



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

# What's Happening

*open minds, loving hearts, serving hands*

May 12 - May 26

May 15, Sunday, 11am-12pm, In-person & Zoom

## May the Force Be with You

Every year on May the Fourth, people all over the globe delight in the mythos of the Star Wars cinematic universe, and its intriguing philosophy of the mystic protectors of the realm, the Jedi. This year we'll celebrate belatedly (as the Fourth was a Wednesday). We'll research the Daoist and other philosophical traditions of our own planet Earth, which informed the creation of this fictional Jedi religion. In this, we'll discover new insights about the path of a spiritual warrior and how we can fuse together the inner practice of opening our hearts with the discipline of working for peace in the world. –Rev. Fa Jun, Minister

Zoom remains an option: [direct link](#). Zoom details are on our [website](#) and [calendar](#). Contact Service Associate Robb Stolberg to plan UUFLG special announcements, etc.

\* For in-person attendance, we continue to follow safety protocols detailed in our [Gathering Guidelines](#).

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**We are grateful for those who help make Sunday Service a special time.**

Our invaluable volunteers this Sunday include service associate [Lynn Golbetz](#), sound technician [Joe Fitch](#) Zoom host [Matthew Fitch](#), and snacks providers [Karen](#), [Joe](#) & [Matthew Fitch](#). Our talented staff\* includes pianist and singer [Dave Coldren](#), religious exploration director [Colleen Hamilton](#) and religious exploration teacher [Arthur Piersol](#).

\*Financial support of UUFLG makes possible their paid positions. Thank you.

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To share joys and concerns, 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. You may also share live during the service.

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**Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE)** – Children eleven and under enjoy in-person RE in the fenced courtyard between the front entrance and the deck, where staff provide supervision from 10:45 to 12:15. The exterior door remains open and activities take place outside in the courtyard, weather permitting. Dress your child to be outdoors; at times, we go on circle walks to tend the Harvest for Neighbors garden. Youth aged twelve and up are welcome to join us or attend the service and are also invited to volunteer in a variety of roles around the Fellowship. Contact DRE [Colleen Hamilton](#).

## Call for Children and Youth to Participate in May 22 Service

Calling all children, youth and families: If you would like to be part of the May 22 service and/or include pictures of your child or children in a community slideshow, please contact [Amelia Ditzler](#), [Anna Stubstad](#) or [Colleen Hamilton](#).



Board of Trustees

5/12, Thursday, 7-8:15pm



Climate Study Circle

5/14, Saturday, 11:30am-1pm



Chalice Circle

5/17, Tuesday, 10-11:30am



Game Night

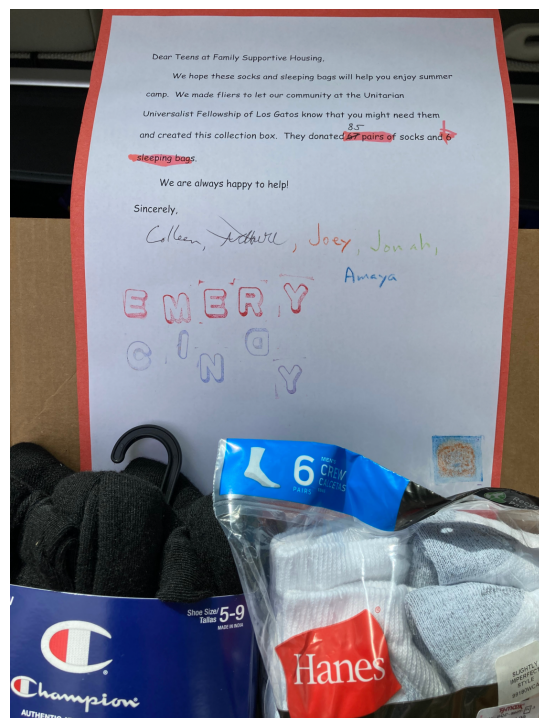
5/21, Saturday, 5-7pm, UU Sunnyvale



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

## Socks for Summer Camp a Success!

The Religious Exploration program and the Social Action committee delivered 85 pairs of socks to Family Supportive Housing of San Jose. In addition to the socks, our congregants donated enough cash and checks to purchase 6 sleeping bags. These supplies will help equip Family Supportive Housing's resident teens for summer camp! UUFLG kids contributed to the effort by decorating fliers and the collection and delivery box as well as counting the socks and preparing them for delivery with a friendly note. Our wonderful community sets a good example of generosity and action once again. Thank you!



