

the Mountain Chalice



Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

June 2017

UPCOMING SERVICES

**June 4 – Two Service Times; 9:45 A.M. or 11:30 A.M.
Summer Service Schedule (June 11 to Sept. 3):
One Service Each Sunday at 10 A.M.**

Social hour is between the two services; either stay after the first service, or come early to the second one.

Religious education classes for all children and teens are offered during the 9:45 A.M. service.

Nursery care is available for both services.

JUNE THEME: ZEST (JOY)

June 4 A Few Worthy Things: Honoring the Gifts in our Midst (with Flower Ceremony - Bring a flower!)
Rev. Kevin Tarsa and Others

For our Flower Ceremony, bring a flower to add to a communal bouquet, take a different flower home with you. We'll honor and thank those who give time, energy, expertise and heart at UUCM, including you, and especially those persons who are moving out of various volunteer positions in the new fiscal year. We'll also invite you to notice where your own heart is called now in the life of this UU Community.

June 11 to September 3 – One Service at 10 A.M.:

June 11 (Not Quite) A Walk in the Park: a.k.a. I Have a Dream
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

(Note: UUCM's annual Congregational Meeting is right after the service, followed by a Potluck Picnic!)

Here, at the "end" of this first year of ministry together, Rev. Kevin will reflect on the journey so far and the road ahead.

We begin the summer rhythm of a single 10:00 service, this time followed by the Annual congregational meeting to elect Board and Nominating Committee members and to vote on the budget, with special, festive, Second Sunday Picnic to follow.

June 18 Father's Day Service
Beth Karow, Worship Associate

Do you have a story to tell about your dad or granddad, or father figure in your life, or about your own experience of fathering? Would you be willing to share it as part of the June 18 Sunday service? Please let Willow Karow-Digangi know of your interest (willow.kd@gmail.com).

**June 25 Give Us This Day, Your Daily Zest:
Putting Heart and Soul into Your Life**
Gail Johnson Vaughan, Worship Associate

Chef and Cookbook author Pauli Halstead shares how she integrates fresh and fabulous ingredients with the spiritual lessons she has learned over her life. This service will whet your body and spirit appetites for more.

July 2 Moments that Moved Us: UUism Beyond our Walls
Rev. Kevin Tarsa, Corrie Silva, Janet Dunstan and more

General Assembly (GA) is the annual large gathering of Unitarian Universalists from around the country and beyond. This year it will be held in New Orleans. Between the location, the focus on justice, and all the powerful and painful stirrings in the UU Association around race and white supremacy, this GA is sure to be a watershed. UUCM GA attendees will bring you stories from the frontier - stories of GA experiences that moved, changed, and inspired them.

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Rev. Kevin Tarsa
UUCM Minister

Panning for Gold

What does it mean to be a community of joy?

The original theme for June was scheduled to be "zest," until a number of congregations told the Soul Matters organization that they were having a hard time getting a grip on zest. So Soul Matters changed the theme to "joy."

I'm appreciating both themes, and our UUCM worship team liked the theme of zest, so we may have some zest woven into our reflections and services this month. We certainly have both zest and joy woven into the wonderful transformation going on inside of the UUCM building, an energy that tells me that many people are ready and wanting to leap into an engaging cause with observable results. Ready, too, to re-vision the familiar. Many people, not all. Our comfort levels with change and the speed of change are varied.

Some members have expressed concern that Karen Perry, who is investing enormous amounts of time and energy in beautifying the building (thank you!), might get burned out. Wisdom spoken to poet David Whyte comes to mind: *The antidote to exhaustion is not rest. The antidote to exhaustion is wholeheartedness.*

As we prepare to enter the new fiscal year, as you consider the nature of your financial stewardship of the congregation, as committee chairs and memberships change and you re-vision where you are feeling called to invest your energies in this Community, I invite you – I ask you – to find your wholeheartedness.

What investment of your time, energy, talent, treasure and spirit would sustain and energize you, even as you are giving? When you imagine the possibilities for volunteering in the life and work of this congregation, notice the possibilities that lift your heart in the imagining, that spark a kernel of zest and maybe even joy.

Now is a great time to look anew. You might not want to do what you have been doing for several years or what you do in your work life, skilled in those areas though you may be. What

is calling to you now? And how can we help you find your way to that work, that giving of yourself?

It is in wholeheartedness that you will find your sustainable energy and your joy. If each of us can do that, we will be a community of tremendous joy.

– Rev. Kevin

UUCM Mission

Please click the following links to read Rev. Kevin's weekly Mission-Covenant pieces in the e-Chalice:

Part 1: [Rev. Kevin's Mission Covenant, Part 1](#)

Part 2: [Rev. Kevin's Mission Covenant, Part 2](#)



Rev. Kevin's Summer Schedule

Reverend Kevin has a busy schedule this summer! The dates he will be out of town are as follows:

JUNE 14-25, 2017:

Away for UUA College of Social Justice Learning/Service trip with youth in Arizona and Mexico, followed by UU Ministers Association Ministry Days and UUA General Assembly in New Orleans.

