

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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Our Mission

- Provide a place where people are inspired to think about and discuss values, ethics, and the meaning of their lives
- Stimulate spiritual growth in children and adults through exposure to a wide variety of religious thought and experience
- Provide mutual support, caring and fellowship to our members
- Provide support of the larger community through service and social action
- Appreciate and honor our connectedness with all living things

April 2009

Sunday Services at 10:30

April 5

Social Action Sunday

Join the Social Action team to celebrate our past and vision our future social actions.

April 12

Easter Sunday

- And I WILL NOT HATCH!

Rev. Victoria Ingram

Shel Silverstein's poem about the chick who doesn't want to hatch is our inspiration for this Easter intergenerational service. Spring is bursting out all around, but this little chick doesn't want to leave his egg! What inspires us to bust out of our shells and really show up in the world?

April 19

Cross Cringe:

Healing Religious Wounds

Rev. Victoria Ingram

For many, Unitarian Universalism is a faith community found in adulthood, after years of being unchurched or leaving a religious tradition followed by our family of origin that no longer feels like a good fit for our beliefs and convictions. Continuing the search for our own truth and meaning means making peace with, and healing, the past.

April 26

Earth Day:

Tending the Garden of Eden

Rev. Victoria Ingram

This Sunday, we honor our home on Earth and explore how our faith tradition calls us to be good stewards of this planet we inherited. How can we make sure that we leave Earth in good condition for future generations?

May 3

Worship Associate Sunday

Minister's Column

Perhaps you, too, are familiar with this poem by
Richard Le Gallienne:

I Meant To Do My Work Today

I meant to do my work today,
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.

And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand--
So what could I do but laugh and go?

The bright blue skies and warming temperatures have that affect on me, too. I want to concentrate and I know that there are difficult things going on in the world, but the beauty of the outdoors beckons. I want to laugh and I yearn to go!

Spring is such a fabulous reminder of the cycles of life; that winter passes and flowers erupt into bloom again; that no matter what today holds, tomorrow brings another opportunity for renewal and joy. Even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty – ESPECIALLY in the midst of all that – it's important to find moments when you let yourself laugh and go, when opening yourself to joy is more important than the tasks in front of you, if only for a moment.

There didn't have to be flowers in so many vibrant hues, clouds in so many interesting formations, rocks in so many fascinating configurations, or leaves in so many amazing shapes and sizes. We are surrounded by so many treasures, so many miracles of nature. And Spring only lasts so long. Give yourself permission to enjoy it, to feel renewed and re-energized by joy.

Love and Light,
Victoria

The Qu'ran

Our adult education series considering the teachings of Islam and the writings of the Qu'ran continues in April (Tuesday evenings, April 7 and 21, 7 – 9 p.m.) Readings, discussion, and text study lead us to explore the theology and world-view of the Muslim world, comparing and contrasting it to our own.

In Topsy-turvy Times...

While the economy continues to bounce around, it can be challenging to keep your perspective and maintain inner peace. It can be especially tough to explain to children what's happening to the family budget or how what's going on in the larger world affects your family.

You'll find resources for spiritual sustenance during troubled times at www.uua.org/spirituallife/troubledecomony/index.shtml Included are materials for talking with children about money, meditations and readings, sermons and other helpful links.

The Heart of the Matter

Join UUs from all over the Pacific Central District (northern California, Hawaii, and northern Nevada) for DISTRICT ASSEMBLY from Friday evening, May 1 through Sunday, May 3 at the Fremont Marriott. If you're curious about what's happening in other UU congregations, if you want to meet the candidates for UUA President, or if you want to know what's happening in our larger denomination, this is a great opportunity! Experience innovative worship and interesting workshops. Meet a whole bunch of committed, caring UUs! Attend all or part of the weekend. Check out the program and details at www.pcd-uua.org!

Inspirational Film Series

New and Improved

Spring 2009

A Mighty Wind

April 10, 2009

7:00 pm

Not in the sanctuary

What's New

The sanctuary is too illuminated by the setting sun to show the film series for April and May. Marilyn Buelteman is offering her home to show these two films, thus extending the film series by two months. Seating is limited so please call the Fellowship office for a reservation, 408-358-1212. Maps are available in the Fellowship office. Sorry, childcare is not available.

What's the Same

Critically acclaimed films with stories of inspiration offer you opportunities for flashes of insight and a stimulating intellectual exploration of archetypal themes. As the Movie Professor, Dr. Carl Ingram offers an engaging presentation and discussion to open your eyes and heart to the deeper messages from the interior self.

