



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

our mission

think about our lives grow spiritually care for each other act to make a better place honor how all things connect

February 2019

Sunday Services at 10:30 am



February Theme: Love

Feb. 3 – “Let Ours be a Ministry of Love”

Our UU faith treasures many beautiful ideals. Among them are freedom, autonomy, democracy and diversity. Perhaps as the New Testament tells us, “The greatest of these is love.” This morning we’ll explore how our community is a nexus of loving-kindness, which can spread out and make this a better world for us all. Celebrations, practical tips, and brainstorming together will all play a role in this dynamic service. –Rev. Fa Jun

Feb. 10 – “Unitarian Universalism Meets Process Theology”

This morning guest minister Rev. Terra Collier-Young will share how the philosophical perspective of Process Theology complements Unitarian Universalism in our Principles and Sources, and as a conscious way of being in the world.

Rev. Collier-Young's community ministry is affiliated with the UU Fellowship of Santa Cruz County and administered through a ministerial practice she developed called Five Seeds Ministry (fiveseedsministry.net).

Environmental Justice Class Series: “Our Place in the Web of Life”

First 2 Sessions: Sun., Feb. 10 & 24, 12:15 - 2:15 pm

You're invited to be part of our upcoming Environmental Justice classes titled “Our Place in the Web of Life”, part of UUFLG's Green Sanctuary program. The **intergenerational** classes will include a light lunch. Look for three more classes in March and April (dates to be announced).

This participatory and collaborative course is designed to help us learn new practices and skills that will allow us to work toward creating a more just and sustainable world. Each session will build on prior classes, so we hope you'll join us for all of them (or as many as you can).

Please sign-up in the foyer so we know how many people to expect. Please email Robb Stolberg (bigbrownbat@yahoo.com) with any questions or to be added to the list.

Feb. 17 – “The Dao of Love”

In honor of the Asian lunar New Year, let us journey through the teachings of the great masters of Daoism, and listen to what they have to say about love. We'll discover a robust tradition that encourages us toward harmony, civility, and common care, with practical advice that remains current even after more than two millennia! –Rev. Fa Jun

Feb. 24 – “For the Love of Dopamine: Healing an Addicted Society”

We live in a culture that prizes a certain type of pleasure and accomplishment that triggers the “reward chemical” in our brain – dopamine. Unfortunately, this is also the major pathway through which most unhealthy addictions operate. Could it be that our addiction epidemic says something about the core values of our culture as a whole? Is there another way we could be relating to pleasure, reward, and pain-relief that is more balanced and wholesome? And what's love got to do with it?! Find out all this and more in today's sermon! –Rev. Fa Jun



As a Welcoming Congregation, the UUFLG welcomes everyone into our community, without regard to race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos
Open Minds, Loving Hearts, Serving Hands

FEBRUARY

3RD DEAN CHACON

9TH EDNA WINDES

9TH RORI JENSEN

11TH DAVE KIEBERT

13TH KATIE RALL

24TH PAM ROBINSON



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

To be added to the birthday list and to request a mailed card instead of an ecard (default), email admin@uufg.org or leave a message at (408) 358-1212. –Caring Committee



January Shared Plate

In January, we collected \$596 for **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**. UUSC is a human rights organization that focuses on a partner-based model, where they not only provide grants to their grassroots partners globally, but also provide help, assistance and guidance to each of their partners. UUSC focuses their relief efforts on meeting the needs of those vulnerable communities who may be overlooked or subject to discrimination. UUSC often makes a multi-year commitment that turns disaster response into ongoing, sustainable recovery, focusing on human rights violations that are often ignored by larger relief organizations. UUSC partners with local grassroots organizations that best understand and represent the needs of the community at risk. Thank you for supporting UUSC's work to continue partnering with marginalized communities in the struggle for human rights and social justice.

Potluck to Celebrate Fellowship's Annual Giving Campaign

Sat., Feb. 16, 5:30-7:30 pm

Let's create a meal of sustainable and scrumptious delights. Everyone is encouraged to bring a food item to share (vegetarian/organic meat entree, side dish and/or dessert). We are celebrating our Annual Giving Campaign for the upcoming fiscal year, starting July 1. **Come with big hearts (and big appetites) to support our community!**



Even if you have not pledged by the potluck, please plan to attend and pledge when you can.

Let's break bread and enjoy each other!

Contact: Donna Brewer (donna vb@hotmail.com) or Laurie Roberts (lauriequilt@gmail.com).



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February Shared Plate: Village Harvest

This month, the offertory on Feb. 17 (except for checks and envelopes marked “pledge”) will go to Village Harvest.

Village Harvest is a volunteer organization in the San Francisco Bay Area that harvests abundant fruit from homes and small orchards, then passes it along to local food agencies to feed people in need. Since their founding in 2001, volunteers have harvested over 2.6 million pounds of healthy, local, sustainable fruit through the power of community sharing and action.

The organization is now one of the oldest and largest organizations of this type in the world. In addition to their nationally recognized Community Fruit Harvesting program, they provide information and education on fruit tree care, harvesting, and using fruit through their website villageharvest.org and telephone (888)FRUIT 411.

