



**March 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.



For those of you who attended our service on February 21st, you had the opportunity to hear the voice of Unitarian Universalist Dr. Ysaye Barnwell who sang with the internationally renowned all-woman African American a cappella ensemble "Sweet Honey in The Rock" from 1979 until her retirement from the group in 2013.

Looking back, Dr. Barnwell named four axioms that proved to be significant in her life: To whom much is given, much is required; As one door closes, another door opens; Everything matters; and, Say "Yes!"

As we enter a new month of sharing Sunday mornings together, I invite you to reflect on some of those axioms along with some of your own.  
Yours, in the spirit of community, Nina

**March 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

**To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required.**  
Rev. Nina Kalmoutis

Unitarian Universalist minister Terry Sweetser reminds us that "At the heart of Unitarian Universalism is the faith that every person can make a meaningful difference in our communities and in the world." Today that faith calls us to try to make that difference.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

***"When I hear music, I fear no danger.  
I am invulnerable. I see no foe.***

***I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest."***  
~Henry David Thoreau

This Sunday Ruth Huber joins us for a service filled with the beautiful music she makes. Ruth has a rich musical background as a pianist, singer, and composer. She grew up in rural Maryland playing both piano and violin, earned a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of Maryland, and her first Master's degree in piano pedagogy from the University of Texas at Austin. After a hiatus from the classical music world as a singer/songwriter, she returned to school and completed a second Master's in composition from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Ruth's songs and compositions have won awards from California American Choral Directors Association, The San Francisco Art Song Festival, the San Francisco Conservatory Choral Music Competition, the Austin Music Umbrella Songwriters' Competition and the Kerrville Folk Festival.

**March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

**Lessons From The Geese**  
Presented by Our Special Guest Speaker

As Unitarian Universalists, we are constantly searching for new narratives that invite us to make meaning of our lived experiences and to connect deeply with our true selves, each other, and the wider community. Storytelling can be a powerful spiritual practice offering new and transformative narratives about home, hope, and building the Beloved Community.

**March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.**

**Life Calls Us On**  
Rev. Nina Kalmoutis with Karin Golde,  
Paul Bridges and Alan Herrmann

Today we come together to celebrate a season of hope, of spiritual renewal and of new beginnings. The spirit of this season is captured in the words of poet e.e. cummings, a Taoist and a Unitarian, who wrote "for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; for everything which is natural - which is infinite - which is "yes."

In another Easter message, Unitarian Universalist minister Gary Kowalski asks us to consider whether there is a door you need to close so that another passage can be opened?

Our annual potluck Easter Brunch will begin right after the service in the outdoor area behind the Religious Education classrooms. Please bring your delicious egg-bake, fabulous fruit salad, world-famous sticky buns or any other favorite dish to share and join us!

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>R.E. Committee Meeting</b> 7 p.m. Patty Petrie <a href="mailto:religious.education@uufs.org">religious.education@uufs.org</a>	<b>2</b> <b>Genesis Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:genesis.group@uufs.org">genesis.group@uufs.org</a>	<b>3</b> <b>Meditation</b> 8:30-9:30 a.m. <b>UUFS Choir Rehearsal</b> 7 p.m. <b>Covenant Group</b> 7:15 p.m. <a href="mailto:covenant.groups@uufs.org">covenant.groups@uufs.org</a>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Pledge Party</b> 12 p.m.
<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Service 10:45 a.m. Welcome Circle	<b>7</b> <b>Insight Meditation</b> 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	<b>8</b> <b>Board of Trustees Mtg.</b> 7 p.m. Shephard Hall <a href="mailto:board.president@uufs.org">board.president@uufs.org</a> <b>Men's Group</b> 7 p.m. <a href="mailto:mens.group@uufs.org">mens.group@uufs.org</a>	<b>9</b> Bookkeeper in the office	<b>10</b> <b>Meditation</b> 8:30-9:30 a.m. <a href="mailto:meditation@uufs.org">meditation@uufs.org</a> <b>UUFS Choir Rehearsal</b> 7 p.m. <a href="mailto:music@uufs.org">music@uufs.org</a>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Spiritual Support Group</b> 10 a.m. (Contact Janna Mitchell) <b>Circle Suppers</b> contact Ursula Gobets <a href="mailto:circle@uufs.org">circle@uufs.org</a>
<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Social Justice Meeting Room 7	<b>14</b> <b>Insight Meditation</b> 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	<b>15</b> <b>Connections Team Meeting (aka Membership)</b> 7:15 p.m. Shephard Hall <a href="mailto:connections@uufs.org">connections@uufs.org</a> *April calendar of events entries due <a href="mailto:office@uufs.org">office@uufs.org</a>	<b>16</b> <b>Family-Friendly Dinner</b> Black Angus 740 El Camino Real Sunnyvale 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (come when you can) <a href="mailto:family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org">family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org</a>	<b>17</b> <b>Meditation</b> 8:30-9:30 a.m. <b>UUFS Choir Rehearsal</b> 7 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Service 10:45 a.m. Social Action Book Club Rm 9	<b>21</b> <b>Women's Group</b> 10:30 a.m. <a href="mailto:womens.group@uufs.org">womens.group@uufs.org</a> <b>Insight Meditation</b> 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	<b>22</b> <b>Dinner at Cold Weather Shelter</b> 6 p.m. <b>Men's Group</b> 7 p.m. <a href="mailto:mens.group@uufs.org">mens.group@uufs.org</a>	<b>23</b> Bookkeeper in the office	<b>24</b> <b>Meditation</b> 8:30-9:30 a.m. <b>Women's Book Club</b> 10 a.m. Home of Marge Goka Book: <i>Station Eleven</i> <b>UUFS Choir Rehearsal</b> 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. Our Annual Easter Brunch	<b>28</b> <b>Insight Meditation</b> 7 p.m. Beautiful Space	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<u>UUFS Office Hours</u> Wednesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	