

# 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

**November 2013**

**Sunday Services at 10:30**

## Monthly Worship Theme:

### **Direct a Experience of Transcending Mystery and Wonder**

#### **Nov. 3: “Sunsets, Quiet, and You (Or the Many Mirrors of Mystery)”**

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

#### **Nov. 10: “Recognizing and Honoring Genuine Spiritual Experience”**

Rev. Fa Jun

In Rev. Fa Jun’s October service, we got in touch with the notion of understanding the subtle levels of our experience - those that can be hard to put into words, or share with others - those deep inner knowings that are your’s alone. This Sunday will be an exploration of what kinds of spiritual experience people all around the world have, and how those experiences might benefit us.

We’ll take an integral view of not only the subjective elements of these experiences - what they feel like - but also the objective side of what they look like in the brain, and their effect on our families and societies. We might even experience something spiritual right there in church!

#### **Nov. 17th: Thanksgiving Service**

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

Wonder is born by being thankful for that which is and for that which will be.

#### **Nov. 24: “Spiritual Cafe”**

Members of Sunday Programming & The UUFLG Choir  
Bert Olson - Worship Associate.

The Spiritual Cafe service allows participants to reflect personally on the theme of source statement: “Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder.” Following a short summary in the Sanctuary highlighted by the UUFLG Choir singing, “The Thanksgiving Song,” the congregation goes to the West Room and deck to discuss what the song brings up to them in terms of wonder and gratitude in daily life. The sharing is meant to deepen not only each’s understanding of the topic but 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.

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 PM**

#### **Los Gatos Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Los Gatos Presbyterian Church**

Our Fellowship is participating in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Lisa giving the Children’s Story this year. Please plan to attend and bring a plate of cookies to share at the reception following the service.

## Ministerial Musing

If we can flow like water over the rocks in the river of life, we can experience a wonderful creative spiritual act that can transcend even the most bantering of experiences. During the first of this fellowship year we have had to face some difficulties of change within several significant leadership positions. Many of you know of these recent changes but I wanted to share that our community is amazingly riding the following currents with much grace and with a sense of opportunity:

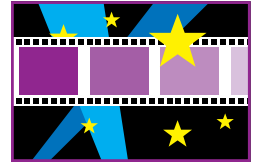
Due to the demanding teaching practice and his university schedule in Santa Cruz, Rev. Fa Jun has resigned as Lifespan Learning Director. We are grateful that he brought our educational program up to new heights from which are children have grown in their spiritual development. Rev. Fa Jun will continue to deliver occasional sermons which helps to sweeten our sadness of his leaving our children's program. And this also gives us the opportunity to increase the leadership capability of our teaching team: the skilled Laura Leong becomes the head teacher of our grade school children, with the able assistance of Laura Woods; the "cool" Mark Unger will lead our older youth; and we are in the process of hiring a new nursery care provider. While we get the team up to full capacity, they will be assisted by a learning module specialist, Rev. Denis Paul, a Unitarian Universalist with an unique combination of hands-on spiritual learning expertise and warm, vibrant energy. We are in for a rare treat! Rev. Denis (under contract for the rest of the fellowship year) will develop creative learning modules which will match our spirited group of children and can be adapted by our learning team. Come meet Rev. Denis on Sunday, November 17th.

Due to needing extra assisted living care, Jim and Jinni Stahl are leaving in early November to live near their daughter in Seattle. We deeply feel their departure and hope their journey will be filled with the peace and comfort of our recently made Caring Quilt they so well deserve. Jim, who was our recently elected Treasurer, is being replaced by the well experienced Ann Campbell who is on the Finance Committee and has been assisting Irving with the financial details of our system.

And finally, the administrator position will be split between an office manager position with reduced hourly administrative office duties and a paid volunteer coordinator position to work with the members and friends of UUFLG to create and maintain a smooth running participation system. Our volunteer coordinator, working with our fellowship leadership will recruit the hands, hearts and minds to address our many programmatic support needs. Please consider a hearty "Yes!" when asked to put match your gifts with strengthening the ministry of our fellowship for all.

So many changes~And yet what an incredible congregational response of patience, flexibility and creativity! I have proudly witnessed people stepping up with the commitment and energy to make sure that UUFLG has a smooth transition in spite of our losses. We are so blessed to have the resources and positive demeanor of our community. As someone on the Lifespan Learning Committee said, "We have excellent ingredients. Now we just have to come up with the right mix for a great recipe." What a way to feed the soul of UUFLG! Thank you, one and all, as we flow into our renewed future together.

In faith and gratitude,  
Rev. Lisa



### **First Friday Spiritual Cinema: Illusion** Friday, November 1st 7 PM

An ailing film producer faces his past with a visit from a ghostly colleague who takes him through the Akashic Records, showing him film reels from his unacknowledged son's life. Can he make a difference at this point in their lives? This feature will have you on the edge of your seat! No charge for this cinematic classic starring Kirk Douglas in the role of his lifetime. Popcorn and drinks provided.