[Karen O'Brien](#) announced this via the UUFLG Discussion Group email on May 7.

## Changes at the Fellowship

Dear members of UUFLG,

We're writing to tell you about some important changes. Due to the toll that the ongoing global pandemic has taken on our Fellowship's finances, we've had to make some challenging decisions lately. Your board, finance committee, and affected parties

have worked together to find solutions that will allow us to continue providing the essential service of creating a spiritual home for our members and guests, while also remaining financially solvent.

A couple months ago, Rev. Fa Jun came to the board with a request that he take a reduction in his responsibilities temporarily. He offered to take a voluntary salary reduction during this time, and after a significant amount of research, we found a balance that could both serve our congregation and Rev. Fa Jun's personal needs. In general, his presence at UUFLG will not be noticeably altered, but he will be surrendering the role of supervisor to the DRE, and will not be attending all board meetings. Rev. Fa Jun will still offer pastoral care on an "appointment only" basis, without fixed office hours.

We will be re-evaluating our needs as time goes on, but for the moment, this seems to be a contract that will serve to keep us all healthy and thriving.

Thank you for your continued support!

Board of Trustees

Karen O'Brien (president), Karen Fitch (vice president), Rick Roberts (treasurer), Lynn Golbetz (secretary), Lauri Feetham (member-at-large)

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May 19, Thursday, 6-7pm, Zoom

### **Caring Program Feedback & Renewal**

Thanks to those of you who responded to my call for those who would be willing/able to participate in (re)forming our Caring Committee! Here's what I'd like to propose for us getting started. I would like to facilitate two meetings open to anyone from our congregation to attend during May and June. We can use those times to explore what caring needs we may currently have in our community and recruit volunteers who'd like to help address them. When I take a summer sabbatical in July and August, I'll hand off the leadership, and I believe the new committee can begin to form along a more traditional structure once we've gotten the ball rolling. –Rev. Fa Jun

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May 21, Saturday, 5-7pm, UU Sunnyvale

### **Game Night**

Sunnyvale hosts Game Night this month. Board-game enthusiasts from both the Los Gatos and Sunnyvale UU fellowships meet on third Saturdays from 5-7pm, alternating locations. There's a variety of table games on hand that appeal to both adults and children—or bring along one of your own. Feel free to share in potluck snacks and be prepared to mask up inside. UUFS is located at 1112 S. Bernardo Avenue, Sunnyvale. Let's play!

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May 22, Sunday, 12:30pm, Blossom Hill Park

### **Popsicles and Play at the Park**

One and all, pack a BYO picnic and head to Blossom Hill Park (16300 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos) after the service on May 22. There'll be fun for all ages such as badminton, croquet, frisbee, bubbles, fellowship, and, of course, the park's play structure!

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## Memories and Milestones: A Service Featuring UUFLG Children and Youth

In their first eighteen years, kids pass many a milestone whether they're wobbling free from a caring adult's arms for the first time or swaggering across their high school's stage at commencement. The everyday tears and laughter that experiences such as these bring to families' lives is cause for recognition enough, and the pandemic has demanded more perseverance than ever to reach the most ordinary of benchmarks. Let's make space as a community to celebrate how far UUFLG children and youth have come and, most importantly, listen to them as they take on special roles in this short all-ages sanctuary service.

Note: For families with unvaccinated members who prefer being outdoors, some seating will be available at a sanctuary side door.

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May 26, Thursday, 7-8pm, Zoom

## UU Principles in Practice

This class is our quarterly discussion group on our UU Principles and Sources. We took a long break during the deep pandemic there for a moment, but we're *back*. This session is a great way for those new to UUFLG to get to know us. We'll spend about an hour together online discussing our UU Principles in general as well as how we can apply them to some specific challenges we face right now. Obviously, newcomers are encouraged to attend, but this is also a great chance for long-term UUs to share fellowship with similar-minded folks and generate new insight together. –Rev. Fa Jun

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