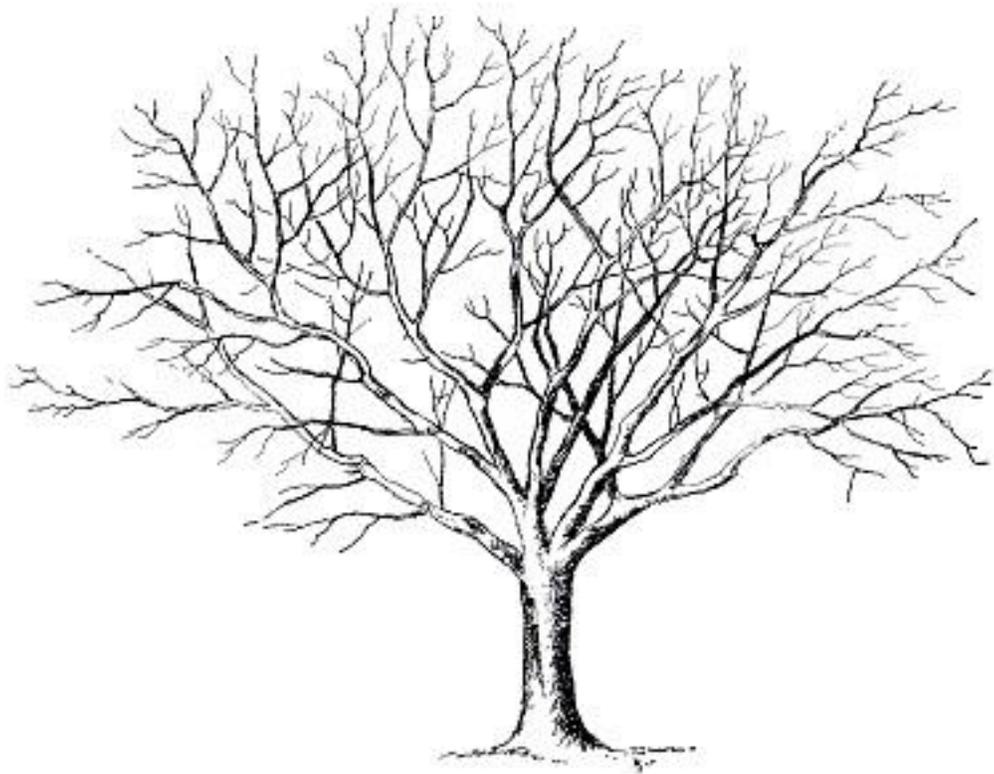


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Dear UUCPA Friends –

We hope this brochure offers many events that will be of interest to you. Friend, visitor, or member, you are welcome to attend any activity at UUCPA.

Included in this brochure you will find:

- Ongoing Events and Resources
- Music @ UUCPA
- Adult Classes

We look forward to seeing you there!

UUCPA Adult RE Committee



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## ONGOING EVENTS & RESOURCES

### BROWN BAG BOOKS

Date: 1st Tuesday every month, Sep-Jun

Time: Noon

Location: Fireside Room

Facilitator: Various participants

Contact: Hannah Slocum (hannah\_s@uucpa.org)

The Brown Bag Books group meets year-round, except in July and August. Many attendees bring their lunches, and everyone brings a sense of humor. Monthly sessions are always lively and enjoyable.

Books chosen by the group for discussion are usually listed in the Order of Service and the Bulletin.



## BY YOUR SIDE SINGERS

Date: 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month

Time: 7:30–9 pm

Location: Room 9

Contact: Melissa Thomson & Matthew Rosin ([singtocare@uucpa.org](mailto:singtocare@uucpa.org))

By Your Side Singers is UUCPA's pastoral care choir, begun in the autumn of 2016. Our singers, in small groups, visit and provide a graceful musical presence for any church member or friend who seeks comfort and strength during times of illness or transition. We also serve the Stevenson House senior community. Our repertoire includes beloved songs from our hymnals and other sources. At our practice sessions, we explore the power of singing to witness and comfort, and we support each other in our own joys and sorrows.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH RE PROGRAM

Date: Sunday, 9:30-10:30 am, mid-Aug to early Jun (Seven groups, Pre-K to 8th Grade)  
Sunday, 6:30 pm, mid-Aug through May (Two teen groups)

