The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational, and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist institutions, and implement its principles.

February 26

9:00 am Forum .................................................................Fireside Room
Discussion of current local, national, and international interest.
Selection of Forum Discussion Topics for April.
The Forum is a drop-in public discussion – everyone welcomed.

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

Life Insurance
Sometimes we don't realize how much we need community until there’s a crisis. What kind of community do you want to have in place before you really need it? Let's think together about that and about how to begin gathering it around us right now. Special music for the service is by our pianist, Veronika Agranov-Dafoe.
Worship Leader: Rev Amy Zucker Morganstern

March 5

9:00 am Forum .................................................................Fireside Room
Obama’s eight-year review
Discussion led by Bob Greene.
The Forum is a drop-in public discussion – everyone welcomed.

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

The Still Small Voice
God speaks to people in many ways. Moments of insight can come through music, nature, or sometimes a still, small voice, compelling us to change our lives. How do we know if what we're hearing is holy or something completely different, even dangerous? Our guest musicians are the group that sang so beautifully at the interfaith service in January, Salawat Salam Nasheed.
Worship Leader: Rev Amy Zucker Morganstern

Sunday morning childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers will be available from 9 am to 12:15 pm in Rooms 7 & 8 and 2 & 3.
Justice Partner Nominations Open
Each month the Church supports a social justice or service organization by donating 10% of non-pledge offerings at the Sunday services.

The Action Council will review the recipients and present a slate for 2017-18 at the Annual Meeting on April 23 for a congregational vote. If you would like to make a suggestion for an organization to support, or voice your support for a currently supported organization, please email actioncouncil@uucpa.org or call one of us, before Sunday, March 5.

Among the factors considered are:
- Our relationship with the group; who they serve and what they do;
- what is their funding base; balance among social service, direct action, education, community organizing and advocacy causes.

Please include information that will help the Action Council with our decision, including:
- Organization name and location; who they serve and what they do;
- size (in terms of membership if applicable and budget); their major source of funds; your relationship with the group.

UUCPA is supporting the following organizations with 10% of non-pledge offerings in this fiscal year:
- Adolescent Counseling Services
- On-campus counseling
- South Palo Alto Food Closet
- California Clean Money Campaign
- Day Worker Center of Mountain View
- Hotel de Zink
- Opportunity Center
- South Bay Sanctuary Covenant
- Outlet
- Stevenson House
- ADA’s Cafe
- UUs Ending Modern Slavery
- Green Sanctuary Choice

More information is on the website: uucpa.org/faith_in_action/JusticePartners.html. Thank you from Action Council:
  Edie Keating, Sally Ahnger, Nancy Neff, Karen Skold, Litsie Indergand actioncouncil@uucpa.org.

Caring Network
KAREN SKOLD is off again to El Salvador. This time makes her 12th year. That this country has more and more violence from gangs is one of her concerns for it. BECKY WILLIAMS says the twins her daughter is expecting are boys. While visiting San Diego and grandchildren and great grandchildren, DONNA ARONSON had fun doing a friendly competition with a good friend as to whose little darlings were more gorgeous. DREW OMAN, co-coordinator involved in coordinating part of a volunteer interfaith group who visit patients at Stanford hospital, said the first class has graduated in spiritual care training. Training is two times a year the next training starts March 25. Sounds like there are many involved and enthusiastic. He says he loves to talk on the subject, so ask him.[continued]
Exploring Mind, Hands, Spirit and Heart Through Art
First Sundays: February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4
1 to 3 pm; Room 4/5
Presenter is Amy Zucker Morgenstern
Contact is Amy Zucker Morgenstern (parishmin@uucpa.org)
Devote two hours to simple and profound art exercises with Amy, who is just back from a sabbatical spent making art and developing this program. 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.

Spiders, Insects, and The Interdependent Web: A Talk With Photos
Sunday, March 5; 12:30 to 2 pm; Fireside Room
Presenter and contact is Jack Owicki (jack_o@uucpa.org)
This Adult Religious Education 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.
Children and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) News

—Rev. Dan Harper, Associate Minister of Religious Education

We have over fifty children and teens enrolled in our Our Whole Lives (OWL) comprehensive sexuality education programs right now, at four different age levels: grades K–1, grades 4–6 (puberty), grades 7–9 (early adolescence), and grades 10–12 (adolescence). Close to half of those enrolled are not part of UUCPA, testifying to the high reputation of our OWL curriculum. We offer all our OWL courses at no charge so that all families, regardless of income, can enroll their children. This makes OWL one of our more significant social justice programs.

While OWL might be the most noticeable religious education program we offer, our other religious education programs are of equally high quality. In the elementary grades, we provide basic religious literacy through an introduction to Western and non Western religious narratives. Navigators provides a traditional scouting experience without restricting access due to gender identity, sexual orientation, or belief in a deity (one child calls it “Everybody Scouts”). Our Neighboring Faith Communities course helps middle schoolers gain intercultural competency, while our Ecojustice class introduces the same age group to hands-on environmental justice. Our well respected Coming of Age course for grades 8–9 gives participants an opportunity to reflect deeply on self identity. And we have a diversity of opportunities for high school youth, including leadership opportunities, service projects, and a youth group.

