

DIALOGUE

A QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

Inspired by our UU principles, we are a vibrant, intentionally diverse congregation that models and promotes both locally and globally: love, spiritual growth, service, right relations and sustainable living.

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS (Once a month)

GET GROUNDED - Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch. Meet with your friends once a month and get your hands dirty and your soul clean; keep the Fellowship looking good with the added bonus of a delicious lunch. Contact: Ken Schultz at BuildingAndGrounds@uufsd.org

COMMUNICATIONS

ARE YOU A DETAIL PERSON? What we communicate is important, how we communicate is even more important, helping to get the word out and understood is a miracle! We need to keep our web site current. Can you spare a few hours a month? Join Communications. Contact Tiffany Fox at Communications@uufsd.org

GREETERS (SUNDAYS)

MEET AND GREET AND FEEL COMPLETE - Enjoy the interaction with members and visitors. Greet before a service every once in awhile. It's a great way to get to know people. Contact: Betsy Gilpin at Membership@uufsd.org

HAPPENINGS TABLE (SUNDAYS)

BE THE ONE IN THE KNOW - AND HELP OTHERS FIND OUT - Wonderful way to stay engaged. Staff the Happenings Table in the Core area after services. Distribute information on events/ activities, and opportunities at the Fellowship. Contact Irv Himelblau at publicity@uufsd.org

JOY COMMITTEE

SPREAD JOY, HARVEST HAPPINESS - Assist, support and facilitate social events such as: Holiday Festival, Passover Seder, Thanksgiving Dinner, 4th of July picnic, potlucks,. Share the joy! This a great way to meet people. Contact Susan Pernia at Joy@uufsd.org

KITCHEN MANAGEMENT

WE MAY NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S PRETTY TASTY - Help create a welcoming environment as members and visitors pass by for coffee and goodies on the patio every Sunday.. Brew coffee, set the tables, clean up afterwards. Contact Alejandra Hoffman-Chan at: Kitchen@uufsd.org

LIBRARY BOOK SALE (SUNDAYS)

IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES-BUT IF YOU DON'T HELP IT COULD BE THE WORST - Join in the conversation about books from the many that pass by the book sale table on Sundays. Contact Richard Macdonald at ridumac@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP

WHERE DO OUR NEW VISITORS GET THERE INFORMATION FROM? Do you like kits? Be the assembler of UUFSD information to new visitors by putting together the "New Visitor Information Packet." Your way of "having a hand in our handouts." Contact: Betsy Gilpin at Membership@uufsd.org

OFFICE (ADMINISTRATION)

WE ALL NEED A HELPING HAND... LEND YOURS - Support the administration of our community. Contact: Office Administrator at Office@uufsd.org

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS (SUNDAYS AND EVENTS)

LIKE TO TELL PEOPLE WHERE TO GO? THEN THIS IS A FIT FOR YOU - Fulfill your desire for providing direction. Assist in parking lot traffic control. Contact: ParkingLot@uufsd.org

RE CLASS ASSISTANTS (SUNDAYS)

TEACH OUR CHILDREN WELL - Share the ministry of guiding our children. Provide healthy snacks, another pair of hands, and an escort to the restroom, if needed. The main teacher does all the lesson preparation and leads the class. Contact: Alison Crotty, Director of Religious Education at Alison@uufsd.org

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

WALKING OUR TALK - There are a number of satisfying projects and programs to choose from. Ongoing projects include: Immigration Reform, The Community Resource Center Food Bank; Home Building, in Mexico; Environmental Justice; Interfaith Homeless Shelter and more. Contact: Irv Himelblau at SocialAction@uufsd.org

USHERS (SUNDAYS)

BE A SHEPHERD - Hand out Hymnals and Order of Service at the Sunday service, and distribute and collect offering baskets. Contact: Alana Schuler, Bob Quick, John and Mary Ellen Drummond at ushers@uufsd.org.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES

PLEASE CONTACT LISA SHAFFER AT: board@uufsd.org

HAPPENINGS

Day Laborers Lunch Program Oct-Dec 2014



October Crew



November Crew



December Crew

Death Cafe, October 18, 2014



"I told myself if two people showed up at the Death Cafe I'd call it a success. More than 50 attended to openly discuss death. In their feedback, people described it as 'engaging,' 'sobering,'



empowering,' 'healthy,' 'intimate,' and at least one 'uncomfortable.' (We all get 'healthy,' 'intimate,' and at least one 'uncomfortable.' (We all get that one.) The thing that surprised me most was how much laughter I heard. The thing that surprised me least was how wonderful the participants were. When you open up, you shine."

Tiffany Fox

Peter Mayer in Concert, October 18, 2014



The PETER MAYER CONCERT on October 18 was a special evening with a special person who is as talented a musician as he is a kind, caring, and thoughtful "big picture" person. Founders Hall was filled to capacity with folks from UU congregations from around the county, and attendees remarked at the beauty of the setting as they enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the patio area. After expenses, we made nearly \$600, and contributed 20% of this to the San Diego UU Network (SUUN).

