



October 2013

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale



**We are a
Welcoming
Congregation**

All are welcome to attend our Family Service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. followed by our 10:00 service and our Children's Religious Education Program. Infant and toddler care is available for both services. Upon request, childcare is available for our Sunday Supplements. Please send your request at least one week in advance to Patty Petrie at religious.education@uufs.org

October 6th 9:30 Family Service 10:00 a.m. Why We Are Better Together Rev. Nina Kalmoutis

Please join us this morning for a service that celebrates the beginning of another year of growing together at UUFS. Ours is not a static community. It is one that is constantly changing as each of us makes contributions to it. Come celebrate that spirit and welcome our pianist, Anny Cheng home. We may be having a New Member Ingathering during this service. Please contact Rev. Nina if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of our Fellowship (minister@uufs.org).

11:30 a.m. Our Life Enrichment Program Kickoff Meeting Linda Smith and Carol MacFarlane

October 13th 9:30 Family Service 10:00 a.m. "I Don't Want to Talk about Dying"

Our hopes and connections with one another in the midst of our fears and denials at facing death. Presented by UUFS member Loren Wright.

11:30 a.m. "Let's Talk About It" Presented by Loren Wright

October 20th 9:30 a.m. Family Service

10:00 a.m. We Are a Welcoming Congregation - Or Are We?

In 2004, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale became a Welcoming Congregation recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. On the heels of National Coming Out Day, 2013, what better time for UUFS to revisit our commitment to being Welcoming. Today's service and discussion after coffee will reflect on the Welcoming Congregation curriculum and what it means for us to be Welcoming. Presented by UUFS member Claire Wright.

11:30 a.m. What Does it Mean to be a Welcoming Congregation? Presented by Claire Wright

October 27th 9:30 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. "What's Needed?"

Most of us live very busy lives, and sometimes it seems like there is just too much to be done in the time we have. But what if we were to throw out our "to do" lists and consider instead what is needed? We might find that we become liberated and fulfilled all at the same time!

Presented by Joshua Searle-White, Ph.D., District Executive for the Pacific Central District of the UUA

Sunday Supplement: 11:30 a.m. What is the Pacific Central District, anyway? Joshua Searle-White

(For more information about our 11:30 Supplements this month, please see page 2.)

October Sunday Supplements

October 6th

Our Life Enrichment Program Kickoff Meeting

Would you like to get to know more people in the congregation better while learning more about a variety of topics and deepening our sense of community? The newly formed Life Enrichment Committee is working on a curriculum to help enable this. Please plan to attend our kickoff meeting. We will have short presentations on several of the planned and proposed workshops. We will also ask for your input on what kind of workshops or classes you would like to attend or to facilitate. See the September monthly calendar sent out August 29th for more information.

October 13th "Let's Talk About It"

A Supplement on Aging, Death & Dying...

Most of us really don't want to discuss these topics much, though we need to! Here's your chance and a few questions to get you thinking: If you had One Year to live...then what? Are you fearful around death and dying? Why? Would you like to become more responsible about your death and by so doing, your life?

October 20th "What Does it Mean to be a Welcoming Congregation?"

UUFS became a Welcoming Congregation in 2004. During today's discussion we will review what that means and how we can fulfill our intention to be welcoming to those who identify LGBTQ in our community.

October 27th "What is the Pacific Central District, anyway?"

This supplement will be a time to meet our District Executive and engage in questions, answers, and discussion about the role that our district plays in the national (and international) movement of Unitarian Universalism. Joshua Searle-White, Ph.D., is the District Executive for the Pacific Central District of the UUA. Before assuming this position this past July, he was the Chair of the Psychology Department at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, where he taught for 18 years. He is best known in UU circles for his storytelling,

including his book *Magic Wanda's Travel Emporium: Tales of Love, Hate, and Things in Between*, which was published by Skinner House Books in 2007.

