



THE BULLETIN

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

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Sunday Morning July 2

9:00 am Forum **Fireside Room**
***Warnings of Future Catastrophes* – discussion of a book by Richard Clarke**

Discussion led by Fred Zeise

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

10:30 am Service **Main Hall**
Singing For Democracy

Our democracy has been tested by division, mistrust and cruelty. Sometimes we don't even know how to talk to each other. But building connections helps, and one way to do that is to make music together. As Dan Harper wrote when he initiated the “Singing for Democracy” group shortly after the 2016 election, making music together helps build our democracy — and “you can never have enough singing.” So on this Sunday before the Fourth, we'll hear what harmonies emerge when we both raise our voices and listen. Percussion instruments and song leaders will be there.

Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Song Leaders: Edie Keating, Barry Naylor . . .

Music: Ihang Lin, piano

July 9

9:00 am Forum **Fireside Room**
***Tribe* – Discussion of a book by Sebastian Junger**

Discussion led by Burt Liebert.

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

10:30 am Service **Main Hall**
Creating True Love at Home and Peace on the Planet

The Hellmans’ recently released book, *A New Map for Relationships: Creating True Love at Home & Peace on the Planet*, reveals the mistakes that nearly ended their marriage as well as the positive changes that allowed them to build a truly loving relationship. It also explains why the lessons they learned are the same ones the nations of the world need to grasp to build a more peaceful, sustainable planet — and why doing that is essential in the nuclear age. (To read more about the Hellmans see page 2.)

Worship Leaders: Dorothea and Martin Hellman

Worship Associate: Dick Duda

Music: Aurora Singers

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Today: Summer Solstice celebration at 5 pm - see page 5.

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.

(Sunday Mornings Continued)

July 16

9:00 am Forum Fireside Room

The Nature Of intelligence

Discussion led by Laurie Vaughan

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

10:30 am Service Main Hall

The Beat Face of God: The Beat Writers as Spiritual Guides

Jack Kerouac claimed, in the 1950s, that the Beat Generation was a religious generation. He was right then, and his claim remains true for anyone on a spiritual journey today. Here in the Bay Area, home to so many of the Beat writers, we are joined by Steve Edington, who has served several Unitarian Universalist churches, including 24 years as minister of the church in Nashua, NH, and published a book on this topic, to share with us what we can learn from the Beats to use on our own spiritual journeys.

Worship Leader: Rev. Steve Edington

Music: Bruce Olstad, piano

July 9 Speakers

Dorothie and Marty Hellman

Dorothie was a CPA at Touche Ross (now Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu) from 1978-1982, Vice President for Financial Support at the Beyond War Foundation from 1982-1987, and has devoted her life to studying the human condition and how to improve it. Marty taught Electrical Engineering at MIT and Stanford University and, with his colleague Whit Diffie, won the 2016 Turing Award, the highest honor given for research in computer science, for their invention of public key cryptography – the technology that underpins electronic commerce. The Hellmans are using Marty’s half of the associated million dollar prize to further their efforts to build a more peaceful, sustainable world, with promotion of the ideas in their book being the initial focus.

Walk The Labyrinth

Now that there is one Sunday morning service at 10:30 am, you are invited to walk the labyrinth together, beginning at 10:15 am. Hats and sun-screen are advised! (In the front garden).



Announcing the Stewardship Committee

The canvass committee gets a new name and expanded mission. Your canvass committee will now be called the Stewardship Committee.

We aim to ensure the church has money to carry forward its dreams of compassion, justice, and peace. We will also nurture the spirit of generosity in our community. If you would like to join this team effort, please get in touch with any of our members: Brooke Bishara (brooke_b@uucpa.org), David Chen, Armand Schwartz, Elaine Dodd, Pam Schure, Joe Bailey, Jeb Eddy, Reverend Amy, or Reverend Dan. The more the merrier!

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. The long weekend will feature swimming, boating, horseback riding, hiking, and relaxing. It is open to UUCPA members, other UU members and their friends. Meals and rustic cabins are provided and there are no meetings or chores.