Dia De Los Muertos, November 2, 2012

Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday observed throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died.

Dia de Los Muertos is an annual event at UUFSD as we gather to remember those who were close and dear to us. We celebrate their lives and keep their memories in our hearts.



SAC-UURISE Immigration Legal Clinic



Partnering with UURISE, the SAC conducted the second in a series of free Immigration Legal clinics at the Fellowship. UUFSDVolunteers, Nancy & Roger Harmon, Livia Walsh, Maria Penny, Elenor Bartho, Steve Rosen, Humberto Leal, and Irv Himelblau joined members from UURISE, Dan Stratcka, Katia Hanson, Maria Chavez, Attorney, Jessica Leon, Intern, and Mia Mogavero, Volunteer.

UURISE assisted seven individuals with their legal concerns and meticulously covered safety and security issues that affect non citizens. Clients counseled gave glowing reviews of the orientation and of the consultations. Another

SAC-CRC Food Drive, November 2014



The Fellowship demonstrated a great deal of compassion and love during the special CRC Food Pantry Drive in November. We exceeded our goals for the Community Resource Center special Food Drive. We collected actual product and funds that pushed us over our original goals: 100 oils - **we collected 200**, 100 oat meals, **we collected 200**, and 100 detergents, **we met the goal!**

Thanksgiving 2014



UUFSD held its 2014 Thanksgiving Dinner with a record 95 people in attendance. The Joy Committee kitchen crew provided the turkeys and standard trimmings thanks to Eleanor Batho, Bev Connor, Louise Garrett, Debbie Ploeser, and Barbara Walker. To practice our welcoming principles, the Joy Committee designed the dinner to include significant numbers of dishes for our members having gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian (G-F/V/V) food requirements. We used markers to identify the type of each dish so there would be no confusion as to what the ingredients were. We even gave the G-F/V/V folks the invitation to eat first since they have limited choices. These folks let us know they felt more welcome in the Thanksgiving Celebration, so we will continue this tradition in the future.

Christmas 2014



Again this year the Fellowship held two Christmas Eve Services to accommodate the increased attendance. There was wonderful music provided by the UUFSD band and the children's choir. Over 250 members, friends and relatives were in attendance. A Christmas cookie communion took place between the two services. The attendees were treated to a variety of holiday cookies and hot cocoa, tea and coffee.



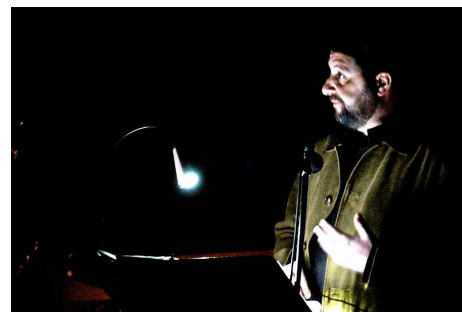
Gospel Workshop with Ken Anderson

Ken Anderson, professor of music at UCSD, is the director of the Martin Luther King Gospel choir in San Diego and teaches voice and piano lessons at Grossmont College in LA. He performs as a tenor soloist and is also assistant pastor at Grace Church San Diego in Normal Heights. Along the way, he has helped raise 10 foster children! Ken conducted the first UUFSD “Gospel Worksop” with over 50 people in attendance. It seemed impossible, but by the end of the session we actually sang gospel songs as a choir. Along the way, Ken explained how spirituals became the a hidden code for the antislavery movement.



A Vigil - Sandy Hook Shooting Two Years Later: December 14, 2014





On Sunday, December 14th, In commemoration of the second anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, UUFSD joined the Newtown Foundation, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, States United to Prevent Gun Violence and the Washington National Cathedral in a nationwide candlelight vigil service of mourning and remembrance for all those who have fallen victim to the ongoing epidemic of gun violence in America.

We joined with people all across the country in every state to call attention to the impact of gun violence and the culture of violence has upon all of our communities. The event was a pledge to make a difference by remembering those who have been lost and committing ourselves to helping our local community promote gun safety, crossing boundaries or our own making and finding ways for us to create innovative partnerships and peaceful solutions. The Vigil also was held to help us remember that gun violence affects all of us urban, suburban, rural, rich, poor, young, and old. I ask us all to reflect on the fact that since the Newtown massacre, there have been 60,000 shooting related deaths in this country.

Speakers included: San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts; Imam Taha Hassane of the San Diego Islamic Temple, Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson, Minister of Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; Rev. Madison Shockley, Minister of Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad; Rev. Jennifer Channin, Assistant Minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego; Steve Bartram, UUFSD, and Rev. David. Music was provided by Marshall Voit.

A meeting is being planned to move forward with next steps and more information will follow in the coming months.