### **Farewell Luncheon for Rev. Fa Jun** Sunday, Nov. 17

Come say good-bye to Fa Jun at an UUFLG potluck luncheon in his honor on Sunday, November 17, after the service. Fa Jun is resigning as the Lifespan Learning Director, effective the end of November. Bring your favorite food to share. Let's celebrate our accomplishments and wish Fa Jun all the best in his future endeavors.

Can you help with setup or cleanup? What dish can you bring? What ideas do you have to make this a special farewell?

Call or email Pam Pierson: [pierson@gmail.com](mailto:pierson@gmail.com)  
508-561-4474

## UUFLG FINANCE Update

Regrettably, Jim Stahl is unable to continue serving as our treasurer; in his stead, Ann Campbell was approved to serve as interim treasurer by the Board of Trustees at their October 17 Board meeting. Ann will serve until a new treasurer is elected at our next annual business/membership meeting in May.

Our finances are tracking to our approved budget, with no notable exceptions. We're doing a good job!

## Winter Boutique

~ Christmas ~ Hanukkah ~ Kwanzaa ~  
~ Winter Solstice ~ Yule ~

is coming to the  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos  
Sunday, December 8 and 15 from 11:30 – 1:00

Please invite your friends, family, co-workers  
and neighbors to join us.

We are looking for gifts to sell that come from your  
creative heart & hands or from your delicious kitchen.

Donations graciously accepted day of the event.  
Volunteers always welcome to help.

Further questions? Please contact Sharon Graham  
H: (408) 356 – 5532 C: (408) 204 – 2585  
Sharona.Graham@gmail.com



### November Birthdays

4 .....Bob Bixler  
12 .....Lida Kluzek  
22 .....Edy Young

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Diane Salmon who has joined us as the newest member  
of UUFLG! What a treat for all of us.

### THANKSGIVING...YOU'RE INVITED!

Thursday, Nov. 28th

The members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
of Sunnyvale invites members of UUFLG to join them  
for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck which will be held  
on Thanksgiving Day at 1:45 PM.

Please email [social.events@uufs.org](mailto:social.events@uufs.org) by Nov. 14th to sign  
up to bring a dish to share and to get more information  
about this event.

### Choir Open House November 6

Have you ever wondered how the Choir prepares for a  
Sunday service? Have you ever considered singing with  
us but just aren't sure? The UUFLG Choir will host an  
Open House on Wednesday evening, November 6, from  
7:30-9:30 in the UUFLG Sanctuary. You will be welcome  
to observe a regular rehearsal, then we'll adjourn to the  
West Room for refreshments and a social hour during  
which we will answer any of your questions. You can  
even sing along if you feel so inclined!

For more information, contact Lorraine Olson,  
Choir Director: [olson.lorraine@gmail.com](mailto:olson.lorraine@gmail.com)

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



## November Food Collection

As we have done in the past, we will have a collection box in the foyer for food items that will be delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Your generosity will enable less fortunate families to enjoy a Christmas dinner, and meals throughout the holiday season. For many, this would not be possible without our help. Second Harvest Food Bank will distribute the items we deliver to them.

**Beginning Sunday, November 17th, through December 1st**, the following items may be left in the collection box:

All canned goods, especially meals in a can such as stew, chili, soup, and tuna; peanut butter in a plastic jar, canned foods with pop tops, 100% fruit juice, low-sugar single serving boxed cereal, canned fruit in its own juice with no sugar added, and low salt canned vegetables.

Please do not bring anything packaged in glass, or bulk quantities of rice, flour or sugar.

If you prefer to give a monetary gift, that would be very welcome. One dollar translates into 1.3 pounds of food. A check should be made out to UUFLG with Second Harvest Food Bank in the memo line and placed in the envelope within the collection box, or handed to Ellen Hill, Jim Beebe, or Coralee Linton.

## Transformational Healing Music

A Rare and Special Treat of Himalayan Folk Tunes, Celtic Song & Chants

**Saturday, Nov. 16th, 7 PM**

Let your spirit soar! The world renowned Nepali flautist Manrose will perform with Mount Shasta keyboardist, harmonica and tabla play, Anton Mizerak and Celtic singer, Laura Berryhill, for an evening of transformational healing music from around the world.

Manrose and Anton began touring together in 1998, playing at many New Thought Centers and were featured performers at the 2004 Seattle Sacred World Music Festival. Manrose with his "golden flute" has toured with Deva Premal, Jai Uttal and bluegrass great, Peter Rowan. He has also collaborated with the Chicago Children's Choir, tabla maestro Swapan Chowdary, John Densmore of the Doors, and an ensemble created by Ustad Ali Akhbar Kahn.

Anton Mizerak writes his music in nature, believing that our organic experience of sun, wind, water, snow and earth, transmitted through music, can be a valuable nurturing and healing experience. His music has been featured on the nationally syndicated radio show, "Echoes," and on the digital New Age Music format "Soundscapes." Laura Berryhill is a vocalist in a variety of musical styles, from early European music, to folk music of the Celtic cultures, to new age and jazz. She has appeared at the Festival of Harps in Oakland, the Yachats Celtic Music Festival and other renaissance fairs.

