

Mission Trip 2008

The Mission Trip 2008 was a very enjoyable learning experience for me on several different fronts. It was delightful and insightful to get to know our kids in a setting other than RE. We laughed, worked, played, laughed, talked and cried together! I believe I have a better understanding of our teens and feel even closer to them now (especially my powerful "Green Touch Group" and my "rowdy" bedroom partners)!

I learned a lot about how teens are both the same yet different today. The bottom line is that these are good, capable people on an excellent and noble path.

Teens: You are each unique, beautiful and magnificent! I love you.

-Tresa Stitley



The mission trip this year was wonderful though very different from last year's. We traveled to Ogden, met many other church youth groups, and helped three families who were struggling on projects around their homes.

I was assigned to a painting job that we finished very quickly despite a small electrical fire and our almost forgetting a room. Then we got to help at a home in beautiful Ogden canyon that housed a family struggling with Alzheimer's. Other than the satisfying work, our time with the the other Unitarians that we worked and lived with was so much fun: play-

ing ping-pong, learning edju, and talking late into the night. Then came the AMAZING spiritual part of our trip: visiting the Shaman and going through a four hour freedom ceremony. The trip was so great I can't wait till next year's.

- Annalisa H.



This was my first time and It was an exciting experience for me! We painted two houses in two days and also cleaned up a yard for people who needed our help. It felt good helping other people. We also got to do other fun things like swimming which felt really cool after all the hard and hot work!

I met a lot of new people that I had a lot of fun with and made new friends that I will continue to keep in touch with.

-Joe A.



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Book Group with Tom Goldsmith and David Irvine

Book Discussion Group led by Tom Goldsmith and Dave Irvine: 4 weekly sessions throughout September. Please call Tom's office 582-8687 ext. 2 if you want the church to order the book for you. ***The Matador's Cape: America's Reckless Response to Terror*** by Stephen Holmes.

The dates of the group still need to be confirmed but will likely be held on Wednesdays. The book is deci-

sive, brilliant, honest, illuminating, and intense. It may well change your mind about a lot of things, including liberalism. Dave, a retired brigadier general who was so well received by our congregation when he spoke here on terrorism, will provide balance to Tom's utopianism filtered through liberal lenses.

First UU Table at Allies Dinner

First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City has been a partner of Equality Utah and has sponsored tables at their Allies Dinner for the past 3 years. You are invited to join other members of our Church community in support of our GLBT members. ***Be the change we want to see in Salt Lake City.*** Let's have a stellar showing of support at this fun and entertaining event.

When: Tuesday, September 16, 2008; Cocktails at 6p.m. Dinner at 7p.m.

Where: Grand Ballroom at The Salt Palace

Cost: \$100 per person

Guest Speaker: Kevin Jennings, Executive Director - Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network

2008 Allies for Equality Award Recipients:

Salt Lake Mayor Ralph Becker

Laura Milliken Gray

Boyer & Pat Jarvis

Go to: www.alliesdinner.org to reserve your seat at the First Unitarian Church Table. Click on **Tickets**.

Complete the reservation form. Your table captain is **Andrea Globokar**. Be sure to enter Andrea's name in the **Table Captain** area. Enter your name and the names of each guest you are reserving for in the **Guest's Name** area. The number of guest names (including your own) should equal the number of tickets you are reserving. Send Andrea an e-mail at an-globe@comcast.net to let her know everyone you have reserved for at this event.

This event benefits Equality Utah Political Action Committee. **Equality Utah Political Action Committee** endorses candidates and supports their campaigns with volunteer efforts and financial contributions. Through the efforts of Equality Utah PAC, we are working to expand the number of fair-minded elected officials in state and local government.

-submitted by Andrea Globokar

Environmental Ministry News

Garden Update

If you would like to follow our work in the vegetable garden over the summer, check out our blog at <http://gardenslcuu.blogspot.com>.

Environmental Ministry Planning Meeting

If you would like to get involved in Environmental Ministry planning for the coming year, please join us for a planning meeting on Sunday, August 10, 2008 following the Summer Forum presentation by Bill McKibben.

Summer Reading Suggestion

You may want to check out one or more of Bill McKibben's books and articles on environmental issues before his presentation. Links are available on his website at: <http://www.billmckibben.com/index.html>. If you are interested in reading one of these books with a group, please contact Richard Teerlink (aurum@xmission.com).

*-submitted by Joan Gregory
Environmental Ministry*



RE Newsbits

Teacher Training

Teacher training for all RE teachers Pre-school - High School will be here at the church on Saturday August 16th from 9 - 2. Breakfast will be served at 8:30. Child care and lunch will be provided.

RE Painting Party

There will be a painting party for RE in August. Keep your eyes open for details.

Introducing RE Cultural Outings for adults

The RE dept invites all adults to join us for our first Cultural Outing. Wednesday, July 30 7:00 p.m. we will be meeting at the main City Library on 200 East 400 South to hear Nancy Horan, author of **Loving Frank**. Nancy Horan is a writer and journalist whose work has appeared in numerous publications. Her first novel, *Loving Frank*, tells the story of renowned architect and Unitarian Frank Lloyd Wright's love affair with Mamah Borthwick Cheney, a married woman who,

along with her husband, commissioned Wright to design their family home in 1903. While scholars have largely relegated Mamah to a footnote in the life of America's greatest architect, Horan gives full weight to their dramatic love story and illuminates Cheney's profound influence on Wright. Contact Trisha at tesschelble@yahoo.com for more information about this Religious Education outing.