Nor do we rest on our successes. The Children and Youth Religious Education Committee has convened a curriculum subcommittee to review all our course offerings. We are constantly developing new curriculum materials, some of which are beginning to be used by other congregations. We are constantly innovating and improving. We care about kids, and we care about education.

And now a word from our sponsor: UUCPA is currently in the middle of its annual fundraising drive. You should receive your fundraising letter in the next week or so. And everyone at UUCPA — especially the kids who benefit from our excellent programs — would appreciate you making a generous pledge of financial support.

Sunday school calendar (including OWL K–1 and 4–6)

Sunday, February 19:
  9:30 am: Sunday school
(No OWL K–1 and 4–6)
Sunday, February 26:
  9:30 am: Sunday school
  10:30 am: Fourth Sunday brunch
  11:00 am: OWL K–1 and 4–6

Youth calendar (SHYG, Coming of Age, OWL 7–9) [continued]
Sunday, February 19:
(No Coming of Age)
(No OWL grades 7–9)
6:30 pm: SHYG

Sunday, February 26:
11:00 am: Coming of Age
5:00 pm: OWL grades 7–9
6:30 pm: OWL parent discussion group (see below)
6:30 pm: SHYG

Navigators
Navigators, our bias free scouting group, meets twice a month. Contact Ed Vail to be put on the email list.

OWL grades 7–9 parent discussion moved
The parent discussion will meet on Sunday, February 26, from 6:30 to 8 pm. Led by Dan Harper and Kevin Bourillion, this is a chance to talk over the book *Breaking the Hush Factor: Ten Rules for Talking with Teenagers about Sex*, by Dr. Karen Rayne. If you don't have a copy of the book yet, please let us know so we can have one for you at the discussion group.

Spring Project: Ecology Experiments
The CYRE Committee is introducing a new Spring Project — Ecology Experiments! From March 26 through May 7, we'll be offering fun ecology-centered activities for elementary aged kids. Projects may include ecology-oriented crafts, quilting, games, cooking, etc. There will be fun ecology-oriented skits and environmental songs to sing. Kids like coming to the Spring Project, whatever the theme, because they get to choose the fun activities they prefer, and they get to be with other kids of different ages.

Want to help lead an activity in Ecology Experiments? It's fun and easy. You prepare one project, and lead the same project each week for 4–5 weeks (depending on your availability). We have the following projects already prepared for you to use:

- a variety of ecology crafts for kids
- organic baking and/or cooking
- making a terrarium
- playing ecology board games (Wildcraft, Eco-opoly, and/or Eco-Fluxx)
- making mini-biospheres (but you'll have to find a source for amphipods)

Please contact Dan Harper <danharper@uucpa.org> if you'd like to help!
Jim Stevens Concert

Our beloved troubadour, JIM STEVENS will be singing for us Friday, February 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $15.

Stewards of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to our Stewards of the Month for January, OWL coordinators Alyssa Erickson and Maribea Berry! Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education serves our own families and the wider community at a time when sex ed that is fact-based, sex-positive, and affirming of diversity is needed more than ever. This year we are offering a whopping five sections: grades K-1, 4-6, 8-10, and two of 7-9. Rev. Dan Harper and other staff rely heavily on Alyssa and Maribea's leadership to run this important program. [to read more about OWL, see page 4]

So many other people have done so much to make UUCPA go this month! Thank you, Marilyn Stoddard, Pamela Schure, Joe Bailey, Jim Nardella, Allie Nardella, Dora Fishman, Andre Fleet, and Kerensa Fu for Second Sunday Lunch prep, Robert Neff and Andre Fleet for cleanup, and chief chef Susan Plass . . . Marilyn Stoddard for organizing the Treasures Sale, volunteers Edith Drewek, Ann Hepenstal, Hannah Slocum, Donna Aronson, Nancy Neff, and Fran Perry, and Dora Fishman and Erin Fishman for not only helping with the setup and staffing the sale, but taking items for sale elsewhere at the end of the day . . . Kristi Iverson and Dick Duda for bringing the Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice January 19 Interfaith Service of Concern and Commitment to UUCPA, Bill Hilton for staffing sound, and everyone in the Adult Choir for singing at this special service . . . Suzanne Sublette for so much help with the canvass, Canvass Committee co-chairs David Chen and Brooke Bishara, and committee members Linda Henigin, John Pierce, Fred Buelow, Armand Schwartz, Elaine Dodd, Pamela Schure, Jeb Eddy, and Joe Bailey . . . John Indergand for thought-provoking quotes for the order of service . . . Dick Clark and his proof reader, Glenda Jones, for tireless, reliable work editing The Bulletin . . . Esa Jacobi, Jeralyn Moran, Robert Neff, Karen Skold, and leaders Matthew Rosin and Melissa Thomson for launching the By Your Side Singers pastoral care choir, and also Jenny Robertson and Barbara Symonds who have sung in rehearsals . . . Litsie Indergand for yet another successful Undie Sunday! . . . and, coming back around to where we started, all of the OWL teachers: in grades K-1 Beth Nord, Lisa Helmonds, Kris Geering, and Tom Morgan, in grades 4-6 Maribea Berry, Stewart Cobb, Kate Kramer, and Eric Bier, in grades 7-9 Amy Choate, Sally Ahnger, Jeff Bailey, Tyler Kochel, Edie Keating, Heather Chen, Miriam Pokharel-Wood, Emily Drew-Moyer, and Esa Jacobi, in grades 10-12 Esa Jacobi along with Dan Harper, and leading the parent discussion for grades 7-9, Kevin Bourrillion.