And now all playing for us at UUFLG! We are inviting our area Unitarian Universalists as well as the Yoga studios in our area to join us to share this musically divine evening with us. A donation will be taken at the concert.

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **JOB CLUB AT UUFLG**

– JOIN US FOR CONVERSATION,  
JOB SEARCH TOOLS AND INSPIRATION!

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos (UUFLG) is excited to announce the launch of a JOB CLUB. What is a job club you might ask...to quote Good Morning America, “job clubs are small groups of people who meet regularly to talk candidly about job searching and career advancement with the goal of supporting the success of all members....they are rooted in the belief that each member has something valuable to contribute and that everyone benefits from the advice and encouragement from the diverse group dynamic.”

Are you (or someone you know and love) unemployed, working more than one job to make ends meet, under-employed, discouraged, or have a “decent” job and are looking for change? This is the place for you! Do you want to figure out what opportunities to pursue, have your resume reviewed by a career specialist who has created 5,000 resumes, practice interviewing skills or finally find that “hidden job market?”

Join others from both the community-at-large, and members, family and friends of UUFLG. During the facilitator-led job club meetings at the UUFLG, the exchange of support, job leads, resumes, ideas, and information will energize you!

Job Club is free and meets every other week on alternating Friday and Saturday mornings, and all are welcome.

Fall 2013 Meeting Dates – all dates 10 to 11:30 am

Saturday, October 19  
Friday, November 1  
Saturday, November 16  
Friday, November 29  
Saturday, December 14  
Friday, December 27

Meeting agenda determined by group; bring your questions and current documents; consider Resumes, Job Search Strategy, Interviews, Hidden Job Market, Testing, Letters, Career Decision Making. Light refreshments will be served.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
EMAIL [jobclubuuflg@yahoo.com](mailto:jobclubuuflg@yahoo.com),  
or Carmella at 408-620-1174  
No reservations required – join us!  
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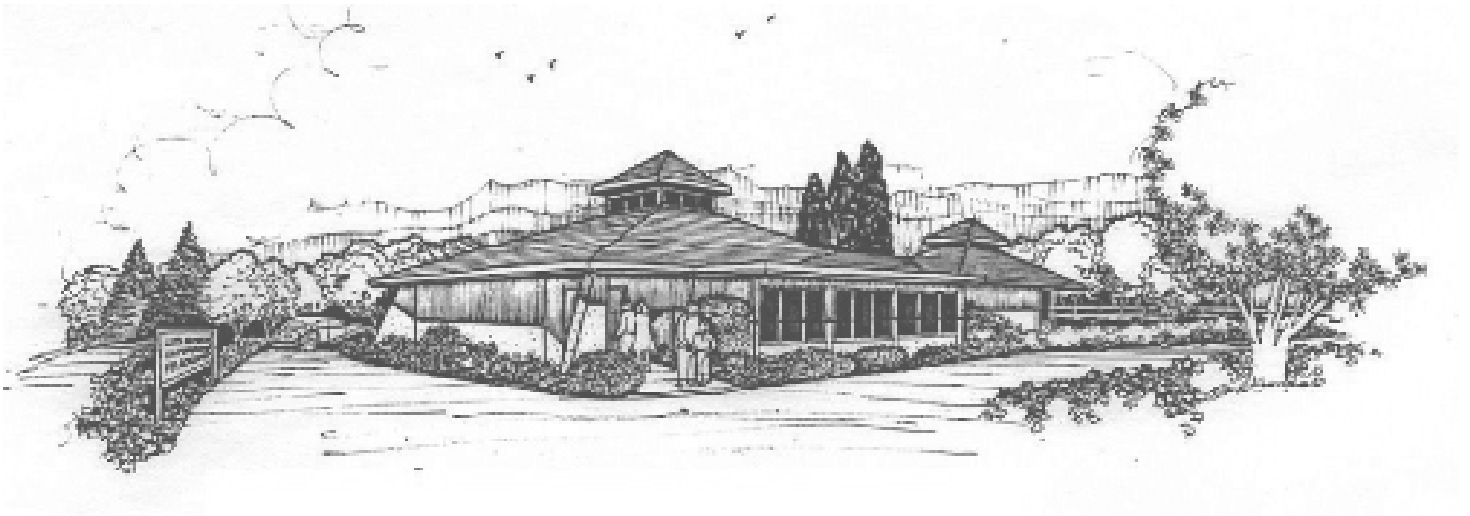
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER 27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>	<b>2</b>
10:30 -11:30a Sunday Service – Spiritual Cafe 10:15a -11:30p Children's Rel. Ed. /Playtime			7:30-9:30p, UUFLG Choir Rehearsal	<b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN !</b>	9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt. 9:30-11:00a, Job Club 10:15a-12p, Fin. Comm. Mtg. 7:00-10:00p, First Friday Heartful Soulful Cinema	9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt.
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Dignity of Every Person”*



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