underwear and funds to purchase even more, we have a wonderful collection to deliver: 49 packages for women, 28 for girls, and 15 for boys. Because all packages contain as many as 10 per pack, the individual item total is far larger.

An additional thank you to Aleta Nester, an original member of our group, who contributed the idea, as well as Karen Goodman, our M'Ella House contact person.

When we started, we had no idea we would experience such success. On behalf of Edie Ninnis, facilitator; Barbara Cutright, co-facilitator; Linda and Ron Santigian, Jackie Roh, and David Dvorak, we are extremely grateful, and know the M'Ella House residents will be too.—  
Submitted by Linda Santigian, 298-8294

**The Sunday Services Committee** is pleased to announce that Ruth Jenkins will be the new Sunday Services chair. Please address questions, concerns and kudos about Sunday Services to Ruth.—Submitted by Linda Tolladay, 297-5236



**Church Kitchen Organization.** The new church year is rapidly approaching and I am excited to get the kitchen in order. Please take a few moments to remove your things from the refrigerator, freezer, counters, and lost and found box (on the metal shelves in front of the freezer). We will have a kitchen organizing day in late early August, items left and not marked will be disposed of or donated. Thanks for your cooperation. Jennifer Kranzke, Chair, Kitchen Committee

**Visitors and New Members Committee is hosting a potluck dinner on Thursday, August 19, for the members of the Greeters and Ushers Committees.**

The purpose, in addition to the opportunity for fun and fellowship, is a review of committee procedures for continuing members and training for new members of all three committees.

Date: August 19

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Place: The church sanctuary and foyer

Who: All members of the VNMC, Greeters, Ushers  
Committees

What to bring: A big smile and a dish to share

—Submitted by Nancy Kerr, Co-chair, Visitor & New Member Committee, 435-8427



**We are sad to announce the passing of long-time member and gifted musician, Gina Hill.**

A memorial service for Gina will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno Sanctuary, Saturday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m.

We extend our sympathy to her family.—Leslee Weaver,  
Church Administrator, 322-6146

**An Opportunity for You to Help!** Marilyn Jost, teacher, volunteer, and activist, needs your assistance. Multiple Sclerosis has left her a functional quadriplegic. She cannot use her hands to write, open mail, sort/file, and accomplish other such tasks. When she uses the Handy Ride system, its regulations require that she travel with an attendant. Your support will facilitate her independence and improve the quality of her life. This is a paid position —\$10.25 per hour and includes mileage of 40 cents per mile. If you are interested in helping her, please contact her at Pacific Gardens Nursing and Rehab, 577 S. Peach Ave., Fresno, CA 93727; (559) 251-5678 (leave a message); mjost@aol.com (subject: opportunity to help). Thank you!—Submitted by Toni Eames, 224-0544

**Fresno Multifaith Exchange Invites You to an Orientation Meeting**  
**“Freedom of Religion in America: Melting Pots, Salad Bowls & the First Amendment”**  
**Clint Horwitz, speaking**

**Sunday, September 19, 2010, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno.** The Fresno Multifaith Exchange begins its thirteenth year of meetings with the September 19 orientation. Following a brief introduction to the Fresno Multifaith Exchange and this year’s schedule, Clint Horwitz, a member of the Exchange’s Steering Committee, will speak, after which, everyone will receive a copy of A Multifaith Handbook. After a time of getting acquainted in small group, a light supper will be served.—Submitted by Terri Anderson, 760-7853

## Board of Trustees



**Have You Practiced Your Elevator Speech Lately?** Personally I simply need to write mine. As our Congregation’s profile becomes more and more prominent in the community and as I become more purposeful about sharing our church with others, I desperately need a polished version.

What, some of you may ask, do I mean by “elevator speech”? It is a term used in the business world, and now adopted within our religious life.

A few years ago, Rev. William Sinkford, then President of the UU Association, encouraged people to work on their elevator speech. This is what you would say between the 6<sup>th</sup> floor to the lobby when someone asks you, ‘What’s a Unitarian Universalist?’ You’ve got 45 seconds. If you want to read the Rev. Sinkford’s elevator speech, go to: <http://www.uuworld/2003/02/calling>. Html.

I am hoping some of you will join me in writing an “elevator speech.” Please forward me any notes or ideas and next month I will share mine and a few others.

