

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

October 2013

Sunday Services at 10:30

Monthly Worship Theme:

**Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person:
The First Principle of Unitarian Universalism**

Oct. 6 - “The Dignity of Difference”

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

...Or the difficulty in sustaining human dignity in a world that often seems to deny it.

Oct. 13 - “Leaving the Front Door Unlocked”

Rev. Lisa Wiggins

With another devastating shooting, the fear quotient has again risen against those with mental health challenges. It is easier to target these “strangers” in our midst than to actively deal with our ever expanding need for compassion and systemic assistance.

Oct. 20 - “Seeing the Intangible - it’s different for each of us”

Rev. Fa Jun

A friend once told me, “everyone seems to have a knack for the obvious, I want to have a knack for the subtle.” Common sense can get us pretty far in this world, but it also seems like some of the deepest truths can at times be hard to see, or even paradoxical. This service will explore ways that we can use our minds and hearts to see through to the subtle side of life, and how that vision may be different for each individual.

Oct. 27 - “Spiritual Café”

Members of Sunday Services Group

The Spiritual Café service reflects on the theme of the month. After a short summary in the Sanctuary, the congregation goes to the West Room or deck (weather permitting) to reflect more directly in small groups to discuss the inherent worth and dignity of Every Person.

This 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.

Ministerial Musings

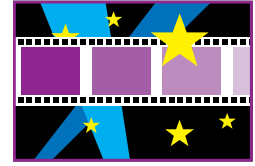
Change is never easy; yet it can be an opportunity to experience potential. Rev. Fa Jun has tendered his resignation as Lifespan Learning Director to the Board because he is unable to maintain his commitment to us while he is trying to complete his degree and maintaining his QiGong practice. However, he will not disappear as he will continue to fulfill his once-a-month preaching responsibilities to Sunday Programming and can be available on a consulting basis.

Meanwhile, the Lifespan Learning Committee, teachers and I are looking at how best to use the mix of resources that we have. As one on the committee has said: “We have the right ingredients for a great recipe; now we just need to mix them to create a wonderful dish.” So true. We have strong team of teachers. Laura Leong who has recently retired from her teaching job will be available for more administrative duties with our program. Laura Woods and Mark Unger also are excited about remaining, with Mark taking on the middle school program. (Yes, we are finally able to split the children in rough age groups so that we can tailor the curriculum more appropriately. We are converting half the current office into a temporary classroom for this middle school group.) What we seem to need is someone to help us think creatively about learning modules and other resources for the classroom and the “Time for All Ages” which will engage our children who have a wide range of attention span and learning capabilities. So we as a team will figure out how best to get this resource for our children. As we approach these changes, there is widespread positive anticipation and energy for the transition. Therefore I am confident that our children and youth will be served with the same quality of relationships and exploration that they have come to expect. And what a blessing to us all that such a significant change has not been perceived as a crisis (which can easily occur in church life.) It speaks to the strength of our growing and learning congregation.

In gratitude, Rev. Lisa

Spiritual Cinema: “Another Harvest Moon”

October 4
7 PM in the Sanctuary



An elderly dementia patient must decide whether to leave this world under his own conditions before he loses his dignity or give in to his loving supportive family and nursing home roommates' appeals to fight on and risk losing it. No charge for the movie. Popcorn and drinks provided.

New to UU Lunch and Conversation with Rev. Lisa

October 6
12--2 PM in the West Room

Have you wondered about either Unitarian Universalism and/or are curious about the Fellowship community? Here is your opportunity to ask your questions and get to know others who are new to us. It is recommended that if you are considering membership that this conversation will be important in order to get you more familiar and comfortable with our community and its opportunities for engagement. A light lunch will be served. And child care will be provided upon request. Please RSVP to Rev. Lisa if you plan to come. minister@uufg.org or call her @ (408) 464-9190.



Coastal Cleanup A Success – Unfortunately

The 40-plus creek and river sites cleaned on the weekend of Sept. 21-22 yielded truckloads of trash-again. UUFLG was represented at two cleanup sites, along Los Gatos Creek and the Guadalupe River. Lots of trash was picked up at both sites. The Guadalupe River Trail site, though only two blocks long , yielded three rusted shopping carts, a vacuum cleaner (nature abhors a vacuum!), tires , car parts, and bags and bags of assorted trash. Missed the cleanup or want to help again? Mark your calendar now for the spring **River Cleanup Day, Saturday, May 17, 9-12 am.**



October 19: Dinners for Eight Returns

Join with members and friends of UUFLG for good food and lively conversation on Saturday, October 19, at 6:30 PM. The host home determines the entrée and asks those attending to bring an appetizer, a vegetable dish, and so forth. Singles and couples are welcome. Come dine with us!

Contact Pam Pierson at pierson@gmail.com or 508-561-4474 to attend or to host a October dinner. Being able to host is not required. Deadline is October 7. We'll see you around the dinner table. Dinners for Eight occur on the third Saturday of each month.

Thanks! From Chris and Jo Ann Schriener

We very much appreciated the after-service party on August 25. It was a special opportunity to enjoy your company once again and say our goodbyes. Both of us have enjoyed getting to know the members and friends of UUFLG during Chris' guest presentations at your warm and friendly congregation. We wish you well, and we look back on our visits with fond memories.



October Birthdays

- 1.....Tim Connelly
- 3.....Gratia Trevey
- 7.....Lisa Wiggins
- 8.....Barbara Kalmoutis
- 19.....Sharon Potts
- 27.....Maggi Benson
- 29.....Pat O'Hare
- 30.....Joe Rafferty

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

Leadership Development: Money, Stewardship and Faith

with Wayne Clark, PhD, Director, UUA Congregational Stewardship Services

October 26
8 AM -- 4 PM
at the UU Church of Berkeley in Kensington

\$45 Registration fee, \$55 after Oct. 4th

Wayne Clark will share a coming-of-age story designed to move congregations beyond the restrictive myth of scarcity that pervades so many of our UU faith communities. Drawing upon his book, *Beyond Fundraising: A Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship*, Wayne will help participants focus on the reality of abundance. During an extended lunch participants will have the opportunity for informal conversation and fellowship with others who work in similar ways in our movement, such as congregational presidents, treasurers, community activists and musicians. Afternoon sessions will be available to congregations which have at least 3 people attending to help us specifically create a culture of generosity in their own congregation. If you are interested in attending, please let Irving Yabroff or Rev. Lisa know.



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9-10:15a, <u>Membership Comm.</u> 10:30 -11:30a <u>Sunday Service</u> 10:15a -11:30p <u>Children's</u> Rel. Ed. /Playtime	30 Tues. Chalice Cir.	<u>OCT. 1</u> 10-11:45a, Tues. Chalice Cir.	2 10:30a-12:00p, Caring Committee Mtg. 7:30-9:30p, UUFLG Choir Rehearsal	3 12-1:30p RUUM's Lunch	4 9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt. 10:15a-12p, Fin. Comm. Mtg. 7:30-10:00p, First Friday Heartful Soulful Cinema	5 9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt.
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