July 7th
The Life of Trees
One service at 10:00
Father Richard Rohr teaches that on an individual and societal basis, “The way we do one thing is the way we do everything.” Today we will explore this statement through the lens of our society’s treatment of trees. We all know they are alive, vital to our existence and beautiful, yet as a people, we have no issue treating them as mere objects, ornaments and nuisances - things to be cut, killed and grown as we see fit. Perhaps these attitudes are shaped by our own lack of education. Drawing from recent research on the social nature of trees, how they grow and interconnect, we see there is much more going on in their lives than we thought. With these understandings in hand, as a community that values life in all forms, how will we respond?

Service Leaders: Joe Gabaeff, Dylan Graham  
Music by: Alan Bell, musicals UUs & Roger Corman  
Share the Basket: Martin Luther King, Jr. "A Day On, NOT a Day Off" Fund

July 14th
The Gift Of Joy
One service at 10:00
“My joy is your sorrow unmasked,” wrote the poet Khalil Gibran. In the midst of our grief, our frustrations, our business, joy can flow up like a fountain, flooding our senses with the beauty and peace of this life. Today we’ll contemplate, and make room for, the gift of joy.

Service Leaders: Susan Panttaja, Rose St. John  
Music by: Mary Chapot, some musical UUs & Roger Corman  
Share the Basket: Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)

July 21st
Connections Across Generations
One service at 10:00
In January and February of 2019, 40 pairs of adults and children from UUCSR wrote a series of letters to one another under pseudonyms; many made new connections and shared themselves in unique and meaningful ways. It was called Mystery Pals, and it made a lot of people think about how we can make meaningful intergenerational connections. Join us for this multigenerational service as we hear some actual letters and muse on some key questions: Are we a congregation that can connect intergenerationally? If so, how do we tend our own soil to plant seeds for such connection? Is it worth it?

Service Leaders: Jen Freese, DRE, & Veronica Jordan  
Music by: Sally Jones and Paul Gilger  
Share the Basket: Alianza (Alliance Medical Center)

July 28th
Moving Beyond Contempt
Special Guest: Rev. Dave Sammons
One service at 10:00
Some think the current political and social dialogue, if dialogue it is, has gone beyond contempt. Seeing those with whom we disagree as evil and unworthy of sincere listening has become the norm. In this service we will explore a more productive concept: a sharing of ideas, which might lead to more creative ideas than ever before. What a UU idea!

Dave Sammons, Minister Emeritus of the Mt. Diablo UU Church, taught in seminary, served on seminary boards, done interim ministries, served in several denominational and interfaith capacities, and written a book on marriage as well as several articles in the fields of ministry and ethics. He lives in Walnut Creek with his wife, Jan.

Service Leaders: Rev. Dave Sammons, Sharon McCarty  
Music by: John Ray & musical friends  
Share the Basket: Breakfast for Our Neighbor
Hello, friends! I write for you at the tail end of our General Assembly from up here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Spokane was a spectacular location for our national conference and business meeting. It was very useful to have a beautiful and powerful river running right through the convention site and the surrounding parklands. The words to the hymn, “There’s a river flowing through my soul, and it’s telling me I’m somebody,” popped into my head more than once. Bev Spears, one of our UUCSR delegates, lived in Spokane when she was younger, and still has family and strong connections here, so we got the “inside view” of the city. Now I’m in Portland for a couple days, savoring a visit with my best friend, and writing an overdue newsletter column. Thank you, Rob!

California was well represented at General Assembly this year. Walnut Creek’s minister, Rev. Leslie Takahashi, gave the ancient and prestigious Berry Street Address, and Rev. Lindi Ramsden, who led the UU Justice Ministry in California for many years, was the preacher at the Service of the Living Tradition. That service celebrates religious professionals of all kinds: the newly minted, the newly tenured, the newly retired and the newly dead. Among those newly minted ministers was our former Intern Minister Millie Phillips, who was granted Preliminary Fellowship by the UUA this year. Yay, Millie!

She has asked UUCSR to jointly ordain her with her home congregation in San Francisco in September. I hope we will do so, but approving her ordination will take a full congregational vote, so when I return we’ll figure out a way to do that.

Many of the big events of General Assembly are available on video here: https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2019. I warmly encourage you to check them out, particularly the worship services, which are the G.A. offerings that I treasure the most. There are always several new songs that I want to bring back for our repertoire, and thanks to Susan Panttaja, the leader of our Music Coordinators, we will be singing them in no time.