GA (UUA General Assembly) was great. There was so much to learn and share with others. Thank you for allowing the four of us to be your delegates.—Karen Goodman, President of the Board, 437-9197 or 287-5432

## Other Events

**San Joaquin River Faire, August 21, Lost Lake Park.** How often does a community get to celebrate the resurrection of a river?! Revive the San Joaquin is hosting a San Joaquin River Faire at Lost Lake Park on Saturday August 21 (call or check website [www.revivethesanjoaquin.org](http://www.revivethesanjoaquin.org) for times), to celebrate the restoration of the San Joaquin River and the eventual return of Chinook salmon to their native spawning grounds. The event will have live music, food, informational booths, and river-friendly recreational opportunities.

It will be hot so bring a swimsuit and chairs to enjoy music under the trees. Dogs must be leashed and camping is available through Fresno County. The event is free with a \$5 admission to the park. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Revive the San Joaquin at 226-0733.—Submitted by Connie Young, 225-2547



### UU “Mini-Vacation” at Bass Lake, September 16-19, 2010

This annual getaway is organized by UUCPA in conjunction with Northern California UU Camps and Conferences; all are welcome. You'll stay in a rustic, screened cabin that sleeps up to eight people. You can hike, swim, canoe, water ski, kayak, do arts and crafts, archery, etc. One horseback ride is included with your registration (ages 5 and up). Three delicious hot meals a day are prepared for you. For more information, visit the UUCPA website at [www.uucpa.org](http://www.uucpa.org). E-mail questions to [basslakeinfo@uucpa.org](mailto:basslakeinfo@uucpa.org). —Submitted by Diane P. Meier-Phelps, UUCPA Bass Lake Dean

### Annual Pacific Central District Men's Retreat: Friday-Sunday, October 15-17, 2010

Come join UU men for a weekend of fun, kinship, workshops and more!

Location: Westminster Retreat Center, Alamo (near Walnut Creek).

Registration: [www.pcd-uua.org/](http://www.pcd-uua.org/) and click on link under “PCD Men’s Retreat”.

Contact: Gordon Smith [pcdmensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:pcdmensretreat@gmail.com) or call 408-393-6182

**Social Affairs**

■ **UU World Series of Poker—Auction Item: Date Change!** Please note that  
■ the date of this event has been changed to August 28, 2010. If you have  
■ questions, please contact Saul Eskin, 224-4001, or Howard Watkins, 355-  
■ 7040.—Submitted by Saul Eskin

**2010-2011 Circle Suppers**

It's time to begin a new round of Circle Suppers, our UU potluck dinner series and one of the most enjoyable activities of the church. Open to both members and friends, Circle Suppers are an adult activity in which volunteers as hosts contact those who volunteer as guests. Volunteers as hosts and guests are changed every month so everyone gets a chance. Hosts receive a list of guests and call them to make "dish assignments," such as appetizer, dessert, bread, etc. Although it isn't a requirement to contribute the main dish, the host usually does prepare the entree, but can also assign elements of it to one or more guests.

Circle Suppers will be held on the following fourth Saturdays:

September 25, 2010

October 23, 2010

January 22, 2011

February 26, 2011

March 26, 2011

So make your plans now! If you're a newcomer, you're especially welcome to join the fun! It's easy to sign up. Just contact Vickie Haas at 439-7727 or [vidick@comcast.net](mailto:vidick@comcast.net), tell her what date(s) you would like to be a host and/or guest, and how many people you can accommodate. Don't be left out! Call NOW!

**Out to Lunch.** As soon as the new UU Church year begins and Bryan is back in the pulpit, look to sign up for the OUT to LUNCH program at church or by calling me or using e-mail. Please leave your contact information. September will be devoted to sign ups and our first meal will be served Wednesday, October 6. Remember to note if you will host, be a guest or provide transportation. If you host, please note how many guests you can seat. The host/ hostess will plan the menu and assign the pot-luck. If last minute you cannot make it, please take your dish to the host so she/ he can complete the meal. If you can attend all nine months, you will be rotated to meet others. Remember this will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Come help build community. Chairperson: Lydia Flores 435-7360 or [flolyd@att.net](mailto:flolyd@att.net).