Time: Varies

Location: Rooms throughout the campus

Facilitator: Lay teachers and youth leaders

Contact: Associate Minister Dan Harper ([danharper@uucpa.org](mailto:danharper@uucpa.org)) or RE Assistant Hong Bui ([reassistant@uucpa.org](mailto:reassistant@uucpa.org))

More Info: <http://uucpa-cyre.org/>

Sunday morning religious education builds community, helps young people develop religious literacy and religious skills, and nurtures Unitarian Universalist values and identity. From mid-August through May, children's religious education classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 am in rooms on our campus. Teen classes and groups meet at various times (see below).

- Coming of Age (grades 8-9) meets Sundays at 11:00 am, Jan through May, see <http://uucpa-cyre.org/parent-resources/coming-of-age/>
- Our Whole Lives (OWL) class for grades 7-9 meets Sunday evenings, see <http://uucpa-cyre.org/owl-program/#owl79>
- The Senior High Youth Group (SHYG) meets regularly on Sundays at 6:30 pm in Room A, and at other times. Please subscribe to the CYRE email newsletter for latest information.

To learn more about our ministry with young people and to register your children, please contact Dan Harper, Associate Minister of Religious Education, Hong Bui, RE Assistant, or visit the CYRE Web site at <http://uucpa-cyre.org/>. Dan Harper, Hong Bui, and the Children and Youth Religious Education Committee look forward to exploring our faith with you and your family.



## ELDER JOURNEY

Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month

Time: 1:30-3 pm

Location: Room 6

Facilitator: Armand Schwartz

Contact: Armand Schwartz (armand\_s@uucpa.org)

All elder members and friends of the UU community are welcome to attend – and you can define elder.

One of our ministers leads one meeting each month, generally the 4th Tuesday, and a member of our group leads the other meeting. After a brief “check-in,” we discuss the topic of the day. If there is a theme, we focus on personal experiences. Or we may read favorite poems, or discuss a recently-read book. Our organization is informal.



## FAITH IN ACTION at UUCPA

Date: TBA, as needed

Location: Various locations

Facilitator: Edie Keating

Contact: Edie Keating (edie\_k@uucpa.org)

Being part of Faith in Action (formerly PIA) at UUCPA offers us a way to connect with other faith communities working on shared issues. Affordable housing and support for renters continue to be key issues for our region. Contact Edie to learn more about how to get involved with Faith in Action at UUCPA.



## FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Date: 2nd Tuesday every month

Time: 7:15-9 pm

Location: Members' homes

Facilitator: Edith Eddy or Linda Hummel

Contact: Edith Eddy ([edith\\_e@uucpa.org](mailto:edith_e@uucpa.org)) or Linda Hummel ([linda\\_h@uucpa.org](mailto:linda_h@uucpa.org))

If you enjoy watching good films and would like the opportunity to discuss them with other people, we hope you will consider joining the UUCPA Film Group. We nominate and select films on a quarterly basis, watch them on our own time, and then meet monthly in each others' homes to discuss them.

Everyone watches the film during the month prior to the meeting. At the meeting, one of the members leads a discussion about the film. The meetings are rotated among the homes of some of the members. We have light refreshments after the discussion.



## FRIENDS OF POETRY

Date: 3rd Sunday every month

Time: 1-3 pm

Location: Room 9

Facilitator: Elisabeth Holm

Contact: Elisabeth Holm (elisabeth\_h@uucpa.org)

You might come just to listen and see what we're about; or you might come with a poem you have long enjoyed or one which you feel seems to defy understanding. No expertise of any kind is needed, just your interest and your feelings. Sometimes—if you like—we might try writing our own poems.



## HAMAKER LIBRARY: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON DEMAND

Date: Monday-Friday, 9 am-2:30 pm; Sunday, 11 am-1 pm

Location: The room is reached by walking through the office

Contact: Church Office: 650-494-0541

The Hamaker Library is open when the church office is open, and accessible through the office rooms. The library is a memorial to the late Gail and Frank Hamaker, longtime members of UUCPA.

Our library has more than 2,250 books, audiocassettes, videotapes (VHS), and DVDs available to borrow. The collection has subject groupings around religions, spiritual activities, and UU leaders, as well as notebooks from adults' and children's classes.