A Mighty Wind

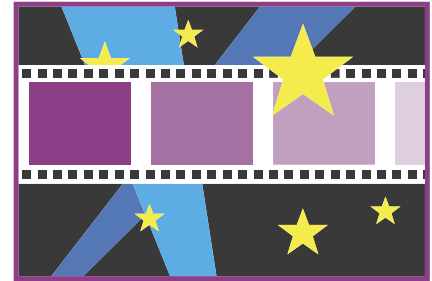
2003, PG-13, 92 minutes

This uniquely touching comedy is a satire of the 1960's folk movement. Folk musicians are inspired by the death of their former manager for one more concert in today's New York City's Town Hall. You can figure out which real 60's folk-group is lampooned by each of the fictitious musical groups. The original songs are a hoot (not like hootenanny, but funny) and the dialogue is sometimes sentimental but mostly hilarious.

“Sheer exuberance. A gift from comedy heaven”

– Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone Magazine*

Remember; call the office for reservations,
408-358-1212.



May Inspirational Film Encore Presentation

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May 8, 7:00 PM

The May Inspirational Film will be an encore presentation of a movie from the last two years. Please vote for the film:

- you missed and heard the great buzz about it,
- you enjoyed and want to see again, or
- a movie you want to see.

Pick up a ballot in the hallway, vote for the May film, and place your vote in the Minister's mailbox (upper left) by Sunday, April 19. The winning film announced in the May newsletter.

Inspirational Films Fall 2007 – Spring 2009

Star Wars, Don Juan DeMarco, It's a Wonderful Life, Groundhog Day, Shirley Valentine, Calendar Girls, Little Miss Sunshine, The Legend of Bagger Vance, Enchanted, Whale Rider, The Great Debaters, Waking Ned Divine

Religious Education

Our youth RE students will soon be facilitating our UUFLG car wash and bake sale, coming up soon in late April or early May. Watch for an upcoming announcement when we set our date, and be sure to bring your homemade baked goods for the sale (to be held on the patio.) We are ready to raise funds for our beloved fellowship as well as raise our visibility in the Los Gatos community.

Meanwhile, the older elementary students are enjoying the spring weather as they walk outside and discuss Unitarian Universalist principles. Our younger elementary students continue to learn and discuss stories from the Bible, as they relate to our cultural literacy and UU values. Every week they are reminded that, while some people believe everything in the Bible literally, and some people do not believe in it at all, we are engaging in the free and responsible search for truth and meaning by examining what one student describes as “parables.” We’re about to leap from the Old Testament to the New, just in time for Easter. We’re also excited about coloring eggs on Palm Sunday, and hunting for them on Easter!

In Fellowship,
Tamara



Please join in on a spring clean-up the second Saturday of April, the 11th. The focus will be on several different areas. We need your help to improve our Fellowship building and grounds and will work from 10 a.m. to noon. Whatever time and talent you can offer will be appreciated.

Coralee Linton

***Thank you for wearing your name tag on Sunday mornings,
and for parking on the street when possible to make room for our newcomers.***

Annual Auction

Saturday, May 9, 2009
5:30 pm



The *Greening* of UUFLG

Celebrating Green Energy is our auction 2009 theme. This year’s auction is a *hybrid of awareness raising*, fun party, and fundraiser. Our goal is to lessen our *carbon footprint* while enhancing the Fellowship’s financial footprint. The *energy* of your donations and auction participation is a source of *heat* to drive the financial *turbines* of our Fellowship.

The event is about raising consciousness to combat *global warming* while raising our Fellowship’s financial *warming* and heart *warming*.

- 5:30 Silent Auction, hors d’oeuvres, fun, and drinks
- 6:30 Live Auction with two hosts to help you laugh your wallets open
- 8:00 Dessert goodies and check out purchase of your new treasures

Consider what you can donate to the auction. Perhaps, you can bestow the same item(s) as in previous years, or be creative about what you want to contribute this year. How about donations that *celebrate green energy*? Possibly, you provide the labor, and they provide the materials. Like donating to:

- Save *electricity* and install an outdoor clothesline.
- Save *energy* and change the home lights to energy efficient bulbs.
- Save *water* and construct a rain collection system for outdoor watering.

Julie Doyle is our smiling *energy* source as the donation coordinator. Please contact her for questions and auction donation drop off, 353-2828.

Social Action

Earth Day, April 22nd is here again! Many exciting events are being held in the Bay Area this year. Now is the time to mark your calendars and plan which ones you will attend.

Earth Day at Vasona Park, Hellyer Park and Coyote Lake/ Harvey Bear County Park

Saturday, April 18th 9am - 1pm

Reservations are required call 408-355-2254 or visit the website <http://tinyurl.com/dz92zu>

Earth Day on the Bay

Redwood City, CA Saturday April 18, 2009
from 8 am - 5 pm

This free event is sponsored by the Marine Science Institute (there is a charge for the boat trips).
<http://www.sfbaymsi.org/earthday.html>

Berkeley Earth Day

Berkeley, CA Saturday April 25, 2009
from noon until 5 pm
<http://www.hesternet.net/events.html>

Oakland Earth Day

Saturday April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
<http://www.oaklandearthday.com/Page289.aspx>

