



# THE BULLETIN

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, California  
Transforming Ourselves, Each Other and the World

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## April 9

**9:00 am Forum** ..... **Fireside Room**  
**How do you cope with change?**

Discussion led by Martha Greene

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

**9:30 and 11:00 am Service** ..... **Main Hall**  
**A Time for Hate**

Ecclesiastes says that there is a time for hate as well as for love. Is there? What might be an appropriate place for hate in our lives? An inquirer put that question into the “question box” at a service a couple of years ago and Amy will share her ponderings today. Also in today's service, Dan Harper tells the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, and pianist Ihang Lin is our guest musician.

Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Worship Associate: Jeb Eddy

Music: Ihang Lin, piano

## April 16

**9:00 am Forum** ..... **Fireside Room**  
**Nasty women/Trump resistance**

Discussion led by Ann Zeise

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

**9:30 and 11:00 am Service** ..... **Main Hall**  
**The Habit of Resurrection**

In our intergenerational Easter service, Dan tells the Easter story as his Unitarian mother relayed it to him, and Amy suggests some practices that may make resurrection a reality in our daily lives. Our pianist, Veronika Agranov Dafoe, provides special music, and we are also joined by the By Your Side Singers, our new group that offers pastoral care through song..

Worship leaders: Revs. Dan Harper and Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Worship Associate: Brian Weller

Music: Veronika Agranov Dafoe, piano; By Your Side Singers

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### Today

South Bay Sanctuary Covenant event at 4 pm:

***Immigration Crisis In US and El Salvador.*** See page 3.

The memorial service for Bill McFadden will take place in the Main Hall at 3 pm.

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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.

## 2017 Pacific Central District Assembly

The 2017 Pacific Central District Assembly will be held May 5 to 6 at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, California. Advance registration is open through April 22. Highlights of Saturday's activities include a forum featuring all three UUA Presidential Candidates, workshops, worship, and fellowship. Registrants will also attend to the important business of the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Central District. Religious professionals will want to also bring their full staff team to Friday's Staff Development Day. For details about the full weekend, go to: <http://www.pcduua.org/events/district-assembly/>.

### All-Church Community Dance

On Saturday, April 29, UUCPA hosts its fifth annual All-Church Community Dance. We have live musicians playing traditional tunes. A caller will lead us in group dances from several folk traditions. No previous experience or partner is necessary. Just follow along!

We will have a free pizza and salad dinner starting at 5 pm (Potluck items are most welcome, but the basics are provided.) Music and dancing runs from 6 to 8 pm. People also hang out in the courtyard, chat, play some games. Child care will be provided, but children are encouraged to attend and join the dancing.

This is always a fun night—our only goal is enjoy each other's company and play around to the music. Please come!

## Exploring Mind, Hands, Spirit and Heart Through Art

**First Sundays: February 5, March 5, April 2, June 4\***  
**1 to 3 pm; Room 4/5**

**Presenter is Amy Zucker Morgenstern**

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

\*The May 7 session listed earlier has been cancelled.

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The memorial service for **Bob McLean** will be held  
in the Main Hall on Sunday, June 11 at 3 pm.

Please note the date change from an earlier announcement.

## Community Shabbat Gathering For Solidarity And Friendship

You are warmly invited to come to a multifaith, intergenerational and multicultural gathering with vegetarian dinner, music, children's activities and lively conversation. Meet neighbors, make friends, and learn about diverse traditions. Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Quakers, UUs, Baha'is, Sikhs, humanists and "nones" are all welcome. A followup to our lunch with members of the Hatemi Masjid, this promises to be a memorable event for building unity in a time of division, one that you will not want to miss. Be sure to register soon.

**What:** Shabbat dinner and gathering for all faiths and all ages.

**Where:** Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto

**When:** Friday, April 28, 6 to 8:30 pm

**Cost:** Adults \$10, Children \$5

**Registration (required):** <http://tinyurl.com/Apr28Shabbat>

Hosted by the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in partnership with Multifaith Voices for Peace & Justice, Pacifica Institute, and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

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## Mark Your Calendars For Budget Town Hall Meetings

Sunday, April 9, 10:45 to 11:45 am in Room 4-5, or 12:45 to 1:45 pm in the Main hall

Please join members of Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee on Sunday, April 9 for a Budget Town Hall meeting, at either 10:45 to 11:45 am in the Fireside Room or 12:45 to 1:45 pm (right after Second Sunday Lunch) in the Main Hall. During this meeting, the Finance Committee will share present UUCPA's proposed 2017–2018 Budget. The Finance Committee and members of the Board will be available to answer detailed questions regarding the proposed Budget in anticipation of its formal submittal for approval before the entire congregation at the April 23 Annual Meeting. There will also be information available on the resolutions members will be voting on during the meeting, the proposed Justice Partners for the coming year, and the candidates for UUA President.

Please join us for this very important meeting! We look forward to your questions and comments.