The theme of this year’s General Assembly was “The Power of We.” Most of the preachers offered strong encouragement for congregations to be faithful voices for social justice in the wider world, and called congregations to critically examine themselves to insure that we are as welcoming to all people as we want to be. The world around us is steeped in unjust and unwise tribal thinking, which favors some people over others because of their race or class or sexuality or nation, and we ALL inherit parts of that framework. Thus, we must be conscious and intentional about the ways we welcome people of every identity to UUCSR. That can take vulnerable and long-overdue conversations and self-examinations.

Fortunately, here at UUCSR, our Diversity Project has begun planning an ongoing series of “Diversity Dialogues” to help everyone engage in this liberating and empowering practice, beginning in the fall. It helps all of us be better friends and allies to each other when we acknowledge how American society has not yet brought its promised freedoms and pursuits of happiness to all of us, and how that fact affects our relationships. It is good to share our experiences around oppression and privilege, the emotions behind them, and the inner strength we have found to face them. We can be honest about our individual experiences and identities, yet affirm our shared humanity and celebrate our diversity with love. Just look at that banner on the narthex wall.

I know that many of you feel like we are in a state of war with the forces of cruelty, racism, sexism, and other threats. Errant, misguided and selfish ideologies are causing real harm to real humans. Our fear is understandable. We do need to take risks to address the state of the nation. We are right to step forward to help with the humanitarian crisis on our own border. Rev. Dara and her team of volunteers are bringing us ever closer to direct service, perhaps by housing an asylum seeker. I am so proud of this effort.

Fortunately, the “Power of We” is a real thing, too. Love, curiosity, forgiveness, vision, faith, trust and hope are all divine qualities that, if cultivated, are far more powerful than their opposing forces. Whether it is with bold actions, or simple gestures and kind words, I ask everyone to share the responsibility for creating a genuinely loving and welcoming community within and beyond our walls. The world needs, most of all right now, those who believe in the world, in themselves and each other. I want anyone who finds their way to UUCSR to discover the Cosmic Love Power/Tao/Mother Nature/God/Etc. that is within and available to all people.

Hey, a new name for the Divine!

“O, Etcetera, hear our prayers...”

Now it is July, and I ask that we all take a deep breath. Even in the present struggle it is a blessing to rest, to play, to sing. Every committee has been encouraged to take a break from meeting this month, or to be sure to have lemonade, watermelon and corn if they must. We hold only a single worship service at 10:00, and we get a little more playful. For example, July’s theme was originally “Freedom,” but we’ve chosen to celebrate our freedom by being free from the constraints of that theme altogether! Nevertheless, I hope you are nourished, challenged and inspired by what you encounter here at UUCSR this month and every month, and that it helps you live a fulfilling and meaningful life, whatever your circumstances may be. Happy Summer!

Reverend Chris Bell
Musings On Moving

I am delighted to be relocating from Oakland to the North Bay — a bit closer to UUCSR!

This July, my family is moving to Petaluma! Truth be told, I always experience moving as a slightly harrowing endeavor — um, not necessarily my idea of a relaxing summer pastime. Yet, it’s also not without it’s pleasant surprises. For example, in this recent move we found a beloved book under the couch. We thought was lost! We also found a pair of glasses we thought were gone forever...

So, perhaps the moving process itself is not entirely terrible!

You know, I am finding there are even some other unexpected “gifts” in the moving process. It’s actually a sweet relief to let go of old boxes of paper and give away books we haven’t cracked open for months! It’s freeing! Though I wouldn’t have necessarily devised a July to be filled with packing and unpacking (the timing just worked out that way) I am relishing the notion of slowing down enough and letting go enough to literally and figuratively travel a bit lighter in life.

Moving boxes is a humble discipline, it means physically having to fill up boxes and then empty them over and over. This July, moving has me musing: what is it I am holding on to? Why? What can I release? How can I practice making more generous space in my life? Or living in a way that is more spacious?

Clearly, moving can be a meditative process in some ways — if I choose to see it as such!

I am reminding myself of two items that seem to be true about our physical move to a new house and also about moving through life itself: be deliberate and go lighter. Being deliberate means actively choosing what to keep. Going lighter means carrying just what we need.

As I pack, I think on these two things.

And so this month I am trying to make generous space for what is next, to lean into this summertime as a time of unscheduling a bit, and moving a bit more lightly through the world.

