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September 5, 10:30 a.m. "California DREAMing?"

Join us for a Labor Day conversation with author and developmental psychologist William Perez, a professor at Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Perez's new book, *We ARE Americans*, tells the stories of young people who share the American dream of working hard and going to college, and shows what it means to grow up undocumented in the United States. He will share some of his views on current politics and policies, including the proposed DREAM Act, with us. Jani Monk will be our lay leader; Lily Popova will provide music.

September 12, 10:30 a.m. "Ingathering / Water Service"

Each fall we gather to reconnect after the slower rhythm of summer and after summer travels. Please bring real or virtual water to pour into the common bowl. This will be a multi-generational service focused on the relationships that refresh us. Rev. Ann Schranz, Amy Randall, Laura Mulroy, and Meg Roberts

September 19, 10:30 a.m. "Atonement and Forgiveness"

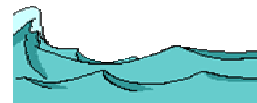
Yesterday was Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for observant Jews. We will explore ways that we can move toward making things right, asking for forgiveness, and forgiving. Rev. Ann Schranz

September 26, 10:30 a.m. "De Colores"

Let your "inner artist" come out and play. We will decorate our name tags with stickers, drawings, symbols, and expressive color. They have been stark white long enough. We will also look at way to build and sustain a multicultural congregation, relying in part on resources from the recent Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. Rev. Ann Schranz

**Water, Water Everywhere**

Our annual multigenerational water service is a UU ritual, and everyone is invited to bring a sample of water from your travels or water that has other significance. So, here is a reminder that if you go anywhere, pick up some water, and bring it back with you. Thanks, Amy Randall



Monthly Message from MVUUC Reverend Ann Schranz



Welcome to a new rhythm – the rhythm of fall. For many of us, the pace is quicker, and there are more activities to juggle. This is a good time to reconnect with friends and acquaintances at Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation. It is also a good time to reach out to newcomers and visitors, welcoming them into this fine congregation. Every one of us was once a visitor. Let's not leave it to chance whether a visitor returns and finds what he or she is looking for among us.

Small Group Ministry –

To make it easier to know each other and ourselves in more depth, you are invited to join one of four groups in our Small Group Ministry program. The group facilitators are Catherine Rowlee, Gayle Hall-Christensen, Rev. Ellen Livingston, and Marie Summers. Watch the Announcements for the dates, times, and locations of each group. Groups generally meet twice a month, with a minimum commitment of three months. Groups provide an opportunity to wonder, search, discover, change, and share.

Connection with Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church –

Rev. Ann met lay leaders from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Ontario through community organizer Ken Fujimoto. The congregation includes many immigrants. There are several networks of community organizers throughout the country. Ken is affiliated with the IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation), whose founder was the late Saul Alinsky. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church has asked the Ontario city council to publicly oppose Arizona SB 1070 and similar legislation (see the August 17 article in The Inland Valley Daily Bulletin (http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_15808375)). Julie Steinbach, Catherine Marie Mayfield, Jani Monk, Frank Amon, and I are exploring ways that we might collaborate with the Our Lady of Guadalupe congregation.

Jim Scott Concert on Saturday, September 25 –

We are delighted that Jim Scott will be in concert at MVUUC the evening of September 25. Watch the Announcements for the time and ticket price (probably \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door). Composer, guitarist and singer Jim Scott has visited over 500 Unitarian Universalist congregations. Several of his songs are in our hymnal, including "Gather the Spirit." Formerly a member of the Paul Winter Consort and co-composer of their *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*, Jim has toured the world, recorded a number of CDs of original music, and published a growing line of choral works.

Jim helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program for congregations to become more sustainable, and he has gathered and written the "Earth and Spirit Songbook," a collection of 110 songs by contemporary composers. A former board member of the UU Musicians Network, Jim has long been at the forefront of the movement for new music in the denomination. He has lead courses in improvisation at Oberlin College and elsewhere.

See <http://www.jimscottmusic.com/>.



