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Sunday Mornings

Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence: the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.

—Singing the Living Tradition (#419), Beacon Press

August 21

9:00 am Forum Fireside Room How will artificial intelligence/robots transform society?

Discussion led by Bob Ohlmann

The Forum is a drop-in public discussion – everyone welcomed.

9:30 and 11:00 am Service...... Main Hall Water Communion

The river has its destination ... who is in the river with us? We honor the words of a famous prophecy by the Hopi elders, and celebrate our being together in a time of powerful currents. Bring water from your summer travels to replenish our common pool, in our annual Water Communion service.

Worship Leader: Rev. Mary McKinnon Ganz Music: Veronika Agranov-Dafoe

August 28

9:00 am Forum Fireside Room Discussion of current local, national, and international interest. Selection of Forum Discussion Topics for October.

The Forum is a drop-in public discussion – everyone welcomed.

9:30 and 11:00 am Service...... Main Hall The Road Home

Besides the place where "when you go there, they have to take you in," how do you know you are home? How do you know when you belong, to a landscape, to a person, to a community?

Worship Leader: Rev. Mary McKinnon Ganz

Worship Associate: Rev. Harrison Frahn Music: Aaron Lington, saxophone

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9:00 am Forum Fireside Room How I Have Been Profoundly Stirred by Music, Art, and Literature -

Discussion led by Martha Greene.

The Forum is a drop-in public discussion – everyone welcomed.

10:30 am Service Main Hall Labor of Love

It's Labor Day, so let's talk about work. How can we find work that we love, and also pays the bills? Is it even possible to find work that you truly love any more? And if you're retired, what does it mean to have work that you love?

Worship Leader: Dan Harper Music: Lewis Santer, labor songs for Labor Day

News for Children and Youth Religious Education (CYRE)

— Rev. Dan Harper, Associate Minister of Religious Education

It's hard to believe that school is going to start up in just a week or two. And that means Sunday school and youth programs will be starting up soon at UUCPA. We have an exciting year ahead of us, and here are some highlights: We'll be offering the acclaimed OWL comprehensive sexuality education programs for the following age levels: grades K-1, grades 4-6, and grades 7-9. We're also working on offering OWL for grades 10-12 this year. Watch the CYRE newsletter to learn when to register. We'll be offering the popular Coming of Age program for teens in grades 8-10 again this year. This is the keystone of our CYRE programs, and it's a lot of fun. Special events this year will include a Palo Alto peace walk in September (see page 8), Dias de las Muertos in October, Christmas candlelight service in December, and more. Plus we're looking forward to the usual array of stimulating, thought-provoking, and fun Sunday school programs. See you soon. —Dan Harper

August (CYRE) Sunday school calendar

- August 21: 9:30 and 11 am Intergenerational Water Communion service 12 noon Youth Advisor meeting
- August 28: 9:30 am: First day of regular Sunday school
- August 28: 11am: Coming of Age family meeting 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group meets

Navigators will return from summer break in September. Contact Ed Vail for information.

Summer BBQs

The Friday night and holiday BBQ's continue through Labor Day. All are invited. We start cooking around 6:15 pm. Bring your own entrees to put on the grill and a side dish to share with up to 6 people. We usually make a contrubution of \$3.00 per person or \$6.00 per family for incidentals. For more information contact Bob Greene or the church office.

Caring Network

PETER LINDENER prays the fire around Big Sur will become contained. A member of the Aurora Singers wanted to remember and honor Caroline Finch who died recently. DIANE MEIER is looking for a two-bedroom accommodation that is in-biking-distance of Palo Alto High School for herself and son Byron. CLARK ZHANG will be the new high school chemistry teacher in Campbell this fall. A friend of Rev. MARTI KELLER was delighted to be hearing her preach for the first time. AUTUMN VANDIVER lit a candle for a more peaceful world and for those who suffer from war.

August 30 Starr King Symposium-Our Songs Know Who We Are

Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell, Honored Teacher, First Unitarian Church of Oakland:

All are invited to join Starr King School for the Ministry for their 5th annual Symposium: a day of study, music, dialogue, ritual celebration, food, art and community-building.

