

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 2014

Sunday Services at 10:30

Theme: The Thinning Veil

– Embracing and Exploring Mystery and Wonder

Oct. 5: “Faith, Skepticism, and the Great Mystery”

Rev. Fa Jun

What is faith? How do we know what we believe? When can faith become an obstacle, and when is it a fundamental human need? How can we distinguish scientific skepticism from cynicism? How do we relate to Mystery?

These questions and more will be brought to light during this Sunday’s service!

Oct. 12: “The Song of Inquiry”

Rev. Fa Jun

This Sunday will be a musically inspired service, featuring offerings from the Serendipity Choir. Our time together will be inspired by readings, discussion, and reflection on our capacity to wonder, the need for answers, and getting comfortable with the feeling of not-knowing. Between these reflections, we will hear music to inspire the knowing of the heart, and sing together to awaken our inner spirit of inquiry.

Oct. 19: “Spiritual Café”

Lynn Golbetz, Worship Associate

After a short summary in the Sanctuary, the congregation goes to deck to reflect more directly in small groups to discuss the question of the day. 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. Today’s topic is how we ground ourselves in traditions, old and new.

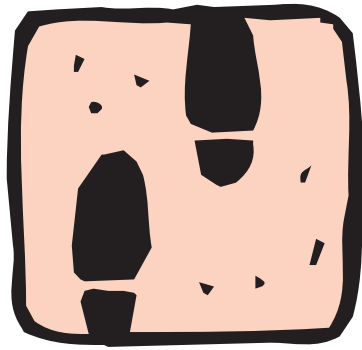
Guiding questions, as well as coffee and tea, will be available to facilitate the discussions.

Oct. 26: Dia De Los Muertos/Halloween

(intergenerational service)

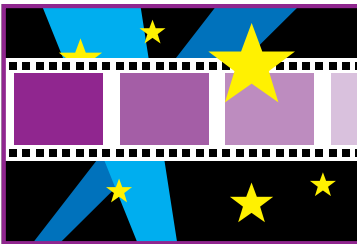
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Dia De Los Muertos is a time when cultures around the globe have always felt that their ancestors, beloved dead, and guiding spirits were closer than ever. In many Celtic traditions, it was thought that the “veils were thin” during the time of Samhain – the Celtic Halloween. Come join us as we reflect on those loves who have left the world, tap into guidance that may lie outside our ordinary, everyday lives, and build a traditional altar for the festival of the Day of the Dead.



Weekday Walks

Last walk of the season! On the fourth Friday of the month, on October 24th at 10 am, meet for a one hour walk at the Los Gatos Creek Trail. Located off of Lark Ave. on Garden Hill Drive. Any questions call Julie Morgan at 650-817-5118. See you out on the trail!



Special Announcement: Film Screening of 'Gasland'

October 12, 12:15pm

Gasland is a film by John Fox investigating the harmful effects of Fracking on the environment, individuals, and economy. This film also highlights some of the hidden economic interests in pushing hydraulic fracturing forward as an American answer to the "energy crisis"

Join us on October 12th in viewing this film as part of the "Global Frackdown" taking place on October 11th around the world. (and tell a friend).

SoulCollage®

Join Kathryn Harper on Saturday, October 11, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 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 is 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 October 6 if you plan to attend.



October Birthdays

- 1 - Tim Connelly
- 3 - Gratia Trevey
- 7 - Lisa Wiggins
- 8 - Barbara Kalmoutis
- 19 - Sharon Potts
- 20 - Julie Morgan
- 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.*



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.

“Buy Your Local Farm Food via Farmigo, a Fellowship Fundraiser”

Our Finance Committee approved the Farmigo fundraiser at the end of August. On September 15th, we met the required milestone of 10 orders to formally “kick-off” this project (see below). Farmigo is headquartered in Brooklyn, New York, and its second US location is the SF Bay Area. This not-for-profit firm provides a unique distribution for small local farmers. Non-profits such as the UUFLG or schools are the target ‘organizers’ in their distribution network. Each organization pulls together folks who will sign up to buy food via the Farmigo website, usually on a weekly basis.

Some key bullets:

- All of their food is very fresh and high quality, having been harvested within 48 hours of delivery on Wednesdays;
- Most of the food is organic, it is also priced competitively;
- They have a very wide range of food products that also includes dairy products and meat (recycled iced containers are used for those items that need to be kept cold);
- Families that sign up with Farmigo order exactly what they want each week at the Farmigo website (you don’t have to order weekly, but it is the more typical pattern);
- The Fellowship receives a 10% commission as its fund raising share; a target 12-month fund raising objective would be in the range of \$2K to \$4K.
- Each Wednesday around lunch time, a Farmigo truck delivers the food to the West Room. All the food is individually bagged for each person. Pick up is between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Lea Cox, our administrator, handles the Farmigo truck delivery. Carmella Condino is our “initial” pick-up volunteer.
- By the way, there is an opportunity to get a 30% discount on all ordered food, if you would like to handle the pick-up two hour time period. It should be quite easy to do. Contact Carmella or Tim Connelly if interested.
- Tim Connelly is the Program Project Manager (aka the ‘Organizer’ per the Farmigo nomenclature);
- Tim conducted due diligence on Farmigo during August; three other Bay Area non-profits were interviewed.
- YOU CAN SIGN UP AT www.farmigo.com/uuflg.

Send me an email (or call) if you have questions

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Fostering Dynamic Leadership in a Challenging Time

with UUA Moderator Jim Key

PCD-UUA Leadership Day

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley

Registration is Now Open!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mk4zlobab&oeidk=a07e9qaull54cc5d966>

The Pacific Central District Leadership Day will be held on October 25, 2014 at the UU Church of Berkeley (UUCB), in Kensington, CA, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jim Key, the Moderator of the UUA, will be our facilitator and keynote speaker. Registration opens at 9AM.

Leadership Day is a time for us to join together, to inspire each other, and to work collaboratively on some of the big questions that face us as a faith. How can we make a difference in the world? How are can we deepen and nurture our relationships so that they bring out our strengths? How can we be dynamic leaders ready to face the challenges of our age?

Leadership Day is open to anyone in the PCD who is, has been, or might in the future become a leader in our UU faith. Ministers, religious educators, musicians, and laypeople of all kinds will find value in the interactive experiences that we’ll have that day. Plus, we will join together in vibrant worship and music. The day will be inspiring, challenging, and fun.

Come join Jim, our local UUA staff, and your friends and colleagues in our faith in a day of empowerment, spiritual depth, and courage.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			5:00p - 6:00p Farmigo Food Pickup	12:00p - 1:30p, Retired UU Men's Lunch 7:00p - 8:00p Special Board Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30a - 10:00a Morning Meditation 10:15a - 11:30p Children's Religious Education Classes 10:30a - 11:30a Sunday Service 2:00p - 4:00p Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by Appt)	6:30p - 8:00p Women's Spirituality Group	10:00a - 11:30a Tuesday Chalice Circle 10:30a - 12:30p "So and Sew"	10:30a - 11:30a Caring Committee 5:00p - 6:00p Farmigo Food Pickup	9:45a - 12:00p Thursday Morning Women's Group 7:00p - 8:30p Finance Committee Meeting		9:30a - 1:30p SoulCollage®
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