Our August outing will be to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts to see **Monet to Picasso**. Tickets are timed for two hour blocks so be sure to get your tickets ASAP. Our time slot is planned for Wednesday, August 27th 4-6:00 p.m. You must arrive and be in the line queue during the two hour time block indicated on your ticket. You can purchase tickets online www.umfa.utah.edu or call 581-7332. Again, contact Trisha at tesschelble@yahoo.com for more information about this outing.

Mission Trip (continued)

A First Church friend of mine replied to my long-winded excited description of this year's YRUU service work saying something along the lines of "I like that you did service work locally this year with our neighbors."

That's when Mr. Frost's poem about neighbors and walls pulled up, prodding with implication – independent of the once-a-year mission trip, when did you last help a neighbor paint? Or clean their yard and garage in the summer heat? When was the last time you allowed yourself to be vulnerable to your friends in revealing what was weighing on you? Witnessing our First Unitarian youth diligently work on these tasks alongside South Valley and other UU youth in contributing to the lives of four families, I felt connected to why I choose to identify being UU: contributing to community in social action. It's apparent our youth want to contribute – one articulated after a long days work how excited she was to finally have an outlet to

help in the community. Observing the impact their actions had on adults, our youth have much to contribute – they acted on principles rather than merely articulating them.

I am humbled by their example, having to acknowledge how often I have built walls between myself & my neighbors with words, justifications, instead of trusting to act on what I profess. Last year, we built a wall in a home on Hopi Nation. This year, I returned inspired by our First Church youth to begin taking one down ... to build community.

-James Griner



What's On Our Plate Thanks

Many thanks to the entire congregation for contributions made once each month to non-profit agencies via the What's on Our Plate initiative in it's first year of implementation. Our most recent recipient, Utah Mother's for Clean Air, will surely put to good use the \$2029. you generously donated to their cause in May, the final month of this session.

When we all reconvene in the fall we will welcome suggestions for the coming year's recipients from any of you with a worthy cause in need of help. In the meantime- have a great summer!

-The WOOP committee and Social Justice Council

Welcome New Members!



Dave and Nancy McNally

Endowment News

A gift has been received in memory of

Patricia Deahl
from Cosette Joesten

Gifts to the Endowment Fund support the work of our church in perpetuity.

Donations may be sent directly to the Church Office. Questions can be directed to any committee member: Carol Blackwell; Chair, June Orme, Danny Schoenfeld, Ron Anderson, or Alan Coombs.

First UU Pioneer Weekend Campout

I have had to move the campground reservation, and luckily was able to get a site even closer! The campground I have reserved for us is called Jordan Pines Campground, up Big Cottonwood Canyon .

We will save a heck of a lot of gas by having it so darn close to home! There's lots of hiking trails, horseshoe and volleyball (anyone have horseshoes? We have volleyball and badminton.) This would also be a great place for squirt guns and water balloons. We can organize group hikes once we are all there. If you want to organize any craft type activities, please do so. We will have 7 kids under 12 years old and a few middle

school and high-school kids. I am also hoping that some of the college aged kids join us too. I hope we have some great Snark Hunts, game nights (board/card games) and treasure hunts too. But I won't be organizing it all. I know you all will have lots of ideas!

Cost is currently \$40 per family. Please bring your own food and a dish to share for a Saturday potluck. For more information, please contact Marti Major at 801-680-3148 or themajors@xmission.com.

-submitted by Marti Major

July/August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 20 Summer Forum 10 a.m. <i>The Maize Maze</i>	21	22	23	24 Church Campout (pg. 4)	25 Church Campout (pg. 4)	26 Food Co-op pick up 9 - 10 a.m. Church Campout (pg. 4)
27 Summer Forum 10 a.m. <i>Notable Women in Utah History</i>	28	29	30 RE Cultural Outing (pg. 3) 7:00 p.m. at Main Library	31	August 1	2
3 Summer Forum 10 a.m. <i>Enriching Communities</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Summer Forum 10 a.m. <i>Our Wounded Earth (Bill McKibben)</i> Environmental Min. planning meeting follow- ing forum (pg. 2)	11 Torch Submissions Due (9 a.m.) Board of Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16 RE Teacher Train- ing, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (pg. 3)
17 Last Summer Forum 10 a.m. <i>Healing the Great Di- vide</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday Service One service only at 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27 RE Cultural Outing at <i>Monet to Picasso</i> 4 to 6 p.m. at UMFA (pg. 3)	28	29	30

UU Lunch Bunch: During the summer forum, with only the one service, UU Lunch Bunch meets at about 11:30 - 11:45 am. "A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people"

For more information on the Lunch Bunch, please contact Tresa Stitley at 260-0265.

July 20th: Shanghai Café - 145 E. 1300 S.

July 27th: Café Med - 420 E. 3300 S.

August 3rd: Olive Garden - 2272 S. 1300 E.

August 10th: The Other Place - 479 E. 300 S.

August 24th: The Dodo - 152 S. 400 W.

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Summer Forum

Sunday, July 27th

10:00 a.m.

Notable Women in Utah History-Firsts and Foremost

-Paula Julander, two-term Utah Senator and two-term Member of the Utah House of Representatives

Sunday, August 3rd

10:00 a.m.

Enriching Communities: The Example of Utah Symphony/Utah Opera

-Melia Tourangeau, President & CEO, Utah Symphony/Utah Opera

Sunday, August 10th

10: a.m.

Our Wounded Earth, Our Wounded Selves: Can We Heal Both?

-Bill McKibben, Author and Founder of 350.org

Sunday, August 17th

10: a.m.

Healing the Great Divide: Mission Impossible?

Deen Chatterjee, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Univ. of Utah