

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

September 2013

Sunday Services at 10:30

Monthly Worship Theme: Homecoming!

Sept. 1: “Labor and Justice on the Spiritual Path”

Envision a world where everyone makes their personal contribution with pride, confidence, and adequate compensation. This Labor day weekend we will explore the spiritual path of work, and the issues of justice, equity, and compassion in our human relationships. Special quest speakers will be present from local day-worker and interfaith groups.

Sept. 8: “Feeding the Body and Spirit!”

9:00 AM - Pancake Breakfast

10:30 AM - Annual Ingathering Celebration

Rev. Lisa Wiggins, officiating

We celebrate and share those places of nourishment which fed our spirits during the summer. Please remember to bring water from that special place to commingle with the UUFLG family and visitors. If you forgot to collect that water or if this celebration is new to you, know that we also accept “virtual” water for the sharing.

Sept. 15: “How I Escaped from Scientology: One Person’s Experience Deep Inside a Cult”

For 12 years, Sandy Holeman worked for the International Headquarters of The Church of Scientology, including 5 years aboard the yacht Apollo with the Founder, L. Ron Hubbard, sailing the Atlantic and Caribbean. She was privy to the inner workings of the organization, and can answer all of your questions about Scientology: the celebrities, why people join, what keeps people in, and how they get out.

Sept. 22: “At Home in the Universe”

Rev. Lisa A. Wiggins

As we stand on the cusp of the Fall Equinox where the leaves of the summer fall lifeless to the ground we are reminded of the impermanence of everything around us. Yet there is spiritual wisdom to be found at such time. The poet, Wallace Stevens, once wrote: “Death is the mother of beauty.” Instead of feeling painful loss or regret, we have another chance to grow more appreciative of the beauty of crisp, colorful leaves and other treasures that we have had to let go.

Sept. 29: “Spiritual Cafe - Michaelmas - Honoring the Protector”

The holiday of Michaelmas was traditionally seen as the end of the husbandman’s year, or the time when harvest was being completed and accounts were being settled. We will continue our month’s theme of homecoming with an interpersonal exploration of the role of protectors (like the Archangel Michael) in our lives and homes. What kind of things deserve protection? when is it appropriate to be a warrior? When does protection go too far? These questions and more will be explored together, calling on the collective wisdom of our community to nourish our hearts and minds.

TO BEGIN AGAIN!

The fall in our more temperate zone means the lessening of the day's sunshine and anticipating the darker rainy season. And as meaning-makers with ancient rhythms of light's energy inside our very marrows, we come together to relight our chalice of light for the bright inspiration for a new Fellowship year. We know that when we can stop and become more aware of the constant revelations of a changing earth that is also a part of us, we can create better lives for ourselves and for each other. Come join us for this journey of renewal and take delight in beginning again in faith and service for a brighter day for all.

Ministerial Musings:

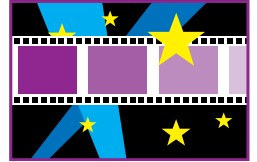
In my early years when I was in grade school I would smile with excitement, and some nervousness, with a new school year coming. But by high school my smile grew big. Each year for the weekend our older brother would drive himself, my twin sister and me to band birds during the annual fall migration on the east coast. We would net these beings of flight, marvel at them briefly in our hands, before letting them fly off again with a shiny, marked band on their ankles. More than being a record for the Fish and Wildlife Service, banding birds would set the wings of my own heart flying. I could feel myself migrating through life and marveling at our shared rhythms, forces and connections. I was of the earth, the skies as much as the earth and skies were for the birds. Many years hence, the lesson of fall has continued to be a special time of transition which if not claimed becomes just another passage of mundane time. Especially if one is a Unitarian Universalist! To be part of our living religious tradition we honor and finding meaning in the changes and beauty that we see around and in us. With this spiritual awareness we can live more fully and boldly into the present, moving into an unknown future. May we in the Fellowship, fellow travelers in the journey, help you find your wings to fly into your next horizon.

In faith, Rev. Lisa

Spiritual Cinema: "Take Me Home"

Friday, September 6, 7 PM

Soon after Thom starts operating as an illegal taxi driver in New York City, Claire hires him to drive her to California. This movie which involves both Tom and Claire's parents who affect their journey gives us an opportunity to reflect on what it means to "take me home." Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



All Fellowship Fun Retreat!

