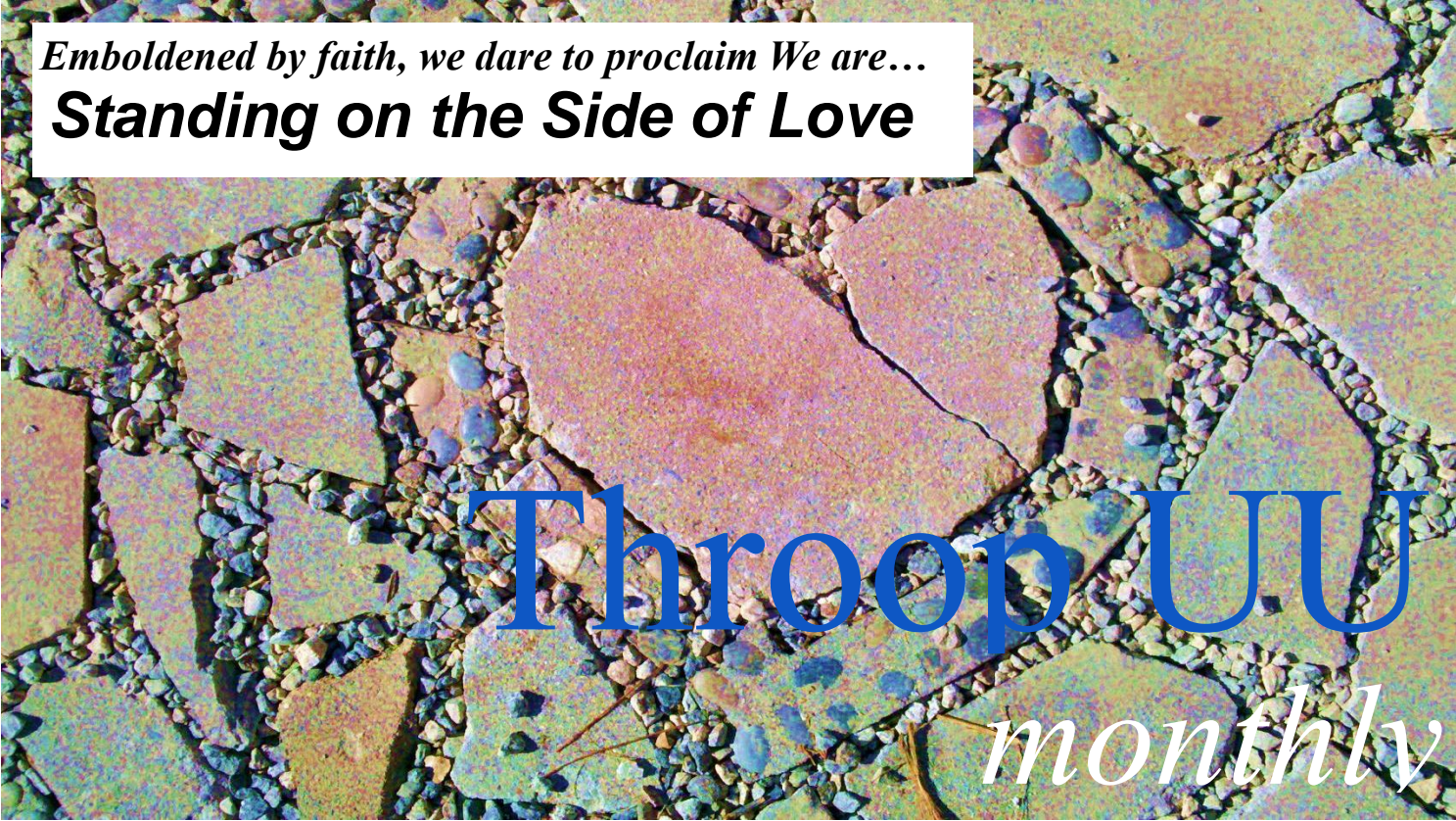


Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim We are...
Standing on the Side of Love



Throop UU

monthly

Sunday Services

January 1, 2012
Poetry Sunday
Dee Falasco

January 8
How Many Kings?
Rev. Carol Rudisill

January 15
Kathleen McGregor

January 22
The Doctrine of
Discovery
Rev. Carol Rudisill

January 29
"This I Believe"
Jim Bys

CAROL'S CORNER

January 2012

Welcome to 2012! I hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to the upcoming year. I want to offer special thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Eve service, including the choir, special singers, readers, musicians, and candle lighters. Those who helped set up cookies, cider, and coffee, then cleaned up afterward, did extraordinary work, especially after preparing the hall on short notice for an Occupy dinner that never materialized.

