



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

What's Happening

open minds, loving hearts, serving hands

March 23 - April 6

March 26, Sunday, 11am, In-person

Getting to Know our Planetary Neighbors

How well do you know the neighbors? Mars, Venus, the Moon, you know, the neighbors. Sure, it's at least two hundred thousand miles to borrow a cup of sugar from the closest one, but it's only polite to get to know them. From our ancestors wondering why a handful of the shining spots in the night sky move independently from all the rest to contemporary scientists blasting rocks with X-rays on Mars, we humans have been puzzling over our planetary neighbors for quite some time. So let's talk about the neighbors. How did they form? How have they changed? What do they tell us about our place in the interconnected web of existence? –Mark Ditzler ([Science Bio](#)), Guest Speaker

* We continue to follow safety protocols detailed in our [Gathering Guidelines](#). Contact our service associate to plan UUFLG special announcements, etc.

To share joys and concerns, please send an email to joysandconcerns@uuflg.org with a brief message anytime during the week and before the service begins. Of course, you may also share in person.

Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE) – We provide supervised activities for children from 10:45 to 12:15. Youth are welcome to participate in a variety of roles around the Fellowship.

We are grateful for our volunteers who make Sunday Service a special time!

Our invaluable volunteers this Sunday include greeter [Donna Brewer](#), service associate [Katie Rall](#), sound technician [Linda Osborne](#), and snack providers [Katie Stubstad & Cindy Giesing](#).

Please thank them and any other generous volunteers when you see them!

Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Activities



Sunday Services Committee

3/26, Sunday, 12:30-1:30pm, In-person Only



UU Game Night
4/1, Saturday, 5-7pm, UU Sunnyvale



CYRE Committee
4/2, Sunday, 12:30-1:30pm



Membership Committee
4/3, Monday, 5-6pm



Chalice Circle
4/4, Tuesday, 10-11:30am, Zoom



Retired UU Men
4/6, Thursday, 1-2:30pm



Click for our web calendar of all UUFLG events.

March 26, Sunday, 10-10:45am, In-person Only

Financial Review

Interested UUFLG members and friends are invited to an in-depth review of the financial health of the Fellowship on Sunday, March 26, 10-10:45am in the West Room.

April 2 - May 7, Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm, In-person Only

Active Hope Training

Colleen Hamilton and Sue Ann Lorig will lead six weekly training sessions on Active Hope starting April 2 based on the book *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in with Unexpected Resilience & Creative Power - Revised Edition* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone.

We'll learn how to practice Active Hope, which is about becoming active participants in the process of moving toward a positive change. Since Active Hope doesn't require our optimism, we can apply it even in areas where we feel hopeless, like facing the present state of the world and the enormity of looming climate catastrophe.

We'll have snacks, a short program, interactions and feedback, and opportunities for activism.

We've invited UUs from Sunnyvale to join us and hope to see you there, too!

If you would like to obtain a discounted copy from Books, Inc., in Campbell, let Colleen or Sue Ann know, and they will be sure there are enough in stock.

April 2, Sunday, 10-10:45am, In-person Only

Third Town Hall: Ministry Transition

As you may know, Rev. Fa Jun will no longer be our settled minister as of this summer. At this third town hall, we'll continue our conversation about what we want for the future of our Fellowship. Join us on April 2, Sunday at 10am. Further meetings and other conversations will follow. Please participate in our democratic process! We'll have childcare.

April 2, Sunday, 11am-12pm, In-person Only

Comedy as a Spiritual Path

Most everyone loves a good joke, but did you know that humor reflects many of the same skills trained through deep meditation? Comedy can enhance our capacity for empathy, resilience, and more. Celebrate April Fools with this morning's light-hearted sermon. –Rev. Fa Jun, Minister

February & March

Board Update

Greetings, beloved community! With apologies for missing a month, here are some highlights from the last two board meetings.

Transition Planning

Lance Jacobson and Katie Rall are spearheading a task force to identify resources for Sunday services and pastoral care in the short to medium term (up to two years). They will consider recommendations from the UUA as well as the outcomes of a scheduled conversation with the UU Fellowship of Sunnyvale about developing more options for collaboration. A third town hall on the ministerial transition is scheduled for Sunday, April 2 at 10am. This meeting will focus a bit more specifically on some potential options. All members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend. The input of the entire congregation remains essential in designing our future as a fellowship.

Finance and Stewardship

We are on track for about a \$1900 deficit for this church year, a considerable improvement from previous projections, but nevertheless a deficit. Our treasurer, Julie Matthews, will present further financial data on March 26 at 10am in the West Room. All members and friends are invited. One top maintenance priority is the parking lot asphalt, last resurfaced in 2016. If you notice that any supplies are needed, please note these on the signs posted for this purpose or let any board member know.

Membership

The board approved a revised membership policy (posted on our website). This spells out more precisely the topics that must be discussed prior to membership and deletes the requirement that potential members meet with the minister first.

Social Action

The board discussed signing on to SB 4, a California Senate bill that would make it easier for churches and nonprofit colleges to build affordable housing on their land. This would be a resolution on public policy and therefore would require a 2/3 membership vote for approval. If this bill is still in play by the time of our annual meeting, it will be put on our agenda for a vote.

Religious Exploration

RE staff and regular volunteers are continuing the legally required child abuse prevention training. Kristin and Colleen will be trained in the Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum and invite UUFS youth to join OWL classes at UUFLG.

Volunteer Needs

Our Fellowship runs on the energy of our committees, which always welcome volunteers. If you'd like to be one of them, please contact Donna Brewer (Membership), Sarah Ditzler (Religious Exploration), Rev. Fa Jun (Caring), Karen Fitch (Arts & Aesthetics), Lynn Golbetz (Sunday Services), Sue Ann Lorig or Georgia Platts (Social Action), or Julie Matthews (Finance).

More About the Board

Full minutes of board meetings are posted on the UUFLG website under Administration and Governance. Members are always welcome to attend board meetings, held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm via the Zoom link on the UUFLG calendar. Your trustees also welcome questions or input at any time! We are Mark Ditzler (president), Karen Fitch (vice president), Lynn Golbetz (secretary), Julie Matthews (treasurer), and Lauri Feetham (member at large).

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

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