President's Message; Field Notes From the Philippines

Julie Steinbach

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant to affirm and promote this Principle, our Sixth:
The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Four years ago, MVUUC took a giant step in that direction by entering into a partner church relationship with a congregation in the Philippines. Since then, we have exchanged pictures and stories, sent materials and raised money to assist construction of their chapel and pathway up the mountain, and hosted the Rev. Nihal Anton Attanayake, Faith in Action Chair, UU Church of the Philippines, Dumaguete City.

Summer 2010 will forever be marked in MVUUC's history by our first visit to our fellow UUs in the jungle mountain village of Calapayan, on the island of Negros in the Visayas, the central section of the Philippine archipelago (Manila being on Luzon, the northernmost large island). Leading the group was Jackie Albay-Yenney, native of Agoo, north of Manila, and the original inspirator for our partnership, along with Dave Albay-Yenney and their children Angela and Lucien. I was honored and privileged to be able to travel with them. Nihal was our consummate tourguide and host the entire trip.

As is fitting in these times of electronic connectivity, email dispatches form one kind of journal. Here are mine, originally sent to some of you. In addition to those named below, I enjoyed the responses from Maribel Dana, Bettyann East, Gayle Hall-Christensen, Ron Quinn, Amy Randall, and Ann Schranz. You are all with us on this journey.

July 19, Manila

** Hi Jani! Safe landing here after 18 hrs in the plane (2 sitting on ground in Guam), Nihal's open arms of welcome at the airport. Good sleep & shower to recoup, case the neighborhood. Meeting Nihal in 15 min for dinner. Haven't seen Jackie et al yet; he hadn't either, being just back himself from the UU Partner Church Council meeting in the Netherlands.

Very humid here. This neighborhood reminds me of side streets of Beijing. Just a few blocks from gorgeous, elegant walkway along the shore of Manila Bay. No evidence seen yet of recent typhoon – clear & sunny earlier, tho' clouds threaten a bit. Saw *South Pacific* at the Music Center in LA end of June so even have a soundtrack in my mind to accompany all the other intense sounds, sights and smells – and muggy heat. Yes, it's the tropics. Love to all.

** Great board meeting report, Maria – tnx! Sounds like it went very well. It was 2:15 pm your time when I changed my watch to the local time – wherever I was then – sitting on plane in Guam for two hours for refueling, maybe... the 18 hrs on plane en toto are a bit of a blur. Anyway, wherever it was, realized y'all were in meeting at that time and tho't of you.

One interesting point already noted here by Dave, from their visiting the two UU fellowships in Manila yesterday: apparently EVERYONE who found the groups did so via internet. A note to us for the future Publicity Committee.

Today's agenda includes a cultural performance tonite. Will be on lookout for costuming ideas for you. Who knows what topping a wedding cake might look like from this world?

This morning's breakfast buffet included fried fish heads and the morning Manila Times report of confiscation of "double dead" meat. What DOES that mean?? Explorations & discoveries continue. Mabuhay!

July 20

** Jackie & family went to the two Manila UU fellowships Sunday before I got here and thoroughly enjoyed their discussions. I too delighted in meeting one of these UUs, Janet Cemanes, who joined us for lunch at the Ayala Museum then on our tour to Intramuros, the Spanish walled city dating back to 1571. I was quite taken with the story of the Filipino national hero Jose Rizal, imprisoned here before his 1896 execution for inciting revolution. Jackie recited from her school days his "Mi Ultimo Adios" (My Last Farewell), the original copy preserved here. It was smuggled out of his cell inside an oil lamp. His writings center on liberal and progressive ideas of individual rights and freedom; specifically, rights for the Filipino people. Nihal reported that Filipino UUs consider Jose Rizal a UU in his heart. I was moved to step along the brass footprints set into the pavement marking his final steps to his execution.

Cultural performance tonight at Zambuanga Restaurant showcased dance and lotsa percussion, including coconut shells worn on the male body in multiple strategic locations (think brassiere, for one example) then hand-patted in rhythmic routines while dancing – muy entertaining! Coconut Shell Dance it's called. AND, in the spirit of audience participation Dave Albay-Yenney rose to the occasion: he joined the pantheon of Mark Monninger & Jim Shelton in FABULOUS performance art – think grass skirt... pix to be available soon on Facebook, I hear.

July 20-21

** *Exchange with Mark Monninger:* Hey Jules. Can't wait to see the pics of Dave in a grass skirt! Send pics! I had a pen pal in the Philippines, but since I had to move out of the house, I can't remember his name or know where his letter is, if you meet him, tell him hi for me!