You can search the library's catalog of materials by computer from your home or elsewhere: <http://library.uucpa.org>. Instructions are in the library to check out and return materials. The usual length of a loan is one month.



## HUMANISTS at UUCPA

Date: 1st Saturday every month

Time: 6-8:30 pm

Location: Fireside Room

Facilitator: Emma Pan

Contact: Emma Pan (emma\_p@uucpa.org)

This meeting features social time, a potluck, 20-minute presentation and all-peer discussion. We usually have more than 15 attendees.

Topics are selected by the group at the January, May, and September meetings. For future meeting topics, details, dates, and location (which might change occasionally), please check the web page:  
<http://tinyurl.com/humanists-at-uucpa-future-meet>.

Social 6 pm, potluck 6:30 pm, and presentation 7:10 pm.



## MEDITATION GROUP

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 9-10:30 am

Location: Room 6

Facilitator: Leadership is shared and rotates weekly

Contact: Marilyn Stoddard (marilyn\_s@uucpa.org)

An ongoing meditation group that welcomes new members. We have a period of sitting meditation followed by readings and group discussion.



## **MEN'S GROUPS**

Date: Please see below for information about each group.

Location: Room A

Facilitator: Leader(s) listed below

Contact: Leader(s) listed below

More Info: <http://www.uucpa.org/mensGroups/mensGroups.html>

Several men's groups meet at UUCPA. Men facing similar challenges share personal experiences and develop trusted friendships. After a brief check-in, members discuss topics ranging from profound to humorous.

We promise confidentiality, openness, and non-judgmental listening. Active participation is encouraged, and we are excused when family or business matters prevent our attending.

### **Modern Men**

Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Time: 7:30-9 pm

Facilitator: Walt O'Maley and John Phelps (If interested, please email [john\\_ph@uucpa.org](mailto:john_ph@uucpa.org))

In today's fast paced Silicon Valley world, it is very hard for men to reach out and connect with each other on important life issues. Work is getting more challenging, with more demands and expectations. We try our best to have a life outside work, but that is becoming harder to do. Electronic connections and hyper-schedules impede human connections and genuine spontaneity. Often relationship issues arise. Children and family are often significant challenges, too. There are many challenges besides those.

Modern Men is a group that can offer you a tight group of men to share and help with these challenges. In this group we have check-ins, as well as deeper topics, that ask each man to explore what it means for him. It is a supportive and kind atmosphere, but for men who are comfortable being stretched. From time to time we get together and have fun too!! If you are seeking a tight connection to a men's group and like to share, Modern Men is worth looking into.

### **Working Stiffs: men 30-60 balancing work and family**

Date: 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Time: 7:30-9 pm

Facilitator: Walt O'Maley and John Phelps (If interested, please email [john\\_ph@uucpa.org](mailto:john_ph@uucpa.org))

### **Semi-Retired, Retired, Thinking About It: men 60+ purifying wisdom**

Date: 1st and 3rd Monday

Time: 10-11:30 am

Facilitator: Bryce Perry ([bryce\\_p@uucpa.org](mailto:bryce_p@uucpa.org))

## MONTHLY WRITING GROUP

Date: 1st Sunday every month

Time: 1-3 pm

Location: Room 9

Facilitator: Rotating facilitators

Contact: Susan Plass (susan\_p@uucpa.org)

Interested in Writing? UUCPA's Writing Group invites you to join us. We begin by sharing a page or two of something we've written, sometimes on the last month's topic idea, occasionally something entirely different. Then we take turns providing a sample piece that serves as a prompt for the next month's writing.

There's time to sit and write for those who choose to stay, or you can write on your own during the month. Regular participants are working on memoir, spiritual autobiography, spiritual writing, and more.

We'd love to have you join us!



## PARENT JOURNEY

Date: 2nd Sunday every month

Time: 11 am-Noon

Location: Room 10

Contact: Church Office: 650-494-0541

This is an informal time once a month for parents of RE children and youth to come together with mugs in hand. No need to prepare – join us for an hour set aside as a safe place to ponder, discuss, share, reflect, and laugh about the parental life from a UU perspective.

Jan 8 – Megan Watson will lead a discussion about family organization. Come ready to swap tips and tricks for riding out the stormy seas.

