



November 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.

November 3rd 9:30 a.m. Family Service

10:00 a.m. The Day of the Dead - Dia de Los Muertos

Join us this Sunday as we honor our family members and friends who have died. Please feel free to bring photographs and mementos of loved ones and pets to place them on our Day of the Dead altar before the beginning of the Family Service and the 10:00 service.

Sunday Supplement: Unitarian Universalism For Everyone!

November 10th 9:30 a.m. Family Service

10:00 a.m. Capturing The Spirit of Unitarian Universalism Reverend Nina Kalmoutis

We will be having a New Member Ingathering during our service this morning. Please let Rev. Nina know if you would like to join UUFS.

Sunday Supplement: Unitarian Universalism 101 (cont.)

November 17th 9:30 a.m. Family Service

10:00 a.m. UUFS Has Got Talent!

In August this year, 10 members and friends of UUFS participated in a Poetry Party - a half day retreat where creativity and inspiration led to unique poems being read and written. Come hear from the poets themselves what inspired them and/or what was born of their own creativity. The Poetry Party was a UUFS Silent Auction fundraising event.

Sunday Supplement: Meeting of The Council of Committee Chairs

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

November 24th 9:30 a.m. Family Service A Musical Family Service with Jim Scott

10:00 a.m. Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything

Unitarian Universalist musician and composer Jim Scott will intersperse original songs and readings with his personal reflections on a spiritual, ecological awareness.

Sunday Supplement: A Time with Jim Scott.

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

November Sunday Supplements

November 3rd "Unitarian Universalism For Everyone!"

We hope you will consider joining Loren Wright and Rev. Nina if you are interested in participating in this entertaining "UU 101" class on Sunday November 3rd following the 10:00 service and the time for coffee and conversation after the service.

This gathering is an opportunity to get a deeper introduction to UUism and to our Fellowship and to meet people you haven't met yet or get to spend time with those who you want to get to know better.

It would be great to have you there, whether you are new to the Fellowship or have been here for a long time. There is always more to learn and lots of fun to be had at one of these gatherings!

November 10th "Unitarian Universalism 101" (cont.)

Join us for more UU 101 - a follow up to the UU 101 class on November 3rd.

November 17th "Meeting of The Council of Committee Chairs"

This gathering facilitated by Cheryl Knepler, the Vice President of the Board of Trustees, will be held in the Chapel following our time of refreshment and conversation after the 10:00 service. This is an opportunity for the chair persons of all of the Fellowship's committees to get together to talk about their plans for the year and get events they are planning on the Fellowship calendar. It is also an opportunity to see which committees are in need of volunteers and if some committees might want to collaborate on particular events with each other. This gathering is open to all members and friends of our Fellowship.

November 24th "A Time with Jim Scott"

Jim Scott has brought his contemporary and multicultural music to more than 500 Unitarian Universalist congregations over nearly three decades. His much loved "Gather the Spirit" and a number of others are included in the UU hymnbooks.

Former Co-chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim was involved in creating the "Green Sanctuary" program. He was awarded a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism to compile and arrange the Earth and Spirit Songbook, a collection of over 100 songs of earth and peace that has been acclaimed as a great resource for worship and Religious Education Programs...As a member of the Paul Winter Consort, Jim co-wrote their celebrated "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass" and sang their signature song "Common Ground." His eco-anthem "A Song for the Earth" was recorded at the United Nations. Jim will join us for coffee and conversation after the 10:00 service.

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



November 10th Our Second Sunday Community Offering EHC Lifebuilders

On Sunday November 10th 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 EHC Lifebuilders, formerly called Emergency Housing Consortium. This non-profit operates the winter homeless shelter at the armory building in Sunnyvale where UUFS will again be providing dinners once per month as we have since the winter of '98/'99. They also operate many other programs including those aimed at finding permanent housing for the long term homeless and a wide range of services for homeless veterans.

Last month, we collected \$685 in support of The Asian Women's Home. Thank you for your generous support.



Results from Social Justice Committee Survey

For those of you who are curious about the results of our recent survey the totals are shown below.

There were 51 surveys returned in all.

- 30 "Money out of politics"
- 28 Hunger and homelessness
- 27 Climate change and environmental issues
- 22 Gun regulation/legislation
- 15 Immigration issues
- 12 Right to clean water
- 9 Reading program/tutoring
- 5 Human and sex trafficking

This was a simple interest survey. It does not include all the issues and organizations that the Social Justice Committee works on. We were surprised that "Money out of politics" (MOOP) received so many votes. Several people commented that unless we get MOOP, none of the other issues will be doable. If you wish more specific answers, contact Carol Harris at caroldebolt@att.net.