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A Spiritual Support Group

The UUFS Spiritual Support Group is a place to explore and nurture spiritual growth. It takes place every second Saturday morning of the month, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The October group will be on Saturday October 12th. UUFS members and friends are all welcome to attend. Please contact Janna Mitchell for group location details: jannaemg@gmail.com or (408) 393-8553.

October 13th Our Second Sunday Community Offering - The Asian Women's Home

On Sunday October 13th all offerings with the exception of cash donations in envelopes designated as PLEDGE or UUFS ONLY and checks with the same designations in the memo line will be given in support of The Asian Women's Home that assists women, children and men through its shelter as well as non-residential services and a crisis hotline. They shelter and support victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, in-law abuse, and human trafficking. They provide help in the numerous Asian languages that victims speak, and give culturally competent services. They advocate as well for victims. Because so few services exist nationwide with resources for Asian victims, they provide resources for other parts of the country as well. Clients who are not Asian are not turned away.

UUFS Bookkeeper's New Schedule

Our bookkeeper Sue Evanicky will be not be working at UUFS every Wednesday as she has in the past. Please refer to the calendar in each month's newsletter or to the calendar on our website to see what days she will be working and plan to get any reimbursement forms to her before that date so that you can be reimbursed in a timely manner. Please remember to sign your reimbursement form and get it approved by the committee chair that you have purchased something on behalf of.

SAVE THE DATE! PCD Leadership Day

"MONEY, STEWARDSHIP AND FAITH"

Saturday, October 26th at the UU Church of Berkeley.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.- Program begins at 9 a.m.

Featuring Wayne Clark, Ph.D., Director, UUA Congregational Stewardship Services

This is an opportunity for congregational leaders from across our district to gather, share information, develop relationships, and deepen our connection to each other and to our movement. It is a time to refresh our spirits and to realize what an amazing resource we have in each other!

Joshua Searle-White, our new District Executive, will be there to welcome everyone and to introduce himself to the district.

Following that introduction, we will all be with Wayne Clark as he shares a coming-of-age story designed to move congregations beyond the restrictive myth of scarcity that pervades so many of our Unitarian Universalist faith communities. Drawing upon his book, *Beyond Fundraising: A Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship*, Wayne will help participants focus on the reality of abundance. Hard copies of the PowerPoint slides will be distributed.

During lunch, participants will have the opportunity for informal conversation and fellowship with others who work in similar ways in our movement, such as congregational presidents or treasurers, community activists, and musicians. Lunch will be extended to allow time for this informal information sharing.

In his afternoon session, Wayne will work with teams of congregational leaders to help them create a culture of generosity in each of their congregations. More specifically, Wayne will help teams in planning their next annual budget drive. To participate in this session, each congregation must be represented by at least three leaders (professional and/or lay leaders.)

Wayne Clark has been the director of the Congregational Stewardship Network for more than 15 years. He holds a doctorate in human and organizational systems and been an organizational development consultant for 30 years.

A second session in the afternoon titled "What Keeps our Congregations Spiritually Alive?" will be held for those who will not be participating in the workshop with Wayne Clark. This session will be an informal and experiential conversation about the deepening of our collective spiritual life, and it will be facilitated by Joshua Searle-White and Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams.

Register at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7vq33qi7cb2c9e2&llr=mk4zlobab>

I hope that many of you will consider attending this event whether you think of yourselves as "congregational leaders" or not. This is a great way to get to know people from many of our congregations in the Pacific Central District. There is some scholarship money available for the registration fee. Please email Rev. Nina at minister@uufs.org if you are interested in going and we can organize some carpools.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Religious Education Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. UUFS Office	2 Bookkeeper in the office Genesis Discussion Group 7:30 p.m. genesis.group@uufs.org	3 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. meditation@uufs.org UUFS Choir 7 p.m. music@uufs.org Covenant Group 7:15 p.m. covenant.groups@uufs.org	4	5
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