After the boxes are unpacked and we are in our new place, I plan to linger over some lemonade, perhaps take a dip in a mountain lake or two. I’ll keep practicing being deliberate and going lighter as I move towards August.

This July, my hope for you is that you just may experience some more generous spaciousness in your own life journey. May you take some time to savor the longer days of daylight and sunshine. I hope you may find a balance between filling up with what nourishes you, and emptying and unburdening your life in ways that free you up a bit and help you feel more alive.

Have a wonderful month. I will be out most of July for my vacation... but I look forward to seeing you in August and continuing to co-create with you in the dynamic dance that is our congregational life.

Warmly & with care,

Rev. Dara Olandt
Assistant Minister

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"President’s Column"

Ok, I have a confession to make. I don’t read the entire issue of UU World, cover to cover, as soon as I get it. (I know, I know…I’m SURE I’m the only one who doesn’t…) Recently, I had read all the magazines in my stack, and grabbed one from a stack I’d put away some time ago when company was coming – and it turned out to be the UU World from Fall 2017. I’m really glad I did. It was the issue that came out right after that year’s General Assembly, which was right after the hiring controversy and the first accusations of white supremacy in the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). You know – the topic the UUA has been in what I call “convulsions” about for the past two years. I’m really glad I read it. I found the articles to be thoughtful, inclusionary and educative. There was a transcript of that year’s Minns Lecture, by Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed – a really insightful speech that educated me (and all of us well-meaning white folk) about our pretty horrid history with black people, black ministers and black churches. It turns out that, historically, we are NOT “all that and a bag of chips, too!”

There was also an article by Rev. Darrick Jackson, talking about how Unitarian Universalism is definitely his religion, but his HOME is the AME church. He talked about how Unitarian Universalism speaks to the mind, but the church he grew up in includes the emotions, the heart and the body – and why it is so important to connect with them as well.

I grew up in a pretty white neighborhood in a pretty white town and went to a really white school. Doug Muder, who came from a very similar background, wrote “Of Course I’m a Racist”. His openness made me look at the ways I, too, am perpetuating a culture of “other”. Reading that magazine from right after the controversy erupted felt like seeing the Beloved Community in action. It felt like people (from all sides) were reaching out, communicating and connecting. But when I remember what dealing with this issue has been like in the past two years, I think we have fallen into the trap that our larger, first-world culture has fallen into: that of “right now”. There should be equality between all races…RIGHT NOW. There should be equality between genders…RIGHT NOW. Everyone should have the same rights and privileges…RIGHT NOW.

But it doesn’t work that way. I can’t meet you today and be BFF’s tomorrow. It takes time and work on both our parts to build the trust and reliability and openness and vulnerability that it takes to be a true best friend. And that doesn’t just apply to individuals; it applies to groups as well. I’ve been writing lately about my thinking that the source of the problem is “othering” – people, groups, cultures. You are not like me, therefore you are other, therefore you are suspect. And my walls go up. How can we build Beloved Community from that?

I want to get to that “shining city on the hill”, where everyone really does treat each other with dignity, respect and honor. And I do think we can. But not RIGHT NOW. This work of becoming aware of my own blind spots, of owning up to them and changing MYSELF and my point of view, is hard work. It takes time. It’s a process. And if I’m really going to walk my Unitarian Universalist talk, it’s essential that I do.

So…I’m on the path to that shining city. Will you walk with me?

-Natalie Brundred,
President, Board of Trustees

What Your Board Is Up To
- July 2019

We said goodbye to three board members: John Jaffray, Gretchen Paradis and Gretchen Vap. Their voices will be missed! And we said hello to four new board members: Larisa Ashley, Paula Hammett, John Mason and Mike McGirr. We’re looking forward to all they will be contributing. The current Board members reviewed this past year and passed on their hard-earned wisdom to our new members. We elected our officers for the year: Natalie Brundred – President, Sean Freese – Vice President, Michael Randolph – Treasurer and Cathie Wiese – Corporate Secretary. All four are continuing in these positions from last year.

The Board agreed that recruitment and encouragement of members for leadership roles in the congregation will be a high priority this year, so we can sustain and amplify our mission. Michael Randolph reported that all our outstanding Member Mortgage Notes are paid off as of the end of June. We own our building outright! The Board finalized our plans for our annual retreat, August 9-10, where we will set UUCSR’s direction for the year. We observe UUCSR’s “almost-no-meetings-in-July” practice, and will hold our next regular board meeting on August 15th at 6:30 pm.

