



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

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.

January 21

9:00 am Forum..... Fireside Room

How America Lost Its Mind

Discussion led by Steve Ludington.

9:30 and 11:00 am ServiceMain Hall

The Promise And The Practice

Today's service puts the voices and experiences of African-American Unitarian Universalists at its center. Their witness, struggles, and joys call UUs of all backgrounds to be all that we aspire to be. Come be inspired!

Worship Leader: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Worship Associate: Gregg Williams

Music: Veronika Agranov Dafee, piano

January 28

9:00 am Forum..... Fireside Room

Discussion of current local, national, and international interest.

Selection of Forum Discussion Topics for March.

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

9:30 and 11:00 am ServiceMain Hall

Chalice Sunday

In our annual fire service, we mark the holidays of Candlemas, St. Brigid's Day, and Imbolc – which converge at this midpoint between the winter solstice and spring equinox – and celebrate the many meanings of our chalice symbol. Why do we light a chalice at the beginning of our services, and what does it mean? Child care is provided at both services as always; other children remain in the Main Hall for this intergenerational service.

Worship Leaders: Mr. Barb Greve & Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Music: Dawn Walker, flute and Mark Walker, cello

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.

PCD Women's Retreat March 8-11

The annual PCD Women's Retreat is coming up on March 8 to 11, 2018. All self-identified women are welcome to join us for a calming respite from our busy lives. Usually held at a retreat center near Napa that was severely damaged in October by the wildfires, this year we will be meeting at the Anubhuti Center in Novato. We were very lucky to find a place that could accommodate a group of our size and our preferred dates at a reasonable price. Anubhuti is a contemplative retreat center run by Brahma Kumaris, the largest spiritual organization in the world led by women. It is housed in a group of historic buildings that were fully renovated by the sisters seven years-ago, and sits on top of a hill, surrounded by 1,600 acres of protected open space, water and a wildlife preserve, with spectacular views of the Bay, Pacheco Pond, Novato creek, and the rolling hills of Marin County. Anubhuti usually holds meditation retreats at the center, but once a month rents the space to outside groups. Our retreat offers something for everyone: delicious meals; workshops for mind, body, and spirit; conversations with new and old friends; time for quiet contemplation; and a boutique, silent auction, and book swap. To learn more about the PCD Women and Religion organization and to register for our retreat, please visit our website at <http://womenandreligionpcd.org>. If you have any questions, feel free to ask regular attendees Sally Ahnger, Fran Perry, or Barbara Schonborn. We hope to see you there. Invite a friend!

Brown Bag Book Discussion Group

The February BBB book selection is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker

"A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, ... (this story) spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be ... until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains." (Amazon) Please join us on February 6 at noon in the Fireside Room to discuss this wonderful story.

Pacific Western Region Assembly April Meeting

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region (PWR) will gather April 27-29 in Portland, Oregon for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist, the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. See the PWR website (www.uua.org/pwr) for full details.

Seek Peace And Pursue It

Jewish Wisdom On Healing Conflict In Our Lives And In Our World

Sunday, January 28, 12:30 to 2 pm; Main Hall

Presenter is Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Contact is Marilyn Austin (marilyn_a@uucpa.org)

Registration is Not required

Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the author of *From Enemy to Friend: Jewish Wisdom and the Pursuit of Peace*, will engage us in the study of key sacred texts from the Jewish tradition about the pursuit of peace. These texts have come alive for her in many years of work in interfaith dialogue, intra-communal dialogue, and engagement with Israeli and Palestinian peace builders. These wisdom teachings are important for the ways in which we conduct our personal relationships, and explore what it means to be a seeker of peace and a seeker of justice in today's America.

Treasure Extravaganza Sale

UUCPA's Annual Benefit Treasure Extravaganza Sale

Sunday, January 28, 9 am to 1 pm, Fireside Room

Did you receive holiday gifts you don't know what to do with? Are you down-sizing? Other's may appreciate your gift-worthy items (new or gently used). Our Annual Treasure Sale benefit's UUCPA's social-action programs.

We welcome volunteers to help prepare the store on Saturday, January 27, from 9 am – 4 pm, and to help customers and clean up on Sunday, January 28. Unsold items go to local resale shops. Bring your "Treasures" to the office anytime before January 27 between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office at 650-494-0541 or email us at uucpa@uucpa.org.

UU Class Conversations Workshop

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Rev. Melissa Thomson, community minister and hospital chaplain affiliated with UUCPA, welcomes you to join her in attending an important upcoming workshop on social and economic class distinctions and their impact on the work of building beloved community. Our UUCPA board has endorsed participation in the UU Class Conversations Workshop and given a donation to help offset some of the cost of this event.

Register at the link provided below and then please be in touch if you'd like to form a carpool with other UUCPA attendees by contacting Melissa Thomson (the church office has contact details).

Register online at: <http://www.pcduma.com/upcoming-events.html> (Go to the web page and scroll down to the February 10 UU Class Conversations calendar listing for the registration link.)

Art In The Lobby: The Palous

Photographs by Bill Hilton

The Palous is a natural grassland on rolling hills in eastern Washington and western Idaho that has been farmed for more than a century. A principal crop today is Canola or Rapeseed, which is virtually indistinguishable from Mustard in the field. The eight photographs were shot in June 2016. In selecting eight, I wanted to emphasize the geometric qualities created by the interactions of farming and natural topography.

First Sunday Community Singing

10:30 to 11 am on the Main Patio

Come sing with us! We'll sing favorite songs from *Rise Up Singing*. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome.

Caring Network

CATHY GALE asked for good thoughts for her dad who is in the hospital in Albuquerque. PAULA said the HILLARD family had a good Christmas gathering, but sadly her Mom died of pneumonia soon after. TAMARA's mom, aged 50 lost her cancer battle. SUSAN OWICKI report's her son John's wedding was fun and unusual with a llama attending, also a cutout to represent an absent military guest, and a twelve week-old "ring barer." ANN ZEISTE says her son's hip replacement was full of disaster with the hip cracking, a heart attack and other unfortunate things. He is OK now. VALERIE'S mom has lung cancer. She is too weak to complete chemo at present. She wishes to move in with her daughter. The week of Christmas they did have a cruise. RICHARD HEYDT reports that DON LORENTS is finally home after going back and forth from the hospital to care facilities for a couple of months. Richard asks we keep him in our thoughts. STEVE JOHNSON's wife BONY had a successful breast cancer operation and prognosis is excellent. JANE CHRONIS' ninety year old uncle died in a car crash. Long time guest musician, KARL FRANZEN, has a brain tumor which metastasized. It has poor prognosis. RICK SHAUL had the joy of a holiday family gathering in magnificent snow. DAVE JOKI had an amusing story about getting his large dog groomed. BOB SCHWAAR is now home from the hospital; he would appreciate cards and calls in the afternoon.

Stepping Up For Justice

UUCPA is giving even more generously in 2018! Instead of giving 10% of each Sunday's plate collection to our justice partner of the month, we will be donating the entire plate collection one Sunday a month to a justice partner. This will increase our overall giving and strengthen the community around us. In the month of January, our justice partner is Stevenson House, which provides affordable housing to seniors.

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.

Green Sanctuary

We are a Green Sanctuary Congregation and continue our active push toward being truly Green in our energy consumption. The committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at 11 am in Room 9. Newcomers and drop-ins are welcome.



The Bulletin

January 21 and February 4 are the next two deadlines for submitting items you want to see in *the Bulletin*. Send items to Debra Heinz, Office Administrative Assistant, via newsletter@uucpa.org.

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