The Symposium connects all of Starr King's students, faculty, staff, trustees, graduates and communities as we cultivate multi-religious, counter-oppressive, just and sustainable communities. This year's honored teacher is Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell, a former member of the acappella ensemble, *Sweet Honey in the Rock*.

Registration is \$125 per person, and open to the general public through August 19. For More information/registration: see <a href="https://www.sksm.gov/www.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sksm.gov/www.sk

Suggested reading: http://tinyurl.com/jej6tcg—From Charles Rosene, Pacific Western Region-UUA

Sacred Harp All-Day Singing

Saturday, August 27; 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Fireside Room Contact is Dan Harper (danharper@uucpa.org)
Registration is not required

Join the democratic and participatory American song tradition of Sacred Harp singing. NPR calls it "full-body singing," Rolling Stone describes the sound as a "soaring magnificence," and KALW says it's a powerful "communal experience." Come join about 50 other singers, ranging from rank beginners to professional musicians, as we spend the day singing in four part harmony from The Sacred Harp, a tune book that traces its publishing history to before the Civil War. Beginners are always welcome, and we'll loan you a copy of *The Sacred Harp*. Come for an hour, or spend the whole day. Since great food is part of the Sacred Harp singing tradition, be sure to plan your day so that you join us from 12-1 pm for "dinner-on-the-grounds," a potluck lunch with stick-to-the-ribs food and yummy desserts.

Yard Sale Thanks

Many, many, thanks to everyone who made our yard sale so very successful!

From those of you who donated lots of great stuff, to all of you who helped organize it and move it around (Jeff and Jay in particular!), to all of you who swooped in and cleaned it all up, Thank You, Thank You, and Thank You!

We made almost 2000, and the UUsed Book Sale made 430 — well worth the long hours and hard work!

THANKS TO: Barbara Symons, Dora Fishman, Erin Fishman, John Yarborough, Donna Aronson, Wynne Furth, Edith Drewek, Fran Perry, Beth Sherman, Robert Neff, Nancy Neff, Judy Lookabill, Audrey Erbes, Elisabeth Holm, Louis Bookbinder, Florence Haas, Laurel McClure, Joan Gielow, Jane Ardley, Mike McLaughlin (and probably others we've forgotten ...)

— Pat Thomas and Marilyn Stoddard

Chalice Circles

Another year of Chalice Circles, a small group ministry program, will be starting this October. Chalice Circles are a wonderful way for people to connect, form friendships, and feel "known" in our community. Meeting twice a month, we move through various topics of spiritual significance (like resilience, transition, forgiveness, transcendence). We share both the everyday goings on of our lives and stories of greater significance. We practice attentive listening without giving into the temptation to give each other advice. The richness of the experience comes from the depth of sharing. When we share our stories, whether painful, triumphant, or wickedly funny, we bless each other.

Wonder what Chalice Circles are all about? What happens when a Chalice Circle meets? How you can get involved? If you're curious about these groups and would like to know more before signing up for one, a sample session is a great chance to see for yourself what they are like. There will be two opportunities for sample sessions to give you a taste of what a Chalice Circle meeting would be and to answer any questions you have about the program. We'll go over the basics, have a session on the topic "What We Love," and then answer your questions.

August 28: Susan Plass will lead a session at 11 am in Room 6. September 18: Brooke Bishara will lead a session at 12:30 pm in Room 6.

August 21: Sign-ups for new groups start. Get a registration form from the Information Table, the Office, or the UUCPA web site at www.uucpa.org/chalice_circles/Registration_Form.pdf.

Groups will get started in early October and will run through early June next year. For more information see Brooke Bishara or Susan Plass.

There Is A Newly Formed Young Adults Group!

Previously the Young Adults met every Wednesday night. The new Young Adult's group will now meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday's in Room A from 7 to 9 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the office: 650 494 0541.

September Dinners Needed About Hotel de Zink

—Edie Keatina

Hotel de Zink is the name of a rotating homeless shelter that UUCPA participates in. During the month of September, we provide 15 men or women with a place to sleep at night (mattresses in the main hall) and with a hot meal served at 9 pm.