New for 2017: Because of staffing issues aggravated by US immigration policy our host, Skylake Yosemite Camp, cannot offer UUCPA exclusive use of their campgrounds for a weekend in 2017. As a result, we will need to share the campgrounds with other Skylake Yosemite Family camp registrants and follow their standard Family camp fee schedule and registration timeline. This means not all cabins will be available to UUCPA families and we will need to reserve our cabins by registering and paying earlier than we have in the past. New timeline and fees including a new deposit option are explained in the registration brochure.

To register or to get more information email basslakeuucpa@gmail.com or call Greg Crider (the church office has contact information). The Skylake Yosemite Family Camp web site is: <http://www.skylake.com/>

Summer BBQs

UUCPA's Friday Night Summer BBQ has officially started! The fun starts at approximately 6 pm. The location is the McFadden Patio/Til Evans Garden (in the right rear portion of the church campus).



Please bring your own entrée as well as a side dish to share. Entrées are usually thrown on the grills around 6:15 pm with dining starting at about 6:30 pm. A donation of \$3 each or \$6 per family is suggested to cover the cost of incidentals, but don't ever let this stand in the way of your attendance. We would rather have you there. Beverages provided.

We encourage you to bring your own picnic plates, cups, utensils, and place mats, or we will also have paper and plastic ware on hand.

Hope to see you there – help make this a wonderful evening!

Worship Associates And Hosts Training

July 2, 12 noon to 2:30 pm sign-up in advance

We have a star-studded schedule of services this summer! Reverend John Buehrens, former President of the UUA ... Rev. Sean Parker Dennison (our 2010 sabbatical minister), and the week before, his spouse Rev. Theresa Ines Soto, who, like Sean, is a serious mover and shaker in the UU world ... Artist and poet Deborah Kennedy speaks about how nature speaks to us. We are looking for hosts to prepare for their Sunday here and guide them during their service. If you are interested in this role, I will train you in the art of graceful leadership and the confident choosing of singable hymns. Please talk to me beforehand – Amy, parishmin@uucpa.org or (650) 494-0541 x26.

People Needing A Ride To And From UUCPA On Sundays

The UUCPA Ride Along Program has recently signed up several people that are offering to provide rides to and from church for Sunday Services for those who no longer drive. The program is now signing up people that would like to receive a ride to and from Church. If you would like to sign up to be on the Ride Along list, you can stop by the Information Table at Church or call Debra at the Church office: 650 494 0541.

Dear Parents...

Parent Journey, our monthly drop-in discussion group for parents, needs a coordinator for the coming year. This person would set the schedule, ensure the room is available, and schedule in volunteer facilitators each month. This group is an important one for our church for two big reasons:

1. It is one of the ways that new families get to know others when they arrive.
2. It gives parents a place to vent, reflect on what they are doing, learn new ways to parent, and support one another.

Please consider giving this volunteer role a try if it intrigues you! Email me back for more information. Thanks for considering.

— Brooke Bishara



The UUCPA Annual Yard Sale will be happening the week of July 31 to August 5. We are looking for staff to help us set up, price merchandise, and work as sale staff/security on the days of the sale (August 4 and 5, from 9 am to 1 pm). Help is also needed to repackage unsold items to take to Goodwill. If you are interested in being part

of this fun filled fund raising event, please contact the office to sign up. Call 650-494-0541.

Walking the Walk

Registration is open for the Walking the Walk Justice Summit & Camp, August 12 to 16 at Camp de Benneville Pines in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. Special guests, Pamela Sparr, Director of Justice Building for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and Katia Hansen, President and CEO of Unitarian Universalist Refugee & Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE) will join us.

This event brings together justice seeking UU's for rejuvenating worship, practical skill development, networking and community building.

Dozens of workshops will help develop strategies to advance immigrant justice; tackle race, class and cultural divides, address climate change; tackle housing insecurity and more. The four-day format allows for recreation and reflection with friends and family. Children welcome!

Register at uujmca.org/walkingthewalk. Scholarships are available.