Feb 12 – This session on Teenage Mental Health will probably feature an outside speaker. Details TBA.

Mar 19 – Brooke Bishara and others will present information learned from a conference on healthy gender identity development in children and youth.

Apr 23 – Megan Watson will lead a discussion on summer plans and memories. What was it like for us? How is it for our kids? And what will I do with my kids in June?

May 21 – A discussion on self-care in parenting. Come and be nurtured – and learn to nurture yourself.



## SECOND-FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Date: 2nd Friday every month

Time: 6:30-10 pm

Location: Fireside Room

Facilitator: Group is self-facilitated

Contact: Sally Ahnger (sally\_a@uucpa.org)

If you know how to play bridge, please join us at the Second Friday Bridge Club. We have a very friendly, casual game. You don't need a partner, as we switch partners every 4 hands. You are welcome even if you are a little out of practice and need a little help.



## SECOND-SUNDAY LUNCH

Date: 2nd Sunday every month

Time: 12:15 PM

Location: Fireside Room, Main Hall, and Patio

Facilitator: Susan Plass and Edie Keating

Contact: Susan Plass (susan\_p@uucpa.org) and Edie Keating (edie\_k@uucpa.org)

Join us for home-cooked, nutritious, delicious food for a very reasonable donation. We go through the buffet line in the Fireside Room and eat in the Main Hall or outdoors, weather permitting. If you're new or visiting, be our guest. We want you to stay for lunch, and we welcome new volunteers! Help is needed for Sunday food preparation 10:45-noon, and for cleanup after lunch. Some volunteers help most second Sundays; others help occasionally. Contact Edie if you would like to join us in the kitchen.



## THESPIANS

Date: 2nd Monday and 4th Tuesday every month, 7-10 pm; 3rd Friday, 1:30-4:30 pm

Location: Room 9 on Monday and Tuesday; Room A on Friday

Facilitator: Tom Morgan

Contact: Tom Morgan, interim chair (tom\_m@uucpa.org)

More Info: [http://www.uucpa.org/thespians/about\\_thespians.html](http://www.uucpa.org/thespians/about_thespians.html) or contact Tom Morgan (tom\_m@uucpa.org)

### Play Reading

We sight-read a different play three times every month. The host provides scripts and we assign parts at the meetings. The group chooses plays, which range from classic Greek to current hits.

Our schedule and descriptions of the plays are announced on our web page, [http://www.uucpa.org/thespians/about\\_thespians.html](http://www.uucpa.org/thespians/about_thespians.html), and in the Bulletin. UU members and friends and non-UU guests are welcome and will be offered a part to read. Call, email, or snail-mail in advance to reserve a role for Monday or Tuesday evening or Friday matinee, or just come and take your chances.



## THORIUM ENERGY ALLIANCE OF SILICON VALLEY (TESV)

Date: 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Room 9

Contact: Bob Greene (bob\_g@uucpa.org)

A group of people meets regularly to plan and implement ways to educate people on the advantages of traditional nuclear reactors, Molten Salt Reactors (MSRs) and Liquid Fluoride Thorium Reactors as the vehicle to most quickly, cheaply and safely address CO2 induced climate change and ocean acidification, and to devise action plans to make this vision a reality.



## UUCPA BOOKSTORE and USED BOOK ROOM

Date: One-half hour before and after most Sunday 11 am services (excluding second Sundays when we have Second-Sunday Lunch) in Fall, Winter and Spring; and after most Sunday 10:30 am services in Summer

Location: Main Hall Lobby

Contact: Marilyn Stoddard (marilyn\_s@uucpa.org)

Since 1955, the Book Store has opened on Sunday mornings in the Main Hall lobby. The store features books on spirituality, personal growth, religious education, and social action – many offered by the UUA publishers, Beacon Press and Skinner House.

We also carry a selection of current literature and children's books – often titles recommended by members and friends.

Our Used Book Room is a convenient facility for balancing the inevitable accumulation of books we've finished reading with our insatiable yen for new literary adventure: just leave your outgrown volumes in the little closet off the Main Hall and replace them from a tantalizing fresh supply donated by other thrifty UUs and resold at very reasonable prices.