* You had a penpal here?? Land of 96 million people spread out on 7,107 islands – and you think I'll run into him??? Or is he a UU? That might be more workable. Only a few thousand in the 29 congregations; we'll be visiting maybe 4 or 5 including our partner church, expecting to see maybe 60-70 people, Starting tonite, having just landed in Dumaguete at a fab jungle airport that reminds me of Costa Rica. This town is the Rome of UUism in the Philippines. Tonite we have dinner/dance welcome with the local honchos, including the daughter Rebecca of the founder (1955) of UU in the Philippines. Jackie says I have to do a karaoke number – yikes!

With the hotel dining room full, ate my breakfast at the hotel bar this morning and what should be on the TV but talk of the Lakers! In Manila! What can I say... Mabuhay!

* The pen pal came from the UU church that Jackie set us up with, so I think it's someone in the town you're visiting? Can't wait to hear more about the karaoke.

July 22-23, Dumaquete

** *Exchange with John Keohane, Austin TX, Developer of Course in Great Moments in UU History:*

Greetings from the Philippines where five of us are on a 10-day tour particularly to visit our partner church at Calapayan, one of the 29 UU churches in the Republic – which falls in the "who knew?" category for me. So much UU history is here that, as you may know but I certainly didn't, a book specifically on UUism in the Philippines was written by Anapolis minister Fredric Muir, *Maglipay Universalist*, which I just started reading, thanx to the loan from UUCP headquarters here. It's quite a story! We heard the oral version this morning from Rebecca Quimada Sienes, herself part of the history, as daughter of the founder Toribio Quimada who was assassinated for his radical teachings in March 1988; she came to the Palm Springs GA that year in June to speak in his stead. Adding to the import of that period is a slice of our own church history: One in our group here, Dave Albay-Yenney heard Rebecca speak at that GA – just before coming to the Philippines in August to marry Filipina Jackie, the original instigator of our partnership. Being here with them and their two teens is recapturing that history as well! 1988 was quite a year.

* A special aside: When you get a chance, tell me more about how you relate to your partner church. We have to do more of that with ours in Romania, and a committee I head, Denominational Affairs, is charged with that responsibility. Meanwhile, have a great trip.

* Great question, John, part of our ongoing conversation with Nihal here. In fact, this morning at breakie the subject arose again. If you have any handy relational hints, would be glad to hear. One of our concerns is being able to develop relationships on an equal basis – not just that of the rich American checkbook.

* Sorry. I've very much feeling my way on this one. Almost anything you can tell me would add to my knowledge base.-

July 24, Hinoba'an

** Reporting in from the province of Negros Occidental on a rest day at Happy Valley Beach Resort where I started the day with a 6:30 a.m. swim just a few feet outside my door. A few weeks before this trip, a Chinese fortune cookie forecast "You will have a happy vacation across warm water." Bingo. After walking 1 km down the beach into town, have just been cruising the market with Jackie. I feel like I have my own personal local tourguide: She introduced me to a banana-cue (deep fried banana on stick) – another virgin experience, one of those incredible taste treat moments that makes travel so alluring and enlivening. She also pointed out the various papaya soaps – popular here for skin LIGHTENING... whoda thunk?!

Yesterday, we trekked upward to two other UU chapels in the hills. Our hike (training for Calapayan) took us to Culipapa where some 20 adults and 30 children greeted us. The sweets served were hot native chocolate and a rice flour baked pastry that Jackie calls puto. Another unforgettable scene was riding up a rocky road that our van couldn't negotiate at a certain point, so Nihal invoked some *habal habals* (heavy duty motorcycles) for us to ride on the back the last 3 km to get to the Nagbinlod chapel in the midst of a mango plantation. The ride made me think of a memoir I read years ago by Lini DeVries, a Dutchwoman who moved to Mexico in the 1920's and took healthcare programs into the hills. Her title, *Please God Take Care of the Mule* – my UU prayer both going up and down that trail – while grinning the entire way...