**Thursday Evening Women's Group.** We will be meeting on August 26, at 7:00 p.m., welcoming anyone who is not on vacation to come and join us for a summer evening of great conversation and fellowship. Details about the topic and the host will be published in *What's NUU*. If you are not already on the monthly e-mail list and would like to be added, please notify Linda Santigian at [mayaqueen@aol.com](mailto:mayaqueen@aol.com).—Submitted by Linda Santigian, 760-2045



■ **The Saturday Women's Group** will meet at 10:00 a.m., August 21, with Lenore Yousef, 7121 N. Teilman, Fresno. Come and enjoy a lively discussion. For information, call Lenore at 438-8117 or Betty Ramos at 227-2195.—Submitted by Betty Ramos

**75 Alive!** will not meet in August. Our next Meeting will be September 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday,) in Room 7, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. As our name suggests, we are a lively group of UUs who are 75 years old, or beyond. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except during the Summer months and December), from 10 a.m. till noon at the Church. We share recent happenings in our lives, take a break for refreshments, and then enjoy a presentation and discussion of a topic of mutual interest. Spouses and partners of any age are also welcome to join us. Each month, one of our members leads the group and presents the topic, or provides the Speaker. We are always looking for people willing to share a special interest with us and a Presenter can be of any age and does not have to be a member of our Group. Recent topics have included: Learning a Second Language, Fishes, Life Memoirs, Genealogy, and Childhood Memories, We have openings for presenters in November, and all of 2011. If you have a hobby or interest, or teach a course, that you would like to share, please contact our Coordinator, Shirley Valett at 449-9067.

## Youth Religious Education

### August Youth Birthdays:

Jullian Griffith will be 2 on August 23rd\*  
 Ayanna Becker will be 7 on August 21st\*  
 Colton Allen will be 8 on August 23rd\*  
 Samson Avena will be 11 on August 10th\*  
 Jake Dahlem will be 14 on August 28th\*  
 Joe Syverson will be 14 on August 14th\*  
 Gregory Bellis will be 15 on August 9th\*



*\*\* Please join Denise Lanier in wishing these awesomely cool summer babies a wonderful birthday!*

**GOOD NEWS!!!** The Youth Religious Education Committee (YRE) is up and running and gearing up for what promises to be a year to remember!! There is lots to do and we need as much help as we can get, so if you missed the first meeting please join us every third Sunday at noon in room 7 for our regularly scheduled YRE meetings. However, since we are so excited to get going and get ready for the beginning of a new church year, the committee will meet a few more times in August: the 1st, 8th and 15th. Parents, youth, and supportive members are welcome. Childcare will be provided for each meeting.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Stacy O'Rourke and Karin Livingstone for stepping up to become new leaders of the YRE committee. Together as a team we welcome your feedback, questions and suggestions. In the spirit of a supportive and cooperative congregation, we are glad that each member/friend who offers suggestions will most certainly finish their suggestion with an offer to see that suggestion through. :-)

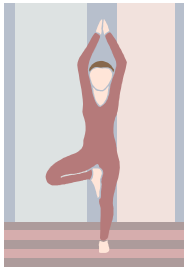
This is going to be a great year!! Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved in our youth religious education program.\*—Denise Lanier, DRE, 322-6146



**"Let Your Imagination Fly!" Summer Reading** is in full swing in the youth library. Record the books you read by placing a sticker next to your name on the chart in the library. Sign up if you haven't already. There will be books and refreshments for all participants on Sunday, August 20.—Submitted by Denise Sciandra, Chair, 229-5085

## Adult Religious Education

**Exploring the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno** is beginning on September 2. How have UUs agreed to work together? This is the core topic of this Spiritual Quest group. This is ideal for new members, guests or seasoned UUs. Together we shall explore the meaning of the Covenant and share each other's perspectives. We shall actively listen and grow in our ability to converse in meaningful ways. The eight-session program will begin September 2 and end December 15. It will meet every first and third Thursday. Please call Lydia Flores at 435-7360 to sign up or e-mail [flolyd@att.net](mailto:flolyd@att.net).



**Winter, spring, summer and fall, Monday Night Yoga is for all!** On Monday evenings, in the sanctuary from 6:30pm-8:00pm, come join us for an Ananda Yoga practice. This is a slow, gentle, relaxation focused yoga practice. Our group makes donations for the classes that go to the Church building fund. This class is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Please call Jenny Rohan, 559-281-7972, [sarayuyoga@gmail.com](mailto:sarayuyoga@gmail.com), [www.buddhamommy.com](http://www.buddhamommy.com) for questions.

**Building Your Own Theology** class begins September 9 and will continue for eight Thursday evenings, concluding October 28. This class is ideal for people who want to grapple with their personal religious beliefs. Participants discuss theology, the ultimate meaning(s), our own religious journey and its implications, and much more. There are no right answers—just the imperative to keep asking and responding our whole life long. References from people who took this class last spring available upon request! Contact Facilitator Nancy Richardson for details, [nmrichardson@comcast.net](mailto:nmrichardson@comcast.net), 905-5878. Participation limited, so sign up now.—Submitted by Nancy Richardson

**Summer Orientation for New Members.** If you are interested in information about membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno, you are invited to attend a brief orientation. We will provide information about the church and about membership. If you wish to join the church at that time, this opportunity will be available.