Earth Day 2009 Restoration & Cleanup

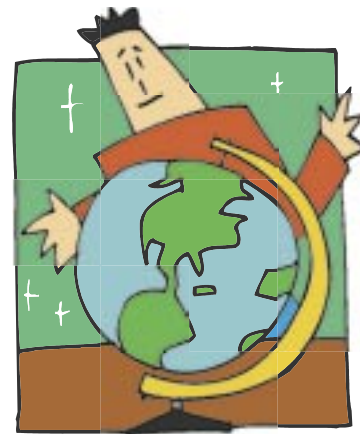
Multiple sites including Coast Dairies State Park,
Saturday April 25, 2009 9am - 1 pm
Sponsored by California State Parks Foundation
<http://www.calparks.org/programs/earth-day/>

Cupertino Earth Day Celebration

Sunday 19, 2009 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
at Quinlan Community Center & Memorial Park
10185 N. Stelling Rd.
<http://www.cupertino.org/index.aspx?page=18&recordid=1483>

Cupertino's Environmental Recycling Day, A Residential Drop-off Event

Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
at De Anza College
<http://www.cupertino.org/index.aspx?page=18&recordid=1441>



INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO? The Board minutes and agendas are listed under “Board Meetings” on the left hand side of the home page of our website www.UUFLG.org.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE BOARD? A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Ann Campbell (annbcampbell@gmail.com) for more information.

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted (by the **20th** of the month) to **Glen Marchant** at: UUFLGnews@att.net. Please submit articles and e-mail attachments as **single spaced MS Word documents, .rtf** (Rich Text format), or **plain text**, and limit to less than 200 words. The purpose of this newsletter is to foster communication and planning among friends and members. However, due to the size constraints of the printing, we regretfully cannot print opinion pieces.

*“And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud
was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.”*

- Anais Nin



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City
invites you to celebrate with us as we joyfully gather to Ordain

Nina Irene Kalmoutis

to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 PM
2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA

Reception immediately following the service. Childcare will be provided.

Clergy, Religious Educators, and Seminarians are invited to robe and process.
Please assemble at 3:30 p.m.

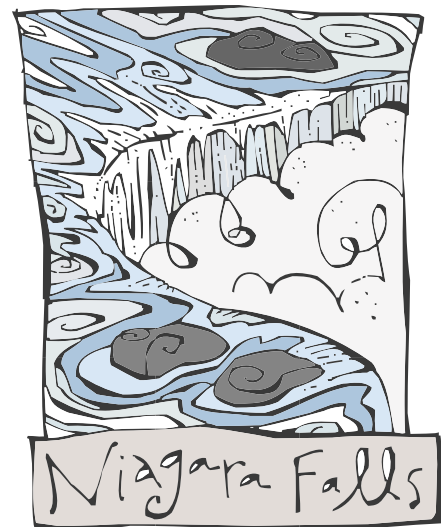
Kindly RSVP by May 3rd to UUFRC
2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062
(650) 265-6913 or office@uufrc.org

Dear California Colleagues,

We are co-sponsoring our first bill – the Human Right to Water Act of 2009 – the first state in the nation to do this. We are pleased to have gotten the UUSC in the door in California to co-sponsor this bill as well. Bill will have its first hearing mid to late April.

Saturday, April 18th, join UUs for a statewide conference on the CA water crisis

- “Let Justice Flow: California Water Justice and Climate Change”, sponsored by the UU Legislative Ministry, UUSC, and the Mt. Diablo UU Church in Walnut Creek. Learn from water experts, bring a curriculum back to your congregation, help UUs become advocates for the human right to water. Home hospitality available for those coming to Walnut Creek from out of town, as well as rides from train/airport. To register, for a flier and more information go to www.uulmca.org



**Join UUs from around the country
in Niagara Falls, July 19-22 2009**

Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For information visit our web site : <http://www.uunex.net/>

APRIL 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30a -11:30a Sunday Service:	30 1:30p -2:30p Long Range Planning Committee	31 7:00p -9:00p Wednesday Chalice Circle 7:30p -9:30p Meditation Class. Duldzin Dragpa Buddhist Center	1 12:00p -1:30p RUUMs on the deck or west room 7:00p -8:00p Admin work- ing group	2 7:15p -9:15p Trance work study and sup- port group	3 9:00a -12: 00p Worship Associates Meeting	4
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12 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Service: 12:00p -1:30p Social Action Committee	13 7:15p -9:00p Women's Spirituality Group 7:30p -9:30p Great Books discussion group	14 1:00p -4:00p Rental: League of Women Voters 5:30p -6:30p Committee on Ministry 7:00p -8:30p Finance Committee Meeting	15 6:00p -8:30p Visiting Steward soup supper and debriefing 7:30p -9:30p Meditation Class. Duldzin Dragpa Buddhist Center	16 12:00p -1:00p RECCY Meeting 12:00p -2:00p Caring Committee 12:00p -1:30p RUUMs	17 7:15p -9:15p Trance work study and sup- port group	18 6:30p Dinners for 8
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Dignity of Every Person”*



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