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**SERMON: “Does Non-Violence Really Work?”**

Nelson Mandela said “Non-violence has not failed us but we have failed non-violence.” This challenge remains for us in every aspect of life.

**The Rev. Brooks Ramsey will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service**

**Church of the River Calendar  
Quotation of the Week**

“I became convinced that noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good.”  
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Thursday, April 22**

6:30 p.m. Soup for the Soul our evening women's group will meet at the home of Carol Fourmy. Please contact Carol at 761-1771 or [cfourmy@surfosi.com](mailto:cfourmy@surfosi.com) for directions and to coordinate foods.

7:00 p.m. River Readers will meet at the home of Tuck Dickerson, 461 N Mendenhall. We will be discussing *Housekeeping* by Marilyn Robinson. Anne Thompson will lead the discussion.

**Saturday, April 24**

2-4:00 p.m. Knitting etc. will meet at the home of Jeane Umbreit, 158 S Rose Rd. Call Jeane at 374-9114 for directions or questions.

**Sunday, April 25**

9:30 a.m. The Quest Group will meet in the Beacon Room to consider “The Bible—Down & Dirty”

10:00 a.m. Questions of Faith will continue a discussion of *The Seven Deadly Sins Today* by Henry Fairlie. All are welcome.

Religious Education for the High School Class  
Childcare for infants and preschoolers.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Kindergarten in their classroom, Grades 1-5 will have a chalice service followed by their workshops. Middle School will visit Bellevue Baptist Church.

noon Coffee Hour in the Mississippi River Room.

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Dino's Restaurant, 645 N McLean.

**Wednesday, April 28**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**Food for Thought**

If you spend your life trying to be the person everyone likes, you waste the person you are.”

by Sheldon Kopp from *Blues ain't nothing by a good soul feeling bad.*

**Announcements from the Children's Ministry**

*PJ's and B:Pajamas and Books*, our spring reading program for children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is coming to a close. Check out books from six categories: True Adventure, Fiction, Religion, Poetry, Self and Others, and Nature; read or have an adult read and discuss one from each category. Children completing the program will enjoy a pajama party with snacks, campfire, storytelling, and a movie on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, April 25, Religious Education Programming includes childcare, available beginning at 10, in the nursery and preschool, with Mary Park and Elizabeth Turner.

The high school will meet at 10 o'clock also, for *Popcorn Theology* with Cindy McMullen.

At 11 o'clock, the kindergarten will meet with Jerry Moore for *Treasure Hunting*.

River Explorers, grades 1-5, will begin with a Chalice Service led by Holly and Buss McCormick and will continue *Toolbox of Faith* workshops with Katie Jones and Gigi Wishchmeyer.

The Middle School will visit Bellevue Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday as part of their study of *Neighboring Faiths*. Please help Cindy co-ordinate carpools to Bellevue by calling 526-8631 or emailing [drecksakaan@aol.com](mailto:drecksakaan@aol.com). All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Any parents are welcome to accompany the class as well. Thanks to Roy Bell for arranging last week's visit to Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church.

**The Care Coordinator for April is Anne Thompson.  
You can reach Anne at 685-5614.**

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RIVER



After suggesting last Sunday another way to look into the mirror each morning I was asked to publish together all the MORNING MANTRAS. In order of appearance they are:

1. I'm not such a catch either.
2. I might be wrong.
3. I'm weird in my own way and so are others.

[The Four Mother Questions by Robert Fulghum.]

4. What on earth have you done?
5. What in the name of God are you doing?
6. What will you think of next?
7. Who do you think you are?
8. "The study of crime begins with knowledge of oneself." — Henry Miller

Think of them as the Unitarian rosary, touching the wisdom of each bead in the spiritual discipline of your morning mirror meditation.

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### Alliance Bookshelf in the MRR

The bookshelf in the corner of the Mississippi River Room, over behind the café tables is due for a big clean out. There are lots of good books on the shelves, from classics to the latest thriller. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are .50 so it's a rare bargain in books these days. Check it out Sunday and select those you want before the big clean out.



In the worship service yesterday, we read from Gandhi, "If we are to reach real peace in this world...we shall have to begin with the children." We affirm this truth in our ministry with children and youth here at the Church of the River. The Middle School Youth groups from Neshoba UU and our own congregation enjoyed an overnight retreat entitled, "Up-standers" last weekend. Their activities focused on bullying and what it looks like to stand up to bullies and bystanders; to be up-standers in their peer group. Maybe peace can begin with them.

In order to serve our youth groups, caring adults have to be willing to engage these 12-15 years olds in meaningful conversations and activities. Special thanks to Catharine and Jeff McDonald, and Matt Holladay for chaperoning our lock-in.

Our younger children hear messages of peace in church school as well. They need to hear that message in many voices- from parents and teachers *and* church school volunteers.

Check out the *Tapestry of Faith* curricula at <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/index.shtml>

Learn how you can be an up-stander and a peace bringer by engaging in Children's Ministry here at the Church of the River. "We shall have to begin with the children."

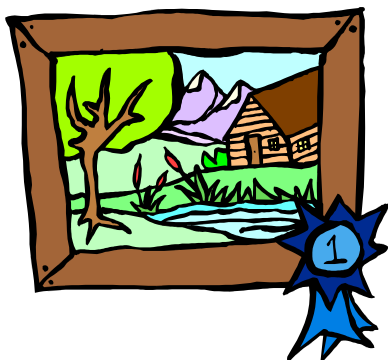
### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay offer WINE COUNTRY HOLIDAY

The UU's of Napa, California proudly announce a new season of our **Wine Country Excursions**. Again, we offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas.

There is much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads.

We offer two choices: Both start with comfortable lodging in members' homes with full breakfast (up to 3 nights). You can choose a 2-day "Wine Country Excursion," a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of our members—some with wine industry experience—or lodging and self-guided touring. If desired we provide guidance, maps, etc.

The program runs from April through October. Our fees are below market rate for similar services and all proceeds go to our small fellowship. For complete details contact: Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or [2wilsons1dog@comcast.net](mailto:2wilsons1dog@comcast.net)



Hey, its time for **ART!** and you can be a **pART** of our **pART**nership with Shady Grove Elementary School. On April 29th from 9:00—10:30 a.m., join some of your COR friends in volunteering to be a juror at the Shady Grove student art show. This is a great chance to interact with students from our

adopted school; no experience necessary! You will see some delightful art work and interview the proud student artists, an experience bound to enrich both your lives. For information, please contact Juliet Wischmeyer 219-5917 or register directly online at [http://www.mcsk12.net/student\\_exhibition/index.asp](http://www.mcsk12.net/student_exhibition/index.asp)

### Go to [www.swuuc.org/swuusi](http://www.swuuc.org/swuusi) for more information on SWUUSI 2010!

August 1-6, 2010 SWUUSI—Swimming in the Deep End — will convene at the Western Hills Guest Ranch in Sequoyah State Park, OK

Theme speakers, Susan Smith, who is the SW district Executive and Connie Goodbread who is the Faith Development Consultant for Mid-South, Florida and Northeast Districts will lead attendees through a deeper exploration of Unitarian Universalism. You've probably all had UU101, but now it is time for UU201!

The Western Hills Guest Ranch is part of Sequoyah State Park, and offers camping facilities, lodge rooms, family and group cabins, various meeting rooms and a large worship space. The resort and lodge is situated on beautiful Fort Gibson Lake. It has an in-house restaurant, a pool, a game room, a playground, tennis and volleyball courts and a lounge. Their web site is <http://westernhillsok.blogspot.com>

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