



January 2016
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sunnyvale
Sunday Services and Calendar of Events



All of our children join us in the sanctuary at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service and then go from there with their teachers to their activities in the classrooms or to be with our childcare providers.

January 3rd 9:30 a.m.

Breath, Body, and Spirit

The worldview of our dominant culture commonly presupposes a separation between mind and matter, body and spirit. "I think, therefore I am" implies a dismissal of all but the cognitive dimension of being. Many religious traditions teach that such an assumption gets in the way of living out the fullness of our humanity. What insights and practices can help us reframe our life experience without this duality in ways that promote health, balance, and harmony?

Our speaker this morning, Rev. Pamela Gehrke is a Unitarian Universalist minister and a graduate of Starr King School of the Ministry. Before attending seminary, she taught writing, literature, and mythology for many years. Rev. Gehrke is a longtime member of the Unitarian Universalist congregation of San Mateo.

January 10th 9:30 a.m.

"Every Step of the Journey, Is the Journey"
A Celebration of Community

Celebrating the comings and goings of our lives together is part of what makes us a community. This Sunday we honor those who came before us and those who have made us more than we imagined we could be by their time spent with us. Our service will be followed by a goodbye celebration for our wonderful pianist, Anny Cheng and the taking of a group photograph of all of us together.

January 17th 9:30 a.m.

"I Have a Dream"

As our country recognizes the 87th anniversary of the birth of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the concept of The Beloved Community that he embraced wholeheartedly, seems far from the reality he hoped it would become. Can we still envision his dream?

January 24th 9:30 a.m.

One of Our Members Speaks Out

Because we have been reading and hearing reports of recent hostile acts and words directed at our Muslim friends and neighbors, UUFS member Amy Mori would like to share her reflections on similar experiences she had during and after World War II.

January 31st 9:30 a.m.

Stepping Up to Support UUFS!

Join us this Sunday as we kick off our 2016 - 2017 Pledge Drive with an introduction of our theme and our goals for the coming year. We will be highlighting the ways to "Step Up" to the experience that UUFS provides to every one of us. You won't want to miss this service because it will feature a very special guest! This service will be followed by our Semi-Annual Business Meeting which will be held in the Chapel beginning at 11:15 a.m. In order to comply with our by-laws, members are eligible to vote at this meeting if they have joined UUFS at least 30 days prior to the meeting and have made a contribution of record during the 12 months prior to the meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting.



Stepping Up

The response to our Pledge Drive over the past two years has been beyond positive - UU's

love to party! Again this year, everyone is invited to come to one of the pledge parties that will be hosted both in the homes of various members and at the Fellowship over the next five weekends (January 31st to March 6th). These gatherings are an opportunity to meet new members and friends of our Fellowship and to spend an enjoyable time with others whom we already know. You are not required (nor requested) to submit your pledge at these parties. Rather, expect that the party will answer the basic "what, how and why" questions about pledging to UUFS.

Two of these gatherings are scheduled especially for parents of children in our Religious Education Program and will be held after our Sunday services, with child care provided, to make attending more convenient for some of our members and friends.

Please sign up with any of this year's Pledge Committee (Carol MacFarlane, Scott Walker, Richard Govea, and Martha Schumacher) in the Fellowship Hall after the service or contact them by e-mail at pledge@uufs.org to sign up or to address any questions you may have about pledging. See you Sunday!



UUFS Concludes Successful 2015 Fundraising For The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

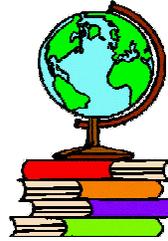
Our Fellowship has responded to the urgent need to address widespread humanitarian concerns in the US and around the world. Clearly you believe in living out your values by supporting UUSC. While it will be some time before we will have specific, final numbers on contributions, with the matching contributions, it appears that your donations have helped to raise over \$15,000!! Thank you!!

We will try to keep you informed throughout the year about how UUSC is using your donation in promoting economic justice, bolstering environmental justice, and protecting rights at risk.

You can also learn more (at any time) about the activities of UUSC on Social Media (<https://www.facebook.com/uusc4all>, <https://twitter.com/uusc>) and on their website (www.uusc.org).

In addition, I'm certain that members of this Fellowship will share information about local opportunities to work on humanitarian issues. Continue to watch your weekly e-news and monthly newsletter for information about these events.

Namaste,
Teri Wiss



UUFS Social Action Book Group

January 10th 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Room 9

Book: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Brian Stevenson

The UUFS Social Action Book Group meets monthly on the first Sundays to discuss books on the topic of social justice and social action, however in January, we will meet on the second Sunday due to the holidays. January's book, *Just Mercy*, is "a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time."

All are welcome to read the book and join us. The group chooses books from titles recommended from within the group or from book titles generated by the Justice and Spirit online UU Book Club. Contact the group's facilitator, Janine Reed at life.enrichment@uufs.org with any questions.

