



## **December 2012**

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale**  
Services in the small chapel at the Congregational Church located  
at Bernardo Avenue & Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087  
Family Service at 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. (on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Children's Religious Education 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
Infant and toddler care is available during the Family Service  
and the 10:00 a.m. Service



**We are a  
Welcoming  
Congregation**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m. Our Family Service**

**10:00 a.m. Service A Guest at Your Table**

Please join us for a service presented by Marge Goka, Teri Wiss and Rita Butterfield, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Senior Associate for Major Gifts on the West Coast. Learn more about UUSC, "Guest At Your Table" Program and the "Gary W. Hartz Memorial Fund"

**11:30 a.m.** Learn more about how UUSC supports justice in the food chain. (See next page for details.) Between the 10:00 service and the Supplement we will all be treated to chocolate cake!

**December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Our Family Service**

**10:00 a.m. Service A Festival of Lights**

The eight day celebration of Hanukkah (or Chanukah) commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, during the second century B.C.E. where according to legend, the Jews rose up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt. This year Hanukkah begins at sunset on December 8<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Presented by UUFS member Virginia Shea and Reverend Nina Kalmoutis

**December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Our Winter Solstice Celebration**

Join us for this family-friendly celebration of the Winter Solstice in the Chapel. Please see next page for more details.

**December 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Service An Intergenerational Holiday Service**

This Sunday we will be entertained by our children and youth who will be presenting the play, '*A Christmas Carol*' by *Charles Dickens - UUFS style!*. During the service we will be decorating our Christmas tree in the Chapel. Please bring an ornament to put on the tree if you choose to. (Your ornament will be returned to you after the holidays).

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. Service The Meaning of Christmas Rev. Nina Kalmoutis**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Service Join us for Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Service Renewing Our Spirits Rev. Nina Kalmoutis**

## **DECEMBER EVENTS AT UUFS**

### **December 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 a.m. A Sunday Supplement**

Today's global supply chain of goods and services is complex and far from transparent. Yet as consumers, we each have the power to educate ourselves and decide which businesses to support, which goods to buy. Each time you purchase a good or patronize a service, you have a choice – and that choice makes a statement. Together with UUSC, you can act on a deep commitment to workers' rights, ethical eating, and building a just economy by choosing to spend wisely, in alignment with your values. Together we can choose compassionate consumption.

Presented by Rita Butterfield, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Senior Associate for major gifts on the West Coast. A lifelong UU, Rita works to strengthen ties between UUSC and its supporters in the western region of the United States. Rita's social-justice work has included organizing partner church relationships for the First Church in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and recruiting volunteers for the "No on 8" campaign in Sonoma County.

### **December 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. (in Shephard Hall) An Intergenerational Potluck and Game Night**

Come join the fun at a game night for all ages! Bring some food to share, board games, and/or decks of cards. Please RSVP to Patty Petrie at [religious.education@uufs.org](mailto:religious.education@uufs.org).

### **December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> "UUndies Sunday"**

On these Sunday's we will again take up our annual collection of underwear for the homeless clients of the winter shelter at the Sunnyvale Armory Bldg. please bring new underwear still in its original packaging to church with you and place it in the large basket in back of the chapel. There is a great need for socks for men and women. Also needed are shorts and undershirts in a variety of sizes for men and panties for women in sizes medium and large. Donated items will be taken to the armory on the evening of December 18<sup>th</sup> when our congregation will be serving dinner there.

### **December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Our Winter Solstice Celebration**

The cycle has turned again, and the days have been getting shorter and shorter. As the time draws near for the longest night, let us come together, to celebrate the year that was and to usher in the year that will be. Let us lift up our spirits as we gather to listen to tales of old, to sing songs that gladden our hearts, and to shine the fires burning within us on the world around us. Together, we will keep the fires of the sun alive through the night, until the morning brings it back to us.

Join us as we celebrate the Winter Solstice. Wassail and good company will be available starting at 7:00 pm in the Chapel, with the celebration starting soon afterwards. This will be a family-friendly event, children are welcome to join us for the evening, and they are encouraged to participate as much as they are will and able to do so. If you have questions about this event, please contact Michael Thomas. Contact information is in the directory.

## **December 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A Planetary Birthday Celebrating Our Global Unity**

Join us in the Chapel as we answer the Call to Embrace a New Planetary Era of Heart Consciousness, Light and Peace, with Rituals of Oneness. Light and Joy, Guided Meditations of Divine Alchemy, Sacred Movement and Dance, Honoring our Unique Evolutionary Gifts.