We encourage you to support our guests by signing up to bring a meal one night in September. A signup sheet will be available on Sundays on the patio or call the office. We hope to have 30 meals signed up before the end of August. There will also be a donation jar near the sign up list.

As well as the evening meal, we purchase bread, sandwich makings, coffee, and other staples to support our guests before they leave each morning. If you can contribute \$10 or \$20 dollars, it really helps to fund these purchases. One additional way to help: UUCPA volunteers are on site every night for an hour from 8:30 to 9:30pm. We set out plates, say hello to our guests, and help serve dinner when it is delivered. We aim to have two UUCPA greeters there every night. Let me know if you would like to try out this role (you would be partnered with an experienced volunteer.) Edie Keating's email is Edie_K@uucpa.org.
Hotel de Zink dinner details:

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- 1. Please provide a main dish and side dish for 15 relatively hungry people. (We make excellent use of leftovers.) Any main dish that provides at least some protein will be great. Examples are chicken casserole, spaghetti and meat balls, Kentucky Fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Side dishes can be a salad or a vegetable. Dessert is also welcome. We will provide fresh fruit, milk and water to drink, and basic bread or rolls to supplement.
- 2. Please deliver your meal hot and ready to serve to our kitchen back door between 8:30 and 8:45 pm. A UU volunteer will be there to receive any special instructions and set the food out so that it is ready to serve.
- 3. If you would like, our volunteer will also take you in to say hello to the guests and let them know what you've brought for dinner.

Info About Amy's Sabbatical

Amy Zucker Morgenstern, UUCPA's senior minister, is on sabbatical until January 2, 2016.

During July, pastoral emergencies will be handled by Rev. Mary Ganz, our sabbatical minister. Call 650-494-0541 x25, and your phone call will be forwarded to Mary.

The sabbatical pamphlet, with complete information about Amy's sabbatical, is available in the Main Lobby. If you have any questions about Rev. Amy's sabbatical, please contact a member of the sabbatical committee: Castor Fu, Edie Keating or Wynne Furth.



Brown Bag Book Discussion Group

The book selection for September is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. "It is every bit as moving as *To Kill a Mockingbird...* demonstrating the extent to which brutality, unfairness, and racial bias continue to infect criminal law in the United States. But at the same time ... (he) tells an utterly damning story of deep-seated and widespread injustice, he also recounts instances of human compassion, understanding, mercy, and justice that offer hope.... (It is) at once a searing indictment of American criminal justice and a stirring testament to the salvation that fighting for the vulnerable sometimes yields." (NY Review of Books)

Please join us on September 6 at noon in the Fireside Room to discuss this insightful book.

Nancy Neff On The California Clean Money Campaign

Someone asked me a good question recently after I spoke about July's Justice Partner, California Clean Money Campaign: Does supporting a political cause affect the church's IRS status?

The short answer is "no," as long as we are not spending over 5% of the annual budget on it. It's important to note that we can work on issues of a political nature, but we cannot be partisan, that is we cannot support candidates. If you'd like more information, there is a good book called *Loud and Clear in an Election Year* about how churches can publicly advocate for their values during elections, as UUCPA has done most recently in support of marriage equality and public funding of election campaigns.

-Nancy Neff, Action Council member

Adult Religious Education With Rev. Mary Ganz

Join our sabbatical minister, Rev. Mary McKinnon Ganz, in a discussion of *Ancient Texts for a New Age* – the *Bhagavad-Gita* and the *Gospel of Thomas*, August 21 and 28, 12:30 to 2 pm.

Is there wisdom here that can help us in our own troubled times? These are more interesting if taken together, but each session stands alone so it is also fine to attend one and not the other.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BHAGAVAD-GITA

Emerson, Thoreau and Einstein all studied it, and Mahatma Gandhi read it every day. What is it about this battlefield story that it was daily nourishment for Gandhi's peacemaking work? Sunday, August. 21, 12:30 to 2 pm.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

Why were these "sayings of Jesus" hidden away in a cave in Egypt for hundreds of years? Is it possible the world just wasn't ready for them? Sunday, August. 28, 12:30 to 2 pm.

