



UUFNB SUNDAY DIGEST

A Publication of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay
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Services held at 1515 Pueblo Ave, at the Boys & Girls Club of Napa

Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 7, 11 am

"A Larger Hope." Rev. Bonnie Dlott, with Worship Associate Lenore Hirsch. These days many of us are struggling to hold on to the hope we felt on the night we elected Senator Obama to be our next President. Every day there is more bad economic news, and we face yet another long struggle in our efforts to ensure marriage rights for all people. How can our faith help us to find hope in these uncertain times?

Sunday, December 14, 11 am

"Catch a Falling Star" Dr. Karen Melandson-Magoon, with Worship Associate BJ Pheiffer. Dr. Melander-Magoon comes to us from the First UU Church of San Francisco. She received her Doctorate of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. After years singing major opera roles in Europe and raising two children, she returned to the U.S. to continue performing and composed three musical portraits of women in history, including Georgia O'Keeffe and Clara Barton. She has her music degree from Indiana University and her Masters in Education from Boston University.

Sunday, December 21, 11 am

"Stories of the Season" Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Mary Ellen Morgan, with Worship Associate Vicki Wolf. Come for an intergenerational service of songs and seasonal stories provided by members of the Fellowship. There will be no religious education classes today.

November 30, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of UUFNB,

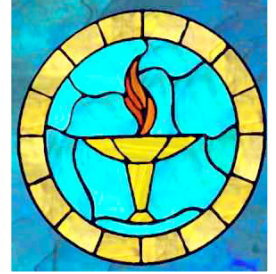
I heard my first Christmas carol on the radio today, marking the "official" beginning of the winter holiday season. There's a lot to do this time of year, but I hope you will plan to attend some or all of our UUFNB events. On Saturday, Dec. 20, we will be gathering for our annual Solstice Celebration at Barbara Kummer's place. Then on Christmas Eve we will be having our very traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve service, with lots of singing and special music, both instrumental and choral. I hope to see you there!

If you can help on Christmas Eve, please get in touch with me. We need some readers, ushers, and folks to set up the room and decorate. Please send me an e-mail or give me a call if you can help out.

If you need to remind folks about a Fellowship-wide event or program, please get in touch with Lenore Hirsch, our Worship Associate, before Sunday and she will make your announcement or call on you to make it. If you would like an e-mail copy of a sermon I have given at UUFNB, send me a note. If you wish to have items included in the Sunday Digest for December 7, please submit them to me by noon on Friday, December 5!

The Rev. Bonnie Dlott
minister@uunorthbay.org
or call (925) 256-4334

UUFNB Calendar



Wednesday December 3, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Kate MacPherson's, 1135 Olive Hill Lane in Napa. 255-5687

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North Bay CUUPS Meeting: A grounding ritual for times of uncertainty.

Grapeshot Studios, Doug Taylor 226-7500 or grapeshotstudios@gmail.com

Friday December 5, 6:00 pm

Soup n' Bread Carbon Ring Meeting

Phyllis Boyson's home, 1993 Waverly St. For more info call Dale Craig at 265-0675

Sunday December 7, 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Boys & Girls Club, Kate MacPherson, 255-5687

Sunday December 7, 12:30 pm

Sunday Carbon Ring

For More information call Maggie Ingalls at 747-5205

Sunday December 7, 12:45 p.m.

Lunch with the Minister

Location to be arranged. Rev. Bonnie, (925) 256-4334

Wednesday December 10, 7:15 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Kate MacPherson's, 1135 Olive Hill Lane in Napa. 255-5687

Thursday, December 11, noon

DVD Group: We are the Earth in Human Form. We will visit the role of sound in healing by viewing a presentation by Ellen Franklin and Donna Carey based on Oriental medicine and acutonics which uses the flow of chi ...and its interconnection with creation.

Abbey Silva's -1177 El Centro between 1179 and 1181, 224-8716

Save the Date! Our **Annual Solstice Gathering** is Saturday, Dec. 20. More details to come.

To view the UUFNB Calendar, go to <http://www.huntcal.com/cgi/calview.cgi/uufnb/UUFNB>

UUFNB Announcements

Adult Programs: Sunday Mornings 9:40 to 10:45 a.m. Boys and Girls Club, 1515 Pueblo

- **December 7** - “**New to UU**” with Rev. Bonnie Dlott. This month we will look at the earliest roots of Unitarianism and Universalism in Europe, and trace the rise of these two movements in America up to the merger in 1961.
- **Dec. 14** - "Talks on the Bible" with Jim Craig: A discussion of the prophets, whose books take up a major part of the Hebrew Bible. The sub-title of this week's session is "My Three Sons" (i.e., Jim's three sons and why they have the names they do).
- **December 21** - “Whole Lot'a Shakin’”: We will be taking a break from Christmas Carols . . . we will be drumming to a few old Rock'n Roll favorites and toning up to do some chanting . . . as always, beginners and children are not only welcome, but encouraged.

Share the Plate!

This month, ten percent of our non-pledge plate collection will go to Unitarian Universalist Association, in lieu of “Association Sunday.” Please be as generous as you can!

Attention UU computer geeks and nerds!