The class will be on August 15 from approximately 9 to 10 in the Office Conference Room. A continental breakfast will be provided and child care will be available. If you need additional information, or if you plan on attending the orientation, please contact Nancy Kerr, Co chair of the Visitors and New Members Committee, at 435-8427. Please contact Denise Lanier, Director of Religious Education, at 322-6146 if you need to arrange for child care.—Submitted by Nancy Kerr, Co-chair, Visitor & New Member Committee, 435-8427

## Spiritual Quest Group Facilitators' and Co-Facilitators' Training

Please mark your calendars for Saturday August 21, 2010 for this training meeting over which Bryan Jessup will preside. The meeting will run from 9:00am to Noon in the Sanctuary and will include light refreshments. We invite members of the congregation to attend who have participated in and know the value of the program who may be interested in becoming Facilitators and Co-Facilitators of Spiritual Quest Groups.

—Submitted by Ron Santigian, 284-7210, [rsantigian@aol.com](mailto:rsantigian@aol.com)



## Public Relations & Communications

### Newsletter Policy

(A complete policy statement may be requested from the office.) Deadline is Tuesday before the last Tuesday of the month. Indicate which month the announcement should be run. Email the article as a Microsoft Word attachment (.doc) OR place a print copy in the Office mail slot for our Church Administrator. Submission must include the name & phone number of a contact person.

Inclusion of each article is at the discretion of the Editor and PR Committee. We reserve the right to edit copy for clarity and length. No editorial or opinion pieces. No partisan political articles. Priority will be given to fundraisers, board announcements and all-church events. Non-church activities will only be included if there is space and it promotes our church mission.

REMINDER: To keep our newsletter a manageable length, we recommend that submissions aim for 100 words or less. More people will read a concise article than a wordy one. If you can't trim it, please send it well in advance of the deadline so that the editor may work with you to shorten it, or approval can be obtained for an exception. The PR Committee is proposing to coordinate our website, newsletters and calendar for maximum efficiency. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please email to [sallyeileen51@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyeileen51@yahoo.com) Confidentiality will be respected if requested.—Submitted by Sally Carroll, PR/Communications Chair, 255-1386

## Green Sanctuary

**E-mail: Carpool Communication Simplified!** Planning to attend a meeting or gathering at church or elsewhere on Sunday or any day or the week? Offer a ride to people who might be going. It's so easy to send an email to folks living between you and the meeting. Or suggest meeting at a convenient location. It's fun to see the responses (or lack thereof) to your messages. Your carpool coordinator Louise Richardson, 431-2883

**Green Sanctuary Committee—What's in it for You?** The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet on **Sunday, August 1**, in the office conference room, **15 minutes after the service ends**. Agenda items will include green resolutions passed at GA, actions we might take in response to the BP "death gusher", monthly workshops on green topics, what "green" paper products are sold in local stores, and 2 new environmental initiatives from UULMCA. Newcomers are always welcome. Come check it out! Connie Young, 225-2547.

**Responding to the "Death Gusher."** Some UUs met in July to discuss possible individual and congregational responses to the environmental disaster in the Gulf. We reviewed two Actions of Immediate Witness passed at GA that call on UU congregations to respond to the Gulf disaster and to actively advocate for clean energy. The UU Ministry for Earth and the UU Service Committee have suggested actions on their websites, including collecting hair clip-pings, donating to a relief fund and writing to BP CEO, Tony Hayward, and federal officials. We will be continuing this discussion at the Green Sanctuary Committee meeting on Sunday, August 1st. See the meeting notice in this newsletter. Connie Young, 225-2547.

**Conscious UU.** While I spent my year making only essential purchases, Adam and Amy Korst of Dallas, Oregon spent their year collecting only 75 small pieces of trash! Their secret? Evaluating the packaging of each of their purchases - they don't buy anything that is packaged in trash. If the packaging isn't recyclable, they don't buy the item. Contact me and I will send you the link to this inspiring story. Thank you, Connie Young, for sending me the link! — Submitted by Liza Robinson, lizamrobinson@yahoo.com

## Social Justice

**UU Social Justice Coordinating Committee Masumoto Farm Peach Tree Adoption Program.** Our church has been selected by Mas Masumoto and his family as the recipient of **Elberta organic peaches from the Social Justice tree** that their family grows on their farm in Del Rey. Church Volunteers will be picking peaches on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. We'll be selling these peaches at church and using the money for social justice work. We are taking preorders for fresh peaches after church and the peaches are in BIG DEMAND. On August 15<sup>th</sup> we hope to sell peach cobbler, peach pie and peach ice cream made from these very special peaches after church. Helpers are needed. Call Carolyn Nolan @ 673-4659 or 706-6009 for questions.