As Gary Green states in his article later in this newsletter, the Board has appointed a Search Committee to identify the next minister for Throop Church. This will again be a half time minister hired by the Board, rather than a full-scale search for a called candidate. I hope they will find a young, energetic minister who will enliven the congregation for the next phase, and that there will soon be money in the budget to restart the Religious Education program for your children. When the position of Religious Educator was eliminated from the budget in 2010, it was hoped that member families would maintain the program. Adult Education has continued, thanks largely to Jim Bys and Bill Poenher, yet most families with children chose to leave the church. I hope you'll consider the future of Throop Church when deciding which programs to fund.

2012 will be an exciting year. I look forward to seeing the completion of the "learning garden" out front, to newly painted interior walls, and to continued full capacity for Henry House, Throop Hall, and the classrooms upstairs. Nancy Watkins has been doing a wonderful job as Administrator and Tenant Manager, keeping the buildings rented on a regular basis.

I also look forward to the 2012 "Justice GA" in Phoenix in June. I hope Throop will have a full delegation, to learn and report back with plans for action.
Blessings,

Carol

JANUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>1 11:00am –Service 1:00pm – Dialogue 2:30 – 8:30pm Oasis</p> <p>NEW YEAR’S DAY</p>	<p>2 8:15am – Tai Chi 2:00pm Amanda Hart Ballet 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ</p>	<p>3 7:00pm – A-Z Productions</p>	<p>4 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ 7:30pm – Drum Circle 8:00pm - Acting</p>	<p>5 8:15am – Tai Chi 4:00pm-Book Club <i>Catch 22</i> 5:00-7:00pm- Oasis</p>	<p>6 7:00pm – Pas. Folk Dancers</p>	<p>7 10:00am - Acting</p>
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<p>15 10:00am Mind 11:00am –Service 1:00pm – Dialogue 2:30 – 8:30pm Oasis</p>	<p>16 8:15am – Tai Chi 2:00pm Amanda Hart Ballet 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ</p> <p>MLK Birthday</p>	<p>17 7:00pm – A-Z Productions</p>	<p>18 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ 7:30pm – Drum Circle 8:00pm - Acting</p>	<p>19 8:15am – Tai Chi 4:00pm-Book Club <i>“One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i> 5:00-7:00pm- Oasis</p>	<p>20 7:00pm – Pas. Folk Dancers</p>	<p>21 10:00am - Acting</p>
<p>22 10:00am Mind 11:00am –Service 12:45 Board Meeting 1:00pm – Dialogue 2:30 – 8:30pm Oasis</p>	<p>23 8:15am – Tai Chi 2:00pm Amanda Hart Ballet 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ</p>	<p>24 7:00pm – A-Z Productions</p>	<p>25 6:15pm–Get Fit by MJ 7:30pm – Drum Circle 8:00pm - Acting</p>	<p>26 8:15am – Tai Chi 4:00pm-Book Club <i>To the Lighthouse</i> 5:00-7:00pm- Oasis</p>	<p>27 7:00pm – Pas. Folk Dancers</p>	<p>28 10:00am - Acting 3:00pm Cafh</p>
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UU AND YOU

In order to help answer your questions about Unitarian Universalism, we are beginning a short series of questions and answers as presented by UUA.org. If you have any specific questions that you would like answered please contact the Church directly.

History

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religious tradition that was formed from the consolidation of two different religions: Unitarianism and Universalism. Both began in Europe hundreds of years ago. In America, the Universalist Church of America was founded in 1793, and the American Unitarian Association in 1825. After consolidating in 1961, these faiths became the new religion of Unitarian Universalism through the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Both religions have long histories and have contributed important theological concepts that remain central to Unitarian Universalism. Originally, all Unitarians were Christians who didn't believe in the Holy Trinity of God (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost), but in the unity, or single aspect, of God. Later, Unitarian beliefs stressed the importance of rational thinking, a direct relationship with God, and the humanity of Jesus. Universalism emerged as a Christian denomination with a central belief in universal salvation; that is, that all people will eventually be reconciled with God.

Since the merger of the two denominations in 1961, Unitarian Universalism has nurtured its Unitarian and Universalist heritages to provide a strong voice for social justice and liberal religion.

To learn more about Unitarian Universalism, please see the pamphlet, "Unitarian Universalist Origins: Our Historic Faith."