Green Sanctuary Update

Happy news! We as a Green Sanctuary Congregation continue our active push toward being truly Green in our energy consumption – you may have noticed the new solar energy inverters now on the south side of the main hall. Next up: more solar panels to effectively double our solar power capacity!

Since 2011, our UUCPA solar array has saved 95 megawatts (translation: the energy equivalent of driving a car for 380,000 miles).



Summer Solstice

Let's celebrate the Summer Solstice with a cookout on Sunday, June 25.

Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner served at 5:30 pm.

Grilled Hot dogs, sausages and veggie burgers provided. Optional: bring a potluck dish to share.

Marshmallows and smore makings available to roast for dessert.

We'll set up our tables and buffet on the playground patio behind room 4-5. Children welcome.

Our main ritual will be eating and talking. We will say a few words to honor the Summer Solstice!

Do You Like To Make Videos? Would you like to make a video focused on UUCPA and what we value about it? We could use your help! Email brooke_b@uucpa.org if you are interested!

Adult Trike?

Yes, an adult trike is available to trade for a \$60 check made out to UUCPA (with "Ila's trike" in the memo line). It is a gently used Schwinn Meridian. and must be picked up in San Jose. To see, call the church office for contact information, 650 494 0541..

From your Associate Minister of Religious Education — *Rev Dan Harper*

Summer is one of the best times for families to come to UUCPA. Summer Sundays are relaxed and low-key. Summer Sunday school feels more like summer camp. It's a great time to connect with old friends, and meet people you don't know yet. Just remember that UUCPA has only one Sunday service, at 10:30 am, from June 18 through July 30.

Starting August 6, we'll go back to two services. Then the annual in-gathering service, our popular Water Communion service, will take place on August 13, the same week that many local schools start up.

I'll be on vacation during July, but I hope to see you at UUCPA in June and August! —*See you soon, Dan Harper*

Summer Sunday school schedule

Summer Sunday school is a lot like summer camp. Programs are aimed at children entering grades K-5, though older kids are welcome to participate. (Activities and adult leaders are subject to change.)

July 2, 10:30 am: **No Sunday school due to Independence Day holiday**

July 9, 10:30 am: Cook 2nd Sunday lunch with Edie Keating

July 16, 10:30 am: Fun and games with Edie Keating

July 23, 10:30 am: Make brunch for UUCPA with Edie Keating and Tina Kochel

July 30, 10:30 am: Field trip to Mitchell Park with Tina Kochel
(Return to two services; Sunday school at 9:30 am)

August 6, 9:30 am: TBD

August 13, 9:30 am: Intergenerational water communion service

August 17, 9:30 am: First day of regular Sunday school

Sabbatical update

The UUCPA Board has approved a sabbatical for Dan Harper, our Assoc. Minister of Religious Education, from October 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018. Two committees have been chosen to make the sabbatical go smoothly.

One committee has been charged with hiring a part-time staff person to fill in while Dan is on sabbatical (as Rev. Mary Ganz filled in for Rev. Amy Morgenstern, our senior minister, when she was on sabbatical last year). Members of the hiring committee are Sally Ahnger (UUCPA Board president), Heather Chen (member of the CYRE Committee), Audrey Erbes (Member of the UUCPA Board), Robert Neff (Sunday school teacher and youth advisor), and Tessa Swartz (youth representative). Amy Morgenstern, Dan Harper, and Hong Bui (Religious Education Assistant) will also be involved in the hiring process.

The second committee, the Sabbatical Committee, is charged with communicating with the congregation about Dan's sabbatical. They will write a brochure explaining the sabbatical, and they will be available to answer questions about the sabbatical through the coming year. The [continued]

members of the Sabbatical Committee are Wynne Furth (member of the Adult RE Committee), Emma Grant-Bier (youth representative), Edie Keating (member of the CYRE Committee), and Maricia Scott (member of the Committee on Ministry).

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Please sign in for child care

On Sunday mornings, when your child enters child care, please take a moment to sign in. If you do not see the sign-in sheet, ask the child care staff where it is.

