



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

January 2019

Sunday Services at 10:30 am

January Theme: *New Beginnings*

Jan. 6 – “Budgeting Against Armageddon”

No, this is not a sermon about end-of-the-world “preppers” (although that might be interesting). It is a sermon about how to best utilize our resources. Many of us feel the call to help our planet and its people, but find that with limited time and money it’s hard to know where to apply our energies. Today’s talk is an exploration into how we can best leverage our circumstances to make powerful change for those who need it most. –Rev. Fa Jun

Jan. 13 – “The King/Gandhi Legacy: A Contemplation on Non-Violence”

Every year in the US, we celebrate the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the dignity of the ideals he espoused. But are these ideals still relevant in the situation that faces us? Is the type of non-violent social change proposed by Tolstoy, Gandhi, and King something that can stand firm amidst the challenges of our time? Come explore new perspectives on these questions. –Rev. Fa Jun

Jan. 20 – Talking with “the other side”

“There’s no point in talking with ‘the other side’ of the political aisle because people are stuck in their ways.” I’ve heard this many times but I see things differently. Partly because a number of people I’ve spoken with have changed their minds. And partly because I’ve changed my mind. I’d like to talk with you today about what has worked for me.

–Georgia Platts, Guest Speaker

Georgia is a long-time friend and new member of UUFLG. She also teaches women’s studies at Foothill College and has blogged for Ms. Magazine, Feminspire, The Good Men Project, Feminist Mormon Housewives, Daily Kos, and her own blog, BroadBlogs.

Jan. 27 – “I need a Hero”

From Hercules to Hobbits, the ‘hero’s journey’ is an abiding fixture of human experience. In these times, movies based on superheroes and other larger-than-life figures are some of the biggest money-makers, pointing to an element of our current zeitgeist. In addition to a fun escape, these tales may hold many keys for helping us live lives of empowerment and contribution. Some points we’ll cover include: Superpowers, Arch-Nemeses, Kryptonite, and more. This Sunday may be your very own ‘Origin Story’. Don’t miss it! –Rev. Fa Jun



Meditation Sun., Jan. 13, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meditation group, meeting for community, practice tips, and a little peace and quiet. We’ll have a brief instructional period, sit for 20 minutes in quiet together then have a time for sharing and Q&A. We’ll finish with another short sitting period. Whether an advanced meditator or just starting today, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience community support and learn practical tips, leading to deeper relaxation and alertness.

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

JANUARY

3RD ALAN CHACON

22ND CORALEE LINTON

22ND SARA JAMES

24TH HEATHER JENSEN



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. -UUFLG Caring Committee

Annual Holiday Boutique: Big Success

Many thanks to all who contributed items, volunteered, and shopped our Holiday Boutique in December!

A huge shout out to the Fitch Family who organized the Dec. 9 afternoon event with outside vendors.

With everyone's help, we were able to add more than **\$1,200** to the Fellowship's operating fund!



December Shared Plate

In December, we collected **\$694** for **Second Harvest Food Bank** of Silicon Valley. This will help provide over 1,200 meals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, in addition to the food collected in our food drive. Second Harvest is one of the largest food banks in the nation. They provide food to over 250,000 people every month, the majority of whom are kids and seniors. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication

Sat., Jan. 12, 10 am

Come to the dedication of the first 11 homes (Phase I) of Habitat for Humanity's Central Commons, a 30-unit condo project in Fremont.

See the homes and meet and hear the homeowners, who have all contributed 500 hours per family helping to build their own homes and those of their new neighbors.

Central Commons is at 4369 Central Avenue in Fremont. (Take 880 to the Mowry Ave. exit. Turn right on Mowry, left on Blacow, and then right on Central Avenue.) Parking details will be in the first January update.

RSVP at HabitatEBSV.org/RSVP. **Come and be inspired!**



CENTRAL COMMONS DEDICATION

Phase I of our
30-home development
January 12, 2019 | 10:00 am



Habitat for Humanity®
East Bay/Silicon Valley

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

Upcoming Leadership Retreat

Sat., Jan. 26, 1-4 pm

Calling all community leaders! Members of committees, volunteers for working groups, and board members, please join us for our second Saturday leadership retreat.

The first retreat, held in September 2018, generated a great list of ideas. We'll provide updates on some of these: A refreshed democratic decision-making process for our congregation, a new Stewardship Working Group, a reinstated UU Minute, a listing of committee contacts in our directory, and more.

We'll also move forward on ways to further improve the functioning and interconnection of our committees and board, so we can continue moving toward our most important Fellowship goals.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in deep discussions of our purpose and process, and just to spend time together.

UUFLG RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE!

GREAT FOR ALL SORTS OF EVENTS!

WhaleCoast Alaska 2019

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2019 is for you!

Four Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture.



January Shared Plate Supports UUSC

This month, the offertory on Jan. 20 (except for checks and envelopes marked "pledge") will go to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Their work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity.

UUSC focuses their work on intersecting roots of injustice to defend rights at risk due to criminalization and systemic oppression of people based on their identity. They support self-determination and defend the rights of people displaced due to climate, conflict or economic hardships; and they respond to humanitarian crises as partners with people whose access to aid is most limited.

Striving to center the voices of people most affected by injustice, UUSC creates eye-to-eye relationships with frontline grassroots movements across the world that support marginalized communities in determining their steps for the future.

Learn more at uusc.org. -Social Action Committee

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, donna vb@hotmail.com or (408) 358-1212.



Our program is truly the best way to visit Alaska!

Tours led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert.

Find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime. For complete information go to: www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more.

We would love to share our Alaska with you!

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 (lynn golbetz@comcast.net) for more information. View the minutes of Board meetings online at uufg.org/board-of-trustees-minutes/.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
10:30-11:30a Service & Children's Religious Exploration (CRE)	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day ★2019★		12-1:30p Retired UU Men's Lunch (RUUMs) 4-6p Minister Office Hours by Appt (MOH)	1-2p Connections C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9-10:15a CRE Committee (C.) 10:30-11:30a Service & CRE		10:30a-12p Finance C. 2-3:30p Caring C.		9:45a-12p Morning Women's Group 7-8:15p Board	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30-10:15a Social Action C. 10:30-11:30a Service & CRE 12p Sunday Services C. 12:30-1:30p Meditation 3-4p Men's Circle		10-11:30a Chalice Circle		12-1:30p RUUMs 4-6p MOH	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:30-11:30a Service (Shared Plate:UUSC) & CRE 10:30-11:30a Service & CRE				4-6p MOH	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	9a-12p Bldg. & Grounds Workday 1-4p UUFLG Leadership Retreat 6-9p Game Night
27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	2
10:30-11:30a Service & CRE			6-7:30p Men's Circle	4-6p MOH	1-2p Connections C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	

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.