Saturday, September 21st

3 - 9 PM; Dinner at 5:30 PM

Calling all members, friends, staff, young, growing older, families, singles, and the "wise ones." It won't be the same without you! Please come to an All Fellowship Retreat with crafts, games, music, food and fellowship in the beautiful setting the Browning's home in the mountains outside of Los Gatos. It is a chance to "kick-back" with plenty of room to enjoy each others' company, explore the woods, eat and be merry. The evening will highlight roasting marshmallows on the deck. We ask that you bring a food item to share for dinner and let Erma know what you are bringing. She would also like to know the ages of any children or grandchildren you will be bringing so that she can plan for their age appropriate activities. (ermabrowning@comcast.net)

Brent will have a great map at the Fellowship if you need directions. Please consider car pooling as parking is limited. You will be able to drive down to the house to drop off food and then park further away. A shuttle will be provided to and from the parking area.

SOCIAL ACTION WANTS YOU!

The Social Action Team would love some company. We meet the first Sunday of the month, in the lounge, after coffee. Come and visit to see what we're doing. Recently we have been working on the Pack-A-Back for Sacred Heart to distribute to needy grade schoolers. We have a number of interesting and fulfilling projects coming up.

Coastal Cleanup

Because there is already a UUFLG event (the Rummage Sale) scheduled for Sept. 21, Social Action is not sponsoring a cleanup group on the Coastal Cleanup Day (incorrectly listed previously as Sept. 13), but instead providing information on how UU's can register as individuals for the cleanup at Vasona park on the 21st, *or for the one site being cleaned on Sunday afternoon, 9/22*, (which doesn't conflict with anything happening at the Fellowship). We have provided the information in the midweek announcements and this week's Order of Service.

Social Action Support of Day Workers

Recently members of Social Action attended a Day Workers' Open House at the Day Worker Center of Mountain View. They will be supported by a Share the Plate donation. The Center encourages people to come to lunch and converse with the workers in order for them to improve their English. There are many talents among the workers. They charge from \$12 to \$15 an hour and can be contacted at 650-903-4102.

Below are some of the services they offer:

Carpeting and hardwood*, Childcare, Cleaning, Construction*, Cooking/Catering, Driving, Eldercare, Electrical work*, Entertainment* (guitarists, folkloric dancers), Moving, Painting, Plumbing*, Sewing/tailoring*, Upholstery*, Yard work.

*per estimate

Educational Aid for Prisoners

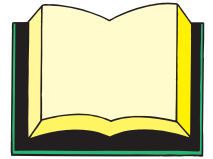
Our congregation recently received a request from an inmate at Avenal Prison. He asked for financial aid to buy text books for prisoners incarcerated in California. The issue was very thoroughly investigated and found to be legitimate. We have recommended that used text books be purchased. Our congregation will be able to donate through a Share the Plate Sunday.



Recent Pack-a-Back Drive

Recently, thanks to your generosity and helping hands, our Pack-a-Back effort was a great success! Members of Social Action collected and purchased back packs and the supplies needed to fill them. Twenty back packs were filled with school supplies appropriate for grade level and delivered to Sacred Heart Community Service for distribution to low-income families. An additional \$40 was sent to Sacred Heart to use in supplying more back packs and a letter has been received from them, sending thanks on behalf of all who benefitted from our kindness.

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



KID'S BOOK EXCHANGE

Katie Stubstad is encouraging kids to read. Watch for the book exchange the last Sunday of the month and take home something that looks interesting. A child may bring a book, or several, to pass on to other children to keep or return.

Lifespan Learning Rummage Sale!

Saturday, Sept.21 9am-12pm

One person's trash is another's treasure. The Lifespan Learning Committee and our Children's RE classes will be hosting a short rummage sale to increase visibility of our Fellowship, give the youth a way to participate in meaningful social action together, and donate funds to charity. Please look for those hidden treasures in your garage or shed to donate, and consider volunteering your time.

Contact Lynn Golbetz or Katie Stubstad for more information.



September Birthdays

September 2 - Robin Wernick
3 - Katie Substad
9 - Jo Cooley
11 - Wanda Alexander
14 - Sue Fera
18 - Ruth Webb
19 - Len Stonehill
22 - Anna Substad
29 - Lorraine Olson

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 (jebebe1102@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
September 1 10:15a -11:30p Children's Rel. Ed. Classes /Playtime 10:30 -11:30a Sunday Service 12:00-1:15p. Social Action Mtg. 1:00-3:00p, Bldg. Cleaning	2 6:30-8:00p, Women's Spirituality Grp.	3 10-11:45a, Tues. Chalice Cir.	4 7:30-9:30p, UUFLG Choir Rehearsal	5 12-1:30p RUUM's Lunch	6 9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt. 10:15a-12:00p, Fin. Comm. Mtg. 7:30-10:00p, First Friday Heartful Soulful Cinema	7 9:00a-4:00p, Rev. Lisa Offc. Hrs. By Appt.
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