



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 2014
Sunday Services at 10:30

Sept. 7: Water Communion

Rev. Fa Jun

Water communion is our homecoming service and the beginning of our church year. Come join this celebration of our Fellowship and the interconnected web of all life as we create a "holy water" of our very own.

This service will be intergenerational and FUN, with lots of music and interaction (but a coloring activity will be provided if more stimulation is needed for younger participants). Please bring some water collected during your summer travels, or from a place that is especially holy to you!

Sept. 14: "Justice, Power, and the Politics of Love"

The Rev. Jay Atkinson

We easily talk of love as a principle from the Universalist side of our religious tradition, but there is a political message in the gospel of love that is harder to practice. From government gridlock in our nation to shortcomings in the practice of "Beloved Community" in our congregations, we often lapse into ugly and coercive forms of power instead of the persuasive and relational power of compassion, understanding, and mutual respect. In a world of confrontation and greed, how do we envision a politics of love in our churches and in the wider world?

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Sept. 21: "Church: What's in it for me?"

Rev. Fa Jun

The institution of church is a time-honored one, yet it can be hard to understand how this weekly sacred gathering applies to our busy modern lives and minds. As we begin our church year let us join together in a discussion, contemplation, and meditation on the values of gathering together as a spiritual community.

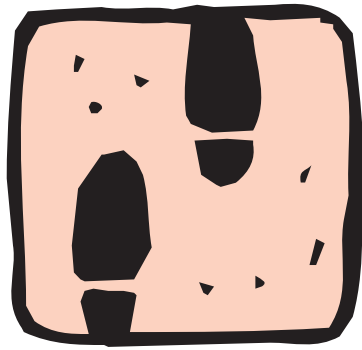
Take this opportunity sing your heart's desire about the type of spiritual community you dream of. We will explore classical models of spiritual culture, our own Unitarian Universalist roots, and fresh, new ideas from our post-modern era - all within a context of togetherness, reverence, and sanctity.

Come share together!

Sept. 28: "Spiritual Café"

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.

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



Weekday Walks

Weekday Walks for September will meet at the Los Gatos Creek Trail near Lark Ave. Come out for an hour walk in a beautiful location with others. On Friday, September 26th at 10:00 am. See you out on the trail!

If you have any questions, please call Julie Morgan at 650-817-5118 or email at alljsmail@gmail.com



The Great Books Discussion Group

at UUFLG will meet in the West Room at 7:30 PM on Monday September 8, 2014 to discuss a comparison of "The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam by Edward Fitzgerald vs "Rabbi Ben Ezra" by Robert Browning (34 pages total).

You need not have read any of our previous readings in order to participate in this discussion as all discussions stand on their own.

If you would like to join us, please call Brent or Erma Browning at 408-353-6340.

SoulCollage®

Join Kathryn Harper on Saturday, September 13, 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 September 10 if you plan to attend.

Economic Justice Summit

Unfortunately, the Economic Justice Summit scheduled for October 4 has been canceled. We hope it will be rescheduled soon and will keep everyone apprised.

September Birthdays

- 2 - Robin Wernick
- 3 - Katie Stubstad
- 9 - Jo Cooley
- 11 - Wanda Alexander
- 14 - Sue Fera
- 18 - Ruth Webb
- 22 - Anna Stubstad
- 29 - Lorraine Olson
- 30 - Jack Stubstad



*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 a Success

On July 27, students in the elementary and middle-school RE classes at UUFLG worked together to pack 15 backpacks (enough for half a class!) with donated school supplies. The filled packs were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Service the next morning, for distribution to needy students the following week. Thanks to all who donated backpacks, supplies, checks, or cash to this year's backpack drive!

UUs Aid StandUp for Kids

The August Share-the-Plate collection raised \$271.81 for StandUp for Kids, a local organization aiding homeless and at-risk teens. The collection followed a presentation by StandUp for Kids' outreach director, who outlined services provided at the group's new drop-in center and their efforts to reach the estimated 2000 homeless teens in the San Jose area.



Habitat Homes Near Completion

UUFLG sent volunteers to All Faiths' workdays on Aug. 1 And 16 at the two Habitat for Humanity homes being renovated in Sunnyvale. Renovation is now nearing completion, and volunteers on Aug. 16 worked with members of the Sunnyvale Garden Club to begin landscaping one of the homes. Dedication of both homes is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10:00 am, at 239 Jackson Street.



Help Clean a Creek Sept. 20, 9-12!

UUFLG will be participating in Coastal Cleanup Day by helping to clean a section of Los Gatos Creek trail near Vasona Dam. (Santa Clara Valley doesn't have a coast, but it does have creeks and rivers that need our help.) Assembly point for the UUFLG volunteers will be on Garden Hill Drive (off Lark Ave.), at the fence opposite Vasona Dam.

Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, a hat, and sunscreen, and bring your own water bottle. Gloves, trash bags, water, and snacks will be provided. To volunteer, sign up in the UUFLG lobby or phone/e-mail Jim Beebe (jebeebe1102@yahoo.com or 408-315-5066) or Ellen Hill (ellen_hill@att.net or 408-371-5776).

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.

Bio for Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson

The Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson retired in June 2011 from thirty-two years of service in Unitarian Universalist parish ministry. During those years he served also on the adjunct faculties of Morningside College (1985), Starr King School (1994, 1999, 2006), and Meadville Lombard (2003), and was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Process Studies in Claremont in 1996.

Dr. Atkinson has published “Religious Tolerance and Social Concord in the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions” [Ideas of Concord and Discord in Selected World Religions, vol. 2 in Research in Human Social Conflict, ed. Joseph B. Gittler (Greenwich, Conn: JAI Press, 2000), 385-426] and “Engaged Dissent Among the Polish Brethren” [The Role of the Dissenter in Western Christianity: From Jesus Through the 16th Century, ed. Alicia McNary Forsey (Berkeley: Starr King, 2004), 85-96].

Presentations at scholarly conferences include “Religious Pluralism as a Response to Human Finitude: Christoff Ostorodt and the Polish Brethren” [Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, 20-23 October 2005] and “The Church as a Self-Critical Learning Community: Some Sixteenth-Century Precursors of Creative Interchange in the Ecclesiology of the Polish Brethren,” Ecclesiology Session, Sixth International Whitehead Conference, Universität Salzburg, Austria, 3-6 July 2006].

Dr. Atkinson’s abiding interests are in UU History, economic justice, and process theology. His current scholarship focuses primarily on the epistemic ecclesiology of the Polish Brethren.

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	6
	6:30p - 8:00p Women's Spirituality Group	10:00a - 11:30a Tuesday Chalice Circle 10:30a-12:30p "So and Sew"		12:00p - 1:30p, Retired UU Men's Lunch 7:00p - 8:00p Special Board Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00a - 10:00a Pancake Breakfast 10:15a - 11:30p Children's Religious Education Classes 10:30a - 11:30a Sunday Service 12:00p - 1:15p Social Action Team	7:30p - 9:00p Great Books Discussion		10:30a - 11:30a Caring Committee	9:45a - 12:00p Thursday Morning Women's Group 10:30a - 12:00p Finance Committee Meeting		9:30a - 1:30p SoulCollage®
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Dignity of Every Person”*



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