From UUA.org



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We had some great holiday services celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, and Winter Solstice. I thank the people who were willing to create a Christmas Eve vocal ensemble, and I hope people enjoyed our singing. I also enjoyed playing the organ for Christmas Eve. Thank you too to those who came to church on Christmas morning. Together we created a meaningful worship service. As I write this, the New Year's Day service has not taken place, but I know that it will be special to those of us who attend.

The year is ending and a new year is beginning. Last year was very active and productive. We saw the start of a new front garden, reroofing of most of the main building, order brought to church finances, heat again in the Sanctuary, and many other things, great and small. These things happened because people took responsibility for making them happen, and because others worked with them to make them happen. We are a small congregation, but we were able to accomplish a lot.

The new year brings some more challenges. After two years as our consulting minister, Carol Rudisill is moving on. She has been wonderful. We will miss her quiet leadership. The Board has appointed a Ministerial Search Committee to identify a candidate to follow Carol. The person recommended by them will be offered the position by the Board. Because we are offering a part-time position, we will have a contract minister. We will not be doing a full search for a settled minister.

The Bylaws Committee has met once, and, now that the holidays are over, will meet as often as needed to create a revised set of bylaws that will better meet the needs of our congregation. The congregation will vote on the new bylaws at either a special meeting called for that purpose, or at the annual meeting in April.

Happy New Year to you all. I believe that it will be a good one for Throop. I know that you will contribute as you can to make it happen

Gary Green

Meet the Board

President - Gary Green

Biography

As many of you know, I am a fourth generation member of Throop. My great grandfather and his family came to Pasadena in 1887, and they joined the Universalist church that same year. The church, now Throop, was organized in 1886 and incorporated in 1887. Pasadena was incorporated in 1886. The family came to Pasadena from Michigan.

My grandmother's family came to Pasadena later after living in San Francisco. Her family came to California from Wisconsin.

The family was very active in the church. Grandpa, Fred Braddock, was on the board of the Boy Scout troop formed by Rev. Carl Henry. Grandma, Jean (Morrison) Braddock, was active in the women's organization. My aunt, Peggy, married Willard Smith, long the organist at Throop, and taught Sunday school for many years.

When I was born, Rev. Claire Blauvelt was minister. We lived in Pasadena at that time. For about a year we moved to the Spokane area in Washington. We moved back to southern California and lived in El Monte for about three years. We moved back to Pasadena in 1952, and I lived here ever since.

I attended public schools in Pasadena, and went to P.C.C. I then transferred to Cal State Los Angeles. While at P.C.C., I joined the Navy Reserve. I served on active duty for a year and a half. During that short time, I was stationed on two LST's (Tank Landing Ship). The second ship, USS Stone County, was deployed to Vietnam during my time on board.

After being separated from active duty, I return to Cal State L. A. to get my teacher's credential. I started teaching music in Pasadena Elementary Schools in 1970. Forty years later, I retired.

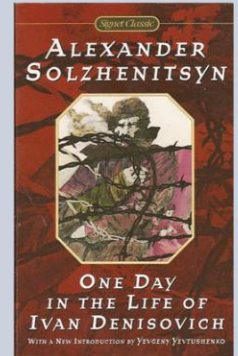
At Throop, I attended Sunday school, sang in the junior choir, and was active in the youth group. Liberal Religious Youth (LRY) was for high school kids, and Junior LRY was for junior high aged youth. While in high school, I joined the adult choir. As a high school senior, I became a member of the church. Because of my age, there was some concern about allowing me to be a member. It was finally decided that young people could be full members, but they were not allowed to vote on financial matters.

Later on, I served on the Board of Trustees, and on an elected panel called the Programs Council. When the person hired as Choir Director was unable to serve due to health problems, I was appointed interim Choir Director. Later that appointment was made permanent. I assumed the duties of Music Director on the death of Willard Smith, organist for 56 years and my uncle. I reluctantly served on a Ministerial Search Committee which presented Paul Sawyer as candidate for our minister.

Since I am no longer music director, I agreed to be nominated for the Board of Trustees and, this year, was elected president of the board.

Now my son Jacob and I are the only members of the family still active at Throop.

Throop Book Club



The extraordinary "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" is one of the most significant and outspoken literary documents ever to come out of Soviet Russia. A brutal depiction of life in a Stalinist camp and a moving tribute to man's triumph of will over relentless dehumanization, this is Alexander Solzhenitsyn's first novel to win international acclaim. The Soviet Union eventually revoked the author's citizenship and had him deported, and he only returned recently after the collapse of the U.S.S.R.

Group meets every Thursday from 4 to 6 PM at 171 Melrose Ave. Monrovia, CA. For more info. or directions contact Jim Bys jimby@charter.net or 626-574-5667