## **WOMEN'S GROUPS**

Date: Usually two hours every two weeks, agreed upon by group members

Location: Room A or private homes

Facilitator: Varies – most groups opt for a rotating leadership

Contact: Eleanor Lin (eleanor\_l@uucpa.org) and Kris Geering (kris\_g@uucpa.org)

Women's groups provide confidential, deep connection. We begin new groups when enough women have availability for the same meeting time, and a group remains open to new members as long as there are fewer than ten in the group. Please indicate your date and time preferences at: [tinyurl.com/UUCPAwomen](http://tinyurl.com/UUCPAwomen), or by requesting the hard-copy version of the same form from the UUCPA office or Information Table.

## WORK DAYS

Date: 1st Saturday every month

Time: 9 am-Noon

Location: UUCPA Campus

Contact: Michael Plass ([workday@uucpa.org](mailto:workday@uucpa.org))

Consider making things even better by joining others at the monthly workday right here at UUCPA. There will be snacks and fine company. Come for some or all of the time. Projects might include painting some trim and kitchen cabinets, pruning shrubs, organizing closets, plus some jobs you may have in mind. Join the [workday@uucpa.org](mailto:workday@uucpa.org) email list to get the latest information about upcoming workdays.



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 7:30-9 pm

Location: Room A

Facilitator: The group manages itself

Contact: Clark Zhang (clark\_z@uucpa.org)

The Young Adult Group organizes activities to meet the interests of everyone at UUCPA who identifies with the young adult life stage, typically but not always ages 21-35. We often meet Sunday after the 11 am service and get lunch. We also organize activities such as hikes.

In addition, we meet on Thursday evenings. During these meetings, attendees are invited to share recent life events and topics on their minds (2-5 minutes/person). We then discuss a topic. Recent topics have included:

Discovering your gifts and passions

Ancestry

Asking for help

Hope

Meeting significant others

## MUSIC @ UUCPA

### CHOIR

Date: Rehearsals – Thursday, 7:30-9 pm, and Sunday, 10:30 am; Performances – Sunday, 11 am, mid-Aug to mid-Jun

Location: Main Hall

Facilitator: Bruce Olstad, Music Director ([music-director@uucpa.org](mailto:music-director@uucpa.org))

Contact: Pat Thomas ([pat\\_t@uucpa.org](mailto:pat_t@uucpa.org))

Singers wanted! We can use singers on all parts. Don't be shy – give us a try!

The UUCPA choir welcomes singers of all vocal backgrounds. We are looking for people:

- Who love to sing with others and be inspired by the act of making live music
- Who want to learn and perform a variety of musical styles, in many different languages
- Who can join us in weekly rehearsals and Sunday morning worship

You don't have to sight-read, but you should be able to understand a music score and to learn a part quickly after hearing it. Bruce makes pronunciation recordings to help us learn the text in languages other than English.



## FIRST-SUNDAY COMMUNITY SINGING

Date: 1st Sunday every month

Time: 10:30-11 am

Location: Various, usually on the patio, Fireside Room in case of rain

Facilitator: Beth Nord and friends

Contact: Beth Nord (beth\_n@uucpa.org)

Come sing with us! We'll sing favorite songs from the book, "Rise Up Singing." Anyone who likes to sing is welcome – and if you play guitar, banjo, ukulele, autoharp, etc., you are also welcome to bring your instrument and join in. Please note that the time will change in June and July when the church goes to one service.



## SACRED HARP SINGING

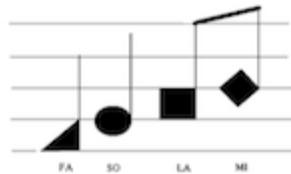
Date: 2nd Sunday every month

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: Room 1

Facilitator: Dan Harper, Director ([danharper@uucpa.org](mailto:danharper@uucpa.org))

Join the democratic and inclusive American song tradition of Sacred Harp music, one of the oldest ongoing music traditions in the United States. Rolling Stone magazine talks about “the soaring magnificence of Sacred Harp.” National Public Radio calls it “full-body singing,” and radio station KALW says it’s a “communal experience.” Come find out for yourself. Beginners are always welcome, and loaner books are available.