July 25

** Today was our big day hiking up the (rather steep & challenging) path to our Calapayan congregational partners with ribbon-cutting ceremony at both the entrance to the path and at the chapel doorway. Rebecca had surprised us by showing up at the breakfast table in a beautiful Filipina embroidered blouse and skirt – and she hiked in that elegant outfit, while we sported our semi-grubbies. Herself a Meadville-Lombard trained minister, she led the services – and used lovely ritual elements new to our worship experience – sprinkling (sorta tossing, actually) salt (for preservation - of RELATIONSHIPS!), water (for life) and oil (for healing) – and she did all three into the FOUR DIRECTIONS!! Am looking fwd to quizzing her about this tonite at dinner. Jackie doesn't know about an indigenous Filipino tradition that would include that. Nor does the still dominant RCatholic church doesn't include that.

More to be revealed. In the meantime, my personal favorite taste sensations at the chapel were provided by drinking from the hole in top of the coconut shell, then scraping the meat out of the half shell to savor every spoonful.

Even Lucien, who *avoids* the camera, had a good time - marked by his requesting a picture taken of him and his new best friend found there. Angela made her own like teen connection.

Imagine a room maybe 12 x 18 (my combined living-dining room) – a whitewashed chapel with four un-glassed windows wide open, a gentle jungle breeze and the concrete block construction keeping the cool in, even in the hot sunny humidity of these tropics. Imagine wooden planks on crossbars for pews, holding some 50 adults and children squeezed together to meet and greet us in worship and song. Imagine Efren's guitar music and those voices singing the rousing "Joyful Universalism" in Cebuano PLUS the offertory song "From you I receive, to you I give" and "Spirit of Life" – both in English. Very powerful.

Nihal translated later that Rebecca's sermon was all about building a house on rock, not sand – and the paths that we take. The paths that brought us five here have provided a journey profound and unforgettable.

When back at the resort, we were all too tired to walk into town so rode the human-powered pedicab – Jackie, Lucien & I in the covered metal sidecar of bicycle, here to the internet cafe. Another swim may call...

July 26, Bacolod City

** Hi Maria! This morning we met with our partner churchfolks again at the barangay (village district) hall, meaning no climb up the mountain path (whew) – for discussion, sharing, gifting. Your paper pads and colored markers were a big hit. One teen Selsa was most intrigued with the (incredibly gorgeous) scrapbook Jackie had put together to give them. Selsa kept asking the names of individuals in the pictures, so I made it a point to show her you as the donor of the art supplies and tell her your name. She liked hearing that.

Last night at dinner, learned that Rebecca had learned about the pagan honoring of the Four Directions during her seminary time in the US. She's brought one indigenous tradition from our heritage to hers. She and I also shared a sunset swim. Today's sunrise dip was the third, and last there – in oh so WARM water. Ahhhhh... Now we're in the largest city encountered since Manila, Bacolod City, capital of the province of Negros Occidental, tomorrow to see colonial Spanish mansions, a whole 'nother world once again. So many here.

** *To daughter Tracey.* Si, siempre on the lotion n potion quest. Pure coconut oil and malunggay herb capsules already procured in Dumaguete, and here at a more chichi city hotel, right at the front desk are flyers advertising malunggay. Jackie had already said it's very commonly used for all kinds of healing things. She also wants to find some perfume of the national flower Sampaguitay, which may be related to your favorite Hawaiian scent pikake.

Re skin lightening, a most poignant moment this morning with our partner churchfolks: Two women separately said (in very limited English) to me how my white skin is beautiful – and black skin (the kind of suntan I'd love of course) is not – which of course I tried to counter – going up against the cultural grain, part of what Jackie's also articulated repeatedly as the oppressed, low self-image of the majority of Filipinos.

Favorite quote read here in a chapter on Philippine history - that it can be summed up as "300 years of being in a Catholic convent then 50 years of Hollywood."

July 27

** Here at the O Hotel lobby internet, awaiting massage therapist – 850 pesos (46p to dollar, so about \$18) for Package No. 1: 60 minute full body massage, 25 min facial, 15 min ear cleaning. Jackie tho't way too expensive. We 3 adults each had a full body massage at Happy Valley Beach Resort for 200 pesos each, which turned out to be only a half hour or so. So yes, more costly here in the city than way out yonder – but still waaaaaay cheaper than US.