You’re welcome to attend! Please let us know what’s working and/or not working for you. That’s how we celebrate – and grow!

-Natalie Brundred,
President, Board of Trustees
Our Whole Lives (OWL): What is it?
OWL is a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curriculum that values self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity. During the 2019-2020 congregational year, UUCSR will offer classes for children and youth in grades Kindergarten-1st, 4th-5th, 7th-8th and 10th-11th. However, OWL has curricula offered to young adults, adults, and soon will publish a new curriculum for older adults. Depending on the success of the program for children and youth, we are considering offering up OWL for adults in the future. OWL provides honest, age-appropriate answers to all participants’ questions, activities to help participants clarify their values, and group-building opportunities to build a supportive peer group.

What does sexuality education have to do with religious education?
Liberal sexuality education seeks to help individuals clarify their values and root themselves in their religious tradition while exploring what it means to be their best selves. The UUA Faith Development office writes, “The Our Whole Lives curricula help transform a cultural climate of fear and confusion into a new reality of lives lived congruent with the values of the inherent worth and dignity of each and every person.”

A Community Service: Available to All
We view OWL as an act of service to the wider community; any family that feels the program is right for their child or youth is welcome to register them. UUCSR members receive a discounted fee, but no person will be turned away for lack of funds. Scholarships have been generously provided by the Dorothy Morris OWL Scholarship Fund.

Religious Education in July

**Nursery Care:** Childcare is provided in our nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 am service.

July 7, 14, and 28:

**Preschool Make-and-Play:** Children ages 3-5 are welcome to explore building toys and creative play in Room 2 with adult staff and volunteers. Special crafts this month include painting with marbles and string, box creations and pipe cleaner sculptures.

**Grades K-8 Makerspace:** School-age children are invited to explore and create with the support of adult guides in our RE Summer Makerspace. Special crafts include kindness rocks, salt-dough candleholders and weaving crafts.

**July 21**

**Multigenerational Worship Service:** All children are invited to stay in worship service this morning. Nursery care will still be offered for those 4 years and younger.
**ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

We meet 2nd Mondays, 10 am—12 pm, at UUCSR - Join us! We welcome your participation!
Contact Linda Harlow or visit our table Sundays in the Social Hall.

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**Share the Offering**

UUCSR shares Sunday offerings with local non-profits that serve greater So. Co., incl. our Saturday Breakfast.

**July 7: Martin Luther King, Jr. “A Day On, NOT a Day Off” Fund** provides resources for the community service activities at Community Baptist Church on MLK Day in January.

**July 14: Social Advocates For Youth (SAY)** is a wonderful Santa Rosa program that provides short and long term housing, job training and counseling for youth ages 18 to 24, many of whom have termed out of foster care and need help.

**July 21: Alianza (Alliance Medical Center)** is a vital and steadfast health services provider for more than 13,000 families in northern Sonoma County. Through three primary care clinics in Healdsburg and Windsor, Alianza supports patients who are mostly low-income and uninsured or underinsured.

**July 28: Breakfast For Our Neighbors** is our own Saturday Breakfast program for our neighbors in need, supported primarily by the generosity and volunteer efforts of our congregation, and community volunteers as well.

**August 4: Friends Outside in Sonoma County** provides services and programs for Sonoma County jail inmates and their family members to improve their circumstances and strengthen their family relationships. They have a drop-in center in the lobby of the main jail. They respond to over one thousand requests for services each month.

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**The Humanitarian Crisis at our Southern Border: How to Make a Difference**

We all know about the surge of migrants fleeing life-threatening conditions in Central America, and we know that the response of the Trump administration has been grossly inhumane. Many of these migrants qualify for legal asylum in the U.S. However, there are thousands of families and individuals currently being held in detention in the U.S. while action on their asylum claims is delayed. Many families have been broken up by U.S. agencies. Many more refugees are being prevented from seeking asylum because of how our government is controlling the border. Disinformation abounds. The roots of this situation lie in the history of Central America and in U.S. politicians’ continual attacks on immigrants and refugees for political gain. The scope and complexity of this crisis — like so many others — can feel huge and daunting.