Bass Lake Camp Get-Away 2016

Join your friends at a beautiful mountain camp with its own private beach from Thursday, September 8 to Sunday, September 11. See the July __Bulletin for more information.

From Your Sabbatical Minister

-Rev. Mary McKinnon Ganz

At this writing we're six weeks into our six-month adventure together! I am grateful for the warm welcome, and for all the help I have received from so many of you as I wander around the lovely UUCPA campus looking confused about the location of a room, or whom to ask about one thing or another. It has been lovely to begin to get to know you and to see what a strong, capable congregation you are.

And, it's been a hard beginning, too. We are in a time of disquiet in our nation and in the culture, a time when emotions of all kinds are running high. Few of us are immune from these feelings, and it is very close to home in this congregation, in Silicon Valley and the broader Bay Area. We each of us need to do what we can to stay strong and connected as we head into an election season that is bringing to the surface pain that has long been buried. We need to keep our ears and our hearts open to the sorrow of people who think differently from ourselves and whose life experiences are different from our own. We need to look for common ground, and often that is not easy, in a superheated emotional climate.

Since I come to you from a distance, my regular times on campus are limited to Wednesdays, some Sundays, and some Tuesday nights. I hope you will seek me out when I am here, or arrange to meet me when it works for you, especially if you want to talk over something that is troubling you. Or join the ARE groups I am offering later in August – introductions to the *Bhagavad-Gita* (Aug. 21) and the *Gospel of Thomas* (August 28). These texts are among the resources I turn to again and again to buoy me in difficult times; I hope you will consider joining one or both of these circles. Look for more information in the *Bulletin* on page 6.

Sacred Texts And The Environmental Crisis

Sunday, August 14, September 11, October 9,

November 13, and December 11

12:30 pm; Room A

Contact is Rev. Dan Harper (danharper@uucpa.org)

Facilitators are Dan Harper and Jeneen Namaar

Registration is not required

According to Prof. Mary Evelyn Tucker of Yale, an organizer of the renowned Forum on Religion and Ecology, the global environmental crisis "is not only the result of economic, political, and social factors. It is also a moral and spiritual crisis which ... will require broader philosophical and religious understandings of ourselves as creatures of nature, embedded in life cycles and dependent on ecosystems."

In this book discussion group, we'll read sacred texts from the world's major religions to find spiritual and philosophical insight into the ongoing global environmental crisis. In the first sessions, we'll start out by discussing some sacred texts from the Hebrew Bible and the Christian scriptures, including the "dominion mandate" in Genesis. From there, we'll decide which sacred texts we'd like to read together.



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Discovering UUCPA

1 to 2 pm on second Sundays, after lunch, in Room A.

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

The 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 pm.

Jack Owicki will lead our Discovering UUCPA sessions on August 14 and December 11, and Brooke Bishara will lead it on October 9. Both are experienced small-group facilitators, have led our Membership & Growth Committee, and are the friendliest ambassadors we could want!

Thespians

The Thespians get together to sight-read plays. All UU members, friends, and guests are welcome.

Second Monday: 7 to 10 pm in Room 9 Third Friday: 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Room A

Fourth Tuesday: 7 to 10 pm in Room 9 — Samuel Thomas Morgan



Elder Journey

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Room 6 from 1:30 to 3 pm.

Second Tuesday we focus on telling our personal stories, read our favorite poems, or discuss our favorite books. Fourth Tuesday generally features a visit by one of our ministers and a topic of their choosing.

—Armand Schwartz

The Bulletin

August 28 and September 11 are the next two deadlines to submit items you want to see in *the Bulletin*. Send items to Debra Heinz, Office Administrative Assistant, via newsletter@uucpa.org (preferred), or drop off a hard-copy in *the Bulletin* mailbox in the church office.

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*Rev. Amy is on sabbatical until January 2, 2017. She returns to the pulpit January 8, 2017. In her abscence, Rev. Mary McKinnon Ganz will serve half-time from July 1 to December 31.