

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 2014 Sunday Services at 10:30

November Theme: Gratitude

Nov. 2: All Saints Day

Rev. Fa Jun

Who do you recognize as a “saint” in your world? What are the qualifications for such a person? Who have been the saints in your life? Join us as we complete our celebration of Dia De Los Muertos by honoring those on the “other side” who have touched our lives and our world in a positive way. Let us take a few moments together to honor the powerful contributions made by a few courageous souls, and let their examples inspire us!

Nov. 9: “We’re all immigrants (one world is enough for all of us)”

Rev. Fa Jun

Whether your family immigrated to America from Ireland 100 years ago, or from Canada last year (heck, you may still be a “guest” in this country or town), we all had to come from somewhere. Are we defined by our origins? How do the ethics of a vastly interconnected globe determine who gets what share of the Earth’s finite resources? Is there an “enlightened” way to deal with the distinctions that divide and unite us? Come explore these controversial and inspiring questions together.

Nov. 16: A Music Sunday

led by Dave Coldren, our musician.

Nov. 23: “Oh We Give Thanks!” (Thanksgiving)

Rev. Fa Jun

Let us rejoice in the bounty of our lives together. Once upon a time, the story goes, a group of asylum seekers happened upon the coasts of North America and were treated to a feast of friends. How can we adulate those who welcomed weary travellers to their table? Can the abundance of our lives serve as a foundation to enrich our entire community? Come bring the abundance of gifts in your heart and share them with your community so that we may all be fed.

Nov. 30:

“The power of gratitude to heal the brain”

Rev. Fa Jun

Modern research is showing what religious leaders (and dear old Mom) have said for centuries: that we should count our blessings! When we are grateful, significant changes happen inside our brains, bodies, and relationships that can make us happier and more successful. Our worship service will focus on generating a powerful feeling of gratitude within, while our sermon explores a few key practices in harnessing this time-honored technique of tuning the brain, heart, and mind.

Ministerial Musings

Well, I'm finally settling in to the role of contract minister at UUFLG for the year and am getting very excited. Just last week I saw my first "official" appointments during office hours, which I hold on selected Thursdays and Sundays by appointment, and that really increased the sense of grounding into the year of good work ahead of us. We've already seen a number of innovative Sunday Services, and I'm very excited to work with each of you to create a program of inspirational worship and learning that fulfills our needs for variety, education, community, and even entertainment!

This month, maybe it's because of the upcoming holiday season, I'm thinking a lot about community. Many of us have expressed that the most important thing about UUFLG is the network of connections we nurture here. I am brainstorming ways that we can continue to develop our community as a force of positive change in the world around us.

With this in mind, I'm very inspired about deeply communicating with YOU! To this end, we'll soon be installing a feedback/suggestion box, and I also welcome emails or personal check-ins to find out what is alive in you, what you are needing in your fellowship experience, and what you are inspired by!

I'm looking forward to a warm, connected, and growthful year together!

Warmly,

Rev. Fa Jun



December 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 30th, through December 14st, 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.

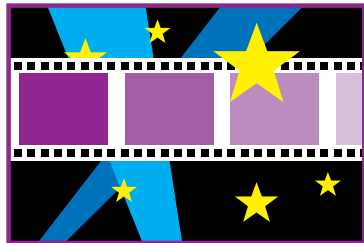
If you prefer to give a monetary gift, that would be very welcome. One dollar translates into 1.3 pounds of food. A check should be made out to UUFLG with Second Harvest Food Bank in the memo line and placed in the envelope within the collection box, or handed to Jim Beebe, Coralee Linton, or Ellen Hill.

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

SoulCollage®

Join Kathryn Harper on Saturday, November 8, 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 November 2 if you plan to attend.



THE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE STARTS NOW!

Dream Menders, a local political/social action group, is offering a free showing of the movie, Pay2Play: Democracy's High Stakes, by John Wellington Ennis. This is a thought provoking documentary about the current threats to our democratic way of life.

It will be shown at the San Jose Peace Center, 48 South 7th Street, San Jose, on October 19 at 2:00. Seating is limited. Any questions, please contact Pam Robinson at 408-252-7918.