In Silicon Valley more than 1 of every 10 people needs extra food, especially low income families and seniors. Through Village Harvest the community comes together to share fruit from our gardens, our volunteer time, and our community spirit to make a difference for others.

This year they'll harvest and donate enough healthy local fruit to food banks to help tens of thousands throughout the year, like the 225,000 pounds donated in 2017.

Learn more: villageharvest.org. –Social Action Committee



UUFLG RENTAL SPACE

AVAILABLE!

GREAT FOR ALL SORTS OF EVENTS!

Spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and colleagues that we have a venue suitable for recitals, weddings, memorials, parties and more!

We welcome your ideas to increase our rental income!

Contact Donna Brewer, donnabv@hotmail.com or (408) 358-1212.

PCD Women's Retreat Mar. 7-10 Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa

The annual PCD Women's Retreat is coming up on March 7-10, 2019. All self-identified women are welcome join us. Our retreat offers something for everyone: delicious meals; workshops for the mind, body and spirit; conversations with new and old friends; time for quiet contemplation; and a boutique, silent auction, and book swap. To learn more and register for our retreat, please visit our website: womenandreligionpcd.org. Register soon for the early-bird discount. We hope to see you there. Invite a friend! –Mary Coker, UU Pacific Central District



Do you have something to say to the Board of Trustees? A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board meeting. Contact Lynn Golbetz (lynngolbetz@comcast.net) for more information. View the minutes of Board meetings online at uufg.org/board-of-trustees-minutes/.

Winter “Survival Sack” Drive in February

From Feb. 3-17, UUFLG will be collecting personal hygiene items, socks, and underwear for “Survival Sacks” and for smaller “hygiene kits” that Sacred Heart Community Service distributes to the homeless. Students in our elementary and middle school classes will pack the sacks on Sun., Feb. 24.

The Survival Sacks are backpacks containing 3 months of supplies; Sacred Heart distributes about 100 of these each month. Because underwear and socks are included, “men’s” and “women’s” sacks are packed.

Items needed for one sack:

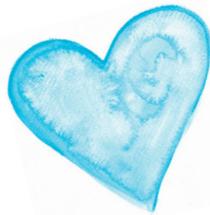
- 1 rain poncho
- 1 small blanket
- 2 pairs of underwear (most needed: men’s large and extra-large)
- 2 pairs of socks (for men or women)
- 1 small first aid kit
- 1 washcloth
- bar of soap (3 oz.)
- toothbrush and full-size tube of toothpaste
- deodorant (3.5 oz. size)
- shampoo
- comb
- razor
- 2 rolls toilet paper



The “Hygiene Kits” are small bags of hygiene items that are available at Sacred Heart on an ongoing basis to those in need. All items for these kits should be small “travel” or “hotel amenity” size in order to fit into a gallon-sized ziplock bag.

Items needed for one kit:

- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash and/or soap
- comb
- deodorant
- hand lotion
- razor
- tissue pack
- mouthwash
- washcloth



Cash and check donations are also welcome, and will be used to purchase any items in short supply. Write checks to UUFLG, with “survival sacks” in the memo line.

With your help, we hope to fill 15 backpacks and 15 hygiene kits on Feb. 24!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10:30-11:30a Service & Children's Religious Exploration (CRE)				4-6p Minister Office Hours by Appt (MOH)	1-2p Connections C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Winter "Survival Sack" Drive 9-10:15a CRE Committee (C.) 10:30-11:30a Service & CRE 12:30p Sunday Services C.		10-11:30a Chalice Circle		12-1:30p Retired UU Men's Lunch (RUUMs) 4-6p MOH	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	10a-12p Resistance Chorus
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Winter "Survival Sack" Drive 8:30-10:15a Social Action C. 10:30-11:30a Service & CRE 12:15-2:15p Environmental Justice Class 1 (Children welcome!)	7-9p Resistance Chorus	10:30a-12p Finance C. 2-3:30p Caring C.	7-9p Stewardship	9:45a-12p Morning Women's Group 7-8:15p Board	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	2p Pauline Stonehill Celebration of Life 5:30-7:30p Potluck Celebrating Annual Giving Campaign
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Winter "Survival Sack" Drive 10:30-11:30a Service (Shared Plate: Village Harvest) & CRE		10-11:30a Chalice Circle		12-1:30p RUUMs 4-6p MOH	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	9a-12p Bldg. & Grounds Workday 6-9p Game Night
24	25	26	27	28	Mar. 1	2
10:30-11:30a Service & CRE Students assemble survival sacks and hygiene kits for homeless 12:15-2:15p Environmental Justice Class 2 (Children welcome!)				4-6p MOH	1-2p Connections C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	10a-12p Resistance Chorus

Note: This calendar is intended for events relevant to the life of the Fellowship. For a complete calendar of UUFLG facilities use, which includes rentals, view the online calendar at www.uuflg.org. In case of errors, omissions and changes after newsletter publication, find the most up-to-date calendar online. To request updates to the online calendar, email admin@uuflg.org. For recurring event details and contacts, refer to [Activities & Programs](#) online.