

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

What's Happening

open minds, loving hearts, serving hands

July 22 - August 5

In case you've missed the news: Sunday services are being held at the sanctuary again! Please join us in person to reconnect with our community. To protect our most vulnerable congregants, our reopening <u>guidelines</u> require wearing masks indoors, but our outdoor social hour is mask-optional. We will also continue to stream the services via Zoom to attend remotely. Either way, we are excited to see everyone and catch up on all those conversations we've missed for the past year plus. -UUFLG Board of Trustees

July 25, Sunday, 10:30am, In-person & Zoom

Money – The Root of All Good?

We've all heard that money is the root of all evil, but religions have posited a lot of other stuff as "evil" with no evidence, so we shouldn't let this one go by unanalyzed. Like so many things, perhaps it's not the thing itself, but how we *use* it – responsibly and ethically, or irresponsibly and selfishly. This morning's talk will take us back to the dawn of civilization to find out what part money played in creating life as we've come to know it. We'll glean ways to use this powerful tool for mutual benefit. –Rev. Fa Jun, Minister

<u>Guidelines</u> for attending the service in person are online and posted throughout the building. To join us remotely: <u>Zoom online/phone-in details for July 25 service</u> (PDF) Zoom details are also on our <u>website</u> and <u>calendar</u>. Contact <u>Service Associate</u> Lynn Golbetz to plan UUFLG special announcements, etc.

To share joys and concerns, please send an email to <u>joysandconcerns@uuflg.org</u> with a brief message anytime during the week and before the service begins. You may also share live during the service.

Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE) – We offer programming for children and youth in the outdoor areas of the fellowship. Parents may sign-in children at the garden picnic table before services and sign-out children right after services. Children are welcome to continue playing under their parent's or guardian's supervision. Our summer sessions will cater to children 11 and under; youth ages 12 and up are welcome to join us outdoors or participate with the adults indoors. This summer's sessions will focus on planting and tending our new garden beds, helping to address food insecurity by donating our yield to a local pantry, and learning about the environment and the food system. We plan to offer expanded youth programming in the fall. Contact Colleen Hamilton, Director of Religious Exploration, for more information.

Children may visit the <u>UUFLG Kids YouTube Channel</u> 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 <u>Colleen</u>.



Retired UU Men

Thursdays, 1-2:30pm, Zoom



Online Game Night

7/24, Saturday, 6-8pm, hamiltoncolleen10@gmail.com



"All We Can Save" Book Circle

7/24, Saturday, 11:30am-12:30pm, Zoom



CYRE Committee

8/1, Sunday, 5-6pm



Chalice Circle

8/3, Tuesday, 10-11:30am, Zoom



Click for our web calendar with Zoom details of UUFLG events.



July 25, Sunday, 10:30am

RE Participants Fill Backpacks with School Supplies

For the past three weeks of July, our Fellowship has been collecting filled backpacks, new school supplies, and cash or checks to purchase supplies as a participant in

Sacred Heart Community Service's annual Pack-A-Back Drive. Each July, SHCS registers several thousand parents who cannot afford to buy school supplies for their children. Their children return in early August to choose their own backpacks. This year, UUFLG is filling backpacks for kids in grades six through eight.

Monetary donations will be used to purchase additional backpacks and supplies. This Sunday, July 25, our Religious Exploration participants will fill backpacks. All backpacks will be delivered to SHCS by July 27.

Questions? Contact Ellen Hill or Colleen Hamilton.

July 24, Saturday, 6-8pm

Online Game Night

Play party games remotely. We gather online for <u>Jackbox games</u> in family-friendly mode (suitable for 10 and up). Your smartphone or tablet functions as a controller while the game is shared via a Discord server on your desktop or laptop. No app or per-player purchase is required. Contact <u>hamiltoncolleen10@gmail.com</u> for access.

July 24, Saturday, 11:30am-12:30pm

Multigen "All We Can Save" Book Circle

Youth and adults are welcome to join a discussion of *All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis* via <u>Zoom</u>. The sections of this anthology entitled "Rise" and "Onward," pages 321-374, will be our focus. Read only selections of interest and/or explore these <u>multimedia materials</u>.







Tending Our Garden to Help Neighbors

Our Garden is Growing

Sunshiny days, fertile soil and water are making our garden grow. With dry hot summers, we need ongoing help to water it. Please <u>sign-up here</u> to spend ten minutes watering. The calendar will be refreshed every two weeks. No long-term commitment!

August 1, Sunday, 10:30am, In-person & Zoom

How to Fight Fire with Water

Using water to fight fire seems pretty intuitive but is a principle we often forget when it comes to difference or conflict. Taking a lesson from Daoist philosophy and martial

practice, we'll explore a path through conflict inspired by the softest of the elements. We'll study the secrets of Daoist alchemy – using profound methods to take diverse elements and bring them to union on a higher level. In this advanced alchemy, we'll go beyond "fighting" entirely and become capable of using the elemental energies arising in any moment by harmonizing with them. –Rev. Fa Jun, Minister

Contact Service Associate Mark Ditzler to plan UUFLG special announcements, etc.



Save the Date - October 9, Saturday, Time & Place TBA

2021 NAMI Walks Silicon Valley

Save the date for the National Alliance for Mental Illness annual march in solidarity. It's Saturday, October 9, with the exact time and location to be announced. We donated to NAMI for our May Share-the-Plate. Learn more and contact Sierra Golbetz with questions.

Send announcements to comms@uuflg.org by 7 pm Tuesday of that week's issue.

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