



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

# What's Happening

*open minds, loving hearts, serving hands*

September 17 - October 1

September 20, Sunday, 10:30am, Live Video/Phone-In Only

## Apocalypse How: An End-Times Guide to Living Your Values

"Failure to prepare is preparing to fail" is a common trope in the "prepper" movement. Mostly we see examples of preppers focused on themselves, their own families first, but how might a modern UU train to face times of rapid transformation? It's not just the scary possibilities we must learn to face, but even the possibilities of the world we *want* to create. In either scenario, we must be able to bring our best selves forward, and that means being prepared.

In this morning's service, we'll focus on how to live our deepest values no matter what. And we'll learn that this is perhaps the best way to stave off worst-case scenarios in the first place. –Rev. Fa Jun, Minister

We will gather virtually via Zoom for remote participation. Congregants will not be present at the Fellowship at this time.

[Zoom online/phone-in details for September 20 service](#) (PDF)

Note: Zoom details are also always available on our [website](#) and [calendar](#).

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To share joys and concerns during the online service, please send an email to [joysandconcerns@uuflg.org](mailto:joysandconcerns@uuflg.org) with a brief message anytime during the week and before the service begins.

New to Zoom? Visit our Zoom [basics](#) webpage.

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**Children & Youth Religious Exploration** (CYRE) in-person classes will resume once we hold services at the Fellowship again. Opportunities for remote participation are below.

UUFLG is collaborating with First Unitarian Church of San Jose to offer children and youth a forum for engagement with area UUs via Zoom. Elementary kids meet

Sundays at 1:30 pm; middle-schoolers Mondays at 4 pm; and high-schoolers Sundays at 3 pm. Email [Colleen Hamilton](#) for links.

Children may visit [UUFLG Kids YouTube Channel](#) to view videos that entertain or enlighten. To post an original video to our channel or recommend another YouTube video to our playlist, email the file or a link to [Colleen](#).

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**Offertory Options** – A PayPal transaction in the middle of service can feel less natural than putting a little something in the basket as it passes by. But our Sunday donations really are important in keeping our Fellowship financially healthy. Another option than PayPal is to setup a recurring donation of any amount through your bank's bill-paying service. If you would like more information on that, Charlie Holst and Karen O'Brien have kindly offered their assistance. Mailing checks to the Fellowship remains an option, too.

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Building & Grounds Workday

9/25, Friday, 9am-12pm, safely in-person if air quality and temps allow



Game Night

9/26, Saturday, 6-9pm, email [albertjames420@gmail.com](mailto:albertjames420@gmail.com) for online access



Click to go to our web calendar with Zoom details for all UUFLG events.

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**Building Beloved  
Community  
#VoteLove in 2020**

*Text VoteLove to 51555 to  
subscribe to UU the Vote – get  
campaign updates, resources  
and more!*

Nationwide Call for Volunteers

## Phone-Banking to Strategic-State Voters

UU the Vote leadership at the UUA is calling for volunteers from everywhere to phone-bank to strategic states. The next one is **Thursday, 9/17, 4 pm EST** to Ohio voters. There's training and an auto-dialer only connects callers to people who answer. [Read more and sign up](#)



September 26, Saturday, 9-11 am

## Local Coastal Cleanup – Join Us!

To reduce the litter on our streets, trails, and creek-banks that eventually reaches the bay (and the stomachs of birds and fish), UUFLG will join the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, 9/26.

With masks, gloves and physical distance, we will clean up at Vasona Lake County Park and along the section of Los Gatos Creek Trail from the park to Lark Avenue. We'll meet at 9 am at the Pier Parking Lot to pick up supplies and spread out from there.

Entry to the park is free. To reach the Pier Parking Lot, after entering the park, take the road that goes to the *right* around the lake. The Pier Parking Lot is on your *left* just before the road goes uphill to the Youth Science Institute Center.

The cleanup is a fun outdoor volunteer activity for UUs of all ages, especially for families.

Since we need to turn in a list of participants including children in advance, if you plan to join in the cleanup, please contact Ellen Hill, [\(408\) 371-5776](tel:4083715776), [ellen\\_hill@att.net](mailto:ellen_hill@att.net), by Sunday, 9/20.

The birds and fish will thank you!



Continuing through June 2021

## Collecting Used Crayons

[The Crayon Initiative](#) recycles used crayons (typically petroleum-based paraffin) and brings comfort to hospitalized children with the new crayons they make from the old. This [video](#) and [flyer](#) explain further. UUFLG will become a collection hub for this cause throughout the year and has invited area UUs to join us. Drop off any unwanted used crayons during monthly family nights out, afternoon service projects, or when in-person services resume. We'll gather to wrap up the drive in June at the end of the school year.

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September 27, Sunday, 10:30am, Live Video/Phone-In Only

## Making Love Show Up – Living Our Values in Complex Times

Join us for an interactive discussion about what kind of *concrete* actions we can take *now*, guided by our UU values. Social justice, climate change, voting rights are all challenging hot topics. Using breakout rooms in Zoom, we'll explore in small groups what our hearts call us to do to make the world better for all of us. We'll learn of opportunities from one another as well as brainstorm and be inspired toward creative new strategies and tactics. Remember, the answer to despair is activism. Participate in a practice of active hope through a "Spiritual Cafe" in a unique, online format. –Katie Rall, Lay Service Leader

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