You make UUCPA the special community it is. -Rev. Amy
Benefit for UUCPA:

**Spectacular Murals of the Mission: Street Art Tour in San Francisco**

**Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), 11 AM - 2 PM**

San Francisco’s Mission District is famous for its murals and other street art, and SF resident and public-art aficionado Amy Zucker Morgenstern will be your docent in this living museum, making use of her major in art (and they said it wasn't practical!). We’ll put on our most comfortable shoes, meet at a terrific taqueria in the heart of the Mission for lunch, then take an hour-long walking tour, ending up at a delicious bakery for dessert; the meals, like the art and good company, are included in the package. We'll begin and end near a BART station if you'd prefer public transportation, or there's easy parking nearby. The tour covers 1.5 miles, and is flat and entirely wheelchair/scooter accessible. Cost: $30 each to benefit the church (one scholarship available, so talk to Amy privately if cost is an issue). To be one of the nine participants, call the church office to sign up.

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Benefit for UUCPA:

**Alebrijes painting workshop**

**Sunday, March 19, 12:30-4 PM; Room 9**

Oaxaca, Mexico, is famous for these little wooden animals, richly painted with patterns in many colors (search online for “alebrijes” for examples, or see Amy's less-than-expert but enthusiastic efforts in the Main Hall lobby). After a brief introduction to some common patterns and techniques, we will let our imaginations and paintbrushes go wild. One unpainted sculpture per participant, and all supplies, are provided. Facilitator: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern. Cost: $40 each to benefit the church (one scholarship available, so talk to Amy privately if cost is an issue). Strictly limited to six participants – please call the church office in advance to sign up.

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**Pledge Drive 2017**

February is the month of love — what better time to show your love for our community in the form of a generous pledge? Whether you are a newish visitor or a long-time member, you can show your appreciation of this place by turning in your pledge card by February 28. You can also email in your pledge amount to pledge@uucpa.org.

Thanks very much for supporting this place we love.

— Brooke Bishara
Brown Bag Book Discussion Group
The March BBB selection is *Defying The Nazis: The Sharp’s War* by Artemis Houkowsky (non fiction) “This gripping tale of intrigue and courage, of love’s power and its loss, is both entertaining and inspiring. Heroes are often thought to be super-human. But defying the nazis proves that true heroes emerge not from the pages of comic books but the halls of everyday life. The common denominator is a stubborn faith in humanity and a conviction that the shape of history is ultimately in each of our hands.”—William F. Schulz, president of the UUA, 1985–1993; executive director of Amnesty International USA, 1994–2006; and president of the UUSC, 2010–2016. Please join us Tuesday, March 7, at noon in the Fireside Room to discuss this true story (accompanies the Ken Burns film seen in 2016 on TV) and written by the Sharp's grandson.

The April BBB book is *Commonwealth* by Anne Patchett (Fiction).

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

Palo Alto UU Players (PAUUP)
Next month, after the second Sunday lunch, March 12, PAUUP will present *Meeting Of Minds*, when we'll hear from St. Augustine of Hippo, The Empress Theodora of the Byzantine Empire, Thomas Jefferson, and Bertrand Russell.

Join us for this romp through history, in the Fireside Room.

—Brian Weller

Treasures Sale report
The Treasures Sale successfully took place on January 29. We raised $692 for Social Action causes. Many quality items remain. They will be offered at resale shops or held over for the Yard Sale, which will add to the total. Thank you to those who donated and purchased items, and thank you to the following people that made the event possible: Erin Fishman, Dora Fishman, Marilyn Stoddard, Edith Drewek, Ann Hепенстал, Hannah Slocum, Donna Aronson, Nancy Neff, Fran Perry, Debra Heinz, Jeff Cashdollar, and Jay Fowler.
**Art in the Lobby**

Until the end of March, the art in the Main Hall lobby will be drawings, prints, and alebrijes by Amy Zucker Morgenstern, our parish minister. Her 2016 sabbatical in Oaxaca, Mexico, was largely devoted to making art and all of these pieces were made during that time. Amy majored in studio art in high school and college. She has a weekly art practice and posts many of the results on her blog, “Sermons in Stones” (www.sermonsinstones.com)

**General Assembly 2017**

June 21-25, New Orleans, LA

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

**The Bulletin**

February 26 and March 12 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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