**What can we at UUCSR do?** Via an organizing team, “Borders and Beyond” (guided by Rev Dara and Leslie Norinsky), UUCSR is making connections with the network of faith-based, community-based, humanitarian, and legal organizations that’s responding to this crisis. Asylum-seekers who are released from detention are in the U.S. legally — but they must go through a lengthy court process to be granted permanent asylum. They need assistance in meeting their own needs and in adapting to their new world. There are many asylum-seekers in Sonoma County already. Some are staying with family members but some are without homes. More will be coming. Members of UUCSR can provide several kinds of support. Speaking Spanish is helpful but not required. Key needs are:

**Housing:** The biggest ‘ask’ is for housing. There is a critical need for this kind of support. If you have a safe second unit or a spare bedroom/bathroom, you can become a “sponsor” for an individual or family, for a month or longer. An “accompaniment team” of volunteers will provide support to both the asylum seeker and the sponsor.

**Accompaniment Teams:** Asylum seekers have a range of everyday needs that includes obtaining food and clothing, arranging for transportation, medical and mental health services, schooling, and so forth. They typically need transportation and assistance to get to court appointments in San Francisco. A team of about six people is needed for each family or individual asylum-seeker.

**Assistance with Paperwork for the Asylum Process:** Asylum-seekers must submit paperwork to advance their claim and to obtain a work permit. UUCSR will host training later this year for people who want to assist in this way. Join us! There is great need for help and there are many organizations and people contributing support and care for these folks. You can be part of UUCSR’s piece in this mounting response. You can make a difference not only for an individual or mothers and children fleeing for their lives --- but in your own life as well.

Please contact Larry Haenel (haenel707@gmail.com) & Susan Thollaug (sthollaug@gmail.com) for more information.
Caring Connections Committee

Our volunteers offer short-term help for UUCSR members who are experiencing a difficult transition, such as recovery from surgery or the death of a loved one. We are happy to announce a new service: help for caregivers. Let one of our volunteers stay with the person you are caregiving while you take a couple of hours to run some errands or simply take some time for yourself. Other services we offer include a ride to Sunday services or a medical appointment, a home or hospital visit, a friendly call or card, occasional shopping for essential items, a loan of a medical item like a wheelchair or walker, and preparing and/or delivering a meal. We have a list of referrals for services we can’t offer. Please stop by our table on Sundays to sign a card, request help or volunteer. For information, contact committee chair Mac Freeman.
To UUCSR,

Ten years ago, on June 17, 2009, after years (more like decades) of telling people I was "working on a play" about my bittersweet/hilarious teenage days as a geeky, death-obsessed, insecure, born-again, fundamentalist puppeteer, I took the stage of the Glaser Center, with many of you in attendance, and premiered "Wretch Like Me," my autobiographical one-man-show. Over the next few years, I tinkered with it, adapted it, shortened it, sweetened it, as I pursued my dream of taking "Wretch" to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. Along the way, I performed various other versions of the show all around the county, and a few more times at the Glaser, too, including a big fundraiser kickoff in 2013 that debuted the deeply rewritten version I hoped to take to Scotland.

With your support and encouragement, and the still greatly appreciated sponsorship of key members of the congregation (including Carol Kraemer and John Chenowith, who not only supported the project emotionally and financially, but actually flew to Scotland to see the show at the 2014 Fringe Festival), those dreams came true. After Scotland, I performed the show four more times as part of the 2015 San Francisco Fringe Festival, then put it away to work on other plays and projects. It's been a busy time, as I wrote and performed yet another solo show ("Polar Bears"), crafted a novella about the author of "Frankenstein," adapted it into a play ("Mary Shelley's Body"), and accepted a commission from a playwriting festival in San Francisco to do a play about the Egyptian god of mummification and death. It's called "Drumming with Anubis," and it opened a four week world premiere run last weekend at Santa Rosa's Left Edge Theatre. During that whole time, I eventually started writing for the Sonoma Index-Tribune, and two years ago became the Community Editor of the Petaluma Argus-Courier newspaper.

To tell the truth, in spite of having spent over five years thinking about, talking about and generally obsessing about "Wretch Like Me," I gave myself permission to stop thinking about and just let it go and do other things. I've done a pretty good job of that. But last year, my friend Dan Zastrow, who originally talked me into shutting up and finally writing my play back in 2009, mentioned that this July would mark the 10th anniversary of that first presentation. Seemed like as good a time as any to bring the show back one last time. And where better than back where it all started? It furthermore just made sense that it be done as a full fundraiser for the UUCSR, as thanks to those of you who've always supported me and my efforts to grow as a writer and performer.