Marcos' Revenge hit me this morning at 4:24 a.m. The group took off to see Spanish mansions & a museum, departing at 9, which was about the time my up close & personal relationship with porcelain was complete. But just no energy, so actually slept until almost 1, to my surprise. Apparently my body just needed the break – and soon the massage!

Amongst other potions taken this morning was the Malunggay herb capsules available at front desk (5p apiece, twice a day). somewhere I read it's HORSERADISH! Claims to have healing action for all kinds of ailments – including diarrhea, which, in a story yesterday about another UU visitor's suffering, Nihal referred to as LBM.

Yep, brought the new Keen trekking sandals. Wore on the jungle hike up to the chapel, the best part being walking thru the water several times & getting at least the feet cooled off. Reminded me of rainforest walks in Costa Rica with Texas - but these ARE better for real elevation hiking because of the deeper tread and toe protection. Meanwhile, most of the locals wore flip flops. Click! Another shot of First World-Third World contrast.

July 28, San Carlos City

** Today's vanride 5 km. up another very rocky jungle road took us to Jerusalem – at least that's what Jackie's calling the UU chapel at Nataban, its being the site of the first congregation gathered by Toribio Quimada in 1955, from whence he rode his horse thru these movingly majestic mountains to spread the Universalist message – so refreshing in the Catolico oppressiveness of the country (which STILL outlaws divorce).

The lay leader here was born a UU, his father having been one first inspired by Toribio Quimada. Likewise another family in this group of 30some – who'd been waiting several hours for our arrival, just so happy to have us visit. As we all do, we asked each other how we came to UUism. We heard the same lineage reported by

another family there, as well as at our Calapayan partner church – being born into UUism. The other common theme – “we saw this group of people cooperating with each other, helping each other.” After our sharing, we stood in circle outside the chapel, holding hands and singing “Spirit of Life” – as I write this, the same wellspring of emotion is stirred.

Our fearless leader Nihal visits at least one of the 29 UU congregations in the country every month, usually by bus, motorcycle, or foot. Today he told us about the time he had to ride a horse to get to one. He'd never ridden a horse before (remember, while being a man who connects well with all, this is a former Anglican priest from Sri Lanka, with the presence of an academic) – and found the first half hour most painful but then – “I loved it!” Making me wonder how many clergy do we know who engage TODAY in equine ministry??

Meanwhile, on another nutritional front, today's morsel magic was provided by Jackie's introduction at a street cart in Bacolod City this morning – lanzones, a plum sized fruit that tastes like a delicate grapefruit. Oh, so sweet and refreshing. Hmm, that's the second time I've used that descriptor this writing. Have I mentioned the cool breezes in this tropical humidity? Or the intense afternoon downpours? Or my delightful travel partners?? It's a most compatible group.

After circling the island of Negros, we started and will end our time in Dumaguete, not only UUCP Central but the capital of Negros Oriental province and a university town that feels a bit like Madison, Ann Arbor and Claremont all rolled together. And, it's known as the Motorcycle Capital of the Philippines! Tomorrow night will be our farewell celebration hosted by Rebecca and staff. Can one ever prepare oneself for the emotion of departure?? Especially from such a passionate and committed, loving and fun community.

** Hi Greta & Paul! Just wanted you to know how much we've been carrying you in our hearts with your eye issues, Paul. Especially since meeting our partners at Calapayan, where the minister sports a sty the size of a golfball (I exaggerate not). Nihal tells us the sty has been enlarging recently. It's not clear why medical care is not sought, whether it's economics alone or something having to do with his position as a "faith healer" in the indigenous UU understanding of that. Anyway, know that healing thoughts are being dispatched your way from these isles.

July 30

** *In response to the Social Action call for an Hour of Reflection:* Great work, Jani! Even though it WASN'T at exactly the same time as yours because of the time difference (when is clock time not clock time?), we were having our own final Hour of Reflection at yes, EXACTLY the same time, Thurs 29 July 6-8 pm, final service, sharing, singing, prayer circling, gifting and feasting with the UUCP headquarters staff in Dumaguete. Much depth of questioning, thoughts, emotions – and laughter. A fine sendoff – into the continuing chapters of our saga together.