We thank you for your participation.



The UUFS Concert Series

The South Valley Voice Studio will present a concert of opera, classical vocal music, and musical theater

selections at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale on Nov. 15th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, where we hold our Sunday services.

The performers will be performing several duets and arias from Verdi's La Traviata, Mozart's Don Giovanni, Massenet's Herodiade and Schubert's Erlkoenig.

Please e-mail music@uufs.org if you would like more information about this event.

You can learn more about the South Valley Voice Studio directed by Allen Cathcart and Anny Cheng at www.southvalleyvoice.com.



Thanksgiving...You're invited!

Members and friends of the Fellowship and their families and friends are invited to our

annual Thanksgiving Potluck which will be held on Thursday, November 28th at 1:45 pm.

Please sign up on the clipboard that will be passed around after our Sunday services or e-mail social.events@uufs.org to let us know what you will bring to share.

Turkeys will be provided. Details will follow.



News About Our Family-Friendly Dinners

In lieu of a permanent host, I will be filling in as the

coordinator of our Family Friendly dinners. Since we don't have a permanent restaurant that we go to every month, what I'd like to do is gather a list of people who would be willing to pick a restaurant and act as our host in any given month and we will cycle through that list as people are available. Being a host is very easy. All you have to do is arrange with the restaurant in advance for up to 20 people and be there with our reserved signs from 6 - 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Hosts may also need to e-mail reminders of the event they are hosting to office@uufs.org for our monthly newsletter and our weekly eNews, as needed.

I am also gathering a list of restaurants that we have gone to in the past and have liked. As we add to this list, a reminder that the restaurants we choose need to be "pay - as - you - go" and child friendly. We can cycle through new restaurants that our hosts choose as well.

Any suggestions for possible restaurants are always welcome. If you would like to host please contact me at family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org and give me the name, address and phone number the restaurant and I will make sure it gets onto our website. - submitted by Sara White



Let's have a "Pueblo Throw" for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

As we near the holidays and begin to think about family and the wider community, I hope you will

also think of UUSC. UUSC is a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Through a combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes [economic rights](#), advances [environmental justice](#), defends [civil liberties](#), and preserves the rights of people in times of [humanitarian crisis](#).

I was fortunate to have just traveled to New Mexico and learned a little about the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico. The most relevant was that they believe that if you have enough, you are blessed, and you should share. Following the harvest and prayer, the culmination of celebration includes sharing, honoring and giving to others, by "throwing" gifts from rooftops to the recipients below. During the holidays, I encourage you to participate in UUSC's "Guest at Your Table", to put your UU Principles into action and "share your wealth", by donating to UUSC (via UUFS).

Your donation will help promote the right to safe, affordable and sufficient water, advance workers' rights and a living wage, and protect civil liberties and democratic processes. Gifts (up to \$5000) will be matched by the Gary W. Hartz Memorial Grant, funded by Development is CHILD'S PLAY!, doubling the impact of your gift.

Contributions of \$100 or more are eligible for a match by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, New York, **quadrupling** the effect of your donation.

Do you have enough? Are you able to share? Let's have a "Pueblo Throw".

To learn more about UUSC and how your donation may be used, visit www.uusc.org.
- Namaste, Teri Wiss



Will you share your spiritual journey with our youth?

Many of us at UUFS have had a long and varied spiritual path that has lead us to this community. This year the 5th - 8th Grade Religious Education class is studying Neighboring Faiths and we would love to have assistants join us who have explored or experienced the religions we are studying. In October we studied Islam and Peggy Stephan came and shared her experience of living in the Middle East when she was deployed there.

In November we are studying the Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist faiths. Please contact Joshua Levy at joshua2levy@yahoo.com to volunteer to assist with any of these. Other religions planned for after the New Year include Catholic, Mormon, Wiccan, Seventh Day Adventist, Zoroastrian, Quaker, and Shinto and we would be thankful for assistants with experiences with these as well.



Field Testers Wanted for New Tapestry of Faith Curriculum

With the generous sponsorship and initiative of the President's Council, the UUA is a developing a new Tapestry of Faith curriculum called Wi\$dom Path: Money, Spirit, and Life. This curriculum will help adults to gain a deep understanding of their past, current, and potential attitudes and actions relating to money within the context of their UU values. We are seeking congregations and groups to field test this program between October 2013 and December 2014. If you are interested in being a part of the field test for this 12 session program, please [read the field test details](#). Our thanks to all the generous donors who made this new curriculum possible!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>UUFS Office Hours</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>					1	2
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