

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

July 2015

Sunday Services at 10:30

July Theme: “The Light of Love and Wisdom”

(see description on page 2)

July 5: “Rationality Will Save the World!”

Rev. Fa Jun

Looking at the news, social media, and even international debates, there seems to be one curious thing missing - cold, dispassionate, reason. This doesn't mean the reason that treats human or animal life as unimportant, but simply the good old fashioned critical thinking that lets us take a wider perspective on the issues that face us.

Today we'll explore some of the most popular rhetorical devices, like the appeal to outrage, or appeal to an inappropriate authority, and how to spot these nefarious players. We will call out the suspicious lack of facts, and data in the speeches of influential figures, but we will also learn to call out these oversights in our own minds and beliefs! We'll find that if we are willing to open our eyes a little wider, we won't lose our hearts in the process, in fact, it may just save us all!

July 12: “The Limits of Science”

Rev. Fa Jun

Advancing science has been responsible for some of the greatest gains we have made as a world culture in the last many years. As good liberals, we should put our faith in the power of science and clear thinking to help us make the world a better place. Sadly, the more we put our faith in something, the more likely it is to behave like a religion!

What are the limits of science? Join us for a scientific exploration of what we can know through the laboratory, what we must know through the heart, and how to reconcile them.

July 19: “A God That Could Be Real”

Nancy Ellen Abrams

We are still thinking about God the way people did in biblical times when slavery was considered normal, women were subhuman chattel, and everyone believed the earth was flat. That old image of God is drastically out of sync with present reality, but it doesn't have to be. We are living in a golden age of astronomy that is producing a radically new understanding of our universe – the very first picture of the universe ever based on solid evidence. We humans have evolved over 13.8 billion years from nothing but particles and energy. We are a miracle of complexity and richness with immense potential, but we must open our minds to this larger perspective. Otherwise the most small-minded among us will be left to define jealous, rigid Gods that lead to conflict, science denial, and possible extinction. Science and God can support each other if we are willing to rethink God in light of knowledge no one ever had before. A God that is real in this universe is possible and can unite spirituality and science and give humanity common ground.

July 26: “Zoroastrianism”

Rebecca Cann

Rebecca Cann will talk about Zoroastrian history from ancient times to present and then point out to some aspects of Zoroastrian religion like the concept of God and Good and evil. Our own Anthony Maida will share the highlights of his experience of becoming Zoroastrian.

July Theme: "The Light of Love and Wisdom"

During the brightest days of the year, all things are illuminated and brought to fruition. In many ways, we are living in the brightest days of human history. We have come to know more about ourselves and our world than our ancestors ever hoped to know, and we just keep on growing.

We can revel in the power we currently possess to cut through gordian knots that have plagued our world for millennia, and perhaps even create the possibility of peace and plenty for all. But to do this, we must learn to skillfully wield the sword of wisdom - lest, being untrained, we cut ourselves with our newfound power.

Wisdom must be balanced with love. We hear a call from within to align the voices of the heart, and those of the head. Then, truly, our lives can shine, illuminate, and bring forth great abundance!

Rev. Fa Jun

Caring Committee

There will be a meeting July 1 at 10:30 in the West Room.

SoulCollage®

is on summer hiatus for June and July. It will resume on Saturday, August 15, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dear Bookies,

We had a very nice discussion of Thomas Mann's "Mario and the Magician" at our last meeting. On Monday, July 13, at 7:30 PM we will discuss "The Daughters of the Late Colonel" by Katherine Mansfield (22 pages). I hope all of you can make it to this discussion.

Love,
Brent

Social Action Soup Supper and Discussion

Friday, July 10th from 6PM to 8:30PM

Join us on the evening of July 10th for wine, cheese (vegan options too!), good food, and fellowship, as we discuss the issues that are of deepest import for us at this time.

Rather than taking one specific action toward social change at this dinner, we will do perhaps the most important action of all - coming together as a community to decide what most moves our hearts, and where we have the power to create change together.

Come at 6PM for wine and cheese (and their non-alcoholic and non-animal equivalents) and a discussion with Rev. Fa Jun and the Social Action Committee, stay for the soup and stimulating conversation with your table-mates, and enjoy your dessert, as we come back together to find a unifying direction for our Fellowship's social action goals in the church year of 2015/16!

As a community, we have great power to make an impact on the lives of others and the wellness of our planet. Come together with us for an evening of celebration and visioning to take our influence to the next level as a fellowship!

The discussion begins at 6:15PM and Dinner will be served about 7:15PM. Children are welcome, and childcare will be provided for those that want it.

Supper and Dessert - Adults \$8.00 each; Children 4-12 yrs, \$4:00 each; infants-4 yrs, free. Wine, \$1.00 glass.

The Caring Committee and the Social Action Committee are joint sponsors of this event.

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

Pack-A-Back Drive July 5-19

Give kids the tools they need for school!

This July, UUFLG is again participating in the Pack-A-Back Drive for Sacred Heart Community Service. In July, Sacred Heart Center holds a registration day for parents who cannot afford to buy school supplies for their children. Each year, hundreds of parents line up, some waiting in line overnight, to apply for this assistance. Their children return in early August to choose their own backpacks.

This year, UUFLG will be filling backpacks for 5th to 12th graders. Beginning July 5, filled backpacks, school supplies from the list below, and cash or checks to purchase supplies will be collected at the fellowship. Shopping lists and a collection box will be in the lobby. Helping to shop for a backpack and supplies can be a great learning opportunity for your children.

If you are donating by check, please make the check out to UUFLG, with Pack-A-Back Drive on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the envelope attached to the collection box or given to one of the Social Action Team members listed below. Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional backpacks and supplies; these backpacks will be filled by our RE students on July 26. All backpacks will be delivered to Sacred Heart by July 28.

Questions? Contact Jim Beebe (408-315-5066), Sue Ann Lorig (408-827-4304), or Ellen Hill (408-371-5776).

Supply List for Grades 5-12:

- 1 new BLACK backpack
- 5 pocket folders
- 1 pack of mechanical pencils
- 1 scientific calculator
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 2 packs of index cards
- 1 USB flash drive
- 3 college-ruled notebooks
- 3 packs of college-ruled paper
- 1 three-ring binder
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of markers (fine-point)
- 1 stick of deodorant
- \$20 gift card for shoes*
- (*gift card to anywhere shoes are sold)



UUFLG Birthdays

July

- 8 - Malinda Stevens
- 15 - Lou Yabroff
- 29 - Dave Coldren

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.



JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			10:30a - 12:00p Caring Committee 5:00p - 6:00p Farmigo Food Pickup	12:00p - 1:30p, Retired UU Men's Lunch	4:00p - 6:00p Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by appt)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00a - 10:15a Lifespan Learning 9:30a - 10:00a Morning Meditation 10:30a - 11:30a Sunday Service 12:00p - 1:15p Social Action Team 2:00p - 4:00p Rev. Fa Jun Off. Hrs (by Appt) PACK-A-BACK DRIVE begins	6:30p - 8:00p Women's Spirituality Group	10:00a - 11:30a Tuesday Chalice Circle 10:30a-12:30p "So and Sew"	5:00p - 6:00p Farmigo Food Pickup 7:00p - 8:30p Art Class (auction donation)	9:45a - 12:00p Thursday Morning Women's Group 10:30a - 11:30a Finance Committee Meeting	4:00p - 6:00p Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by appt) 5:00p - 9:00p Soup Supper	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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