On the flight from Dumaguete to Manila this morning, Jackie and I brainstormed a bit about next steps. She mentioned you in particular as being a key support with the Social Action Committee past – and future (along with Ann, Sachiko, Amy). I've already emailed Catherine Marie about our wanting to do a Sunday service either last Sunday in September or early October. We learned that each of us had sat in the chapel dedication last Sunday beginning to envision that service, Jackie thinking Powerpoint, I thinking ritual. We're hoping that'll work for the worship schedule. The A-Ys will return to LA Aug 5th, back to school the 8th; I'll be home the 16th. We'll connect thereafter for our own debriefing and then... quien sabe? Mabuhay! Love, Julie



Pointing to Calapayan on map of Negros



Notices

**Clear Mountain Sangha—See You In September...**

Meets in the Founders Room for meditation and discussion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 7-9 p.m. Contacts are Catherine Marie Mayfield (909-286-1139) and Bob Figoni (909-957-0881).

Following is the upcoming schedule:

Dates	Topic	Facilitator_____
September 1	Meditation as Medicine	Michael Cothren
September 15	Healing the Eternal Body	Michael Cothren
September 29	Eleven Days of Global Unity, Peace Meditation	Catherine Rowlee

Social Action Corner

It's been an eventful summer, with rulings and reversals on Marriage Equality and immigration, and fall promises even more fun! Please plan to join us on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:15 as the Adult Forum and Social Action Forum join forces to present the pros and cons of California's November ballot issues. We hope to have an expert from the Claremont League of Women Voters to guide our discussion.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, we will be serving again at Community Meals, and, in combination with the Green Team, we hope that MVUUC's gardeners will be providing a good portion of the meal. If your garden is producing more than you need, consider bringing some of your crop to MVUUC by Thursday, Sept. 9, so that we can incorporate it into our menu.

If you can let us know in advance what you think you might have (i.e., type of vegetable, fruit or seasoning, and your best guess as to quantity), it will be very helpful. Contact Joe Emmert at mail@emmert.us or Jani Monk at (909) 982-2027. If you'd like to help at the meal, which benefits hungry families in our community, plan to join us from 2:30 to 4:30 at Vista del Valle Elementary School. Sign-ups are encouraged on the MVUUC website.

And finally, many thanks to all who contributed school supplies for our August "Back to School" drive. Thanks also to our joint Social Action-Religious Education coordinators for this collection, Colleen Bennett and Jeanine Little. Multiple deliveries of pencils, crayons, notebooks, backpacks and the like have been taken to Hope Partners, who will be distributing these essential items to students in need. Way to go, MVUUC!

Submitted by Jani Monk, Social Action Chair



REflections

Amy Randall, Directory of Religious Education

September – the start of a new Religious Education (RE) year, and with it new ideas and opportunities.

This year we are *Exploring Our Jewish & Christian Heritages*. The Bible is presented as just one of many of the wonderful Unitarian Universalist sources.

Leatha Comstock will lead our **Explorers** class (Grades K-2) this year with three helpers (one per week). They will be celebrating Jewish, Christian, and two Islam holidays.

Our **Navigators** class (Grades 3-5) will introduce children to the stories of people from the Bible who have acted with courage and wisdom and show how the lives of these people confirm our Unitarian Universalist principles.

Bibleodeon introduces our **Searchers** class (Grades 6-8) to Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting the best-known stories as interactive challenges. This group will explore connections between biblical events & Unitarian Universalist principles.

Aside from these classes, the Explorers & Navigators will be attending Children's Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. We will also provide quarterly multigenerational services. About once a month (depending on class level), there will also be special activities: art projects, Bible based movies, safety class, environmental projects, Val Pal party, etc

This next year will be fun and educational. Please make sure you REGISTER. We need the information on your children, in order to keep them safe, healthy and happy. We also need your commitment to the program.

I will be happy to answer any questions or take suggestions anytime. Thanks for your support!

Happy New RE Year!