Our money raising wine tours need your help. Since business has fallen off substantially, we're planning a more powerful ad campaign on the Internet. However, the wine tour committee is sadly lacking in computer skills. So can anyone help us set up a email message to UU newsletter editors so they can easily respond to let us know if they will use our message. And, we would like to establish a link that interested UUs could click on to see a very nice letter complete with great pictures that a couple sent us after taking the tour two years ago. Please respond to Tom Wilson, 254-7443 or 2wilsons1dog@comcast.net

Please take Note!

The North Bay CUUPS carbon ring was canceled due to lack of interest. If you are still interested in participating in a carbon ring, please call Maggie Ingalls at 747-5205 and she may be able to find a place for you in the Sunday Carbon Ring.

REflections

Today is our last scheduled science class for the fall. I am grateful to all of the teachers who planned and brought the children such interesting and engaging introductions to the world around them. I am in the midst of scheduling the next group of classes and plan to have a list for you in the next couple of weeks.

It seemed appropriate to spend our religious education time during the month of December having the children remember those in our community who may be experiencing a difficult time right now. While looking for a project, I spoke with the Director of Molly's Angels in Napa, who asked us to adopt a family. I thought that this would be a perfect way to directly impact one of our neighbors and to give our children a chance to know that their efforts had real meaning to someone. Then I found out that this family had 10 children; all between the ages of 13 to 10 months! Wow! This was a little bigger project than I was hoping for, but I realized that if I expanded the project beyond the RE classes, we could provide a family with a wonderful Christmas. Bonnie and the Board are enthusiastic and have offered their support.

Can you help? Starting on Sunday, December 7, I will have ornaments with the names and ages of the ten children on the table with all the refreshments during coffee hour, so that you can sponsor one of the children. Molly's Angels has already provided the children with clothes, but they need a toy and perhaps some wonderful extras like school supplies (back packs, notebooks) and art supplies (colored pencils, paper, crayons). If you would like to contribute for the family, we will use these to pick up household supplies that food stamps won't cover, like toilet paper and soap.

On Sunday, December 21, we will have a wrapping party right after the service, Christmas cookies and hot cider will be provided. I can't think of any better way for us all to find and pass on the Christmas spirit, than spending time with our Fellowship family helping someone in need.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas....!

In faith,
Mary Ellen



YOU'RE INVITED

TO

IRIS AND CARL'S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!



*Sunday, December 7
2:00 to 7ish
1949 Laurel St., Napa*



*FOOD (our pleasure)
BEVERAGES (of all varieties)
FRIENDS (of the best variety)
FUN (and perhaps frivolity)
GAMES (maybe...)
CONVERSATION (who knows?)
CASUAL (please be)*



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Community Bulletin Board and Area Events

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Holiday Concert Tickets on Sale!

Our Holiday Concert programs this season include jazz great Dave Brubeck's "La Fiesta de le Posada", featuring Napa Valley Chorale, the Napa Valley Youth Chorus, soloists and instrumentalists, as well as a selection of holiday favorites and some new surprises. Tickets for our December 14 concerts are on sale now. Don't wait until the last minute - we don't want you to miss out on all the beautiful music we're preparing! Concert times are 3:30 and 7:00p.m., and tickets are \$25 per person. You can purchase tickets through our website: www.napavalleychorale.org, through PayPal.com, or from any Chorale member. Our concerts will be presented at First United Methodist Church, 625 Randolph Street in Napa.

Candy Cane Carol Sing Set for December 18

Last years Candy Cane Carol Sing was a popular favorite, so we're bringing it back again! This fun event for the whole family will take place on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 625 Randolph St., Napa. Standard holiday carols, some special solos by members of Napa Valley Chorale, homemade cookies and hot cider - what a great way to celebrate the holiday! Bring the kids, bring your friends!

Do your Holiday Shopping on iGive.com!

Did you know that you can help Napa Valley Chorale and do your holiday shopping at the same time? Just log into iGive.com, register Napa Valley Chorale as your "cause" and start shopping from iGive's list of OVER 700 STORES! You can purchase computers, office supplies, appliances, clothing, books, flowers, kitchen gadgets, pet supplies, music - the list is almost endless!! And Napa Valley Chorale will receive a portion of the proceeds from your purchase! So get that list ready and start shopping - the holidays are right around the corner! And THANKS from Napa Valley Chorale!

Attention Travelers!

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 29 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at info@uurehome.com, or at 828-281-3253, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Host listings on the *UU're Home* website at www.UUreHome.com are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition is published once a year in April. For a copy of the 2009 directory and a year's access to the website listings, please click on "become a member" to pay by credit card or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

And for our Gardeners . . .

The Napa Valley Community Garden Stakeholders will be having a meeting for all interested parties on Wednesday, December 10, at 6 pm, at the site of the garden (the Lutheran Church at the corner of Jefferson and Trower). If you would like more information about this meeting, please get in touch with Lena Septimo, 258-1163.

*Please join the Napa Interfaith Council for our
Holiday Potluck Lunch*

*Noon, Wednesday December 3
First United Methodist Church
625 Randolph St.*

Please Bring a Dish to Share