Farmigo

The 'go live' date for Farmigo (conditionally) is now Sept. 17; I'm copying you folks on the email below to give you an update & also to encourage you to participate in the Farmigo food buying fund raiser. I know that the Benson's have told me that they OK with a 'every other week' arrangement-- which shouldn't be a problem. Julia signed up the Connelly's; so we need just 8 more.

Lea Cox tells me that there is no problem for her to handle the delivery during the middle of the day on Wednesdays.

The email solicitation that will be going out to the discussion list will include a note about the need for a volunteer to be around between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM for pick-up at the Fellowship (that person is eligible for a 30% discount on food they buy via Farmigo-- although, there has been a comment made that volunteers don't need compensation; this is somewhat different in that the volunteer still has to buy some food via Farmigo.)

We on the look-out for the Farmigo mailings that will be going out soon.



November Birthdays

- Nov.
- 4.....Bob Bixler
- 12.....Lida Kluzek
- 20.....Robin Connelly
- 22Edy Young

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.

PCD Leadership Day

Dear Friends:

PCD Leadership Day 2014 will be dedicated to exploring bold and dynamic leadership. It's pretty obvious that we live in difficult times. It's also obvious that we have lay leaders and clergy in our district who are creative, intelligent, and free-thinking. So what can we do to give ourselves and our leaders permission to be bold and to take risks? How can we bring the best parts of ourselves to deepening our religious experience and bringing our faith to life in the world?

How can we become the leaders that our faith and our world will need five, ten, and twenty years from now?

Jim Key, the Moderator of the UUA and a long-time organizational consultant, will lead the participants in Leadership Day through a series of discussions and exercises designed to open up our minds to new possibilities, help us discover the courage to take bold leaps, and create concrete plans to take back to our congregations. Along the way we'll experience vibrant music, worship, and the fellowship of many of the most exciting religious leaders here in the West.

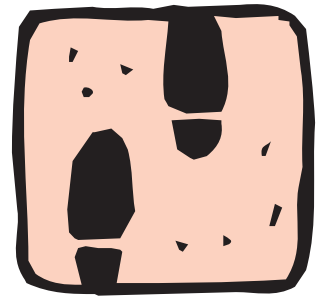
Leadership Day registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25 at the UU Church of Berkeley. The workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$50 includes both breakfast snacks and lunch.

Registration: \$50 / person, \$60 after Friday, October 17, 2014

Breakfast goodies and a hearty lunch with vegetarian / vegan options will be provided.

Registration opens at 9AM - our program begins promptly at 10AM.

We hope to see you and your congregation's team there!



Walking the Walk

The 2014 Walking the Walk Justice Leaders Summit is just around the corner. Spaces are still available for this powerful weekend gathering of justice leaders from throughout the state. Join us November 14 - 16 at the NatureBridge Conference Center in beautiful Sausalito, California.

We are pleased and honored to have the world renown eco-philosopher and activist Joanna Macy join us Friday for a fireside chat. We are also delighted that on Saturday the Reverend Deborah Holder, Minister of Beloved Community for the UUA Western Region, will offer two powerful sessions that will help you and your congregation well into the future.

Of course there will also be powerful connections built, rejuvenating worship, updates on important issues and useful skill-building workshops.

Pick up practical training to strengthen the justice ministries in your congregation.

Become more grounded in UU theologies and history to support action in the world.

Refresh your spirit with dynamic worship and the warmth of UU justice community.

Learn strategies to address climate change, housing insecurity, and advance immigrant justice, the human right to water, and LGBTQ2S rights.

Network with like minded UU's and learn how to build effective multi-faith coalitions.

Registration is now open. I hope you can make it. [Click Here for More information and to reserve your space!](#)

If you are unable to attend but wish to be part of this event, please consider donating to the Scholarship & Hardship Fund. Everything raised goes to help young adults and dedicated UU activists attend who would otherwise be unable to do so.

Sincerely,
Kathy Huff
2014 Walk The Walk Coordinator

November 2014

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