



Throop UU *monthly*

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim We are...

Standing on the Side of Love

Carol's Corner

I'm excited about all that's going on at Throop Church! In the next few months our yard will be transformed, beginning with the removal of the lawn along Del Mar and Los Robles. Look for information from Michael Kelley about the process, and plans for events in October.

If you're interested in helping to develop the worship life at Throop, I'd like to invite you to join a small group to evaluate our services and create new standards of excellence. Please contact me if you're interested, and when I have enough response I'll schedule a meeting.

Chip Colvin, our wonderful and talented music director, has taken an exciting new job on a cruise ship, and he will help me audition applicants to replace him here at Throop, including rehearsing the choir. I'm sure we'll all miss him, and wish him well on his new adventure. Chip's last Sunday with us will be October 23, when he will lead a choir service.

Our custodian, Derrick, who has been with us for about a year, has moved on to a full time position, and we have hired James, a committed young Unitarian Universalist, as his replacement. He will be working 12 hours a week, under Nancy's supervision., beginning Oct. 3.

I'm always happy to welcome newcomers to this religious community, and I enjoy meeting with people who are interested in exploring the meaning of church membership. If that's you, please make an appointment to sit down with me, at your convenience, and we'll discuss the joys and responsibilities of joining Throop Church.

I'll be leading a Unitarian Universalist History class on October 9 from 1:00 – 2:30, in the Fireside Room. All are welcome; please let me know if you plan to participate.

Carol

Sunday Services

October 2

International Day of Non-violence
Jim Bys

October 9

Association Sunday; Supporting Ministry

Rev. Carol Rudisill
Special offering for the UUA

October 16

A Moment of Clarity
Lynn Sexton

October 23

Choir Recital
Chip Colvin

This will be Chip's last day at Throop, please come out to wish him well.

October 30

Honoring our Ancestors
Rev. Carol Rudisill

Bring photos and memorabilia to remember your beloved dead.

OCTOBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 10:00am - Acting 2:30pm - Wedding 6:00pm - Acting</p> 
<p>2 10:00am New Testament 11:00am -Service -Jim Bys 1:00pm - Dialogue 1:00pm - Drum Circle 2:30 - 8:30pm Oasis</p>	<p>3 8:15am - Tai Chi 6:15pm-Get Fit by MJ 7:30 - Acting</p>	<p>4 5:30 - Amanda Hart Ballet 7:00pm - Choir</p>	<p>5 6:15pm-Get Fit by MJ 7:30 - Acting</p>	<p>6 8:15am - Tai Chi 4:00pm-Book Club "Zorba the Greek" 5:00-7:00pm-OASIS 7:30 - Acting</p>	<p>7 7:00pm - Pas. Folk Dancers</p>	<p>8 10:00am - Acting NELA/Throop Garden Building</p>
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“It Takes a Village to Transition a Lawn” October Gardening Project at Throop



Throop Church and North East Los Angeles Transition invite you to participate in "It Takes a Village to Transition a Lawn", the transformation of the existing 3000 sq/ft front lawn of Throop Church into a diverse, natural garden which produces food, conserves water and attracts birds and insects with a design based on natural ecosystems. This transformation, which has been a year in planning, will take place at Throop Church in Pasadena on the weekends of October 8-9, and October 22-23.

It is a great opportunity to learn from experienced permaculturists and landscape designers about planting a fruit and nut tree guild, drought tolerant planting, herb garden establishment, water harvesting, swale building and community building. Bring a shovel and gloves.

Participation is FREE!

The lawn conversion project is the result of a unique collaboration between Throop Church and Northeast Los Angeles Transition during the past year. Throop Church seeks to express Unitarian-Universalist values – values that are both earth-centered and people-centered -- by creating a landscape that saves water, sustains wildlife, produces food, and provides a serene setting for church visitors. NELA Transition is an organization which works to empower neighborhoods to confront current economic challenges, global climate change and the scarcity of hydrocarbon fuels by exploring energy conservation, local production of food and other resources, and greater cooperation between neighbors.

Spread the word!

Please help us make sure we have enough people participating as there will be plenty of work to do. Even if you can't make it, Invite your friends on Facebook or forward this newsletter.

Facebook Event Page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=245148978864792>

NELA Transition Learning Garden Wiki Page:

<http://nela-transition.wikispaces.com/Throop+Learning+Garden>

Schedule:

Sat-Sun, October 8-9, 2011 (8:00 a.m. - 4 PM)

Sod removal, create swale trenches, and build a retaining wall using recycled pieces of sidewalk and patio concrete

Event page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=245148978864792>

Art Installation

Saturday, October 15, 2011 (10:00 a.m - 3 PM)

Ron Saunders' Cardboard Village Art Installation

Work with contemporary artist Ron Saunders to construct an interpretive "village" at the garden site. The site-specific installation will remain on public display until the 21st.

Event page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=153666798058881>

Part 2

Sat-Sun, October 22-23, 2011 (8:00 a.m. - 4 PM)

Remove bermuda grass rhizomes, complete the retaining walls and swales, and water lines.

Part 3

Sat-Sun, November 5-6, 2011 (8:00 a.m. - 4 PM)

Plant trees. Place layers of sheet composting – cardboard, compost and mulch. Plant trees and plants.

******* Resources Needed *******

Tools: Shovels, Wheel Barrows, Rakes

Volunteers to dig trenches, carry materials.

Volunteers to provide water and other beverages throughout the day, and a potluck lunch.