So here I am, once again, learning 35 pages of text, refamiliarizing myself with all the characters I recall (and become) in telling the story, practicing singing "Amazing Grace" forward and backwards (literally backwards), and doing the wildest, weirdest pantomimed puppet show I've ever heard of. Technically, July 20 is just AFTER the anniversary, but it's close enough to count. To those of you who've seen this show, and to those who've never had the chance, I hope you'll gather some friends and come down to the Glaser Center on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m. and share this wonderful, deeply personal story with me. It's my gift to you, with love and thanks.

DAVID TEMPLETON

Circle Dinner Opportunity:

Circle Dinners are a great way to get to know members of the congregation at a deeper level. Groups of six to eight people meet in each other's homes and take turns providing an entrée, salad, appetizer and dessert. The location of the dinner rotates between the group member's homes. We have enjoyed coordinating this program for the past 4+ years and are now wanting to pass this on to someone else. What does this entail?

◊ Twice a year (In timeframes of January/February and August/September) sign-ups occur.
◊ Set a date for sign-ups to be on two Sundays after the first and second services.
◊ Put an article in the newsletter several weeks ahead of time to alert people to sign-up dates.
◊ Perhaps even do a special announcement from the podium if you desire.
◊ Once the sign-ups are complete, sort into groups of six or eight people as appropriate.
◊ The next step is communication to the individuals to let them know what group they are in.
◊ One person from each group is designated as the lead to launch the group.
◊ Answer infrequent questions. That is all there is to it.

We hope there will be someone who will want to take over this program so that it can continue. We have materials to share to make the handover easier. Thank you,

Wayne and Sharon
**SATURDAY SAUNTER**  
**ANNADEL STATE PARK  
JULY 20**  
From Park Trail entrance up Canyon Trail to Lake Ilsanjo for lunch and optional swim, return Spring Creek Trail. About 3 miles total, sun and shade, first third has some uphill climbs. Bring lunches, water, towel and suit for swimming. Sorry, no dogs here. Meet Park Trail entrance at 9:30. To sign up or for further information: Gretchen P.

**EVENING BOOK GROUP**  
Is on vacation for July and August  
Please contact Linda Lampson  
With questions.

- **Sept. 12**  
  The Power of Habit  
  Charles Duhigg

- **Oct. 10**  
  The Overstory  
  Richard Powers

- **Nov. 14**  
  The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu  
  Joshua Hammer

- **Dec. 12**  
  Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine  
  Gail Honeyman

- **Jan. 9**  
  An American Marriage  
  Tayari Jones

- **Feb. 13**  
  Educated  
  Tara Westover

- **Mar. 12**  
  The Library Book  
  Susan Orlean

- **Apr. 9**  
  The Winter Soldier  
  Daniel Mason

- **May 14**  
  Wilding: The Return of Nature to a British Farm  
  Isabella Tree

- **Jun. 11**  
  Potluck to select books for the following year

**UU Congregational Art Exhibit**

Our ongoing UU Congregational art exhibit needs more poets & writers. "Off The Wall/On The Wall" will continue to grace the narthex, foyer and board room walls.

Contact Bertha Jean to offer your submission.

**“Yonder Come Day”**

**Thurs July 11,**

**From: 7-8:30 P.M. Room: TBD**

Come learn this special song, “Yonder Come Day” for the July 14 music service. All are welcome to come learn this song by ear.

Questions? Call Mary (707)591-4184

**2019 All UU Summer Camp**

Enchanted Hills Camp, Napa September 6-8, 2019  
Ever wanted to have a water fight with your minister? If you answered Yes! then don't miss this opportunity at the All UU Summer Camp at Enchanted Hills. Come join a wonderful group of UUs and their friends from our beloved UUCSR congregation. Listen to some great jammin' music, and drink wine under the redwoods with old and new friends. We'll have our annual "Variety Show" (no talent required), puzzles, games, workshops, a great pool, nice sleeping quarters, and really good food. It's handicapped friendly. Childcare is available during certain times of the day. Enchanted Hills is a wonderful place, run by Lighthouse for the Blind, an easy beautiful drive 45 minutes from Highway 12 and Calistoga road, on the border of Napa and Sonoma counties. If you've never been before, come make some new friends! Introvert accessible!