Amy Randall

Director of Religious Education



MVUUC Activities Calendar



September, 2010

Note: All numbered rooms are in Livingston Hall, on the south perimeter of our campus.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Small Group Ministry Retreat, Ann, Ellen, Gayle (Off site) 7:15 p.m. -Clear Mountain Sangha, Bob or Catherine. (Founder's Room)	2 Small Group Ministry Retreat, Ann, Ellen, Gayle (Off site) 4:30 p.m. -Voice Lessons, Abraham P. (Sanctuary) 6:15 p.m. -Worship and Music Committee (Founder's Room) 7:30 p.m. -No Choir Rehearsal, will resume September (Sanctuary)	3 Small Group Ministry Retreat, Ann, Ellen, Gayle (Off site) 10:30 a.m. -NO STAFF MEETING 2:30 p.m. -MVUUC Knitting Circle, Jani Mont (Founder's Room)	4 1 p.m. Outside Use (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Patio)
5 8:45 a.m. -Adult Forum (Founder's Room) 10:30 a.m. -Sunday Service, "California DREAMing?" Jani Monk, Lay leader (Sanctuary) 12:15 p.m. -RE Council Meeting - Amy R. (Founder's Room)	6 2:30 p.m. -Knitting Circle, Jani Monk (Founder's Room)	7	8	9 4:30 p.m. -Voice Lessons, Abraham P. (Sanctuary) 6 p.m. Facilities Meeting - Nancy R. (Founder's Room) 7 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal, Lily Popova (Sanctuary)	10 10:30 a.m. -Staff Meeting, Rev. Ann (Founder's Room) 4 p.m. -Personnel Committee (Founder's Room) 7:30 p.m. -CUUPS Liquid Moon, Nancy R., Jeanne C. (Founder's Room) 8 p.m. Lavender Life Dance, Aida (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Patio)	11 10 a.m. Board of Trustees Retreat (Myra House, Claremont) 1 p.m. Outside Use (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Patio)
12 8:30 a.m. -Men's Group, Nick L. (Founder's Room) 10:30 a.m. -Sunday Service, "Ingathering / Water Service" Rev Ann, Amy, Laura and Meg (Sanctuary)	13	14	15 7:15 p.m. -Clear Mountain Sangha - Bob or Catherine (Founder's Room)	16 4:30 p.m. -Voice Lessons, Abraham P. (Sanctuary) 7 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal, Lily Popova (Sanctuary)	17 10:30 a.m. -Staff Meeting, Rev. Ann (Founder's Room) 2:30 p.m. -MVUUC Knitting Circle, Jani Monk (Founder's Room)	18
19 8:45 a.m. -Adult Forum (Founder's Room) 10:30 a.m. -Sunday Service, "Atonement and Forgiveness" Rev. Ann (Sanctuary) 12 p.m. -Green Team Meeting, Dejah Swingle (Founder's Room) 12:15 p.m. -Board of Trustee Meeting, Julie S. (Classroom 3)	20 2:30 p.m. -Knitting Circle, Jani Monk (Founder's Room)	21 10 a.m. -Buuk Group (Founder's Room) 7 p.m. -Membership Comm. Emilie M. (Founder's Room)	22 4 p.m. -Hope Partners Advisory Committee, Diane Boydell (Sanctuary or Patio) 7 p.m. -Drumming - Catherine Rowlee (Sanctuary)	23 4:30 p.m. -Voice Lessons, Abraham P. (Sanctuary) 7 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal, Lily Popova (Sanctuary)	24 10:30 a.m. -Staff Meeting, Rev. Ann (Founder's Room) 5 p.m. -CUUPS Liquid Moon, Mabon, Jeanne C. (Sanctuary, Kitchen, Patio & Founder's Room)	25 8 a.m. Prepare Community Meals, Jani Monk (Kitchen) 2 p.m. Memorial Services, Rev. Paul Sawyer (Sepulveda UU Society) 5 p.m. Jim Scott,(Composer, Guitarist and Singer) Concert, Tickets at door \$12.00 (Sanctuary)
26 8:30 a.m. -Men's Group, Nick L. (Founder's Room) 10:30 a.m. -Sunday Service, "De Colores" Rev. Ann (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m. -Social Action Committee, Jani M. (Founder's Room) 2:30 p.m. -Community Meals Sumner Elementary (Off site)	27	28	29	30 4:30 p.m. -Voice Lessons, Abraham P. (Sanctuary) 7 p.m. -Days of Global Unity Interfaith Concert, Catherine Rowlee (Sanctuary)		

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