## ADULT CLASSES

### NURTURING OUR SPIRITUALITY AS UUs: A PANEL DISCUSSION

Date: Sunday, Jan 8

Time: 12:30-2 pm

Location: Room 4-5

Presenters: Melissa Thompson, Dick Duda, Edie Keating & Bill Hilton

Contact: Judy Lookabill (judy\_l@uucpa.org)

Ever wonder about the spiritual lives of the people around you at UUCPA? What sustains their lives – helping them to "speak love in word and deed?" In other words, what are the varieties of spiritual practices of UU folks? This session will include a panel discussion covering questions such as: What is spirituality? How does (or does not) your spiritual life relate to a belief in a higher power? How does your spirituality relate to the Seven UU Principles? How does your spirituality relate to living life with a purpose? Come join a thoughtful panel of fellow UUCPA members and friends who will share their individual journeys, followed by a lively group discussion and remarks from the audience.

This session promises to be a stimulating and challenging topic that will not provide answers but rather encourage lively discussion and thought-provoking conversation that will extend far beyond this program.\*

\*For those who would like to continue the dialog, a 5-part series (structured small group) on spirituality is scheduled for the 4th Sundays from January through May 2017.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND THE LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITY

Date: Sunday, January 15

Time: 12:30-1:30 PM

Location: Room A

Facilitator: Dan Harper

Contact: Dan Harper

This session will be based on a paper that Rev. Dan Harper presented at the “Sacred Texts, Human Contexts” conference in May 2016, an interfaith conference organized by progressive Muslim, Christian, and Jewish scholars to explore ways to improve interfaith understanding and cooperation. The 2016 conference focused on interfaith responses to the current environmental crisis.

When we look at organized religion’s response to the contemporary environmental crisis, to what extent should we focus on sacred texts? The answer will depend on the specific situation of a local faith community, worldwide changes in organized religion, and other influences. Dan suggests that sacred texts have only a small role in our local faith community.

## ENHANCING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

Date: Sundays: Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28

Time: 12:30-2:30 pm

Location: Room 9

Facilitator: Marilyn Austin, Brooke Bishara, and Dick Duda

Contact: Marilyn Austin (marilyn\_a@uucpa.org)

This five-session series is designed for people who are seeking ways to enhance their spiritual lives. It will utilize a structured small-group format in which participants will support each other as they both try out sources of spirituality that are new to them and also seek to deepen their existing spiritual practices. The structure for this process will come from a brief (130-page) book entitled, "Twelve Steps to Spiritual Health," by UU clergyman David Usher. This book "does not assume any formal belief system or religious affiliation on the part of the reader, although it draws from a wide range of world faiths."

This group will be open to any adult member of the UUCPA community who agrees to attend all five sessions, to try out the suggestions in the Usher book, and to sign a covenant of confidentiality and respectful communication during group sessions. No new participants will be added after the first session.

## EXPLORING MIND, HANDS, SPIRIT AND HEART THROUGH ART

Date: First Sundays: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4

Time: 1-3 pm

Location: Room 4/5

Presenter: Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Contact: Amy Zucker Morgenstern ([parishmin@uucpa.org](mailto:parishmin@uucpa.org))

With Amy, who is just back from a sabbatical spent making art and developing this program, devote two hours on a Sunday to simple and profound art exercises. If you think you have no artistic talent, you will be amazed by what you can do. Each session stands alone, but they also build on each other, so you're strongly encouraged to come to all five. Bringing a small sketchbook is a good idea; all materials are provided. For youth and adults; if you have a child you think would be interested, talk with Amy.



## EMBODIED VOICE: STORY ARTS WITH ELAINE MURAY

Date: Feb 12

Time: 12:30-2pm

Location: Fireside Room

Presenter: Elaine Muray

Contact: Mag Cumbow (margret\_c@uucpa.org)

Love, legends, myths and masks. Storytelling for all ages! Professional storyteller Elaine Muray integrates movement, narration and costume elements, engaging her audience for an interactive hour like you've never experienced at UUCPA. In this highly theatrical program, adults and kids alike will see and hear art in action. Discover why storytelling events are sprouting up around Bay Area and the nation.