Future Books:

February - *Detroit: An American Autopsy* by Charlie LeDuff

March - *Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes* by Tamim Ansary

If you purchase books through our Recommended Reading page, UUFS will receive a donation from Amazon (<http://www.uufs.org/recommended-reading/>)



Vision Budget Meeting
Saturday, January 16th
9 a.m. in the chapel

Have you ever wanted to know how we put our annual budget together? Everyone is welcome to join us to observe and/or to add your thoughts to this uniquely U.U. democratic process. For more information see Dick Wentz, the Chair of our Finance Committee.



UUndies Sunday's
January 17th and 24th

Continuing a decades long tradition at UUFS we will again

collect unopened packages of new underwear for men and women to be given to the clients of the Men's Rotating Shelter and the County's Cold Weather Shelter. We'll deliver most of the donated underwear to the Cold Weather Shelter the next time we serve dinner there on Tuesday, January 16th. WE'LL COLLECT THE PACKAGES AFTER OUR SUNDAY SERVICES ON JANUARY 17th AND JANUARY 24th - so please bring them to church with you on those days. We'll have large collection bins and baskets in Shepard Hall during refreshment time.

Men's shorts and undershirts and socks are needed in all sizes and women's panties are needed mostly medium, large and extra-large sizes. Women's socks needed too, one size fits all. Large packages (from Costco or Target) are usually more economical and will be opened at the shelters to distribute one at a time as needed.

This is a good time to donate new or gently used warm clothing such as coats, jackets and scarves and gloves. Backpacks are also needed by homeless people so bring those with you on the collection dates too.

Yes, we usually do this before Christmas but we confess that we didn't remember in time. That means we can take advantage of after Christmas sales!

A Note from the UUFS Treasurer



A friendly reminder that 2015 is coming to a close. For Federal tax purposes, pledge or other payments that you wish to be accounted for in this calendar year must be received in the office by Wednesday, 1/7/15.

Checks received at the Sunday service on 1/3/16 will be deposited against 2015 only if they are dated on or before 12/31/15.

Checks received by mail or other payments, such as stock or PayPal transfers, must have a postmark or transaction date on or before 12/31/15.

Also, our annual business meeting will be on January 31st. In order to comply with our by-laws, members are eligible to vote at this meeting if they have joined UUFS at least 30 days prior to the meeting and have made a contribution of record during the 12 months prior to the meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Questions? Contact Scott Walker at treasurer@uufs.org or (408) 802-5387



Seeking Volunteers
for UUFS Caring Network!

Our Caring Network provides meals, transportation and emotional support to members and friends in times of need. The Network is a registry of folks willing to assist when available on a case-by-case basis. We use the Lots of Helping Hands website to coordinate our efforts. If you are interested in being a part of this great network, please send us your contact information to Caring@uufs.org.

Evensong: New dates Feb. 7th, 14th and 21st
10:45 a.m. - Facilitator, Reverend Nina Kalmoutis

Evensong, in the Unitarian Universalist tradition, is a series of gatherings with the goal of deepening both spiritual awareness and fellowship. In Evensong participants will be invited to explore their life journeys and share their thoughts, experiences, questions, and beliefs regarding spirituality, religion, and the meaning of life. If you would like to participate in Evensong, please contact Reverend Nina at minister@uufs.org or sign up at The Connection Table in Shephard Hall.

If you need childcare in order to attend these gatherings, please contact Patty Petrie (one week in advance) by emailing religious.education@uufs.org.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UUFS Office Hours Wednesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.					1	2
3 9:30 a.m. Service 10:45 a.m. Welcome Circle Rm 7 11 a.m.	4 Insight Meditation 7 p.m. Beautiful Space insight.meditation@uufs.org	5 R.E. Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Patty Petrie religious.education@uufs.org	6 Genesis Meeting 7:30 p.m. genesis.group@uufs.org Bookkeeper in the office	7 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Covenant Group 7:15 p.m. covenant.groups@uufs.org	8	9 Spiritual Support Group 10 a.m. (Contact Janna Mitchell) Circle Suppers contact Ursula Gobets circle@uufs.org
10 9:30 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Social Justice Meeting Room 7 10:45 a.m. UUFS Book Club Rm 9 11 a.m.	11 Insight Meditation 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	12 Board of Trustees Mtg. 7 p.m. Shephard Hall board.president@uufs.org Men's Group 7 p.m. mens.group@uufs.org	13	14 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. meditation@uufs.org	15 *February calendar of events entries due office@uufs.org	16 Vision Budget Meeting 9 a.m. Chapel
17 9:30 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Play Reading Group - Rm 7	18 Insight Meditation 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	19 Connections Team Meeting (aka Membership) 7:15 p.m. Shephard Hall connections@uufs.org	20 Family-Friendly Dinner Aqui Cal-Mex 10630 S. De Anza Blvd - Cupertino 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (come when you can) family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org Bookkeeper in the office	21 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m.	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Play Reading Group - Rm 7 Social Justice Supplement Chapel	25 Women's Group 10:30 a.m. Home of Mary Chi womens.group@uufs.org Insight Meditation 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	26 Men's Group 7 p.m. mens.group@uufs.org	27	28 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Women's Book Club 10:30 a.m. Home of Rosalee Clarke *Book: Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens	29	30
31 11 a.m. Semi-Annual Business Meeting						