To register call: Janna Mitchell (408) 393-8553 or Email: [jannaemg@gmail.com](mailto:jannaemg@gmail.com). Register early as space is limited! Suggested donation of \$20. (No one turned away due to lack of funds.) Please bring a Bag Lunch. Inspired by the Vision of Barbara Marx Hubbard. Facilitated by Janna Mitchell, LMFT, & Drama Therapist, Holly Crain, Dance Therapist, and Joan Prohaska, Energy Healer.

## **Armory Dinners at the Cold Weather Shelter**

Starting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 we will again begin serving dinner at the winter shelter operated by EHC Lifebuilders, This will be our 15th year (!) providing these meals once per month during the winter months when the shelter is open. Please note: children must at least 14 years old to participate. The dinners are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of December, January, February and March. The two Sunday's prior to those dates we'll ask people to sign up after our services to bring main dishes and/ or cookies for dessert.

The armory building is at 620 East Maude in Sunnyvale. We begin arriving at 6:00 PM to set up and then serve the meals. Food needs to be brought fully cooked from home because the armory kitchen is small and not well equipped. If you prefer to purchase ready made food we suggest 6 pound frozen lasagnas which serve 12 each, roast chickens or meat loaf. If you like to cook and have the time, please prepare a main dish of your choosing, enough to serve 12 or multiples of 12. The rest of the meal will be provided by the Social Justice Committee.

This is also an excellent opportunity to bring donated items such as warm clothing (coats sweaters, parkas, gloves, scarves, etc.) backpacks, wrist watches that work, small towels useful in the kitchen or bath towels, All these things are welcome either new or gently used. Send them with other people if you're not coming yourself. Harvest your orange tree and bring those! Questions? Contact Sarah Wasserman. Contact information is in the directory.

## **Our Second Sunday Offering Report from the Asian Women's Home**

"Thank you for the \$235.00 donation that we received from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale. We are so grateful for your generosity. If the Fellowship is interested we would be happy to visit you, to share our work and to thank you for your support. We also have public tours once a month. <https://support.aaci.org/eventreg/> for more details. If you are interested in going on a tour on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., please get in touch with Marge Goka or Sarah Wasserman. Contact information is in the directory.

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)  
2400 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95128  
P: 408-975-2730, ext. 226 F: 408-286-7492 [www.aaci.org](http://www.aaci.org)  
24-Hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line: 408-975-2739 [www.sjawh.org](http://www.sjawh.org)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Family Service  10 a.m. Service  11:30 a.m. Sunday Supplement	3	4  Religious Education Committee 6:45 p.m. <a href="mailto:religious.education@uufs.org">religious.education@uufs.org</a>	5  Genesis Discussion Group 7:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:genesis.group@uufs.org">genesis.group@uufs.org</a>	6 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Chapel UUFS Choir 7 p.m. Covenant Group 7:15 p.m. <a href="mailto:covenant.groups@uufs.org">covenant.groups@uufs.org</a>	7	8  Intergenerational Potluck Game Night 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Shephard Hall
9 9:30 a.m. Family Service  10 a.m. Service  UUUndies Sunday	10  Weaving the Stories of Our Life's Journey 7:30 p.m.	11 Connections Team 10 a.m. <a href="mailto:membership@uufs.org">membership@uufs.org</a>  Men's Group 7:15 p.m. <a href="mailto:mens.group@uufs.org">mens.group@uufs.org</a>	12	13 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Women's Group 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. <a href="mailto:womens.group@uufs.org">womens.group@uufs.org</a> UUFS Choir 7 p.m.	14  Social Justice Committee Meeting 10 a.m. <a href="mailto:social.justice@uufs.org">social.justice@uufs.org</a>	15  Winter Solstice Celebration 7 p.m. in the Chapel (see page 2)
16 No Family Service  10 a.m. Service (All are welcome)  UUUndies Sunday	17	18	19 Family- Friendly Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m. Harry's Hofbrau 390 Saratoga Ave San Jose <a href="mailto:family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org">family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org</a>  Board of Trustees Mtg. <a href="mailto:board.president@uufs.org">board.president@uufs.org</a> 7 p.m.	20 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Chapel UUFS Choir 7 p.m. <a href="mailto:music@uufs.org">music@uufs.org</a>  Covenant Group 7:15 p.m.	21	22  A Planetary Birthday Celebrating Our Global Unity 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the Chapel (see page 3)
23  No Family Service  10 a.m. Service	24  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m. Chapel	25	26	27 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m.  Women's Group 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. UUFS Choir 7 p.m.	28	29
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