## Serving on Sunday



	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
<b>Board Welcome</b>	Robert Wilkinson	Amanda Peterson	Linda Tolladay	Tess Seay	Don Gaede
<b>Chalice</b>	Alex Peterson	TBA	Ed Schultze	Adolph Heisler	NWYL Committee
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Goodson Violette Mullooly Bev Horsley Neil Horsley	George Burman Pat Looney-Burman Erik Peterson Barbara Cutright	Ryan Walthius Margaret Houck Terri Anderson Paul Hanff	Chuck Brainerd Jackie Roh Hal Raines	Sue Strauss Ray Ensher Dick Richardson Kathy Long-Pence
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Cornelisen Adeline Marchini Robin Greiner Pat Sigala	Alice Pierson-Knapp Linda Spalding Marilyn Cope Connie Jones	Madeleine Mitchell Nancy Tholen Robert Wilkinson Nancy Hatcher	Bev Horsley Neil Horsley Bob Merrill Gerry Hughes	Nancy Kerr Sam Zutler Donna Zutler Louise Richardson
<b>Sound</b>	David Firth	David Firth	David Firth	David Firth	
<b>Coffee</b>	Madeleine Mitchell Ken Cornelisen Al Goodman	Kathy Boudinot-Johnson Ed Johnson Margaret Houck	Mary McDonough Lee Hanson George Flint	Theo White John Wiens Joyce Kauder	An Brunelle Kathy Boudinot-Johnson
<b>Youth Library</b>	Lynette Bassman Sally Stallings	Judy Parker Gerry Hughes	Denise Sciandra Laurie Mitchell	Linda Spalding Linda Santigian	Nancy Hatcher Barbara Cutright Pat Moore
<b>Book Shop</b>	Jeanine King Jeri Stubblefield	Wendy Johnson Sylvia Woodbourne	Bill Head Bette Head	Ken Mah Wilda Moller	Alice Knapp Paul Mitchell
<b>Music</b>	Stolen Thunder	Stolen Thunder	The Musicians of UUCF	Jennifer Gardner	Terry Lewis, piano

## The Last Word

### THE LAST WORD

*Musings from the*

July 18, 2010

Here, two weeks after my knee replacement surgery, the last word is “recovery.” With my new knee joint, the word is actually “renewal” too, but I’m working on the recovery part most right now.

What I want to say first is how impressed I am with all the brave members of this congregation who have been through this kind of surgery and more, and have come back to life renewed. I have always been respectful of the work and pain involved in peoples’ brave return. My experience now, though, confirms what I only knew in theory. I appreciate even more what so many of you have done to keep sharing your lives and gifts in such a vital way.

And what I want to say second is how great our UU theology is in the recovery process. Each person’s recovery journey is her or his own. Our way of faith prepares us to face the uniqueness of what happens to us, to share our experiences, and to support one another in our individual stories. I am so grateful for our down-to-earth faith.

I am so grateful for all the support I have received, the cards, the delicious meals, the wisdom and guidance of fellow new knee recipients. I am grateful too, to hear how well everything at church is going; LEED certification at the Gold level; great Sunday services, wonderful ongoing programming, and day-to-day church operation.

Thank you all so much for your support of me in my recovery (and your support of my amazing nurse, Edie, too.) And thank you for your participation in the life and vibrancy of this congregation. I’m looking forward to being back, mid-August, recovered, renewed, and re-kneed.

Love and gratitude to you all,

*Bryan*



## **The Unitarian Universalist**

**Church of Fresno**  
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### **Vision**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno is a welcoming religious community.

Our campus rests gently on the earth.

The Principles of Unitarian Universalism guide us in our relationships.

Our shared ministry supports personal and spiritual growth for all ages.

We care for one another through the passages of life.

We give abundantly of our time, talent, and treasure to fulfill our mission.

We work together for a peaceful, just and sustainable world.

Our church encourages intellectual freedom and thoughtful responsibility.

So that all who come seeking a liberal faith may find a home here.

### **Mission**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno is a welcoming religious community whose mission is to promote personal and spiritual growth as we work together for a more peaceful, sustainable, and socially just world.

Worship Services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. ~ Children's Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Church office hours ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch 12:00 p.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

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