Elaine Muray has studied with some of the greats in physical theater including the late Tony Montanaro and Paata Tsikurishvili (artistic director of Washington, DC's highly acclaimed Synetic Theater). She has performed at the Australian Storytelling Festival, Northlands Storytelling Conference, and in 2008 was chosen by her then Pacific peers to represent the five-state region at the National Storytelling Network's All Regions Concert. Last year, she did a 65-school tour to private English immersion schools in Colombia. A former California resident, Elaine now lives in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBORS: SAN ANTONIO ROAD MASJID (MOSQUE)

Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 12:30-3 pm

Location: Main Hall

Presenter: Jack Owicki

Contact: Jack Owicki (jack\_o@uucpa.org)

In our ongoing effort to build connections with different religious groups in our community, 19 members of UUCPA visited the San Antonio Road Masjid (mosque) last August. On Saturday March 4, we will welcome some of their members to UUCPA. Jack Owicki will hold a special session of his "Discovering UUCPA" class, and we will enjoy lunch together. The visitors from the Masjid will bring Halal meat, and members of our ARE Committee will provide the rest of the food.

This gathering will be held in the Main Hall, in order to accommodate a large group. We hope that many UUCPA members and friends will attend—especially those who visited the Masjid in August. This is a special opportunity to get to know our Muslim neighbors.

# SPIDERS, INSECTS, AND THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB: A TALK WITH PHOTOS

Date: Sunday, Mar 5

Time: 12:30-2 pm

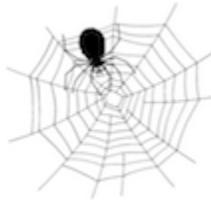
Location: Fireside Room

Presenter: Jack Owicki

Contact: Jack Owicki (jack\_o@uucpa.org)

This ARE session is about how spiders, insects, and their kin fit into the interdependent web of all existence. We seldom appreciate how vital they are for the normal functioning of the earth's ecology. Because they look very different from mammals and birds, and because, in addition, they're often too small to see clearly, we tend to think of them as alien and unattractive.

Jack will present a broad perspective on the huge ecological importance of these organisms. Through photography, he will attempt to make the unseen seen, the alien familiar, and the unattractive fascinating.



## THE POSSIBILITIES AND PAINS OF MODERN FATHERHOOD

Date: Sunday, Mar 12

Time: 12:30-2 pm

Location: Fireside Room

Presenter: Matthew Rosin

Contact: Mag Cumbow (margret\_c@uucpa.org)

The social rules of parenting are changing. Modern dads are stepping out of board meetings and into playgroups and other places once identified primarily with motherhood. And this makes men and women vulnerable to one another in new ways. UUCPA's Matthew Rosin, author and stay-at-home dad, will lead a thoughtful discussion of the possibilities and pains of modern fatherhood, drawing in part on his own newly-published works.

Matthew Rosin started out professional life as an education policy researcher and holds a Ph.D. in Education from Stanford University. Then he changed course to raise his kids and pursue his own creative writing. Some of his writings on fatherhood started out as reflections for Sunday-morning church services as a UUCPA Worship Associate.



## DISCOVERING UUCPA

Date: 2nd Sunday every other month: Feb 12, Apr 9

Time: 1-2 pm

Location: Amy's Office

Contact: Rev. Amy Morgenstern and Jack Owicki

Are you a new Unitarian Universalist? Considering UUism? Or well-acquainted with UUism, but new to UUCPA? This one-session class is offered every other month after the second service to answer your questions and help you find your place in the life of the congregation.

Each session is on a second Sunday to enable you to begin with Second-Sunday lunch, maybe try out some of your questions there, and then join us for the class at 1:00.

We will:

- Share the spiritual explorations that have brought us to this point
- Get to know other newcomers and a member and lay leader of the congregation
- Help each other articulate what we're looking for in a congregation, and discover what UUCPA has to offer to match it
- Ask questions and get answers



# RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN SILICON VALLEY

Date: Sunday, Mar 19

Time: 12:30-1:30 pm

Location: Fireside Room

Presenter: Dan Harper

Contact: Dan Harper (danharper@uucpa.org)

Within an hour drive from our UUCPA campus, there is an incredible religious diversity, and you can find faith communities from African Methodist Episcopal Zion to Zoroastrian. In this presentation, Dan Harper will introduce some of the religious communities near UUCPA. He will also talk about two challenges that religious diversity poses:

- (1) How do we reconcile religious worldviews with democratic process?
- (2) How does religious diversity challenge the preconceptions and prejudices held by Unitarian Universalists?