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**Please come to the South Bay Sanctuary Covenant event:**  
***Immigration Crisis In US and El Salvador***

Sunday, April 2, 4 pm First Presbyterian Church,  
1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, California

[More details for this event are given in the March 19 *Bulletin*]

## Caring Network

JEB EDDY enjoyed attending the all day meeting of 120 people at our church Saturday talking about the Grass Roots Clean Money campaign. He thanks NANCY NEFF for organizing this. NANCY told us in the second service she enjoyed it too. BETH NORD and LARRY ARONSON both were joyous about the results of Friday's decision to save the health care for the USA, at least for the present. DONNA ARONSON is happy her niece is going home from the hospital Monday. SUSAN PLASS had the joy of her daughter KAREN traveling from Minn. to Texas to attend a course on how to avoid the extinction of endangered animals. BEN and RUTH HAMMETT have not been attending church much of late and are planning to move to a retirement home in Santa Rosa. PAT THOMAS clarifies that her granddaughter and boyfriend are already living with them and all are enjoying it. LEONA CHU, a good friend of MARCIA CONKLIN says Marcia has moved to the Mt. View Nursing Center. After a long rehabilitation, FRED ZEISE's relative has been able to return home. AUDREY ERBES enjoyed being with 700 at the "Hands Around the Mosque" event recently. PATTY is enjoying the visit from her mother and is glad to celebrate her birthday with her. LEN CHERRY, a long time member, died recently after moving to Reno. His wife BETTY is in Reno.

## Brown Bag Book Group's May Selection is *Tribe*

"Decades before the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin lamented that English settlers were constantly fleeing over to the Indians – but Indians almost never did the same... Combining history, psychology, and anthropology, *Tribe*, [by Sabastian Junger] explores what we can learn from tribal societies about loyalty, belonging, and the eternal human quest for meaning. It explains the irony that – for many veterans as well as civilians – war feels better than peace, adversity can turn out to be a blessing, and disasters are sometimes remembered more fondly than weddings or tropical vacations. *Tribe* explains why we are stronger when we come together, and how that can be achieved even in today's divided world." (Amazon) Please join us on May 2 at noon in the Fireside Room to discuss this thought provoking book.

## Bass Lake Camp Get-Away 2017

Join your friends at a beautiful mountain camp with its own private beach from Thursday, August 17 to Sunday, August 20, 2017.

To register or to get more information email [basslakeuucpa@gmail.com](mailto:basslakeuucpa@gmail.com) or call Greg Crider (the church office has contact information). Space is limited in 2017 so register now. The Skylake Yosemite Family Camp web site is: <http://www.skylake.com/>. [Note that the January 22 and February 5 Bulletins have more information about the Bass Lake experience.]



## **Weaving the Web**

— Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

You may have heard the grim statistics on how many transgender teenagers have attempted suicide or died by suicide: 40%. Here's another statistic: when transgender teenagers have supportive family and community, that rate plummets. If their families are supportive, it is no different than in non-trans kids. A community that accepts and supports transgender people and their families saves lives.

So, upon coming back to a United States that is even more hostile than before to transgender folks, I proposed to the Board a way we can make a real difference in the lives of transgender people, and model supportive community, while also making the church more welcoming to women, people caring for small children, and people assisting family members: redesign some of our restrooms to be open to all genders. I am happy to report that the Board supports this proposal and, at its February meeting, authorized the Buildings and Grounds Committee to investigate two options for changing the restrooms closest to the office to all-gender restrooms.

It will be a welcome change. In the hostile climate of today's America—from which the Bay Area is, sadly, not immune—"bathroom bills" promote simplistic and inaccurate ideas about gender: for example, that the gender noted on one's birth certificate is the gender that matches one's identity. We now know that that is simply not true—the obstetrician sometimes gets it wrong. Just as we provide restrooms that are accessible to people of a wide variety of physical abilities, our values of hospitality and equality compel us to provide restrooms for everyone here regardless of gender identity. We want the numerous transgender, genderqueer, intersex, or gender-expansive members, friends, and visitors at UUCPA to know that whatever restroom they judge to match their gender is open to them. For some, the most comfortable option is "all genders welcome."

An all-gender restroom is an improvement as well for a man who assists his wife in the restroom because of her disability; a woman who is caring for her young sons; women who wait in line for the restroom during the intermission of a concert while the men's room next door is empty. (We've all been there, ladies—am I right?)

The Board, Dan and I will welcome your input and suggestions as we move with all deliberate speed towards "potty parity" and a campus that more fully reflects our values of the inclusion and celebration of all people. And please, thank your Board of Trustees for using their role to promote justice, love and equity. —*Blessings, Amy*

## **A Concert Of Words**

On Sunday, April 16, at 12:30 pm in Room 9, The Friends of Poetry will present a concert of words to celebrate Spring and Poetry month. Come and listen to our collected favorites (Perhaps you might bring yours) Abundant Friendliness. Refreshments.

# Mark Your Calendars For April 23 UUCPA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, April 23, following the second Sunday Service. In this meeting, the congregation will vote on the following items:

- Members of the Board of Trustees
- Members of the Nominating Committee
- Representatives to the Pacific Central District Assembly
- Representatives to the UUA General Assembly
- Budget for Fiscal Year 18
- Advisory vote on the next UUA President
- Resolutions presented by members or committees
- Proposed Justice Partners for the coming year
- Other matters as determined by the Board of Trustees or proposed by members at the meeting

Bagels and fruit will be served, and childcare will be available.