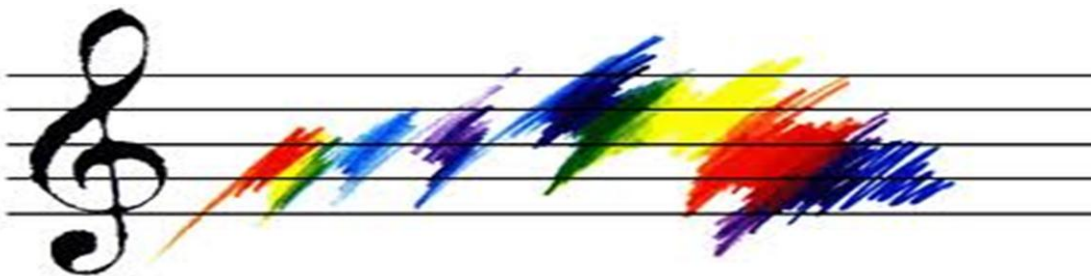
If you have any of the following, contact people@nelatransition.org or call 626-794-2587. Mulch, Cardboard, Urbanite (broken pieces of concrete), Gravel, a Truck to move supplies.

For information for church members and friends regarding volunteering your time during October and November, contact Michael Kelley at mjkwow@sbcglobal.net or 3

It is with great sadness that I approach the end of my time here at Throop. I have felt extremely welcomed and loved by all over the past year and a half and although I'm confident that the job with the cruise line is a valid next step for me I will miss each of you greatly. I remain confident that Throop has a special place in the community and I will look forward to watching from afar as the church continues to seek out its identity and to grow and thrive. My last Sunday will be October 23rd and I encourage all of you to try and attend. It will be filled with music!!

Carol and I are currently conducting the search for the new director of music and there are several very qualified candidates that have applied. I'm very hopeful that we will have someone in place by the end of October so that there can be a smooth transition. They will be a blessed individual to be the recipient of all of the warmth and kindness that is to be found in this loving and caring community.

With Love,
Chip



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Rev. Carol Rudisill
Consulting Minister

Chip Colvin
Music Director

Nancy Watkins
Office Manager

Gary Green
Board President

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M-F 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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To have your activity
included on the
calendar, please
contact Nancy at
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Honor Book Sale

Please take a moment to come upstairs into the old minister's office and browse our selection of gently used books for sale.

Envelopes are provided for payment, which can be slipped under the administrator's door.

New books will be added every
Friday.

**PLEASE JOIN US OCTOBER 15
AS WE KICK OFF**

**“It Takes a Village to
Transition a Lawn”**



UUA Common Read

The Common Read selection committee has chosen *Acts of Faith* (Beacon Press, 2007) as this year's Common Read. Eboo Patel's memoir is especially appropriate for a congregational year which begins with the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Patel shares his faith journey as a young American Muslim and the call to religious pluralism which led him to found the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC). Frankly discussing the appeal of religious fundamentalism to young people, Patel challenges those who believe in religious pluralism to support young people to ground themselves in a faith that feeds their cooperation across faiths to make the world a better place.

Check out www.uua.org/commonread for more about *Acts of Faith* and information on planning and leading a congregational Common Read project, or to download a color PDF flyer. A discussion guide adaptable for youth/young adult, adult, and crossgenerational UU groups will be available in October.

From the President *Gary Green*

Fall is here and a new Church year has begun. I believe that this year can be the beginning of a great future for us. We have celebrated our first 125 years. Now we can begin our second 125 years.

One of the first steps in looking to our future is to get together to talk about it. In that spirit, we are having the first of several "town hall" meetings on October 16. This meeting will be focused on the Sunday worship service and on possible alternative worship experiences. We want to know what you feel will make the service more meaningful to you. We want to know what you want from the worship experience. If you are happy with what is being done, we want to know that too. These meetings are intended to give people an opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas, and for us to discuss possibilities. There will be no votes or congregational action. However, recommendations for action can be offered. The meeting will begin during lunch, about 12:20. I hope that everyone will come and contribute.

There are some people that I want to thank for their work here at Throop.

First, thank you Nancy Watkins who was able to get the offices in Henry House rented, and who has gotten a congregation to rent Throop Hall on Sunday evenings. She has done many things to make this church run smoothly including editing this newsletter. Her success in getting tenants for available space here enabled us to pass a workable budget for the rest of the church year.

Then a great thanks to Michael Kelly who oversaw the new roof over most of our building. There will be no need for plastic buckets when it rains. There is also some money left for painting some of the water-damaged walls. He, along with others, is looking at other projects that need our attention including outdoor lighting, window repairs, and other things in our beautiful, aging facility that need attention. Talk to Michael about how to help.

Michael, again, and Eric Einem have been working with NELA Transitions on redoing the landscaping on the Del Mar side of the church. They have some exciting plans for that space. The existing grass will be replaced by other types of plants, and we may get money from Pasadena Water and Power for getting rid of the grass. There are ways for people to become involved in the work on Saturdays even if you don't which end of a shovel to use. Talk to Michael or Eric about what might be needed.

Finally, at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 25 we appointed a bylaws committee that will work with Carol revising the bylaws. Jim Bys, Jean Prinz and I are on the committee. If you would like to be part of this committee, please talk to Carol or me. My hope is to be able to present the revised bylaws to the congregation no later than the annual meeting in April.

So much is going on. It is exciting.

Gary Green



Book Sale

Come
Support the
NELA/
Throop
partnership
at a book
sale October
15/16 on the
patio at
Throop
Church.
Proceeds
will be used
towards
landscaping
the front
lawn.

