

# 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 2015

Sunday Services at 10:30

### September Theme: Homecoming/Welcoming!

#### Sept. 6: “17th Annual Labor In the Pulpit - Creating an Ethical Nation Through Fair Labor Practices!”

Rev. Fa Jun

While tech companies make massive profits, the workers who keep them running smoothly have been left behind. Silicon Valley Rising is here to fix that by raising wages, creating affordable housing, and growing our middle class. As people of faith, we hold that all people are interconnected and that we should all live our lives able to reach our full potential and able to have access to a fair share of the world’s abundance.

#### Sept. 13: Welcome Home - Annual Water Communion Service

Rev. Fa Jun

Join us for a morning of prayer and fellowship as we come together at the beginning of our church year.

This morning’s service will focus on the sacredness of water, and the sacredness of our community. We will empower our vision for the coming church year and welcome each other home.

This service will be intergenerational and highly interactive for participants of all ages.

#### Sept. 20: “The Autumnal Equinox - The Power of Going Within!”

Rev. Fa Jun

At the turning of the seasons, we can tune our bodies, hearts and mind with the greater energy of the environment around us.

Join us for discussion and practice on how to make the most of turning inward? Are you a natural introvert, or does going within terrify you? Maybe both? Do you find that when you go inward your mind still makes so much noise that you might as well still be “out”? Or perhaps it’s so quiet you never want to leave the cave.

Come gather your inner resources with us as we head into the darker (and quieter) half of the year!

#### Sept. 27: “The Feast of the Sacred Protector”

Kathryn Harper

On Michaelmas, throughout the ancient world, people celebrated the spiritual warrior - symbolized by the archangel Michael. In our modern world, there are still many who need our protection.

Some of those who need protection the most are the marginalized communities in our nation, and around the world. Join us for a talk on how to enhance our consideration for these communities, to become advocates, and even protectors for these communities. Join us to for an introduction to the idea of “Welcoming Congregations”, which create a space of spiritual safety for people in the LGBT community!

## Ministerial Message

Welcome back to UUFLG at the beginning of our new Fellowship Year! This month of September we will hold the dual theme of “homecoming” and of “welcoming”. Personally, I always feel, as Autumn comes on, that I’m especially attuned to the idea of “home”. Somehow, I can wonder about all summer, but when the leaves start to change, I just want a fireplace and a mug of tea.

The ancients felt this to be true, and celebrated the turning of the seasons and the energy of going within. As we gather back together during our Water Communion, I am reminded, as well, of those who have no homes, and those who are not made to feel welcome in our world, and even in our town (by the way, have you noticed the housing costs around here lately?). As our UU hymn says “how can we sing of hope and joy” when we know that others are suffering? It is my hope that we can use the family we create here at UUFLG to make each of us ever stronger, so that we can provide welcome, comfort, and a sense of home to those who have not found it yet.

Welcome back, and thank you for bringing the gift that is you into our community once more!

## September Birthdays

- 2 - Sezen Vorsai
- 2 - Robin Wernick
- 3 - Katie Substad
- 9 - Jo Cooley
- 11 - Wanda Alexander
- 14 - Sue Fera
- 18 - Ruth Webb
- 22 - Anna Stubstad
- 25 - Sue Ann Lorig
- 29 - Lorraine Olson



## Save the Date: Park and Trail Cleanup Saturday , Sept. 19, 9 am to Noon

Join the team from UUFLG who will be helping to clean Vasona Lake County Park and the Los Gatos Creek Trail as part of Coastal River Day on September 19. This is a great family service activity (children must be accompanied by an adult). This fall’s cleanup is especially important, as predicted El Nino storms will wash any litter on creek banks into the creek and then on into the bay.

Volunteers should wear long pants, closed shoes with socks (no sandals), a hat, and sunscreen, and bring a refillable water bottle. Water, gloves, and trash bags will be provided.

Volunteers should meet at 9:00 am at the chain-link fence on Garden Hill Drive opposite Vasona Dam. Parking will be available nearby. (Access Garden Hill Drive from Lark Ave. near Highway 17, as there is a locked gate blocking access from Vasona Park. Cleanup organizer suggests using 283 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, as a Mapquest site location.) Sign-up sheet, volunteer information, and waiver forms will be in the UUFLG lobby.

If questions, contact Jim Beebe at (408) 315-5066 or [jbeebeu@gmail.com](mailto:jbeebeu@gmail.com).

*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 twice in September and delve into creativity! SoulCollage® is a fun, relaxing way to play with images and explore new avenues for inner wisdom and discovery.

Dates are Saturday, September 19, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m, and Tuesday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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](mailto:kathryn@pobox.com) by September 17 if you plan to attend.



## Pack-A-Back Drive Helps Kids Again!

On July 26, UUFLG's RE students packed ten very heavy backpacks loaded with school supplies, which were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Service the following week. This year's backpacks were for students in grades 5-12, and contained technology tools such as a scientific calculator and a USB in addition to notebooks, paper, pencils, and other supplies.

Many thanks to all who contributed school supplies, cash, or checks to the drive, and especially to the RE students for their careful packing job!

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00a - 11:30a <b>Tuesday Chalice Circle</b> 10:30a-12:30p "So and Sew"	10:30a <b>Caring Committee</b>  5:00p - 6:00p <b>Farmigo Food Pickup</b>	12:00p - 1:30p, <b>Retired UU Men's Lunch</b> 10:30a - 11:30a <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	4:00p - 6:00p <b>Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by appt)</b> 7:00p - 9:00p <b>Wicca 101</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
9:00a - 10:15a <b>Lifespan Learning</b> 9:30a - 10:00a <b>Morning Meditation</b> 10:30a -11:30a <b>Sunday Service</b> 2:00p - 4:00p <b>Rev. Fa Jun Off. Hrs (by Appt)</b>	6:30p - 8:00p <b>Women's Spirituality Group</b>	7:00p - 8:30p <b>Sunday Services</b>	5:00p - 6:00p <b>Farmigo Food Pickup</b>	9:45a - 12:00p <b>Thursday Morning Women's Group</b>	4:00p - 6:00p <b>Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by appt)</b> 7:00p - 9:00p <b>Wicca 101</b>	9:30a - 1:30p <b>SoulCollage®</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
9:00a - 10:00a <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 10:15a -11:30p <b>Children's Religious Education Classes</b> 10:30a -11:30a <b>Sunday Service</b> 12:00p - 1:15p <b>Social Action Team</b>	7:30p - 9:30p <b>Great Books Discussion</b>	10:00a - 11:30a <b>Tuesday Chalice Circle</b> 10:30a-12:30p "So and Sew"	5:00p - 6:00p <b>Farmigo Food Pickup</b>	12:00p - 1:30p <b>Retired UU Men's Lunch</b> 7:00p - 8:15p <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	4:00p - 6:00p <b>Rev. Fa Jun Office Hrs (by appt)</b> 7:00p - 9:00p <b>Wicca 101</b>	
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