Members must have made a contribution of record during the past 12 calendar months to be eligible to vote. New members must be affirmed by the Board 30 days before the meeting.

If unable to attend, a member may designate another member as proxy – note that no one can hold more than one proxy. A member may also vote on candidates by completing an absentee ballot. If you submit a proxy, you may not also submit an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots and proxy forms will be available on the website and in the office after nominations close on April 11. For more information on congregational meetings, including proxies and absentee ballots, see: [http://www.uucpa.org/meetings/about\\_meetings.html](http://www.uucpa.org/meetings/about_meetings.html).

## Candidates for the Church Board and Other Positions

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slates:

Board of Trustees

There are four three-year positions on the Board of Trustees to be filled.

The nominees are:

- Sally Ahnger
- Audrey Erbes
- Brooke Bishara
- Lorraine Kostka

There is one one-year position on the Board of Trustees to be filled.

The nominee is:

- Harrison Frahn

Nominating Committee

There are four Nominating Committee positions open for two-year terms. The nominees to date are:

- Bill Hilton
- Lisa Helmonds
- Diane Meier
- Tyler Kochel

Petition Nominations

In addition to the above listed candidates, members of the [continues]

church are welcome to nominate themselves for a position on the Board or Nominating Committee. To do so prior to March 24, please contact the Nominating Committee at [nominating-committee@uucpa.org](mailto:nominating-committee@uucpa.org). Between March 25 and April 11, you may volunteer for either of these positions by drafting a petition to have your name included on the ballot, having it signed by at least three other church members, and submitting it to the church office, addressed to the Nominating Committee, no later than April 11.

### **PCD District Assembly in Walnut Creek, CA (May 5-6, 2017)**

UUCPA can send five representatives. Nominees to date are:

- Esa Jacobi

To learn more about District Assembly, go here:

<http://www.pcd.uaa.org/events/district-assembly/>

### **UUA General Assembly in New Orleans, LA (June 21-25, 2017)**

UUCPA can send five representatives. Nominees to date are:

- Karen Skold
- Sally Angher

To learn more about General Assembly, go here:

<https://www.uua.org/ga>.

In addition to the above listed PCD and GA delegates, members of the church are welcome to nominate themselves as delegates by contacting the Nominating Committee. Delegates can also self-nominate from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

UUA President (advisory vote only)

At this year's UUA General Assembly, representatives will elect a new UUA president for a term of six years. The candidates are:

- Rev. Allison Miller
- Rev. Jeanne Pupke
- Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

For those who would like to participate in the UUA President advisory vote, look for more information about these candidates in your UU World magazine or at the following link: <https://www.uuworld.org/topics/uua-elections>.

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## **Discovering UUCPA**

**Sunday, April 9; 1 to 2 pm; Amy's office**

**Facilitators: Rev. Amy Morgenstern and Jack Owicki**

**Contact: Rev. Amy Morgenstern ([parishmin@uucpa](mailto:parishmin@uucpa))**

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 [continues]

for the class at 1 pm. 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

## **Doing Democracy**

**Sunday, April 9; 12:30 to 1:30 pm; Room 9**

**Facilitator: Dan Harper**

**Contact: Dan Harper ([danharper@uucpa.org](mailto:danharper@uucpa.org))**

You'll be able to walk out of this one-hour workshop with a realistic action plan on ways that you can actually do democracy. Even if you have 15 minutes a week, you can make a difference.

We'll also connect people in the workshop who have similar interests, so you can have a "democracy buddy" to help you stay motivated and stay on task. If possible, please bring a device that you can use to connect to the Web to research your own specific interests.

## **A Conversation On The Civic Mission Of Schools**

**Sunday, Apr 30; 12:30 to 2 pm; Fireside Room**

**Presenter: Diane Hart**

**Contact: Marilyn Austin ([marilyn\\_a@uucpa.org](mailto:marilyn_a@uucpa.org))**

The 2016 election has raised questions about the level of civic knowledge of, and commitment to, our democratic system of government among the American electorate. The signs are everywhere. A recent poll tells us that only a third of Americans are able to name just one of the three branches of the federal government. More worrying, a quarter of US millennials dismiss the importance of free elections in a democracy. And a near majority of voters long for a leader who "is willing to break some rules" if that's what it takes to set things right. We will explore what has happened to civic education in our schools, and why, in a conversation with social studies writer Diane Hart. Diane Hart is a nationally recognized author, curriculum developer, and assessment consultant. She has authored or coauthored 15 textbooks on U.S. history, world history, geography, American government, and economics, which are in widespread use in elementary, middle, and high schools across the country. She also authored the first civics and government text for Palau, a newly emerging nation in the South Pacific. She has worked closely with the National Council for the Social Studies and other civic education organizations to reinvigorate and renew our country's commitment to the civic mission of schools.





## 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*

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## The Bulletin

**April 9 and 23** 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](mailto:newsletter@uucpa.org) (preferred), or drop off a hard-copy in *the Bulletin* mailbox in the church office.

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