

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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Our Mission

- Provide a place where people are inspired to think about and discuss values, ethics, and the meaning of their lives
- Stimulate spiritual growth in children and adults through exposure to a wide variety of religious thought and experience
- Provide mutual support, caring and fellowship to our members
- Provide support of the larger community through service and social action
- Appreciate and honor our connectedness with all living things

June 2014

Sunday Services at 10:30

June theme:

Respect for the Interdependent Web of Existence

June 1: “Casting the Wider Net”

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

From modern science to ancient religion, there is an understanding of how connected we each are to one another and to the world around us. Does Unitarian Universalism offer any unique wisdom about how to honor these connections to build a stronger community?

June 8: “Think B.I.G.”

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

In the end, as it is in the beginning, to think B.I.G. opens the path to renewal and growth. Come discover the spiritual secret to thinking B.I.G!

June 15: Fathers, father figures and yes, the mothering side of men.

Bert Olson – Service Leader

We celebrate Father’s Day with a look at fathers, grandfathers, uncles and people who act as father figures. We will look at how men are often misunderstood. Bert will share how he became a better father as a result of his wife’s death.

June 22: In Praise of Interdependence

Rev. Fa Jun

More and more often we hear new evidence that we are all somehow connected. Many ancient traditions also reported subjective understanding of the unity of all things and beings - by mining the depths of their meditative awareness. This Sunday we’ll explore these perspectives and revel in our “inter-being”. We will discover ways that we can utilize the fact that “it’s all connected” to better understand ourselves and our world!

June 29: “Spiritual Café”

The Spiritual Café service reflects on the theme of the month. After a short summary in the Sanctuary, the congregation goes to deck to reflect more directly in small groups to discuss Respect for the Interdependent Web of Existence.

This sharing is meant to deepen each person’s understanding of the topic and also deepen the connections/friendships of people who come to our services. Guiding questions, as well as coffee and tea, will be available to facilitate the discussions.

Ministerial Musings:

To my beloved congregation,

Three years in not that long in the life between a congregation and a minister. But what a really good three years it has been! In a relatively short time we have grown together by strengthening our community. Yes, we have had to say goodbye to some who have moved into others areas, interest, or to their end of life. And yet we have seen renewed energy and offerings of not only old members, new members as well. We have tried new things and put some spark in the old. It has been a creative time and congregants are learning more about each other in positive ways. And for this I am grateful. And I leave, not with a legacy, but with you all in my heart. You remain, as ever, my beloved. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and participate in the life of UUFLG.

Rev. Lisa

The UU Mosaic-Peace Camp will be held June 16-20 at San Jose UU.

This day camp is for kids in 1st-6th grades, with middle schoolers eligible to be counselors in training. It will focus on the Mosaic values: M (mutual respect), O (open-mindedness), S (self-respect), A (attitude), I (individuality), and C (community) (see www.mosaicproject.org for more).

The camp will run from 8:30 to 3:00 with aftercare available until 5:30. Activities will include noncompetitive games, singing, and field trips to Emma Prusch Farm and the Children's Discovery Museum.

Staff will include Rev. Lisa as well as staff and ministers from three other UU fellowships. The cost is \$175. For more information, please contact <GRimositis@gmail.com>.

Rev Lisa's Farewell Luncheon – June 8th

Rev Lisa's last service with us is June 8th. After the service we are planning a grand potluck luncheon and all are invited! Please plan on staying after service to celebrate Rev Lisa's three years with UUFLG and to wish her our best on her continuing journey.

Signups for food contributions as well as donations to Rev Lisa's farewell gift are being accepted on the two remaining Sundays – May 25 and June 1.

Please contact Bonnie George:

Bonnie.E.George@comcast.net if you would like to sign up for a food dish or have any questions!



June Birthdays

3 - Louis Gendzel

8 - Joelle Gendzel

10 - Nicki Connelly

15 - Francie Perren

Habitat Workday II

On May 3rd, a team from UUFLG joined volunteers from the Sunnyvale Fellowship and Bethel Lutheran Church in a second All Faith's Workday at Habitat for Humanity's Sunnyvale site, where two older homes are being renovated. Some of the volunteers worked on mixing and pouring concrete in the garage, some worked on the roof, some on interior framing, and still others on excavating a pipe line that needed repairs.

The group accomplished a lot in a day's time, taking a break a noon for a shared lunch provided by members of the three congregations. UUFLG participants were Rev. Lisa Wiggins, Jim Beebe, Carmella Condino, Dave Kiebert, Robb Stolberg, and Ellen Hill.

Creek Cleanup a Success!

On May 17, Twelve UUFLG members joined in National River Cleanup Day by helping to pick up trash and debris at two sites along Los Gatos Creek. One group focused on trails in Vasona Park, where they found mainly paper and plastic "snack trash" left by careless hikers and picnickers. The other team worked further down the trail at Los Gatos Creek Park, where lower water levels had revealed a large quantity of bottles and other debris at the water's edge.

By the end of the morning, both areas were clean and ready to be enjoyed by their many human and bird visitors.

Footnote: Thanks to plastic bags bans in surrounding cities, the number of plastic bags found was minimal, compared cleanups in previous years.

Weekday Walks

This month, join others for a walk at Belgatos Park in Los Gatos. on the fourth Friday of the month, on June 27th at 10:00 am. For about an hour, enjoy a moderate walk.

Directions to the parking lot at Belgatos Park are here: From church, turn right on Belgatos Lane off of Blossom Hill Rd. Go past Mulberry school and the parking lot is on the left at the end of the road.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Morgan at alljmail@gmail.com or at 650-817-5118. See you out on the trail!

SoulCollage®

Saturday, June 14, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., join Kathryn Harper and delve into creativity! SoulCollage® is a fun, relaxing way to play with images and explore new avenues for inner wisdom and discovery.

All supplies are provided. A donation of \$10-15 would be appreciated to offset the cost of supplies, but no one is turned away for lack of funds. Class size is limited to 12.

Please email kathryn@pobox.com by June 9 if you plan to attend.

*Thank you for wearing your name tag on Sunday mornings,
and for parking on the street when possible to make room for our newcomers.*

Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22, at 12pm in the Sanctuary at which time we will:

- Elect Board members
- Elect a new Nominating Committee
- Approve our budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

Please let Jim Beebe know if you have any other items of business for the agenda.

The UUFLG Great Books discussion group will meet on Monday, June 9 at 7:30 PM, in the West Room to discuss "The New Organon" by Francis Bacon.

INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO? The Board minutes are listed under "Administration" on the right hand side of the home page of our website www.UUFLG.org.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE BOARD? A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Jim Beebe (jebeebe1102@yahoo.com) for more information.

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted (by the **20th** of the month) to **Glen Marchant** at: UUFLGnews@att.net. Please submit articles and e-mail attachments as **single spaced MS Word documents, .rtf** (Rich Text format), or **plain text**, and limit to less than 200 words. The purpose of this newsletter is to foster communication and planning among friends and members. However, due to the size constraints of the printing, we regretfully cannot print opinion pieces.

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:15a - 11:30p Children's Religious Education Classes 10:30a - 11:30a Sunday Service 12:00p - 1:00p Congregational Townhall Meeting	6:30p-8:00p Women's Spirituality Group	10:00a-11:30a Tuesday Chalice Circle ELECTION DAY		12:00p - 1:30p, Retired UU Men's Lunch 7:00p - 9:00p Board Meeting on the Budget	9:00a - 4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt. 10:30a - 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting	9:00a - 4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt.
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