

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

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

> > think * grow * care * act * connect

August 2017

Sunday Services at 10:30 am

August Theme The Path of the Warrior

August 6 - "Funny Songs and Faith"

This morning's service will feature songs by guest artist Roy Zimmerman, a satirical singer/songwriter with a decidedly liberal bent. What can one person do about racism, gun violence, climate change, income inequality, bigotry, ignorance, war and greed? "Write funny songs," says Roy.

The world is full of funny songs, but Roy's hilarious, rhymeintensive originals are also incisive calls to action, smart, savvy and undeniable.

Roy brings laughter and encouragement to progressive-minded people who need a lot of both in the Age of Trump. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change."

Learn more about Roy at www.royzimmerman.com and join us!

August 13 - "A Warrior's Tale"

Join us this morning as we look into the story of Llugh, an ancient Celtic warrior, who's festival is celebrated in early August. We will turn together the wheel of the seasons, and learn how this myth can inform our modern lives and struggles. -Rev. Fa Jun

August 20 - "Social Justice Warrior - A How to Guide"

The term "Social Justice Warrior" is becoming popular today, both as a selfidentification on the Left, and a derogatory term on the Right. What does it mean to be a social justice warrior? And more importantly, how can we use the Art of Peace, to make a more beautiful world for us all? -Rev. Fa Jun

August 27 -"War! Ugh! What is it good for?"

We have been sold a myth that war is a good answer to many of the worlds problems. But what does this kind of violence, punishment, or protection really accomplish. Join us for a pro/con discussion and find out if it really is good for something or "ugh... absolutely nuthin!". -Rev. Fa Jun

September 3 - "Labor in the Pulpit"

Once again, UUFLG will participate in Labor in the Pulpit. On Labor Day weekend, congregations of many faiths in over 130 cities join in a unique opportunity for both the religious community and the labor movement to rediscover their common goals: social and economic justice, equality, dignity, and respect for all persons, and fair treatment in the workplace. This year, Labor in the Pulpit will address the devastating lack of affordable housing that continues to grow, driving hard-working families out of our valley. The Interfaith Council for Economics and Justice will provide a speaker for this service.

We invite everyone to join us, without regard to race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. We are a Welcoming Congregation, intentionally and openly taking steps to welcome into our community people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

July's Share-the-Plate raised \$617 for Sacred Heart Community Service's Pack-A-Back Drive, providing 5th & 6th Graders with school supplies! Thank you!

August Share-the-Plate Beneficiary: LifeMoves Georgia Travis House

This month, financial contributions during the offertory on August 20th (except for checks and envelopes marked "pledge") will go to LifeMoves Georgia Travis House.

The Georgia Travis House provides shelter and life-changing supportive services for homeless women and children in San Jose. Last year, 92% of families and 78% of individuals who completed their transitional housing programs returned to stable housing and self-sufficiency.

In addition to temporary shelter, LifeMoves provides programs free of charge, which teach homeless adults the life skills they need to find a rapid and lasting return to stable housing and long-term self-sufficiency. They also encourage the children in homeless families to aim for higher education to enable them to earn higher wages and become more financially secure as adults. This illustrates their goal of breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and one of its most visible symptoms: homelessness.

Thursday Women's Group

The Thursday Women's Group will meet at a special time on August 10th at 11:30 am to enjoy a salad lunch provided by group members for their guests. Those identifying as women in the Fellowship are encouraged to attend. We hope you will join us!

Please RSVP to Donna Brewer by August 8th at 669-234-4336.

Good Work Continues with Habitat for Humanity



On Friday, July 14, groundbreaking was held for the new Central Commons project in Fremont, a 30-unit condo community on Central Avenue. This project will require the hands of many volunteers from around the Bay Area to complete.

Meanwhile, work continues on Vermont House in San Jose, the two old rooming houses being totally renovated to provide housing and support services for homeless veterans.

On July 15, a representative from UUFLG joined volunteers from 9 other congregations for a very busy (and very hot!) workday. The interior of the two buildings is now almost ready for drywall, and work has begun on a large storage structure that will house storage lockers for residents, program storage, and an office.

Watch in the *Weekly Update* for dates of future All Faiths Workdays at both projects!



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.

Submit items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month to Lance Jacobson (editor) at news@uuflg.org. Submit as single-spaced Microsoft Word documents in .rtf (rich text format), or plain text.

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Wed	2		6		16		23		30	
Tue	-	10-11:30a Chalice Circle 12:30-1:30p Connections Cmte	8		15	10-11:30a Chalice Circle	22		29	
Mon	31		7	6:30-8p Women's Spirituality Group	14	7:30-9:30p Great Books Discussion	21	6:30-8p Women's Spirituality Group	28	
Sun	30	10:30-11:30a Service/CRE 11:30a-12:30p Children's Book Exchange	9	9-10:15a Children's Religious Education Committee (Cmte) 10:30-11:30a Service/CRE	13	9-10:15a Social Action Cmte 10:30-11:30a Service/CRE	20	10:30-11:30a Service/CRE August Share-the-Plate: Life Moves Georgia Travis House	27	10:30-11:30a Service/CRE 11:30a-12:30p Children's Book Exchange

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