



September 2015
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.

September 6th 9:30 a.m.

Labor in the Pulpit

UUFS member Janine Reed and Rev. Nina Kalmoutis

The Interfaith Council on Economics and Justice (ICEJ), has invited our congregation to participate in the 17th annual Labor in the Pulpit program which involves congregations of different religious traditions in over 130 cities across the nation.

In Silicon Valley, Labor in the Pulpits takes place in over 120 religious services each year, reaching as many as 60,000 people. This year Labor in the Pulpit will address income inequality in Silicon Valley and the important role the faith community plays in supporting workers' struggles. Silicon Valley is known for hosting the world's largest technology companies and being the hub of social and tech innovation. Unfortunately, we continue to see a rise in families struggling to make ends meet due to skyrocketing rents and cost of living. Poverty jobs that lack benefits, health insurance, and job security are also prevalent in our community and are widening the gap between the rich and poor.

The Silicon Valley Rising campaign, of which the ICEJ is a member, is a coalition of labor, community and faith-based organizations dedicated to addressing income inequality in our communities. Silicon Valley Rising is engaging community members in a comprehensive campaign to raise wages, create affordable housing, and build a tech economy that works for everyone.

In 2014 Unitarian Universalists across the country committed to engage with the escalation of economic inequality as a moral issue. From 2014-2018 and beyond, we are learning, discussing, and taking action on this topic on personal, congregational, community, and global levels. <http://uujec.com>, <http://www.uua.org/economic>

September 13th 9:30 a.m.

A Time to Remember; A Time to Forgive.

Rev. Nina Kalmoutis

Rosh Hashanah in Hebrew literally means "head of the year." It is the start of a New Year in the Jewish tradition and is the first of the High Holy Days or "Days of Awe." Come celebrate with us in story and in song this morning as we look back in history and experience rituals and traditions, old and new.

September 13th 11:00 a.m. From the desk of Pastor Ron: September 13, 2015, is shaping up to be of great interest for both our congregations along with members old and new, present and former. On this Sunday we will welcome back the original architect of our beautiful church building, the 92-year-old Mr. William E. Blessing. Mr. Blessing will fly from Phoenix, AZ to be with us. The wife and family of Pastor Lester L. Bowers who was pastor at the time of the building's visioning, design, and construction will also be on hand for this Festival day. What were the discussions between, architect, pastor, and congregation that led to such a ground-breaking design? Why the triangles? Did its triangle design help our building withstand the tornado's direct hit? Is it true that the original design called for a copper roof? Childcare will be available during Festival Worship at 11 am and again after lunch. Everyone is welcome, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. Feel free to bring friends. Though reservations are not required, we would like to get advance estimates of the number of people planning to attend the luncheon. Please RSVP by Sunday eve September 6th to conglchurch@earthlink.net. We hope to see you there. It won't be homecoming without you!

September 20th 9:30 a.m.

All Things Transcendent
Rev. Nina Kalmoutis

September 20th at noon, please join us for the UUFS Annual Picnic at Serra Park, picnic area # 4, at Hollenbeck Ave. and The Dalles. Come at noon or later (we'll be there until 2:30 p.m.) There is a nice playground in the park for our children to enjoy.

Come and take this opportunity to say goodbye to Sara and Bob White as they prepare to move to Maine!

What to Bring for the Potluck:

* An appetizer or side-dish or salad or dessert.

What to Bring for Yourself(ves:)

*Something to grill (Fish, chicken, hamburgers, veggie burgers, etc.)

*Beer or wine if you wish.

* Plates, cutlery, glasses, napkins.

What UUFS will provide:

Good company, non-alcoholic beverages, condiments, (mustard, catsup, mayo) a hot grill & grilling tools.

Questions? Please email minister@uufs.org

September 27th 9:30 a.m.

Unitarian Universalism Beyond Our Doors

Those of us who attended General Assembly - the annual international gathering of Unitarian Universalists - that was held in Portland Oregon this past June, will be talking about some of what we experienced there. Come and hear more about how Unitarian Universalists are trying to make a difference in the communities we live in and in the wider world.

"Religion is not something separate and apart from ordinary life. It is life - life of every kind viewed from the standpoint of meaning and purpose: life lived in the fuller awareness of its human quality and spiritual significance." - Unitarian minister A. Powell Davies

September 27th 10:30 a.m.: The "Opportunity Knocks" Ice Cream Social and Activities Fair

Question: How can a person possibly learn about all the groups and activities that are available to get involved in at our Fellowship?

Answer: By eating delicious TREAT ice cream after the service on September 27th! If you haven't had Treat ice cream you won't want to miss this opportunity to try some :-)

Come join in the fun at our "Opportunity Knocks" Ice Cream Social and Activity Fair. During our social time following the service you'll find the patio outside of Shephard Hall filled with tables with representatives from many of our Fellowship's groups and committees.

Each table will offer a different topping to tempt you to stop by, add them to your bowl of ice cream, and meet the people who can give you information and answer any questions you may have about ways to volunteer and get involved at UUFS.

Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss the fun! Come and say YUM! :-)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>UUFS Office Hours</u> Wednesdays & Thursdays 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p>		<p>1 R.E. Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Patty Petrie religious.education@uufs.org</p>	<p>2 Genesis Meeting 7:30 p.m. genesis.group@uufs.org</p>	<p>3 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Covenant Group 7:15 p.m. covenant.groups@uufs.org UUFS Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.</p>		
<p>6 9:30 a.m. Service 10:45 a.m. Newcomer's Circle Rm 2</p>		<p>8 Men's Group 7 p.m. mens.group@uufs.org</p>	<p>9 Bookkeeper in the office</p>	<p>10 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. UUFS Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.</p>		<p>12 Spiritual Support Group 10 a.m. (Contact Janna Mitchell) Circle Suppers contact Ursula Gobets circle@uufs.org</p>
<p>13 9:30 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Social Justice Committee Meeting Room 2 Homecoming Luncheon *RSVP to conglchurch@earthlink.net</p>		<p>15 *October calendar of events entries due office@uufs.org</p>	<p>16 Family-Friendly Dinner Pasta Market 460 E. El Camino Sunnyvale 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (come when you can) family.friendly.dinners@uufs.org Board of Trustees Mtg. 7 p.m. board.president@uufs.org</p>	<p>17 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. meditation@uufs.org UUFS Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. music@uufs.org</p>	<p>18 Intergenerational Game Night 6 - 8:30 p.m. Shephard Hall</p>	
<p>20 9:30 a.m. Service 12 p.m. All-Family Picnic Serra Park</p>		<p>22 Men's Group 7 p.m. mens.group@uufs.org</p>	<p>23 Bookkeeper in the office</p>	<p>24 Meditation 8:30-9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group 10 a.m. home of Carol Harris UUFS Choir 7 p.m.</p>		
<p>27 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social 11 a.m. Play Reading Room 7 play.reading@uufs.org</p>	<p>28 Women's Group 10:30 a.m. womens.group@uufs.org</p>					