And when you pick your child up, please take a moment to sign your child out, and/or let the child care staff know that you have come to pick up your child.

Navigators

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

UUCPA Co-Sponsors Unity Vigil

On June 10, 2017, UUCPA was listed among over 130 churches and organizations which co-sponsored the Unity Vigil in Santa Clara in response to the ACT anti-Sharia, anti-Muslim rally nearby. Unity Vigil attendance was estimated at around 1,000 people, among whom were about a dozen representatives from UUCPA. There was much support from people driving by this peaceful vigil. We were able to represent UUCPA as a co-sponsor of this event thanks to the resolution passed at this year's annual meeting that allows us to co-sponsor such events with approval from both the Action Council and the Board, and advance notification to the congregation. If you did not receive the advance notification of this request for co-sponsorship, please be sure you are subscribed to the Announce email list so that you will receive future notifications. The text of the two resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting will be posted on the Action Council page at the UUCPA website in the near future.

Caring Network

GREG and BECKY WILLIAMS' daughter had twins on Thursday 6/22 and Becky will be with them for 6 weeks. ANN ZEISE starts her new career at age 69 moderating an interview on channel KNTV. BARBARA SYMONS read a dear card she had previously written to her dad on Father's Day. AUDREY ERBES has returned from a family reunion in the East Coast. PAM SCHURE has been preparing a project she will have presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and she would like good thoughts. ERIC BIER's 90 year-old dad had a birthday party last week in San Francisco. His stair chair lost power so he had to stay on the second floor over the weekend. ANDY NORTON is again looking for housing around here and would love suggestions. MARY GREBENKEMPER's husband is on a search for Amelia Erhart remains (ask her for more details). Mary's brother, age 74 is in heart failure. BOB OHLMANN saw his youngest grandson graduate from high school. ANDRE FLEET says her mom is now in palliative care and she wishes for good thoughts for her. BOB GREENE says our JUNE BRIDGES had a birthday. FLORENCE HAAS gave a concert and the hall was crowded. ZBIG visited the Church again Sunday and says his heart is always with us even if he can not always be.

Save The Date – Saturday, November 4!

No, not another wedding – the UUCPA AUCTION, of course! It's not too early to put it on your calendars – you don't want to miss our best and biggest party of the year, with delicious food, wine, live jazz music, balloon creations, lots of parties and other stuff to bid on at the silent auction, a lively kids' auction, and 10 or so fabulous items auctioned live by our very own Sven Thesen, auctioneer extraordinaire!

It will take a lot of people to pull it off, of course, so start thinking about what you'd like to offer – a party, a lunch, a dinner, an outing, a service, something delicious to eat, something handmade, art, or anything else you can think of, including gift cards to places you like.

Also start thinking about how you can help before, during, and after the Auction. We'll have a table on the patio in September with sign-up sheets for volunteering and people to talk to about donations and just how much fun the Auction always is! Deadline for getting donations in the catalog is Sunday, October 15.

One last thing – Tom and I are moving to La Paz next year, so this will be my very last auction. It will also be the last year for Lisa Helmonds to organize the Silent Auction! We want this year to be the best one ever, of course, but we'll also be happy to talk to anyone about how to take over the jobs. We have a great team that already does a lot of the work (the food, the decorations, and the computer database), but we'll need some others to pull it all together...

— Pat Thomas, Lisa Helmonds, auktion@uucpa.org

“Voices ...”

Voices of Unitarian Universalist People of Color resumes on August 27, 1-2 pm, with a reading from Kok Heong McNaughton:

Why I Am a UU — an Asian Immigrant Perspective.

The reading will be available in the office all summer, or from Amy via e-mail when she's in town.

Amy's Summer Schedule:

Through July 2: At UUCPA

July 3-17: Vacation

July 18-August 2: Study leave

August 3-4: At UUCPA

August 6-12: Vacation

August 13 Back at UUCPA

The pastoral emergency line, x25, will always get you in touch with a minister – 650 494 0541.

The Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be out in three weeks, July 16.

July 9 and July 30 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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