**Prices:**  
**Upper Camp:** Adult $195; Teen/Tweens (11-17 years old) $165; Student (5-10 years old) $115; Children under 5 are free!  
**Lower Camp** (which is now much closer—right by the pool and playground): Adult $160; Teen/Tweens $145; Student $90, Children under 5 are free!  
**Stay tuned for more info!**

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A Trip to Saturn with Phil Harriman
Phil Harriman will describe the astounding 20 year trip taken by the Cassini-Huygens space probe to the planet Saturn. The probe produced spectacular pictures of a moon landing, a possible site for water-based life in the Saturn system, and Saturn’s rings and other satellites.

Thursday, June 27, Room 545, 2:00 - 2:15

West County Theology Class
Chris Bell will teach a class in Sebastopol based on the UUA curriculum “Faith like a River: Themes from UU History”.
Part Two: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29. Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm

GMOs, How Scary?
On August 22, Phil Harriman will give a talk describing the techniques to make genetically modified organisms and some of the uses to which they can be put. In addition he will describe a new law that requires (under certain conditions) the labeling of GMO products.

8/22 2:00 - 3:15 pm

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
This series examines pre Judeo - Christian cultures that may have worshiped the female as divine. The concepts of equality and reverence for the female in a religious setting are eye-opening to many participants. Saturdays: 9/21 through 2/15, 2-4 pm

Humanism
Chris Bell will lead a class on humanism which stresses the potential value and goodness of human beings, emphasizes common human needs, and seeks solely rational ways of solving human problems.

Wednesdays: 10/23, 10/30 11/13 and 11/20 6:30-8:30 pm

Music and Meaning in the Movies
This is a 6-week series presented by Alan Bell, on the influence of music in movies.

Mondays 6:30 - 8:00. 10/2-11/6

Committee on Shared Ministry
We are COSM, the Committee on Shared Ministry. The current committee consists of Bob Anderson (chair), Alan Bell, Susan Bartholome, Deb Carter-Hope, Frances Corman, Kitty Wells and of course, Rev. Chris. We are charged with ensuring the health of the congregation by encouraging communication within the congregation, providing conflict resolution when needed, as well as supporting the minister. This committee also participates in the yearly evaluation of the minister that we have completed and submitted to the Board of Trustees in February. We are here for both the minister and YOU, the congregation. So, talk with us! All communications with COSM are confidential.
We have financial data through May, or eleven months into the fiscal year. Only one more month to finish the year. At the Congregational meeting in June, we unanimously voted to pay off all the member notes from the Endowment Fund, which will save us $18,000 in interest over the next five years and $47,000 per year going forward. We now own the building without any debt. We also passed a balanced budget for 2019-20, which is less dependent upon fundraising to balance operations than in the past.

For the first eleven months of the Fiscal Year ending in May, we are showing a loss from combined Operations and Glaser Center of approximately ($31,300). If we include transfers from Sunday Donations for the Saturday breakfast extra cleaning, the loss is about ($26,300). YTD Operations are down ($58,400) and Glaser Center is showing a gain of $27,100.

The good news is we are $26,700 below our budget for expenses; however, the bad news is we are woefully below pledge commitments, as well falling below on Glaser Center income. The culprit is a fall off of pledging for the month of May. Last year at this time the UU had taken in $42,800 in pledges. For the month of May pledges are only $31,100, which is $11,800 below last year. Over the last three months we have averaged about $4,000 each month over last year’s pledges. Why we dropped so low in May is a bit of a mystery.

Fiscally yours, Michael Randolph, Treasurer

Mary C coordinated a program that guided our reverie with Leonard Bernstein’s “Somewhere”. The last Sunday of the month our newest musician Oscar G performed “America The Beautiful” on acoustic guitar.

July’s theme will be “Freedom from Themes!” In other words, anything goes! Alan B, Mary C, Susan P, Sally J, and John R will have a free hand in shaping our musical worship. Watch this space!

If any of this marvelous music inspires you, tell us what you like and what you can do. Can you sing with others, go solo, or play an instrument? Talk to a Music Coordinator (musicians@uusantarosa.org), or Choir Director Sadie (Choir@uusantarosa.org) to find out how to let your talent bring music to our community.

Respectfully submitted, Randy

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To Celebrate Life,  
Empower People,  
Care for Each Other,  
and Build A Better World

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**JULY 2019**

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**Love is the doctrine of this church, The quest of truth is its sacrament, Service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, To seek knowledge in freedom, To serve human need, To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine.**

**Thus do we covenant with each other and with All That Is.**

Arr. by L. Griswold Williams

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