JULY 5-10:

Study leave away, including preaching in Lansing, MI.

JULY 18-31:

On vacation

AUGUST 1-7:

Local study leave.

Reading and researching for the coming year.

REV. KEVIN'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.,

Wednesday: 4 P.M. - 6 P.M. and Thursday: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Other times by appointment.

Contact Rev. Kevin to schedule an appointment:

minister@uugrassvalley.org or (231) 883-1058

Membership & Hospitality Committee

New to UUCM?

Find out more about Unitarian Universalism and UUCM

By Rev. Kevin Tarsa, Minister

New to UU and/or UUCM? Join Rev. Kevin for an informal Q&A conversation after both services various Sundays as announced by Rev. Kevin. (Or contact him any time for a personal appointment – minister@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1661.)

Our next series of classes: *Welcome to UUCM*, *UU History*, and *UU Principles and Theology* will most likely be offered early next Fall unless there is a demand for them sooner.

EVERYONE, from new attendees to long time members, is welcome at any of these events. It's a great way to refresh your UU knowledge, and meet some other seekers!

To get on our list for upcoming sessions, sign up on Sunday mornings at the Membership Table, or contact Karyn Packard at: (562) 900-9546 or karyn@seagoer.net.

We'd Love Some Shadows...

GIVE GREETING AND/OR USHERING A TRY!

By Kathy MacLeod, Membership Committee

A great way to "dip your toe in" to see if greeting or ushering is a good fit for you is to shadow an existing greeter or usher. You can find out more about what the jobs entail, and whether you feel comfortable in the role.

It's fun and easy and a great way to meet people and help our community. You do not have to be a long-term member to be effective, you just have to be friendly and willing. We would love some new greeters and ushers to take the strain off the small group already doing it.

Please contact me if you have questions or wish to volunteer:
Kathy MacLeod: horsenana@sbcglobal.net or 477-5824

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathryn Young, chair
Kathy MacLeod, Claire Miller
and Marilyn Young

Committee meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Anthony Room

We're always looking for friendly people... Come join us!

Divide and Conquer!

THE ALPHABETICAL SNACK TEAMS ARE WORKING!

By Marilyn Young, Coordinator, UUCM Hospitality Hour

Last month we tried dividing the congregation into alphabetical Snack Teams and requesting that each team provide snacks for the hospitality time one Sunday of each month.... AND, IT WORKED!!

A BIG thank you to all the teams for generously providing a delicious assortment of snacks each week of May. This month, we are having a picnic celebration after the single service on June 11th, so EVERYONE is on that week if you plan to attend the picnic.

The groups are assigned as follows for the month of June:

1st Sunday of the Month: (June 4) A to E

2nd Sunday of the Month: (June 11) F to J

(EVERYONE is invited to bring picnic foods on June 11th)

3rd Sunday of the Month: (June 18) K to R

4th Sunday of the Month: (June 25) S to Z

When a month has FIVE Sundays, we will rely on your random, spontaneous generosity. Or, we'll eat lightly that week...!

Each week we need two or three "sweet treats" and two or three "healthy choices." When it is your team's Sunday, please let Marilyn Young (marilyny04@gmail.com) know if you will be participating, and also let her know if it's a "Sweet Treat" or a "Healthy Treat." We will send out a weekly reminder.

If you have questions, wish to help, or have something to donate, please contact Marilyn Young: (hospitality@uugrassvalley.org, or marilyny04@gmail.com or 916-203-5962.) I'd love to hear from you. If you wish to sign up online to help in the kitchen and/or donate food, you can open our online sign-up page (**Make sure to click "SAVE" after you enter your availability on this form**): <https://doodle.com/poll/kd5f6egedsqwegir>



Caring Committee

Caring Committee Notes

By Gwen Eymann, Chair, Caring Committee

Summer is about to officially arrive, the summer solstice is just around the corner and the days are long and warm. Let us feel joy in the light and the warmth as we share within our community our joys and sorrows. Please keep the following people in your thoughts and share with our whole community your acts of kindness and love:

We give thanks to **KAREN PERRY** and **RENÉ WILEY** who have so selflessly made our building fresh and colorful with their seemingly tireless work.

We celebrate with **KATE AND DAVE CANAN** the birth of their new granddaughter, Elia.

We celebrate with **JOYCE KEANE** the birth of her new granddaughter, Coco Marie, and Joyce's new canine companion, Mickey.

JANET AND GEORGE DUNSTAN celebrated their 37th anniversary in May.

ANITA WALD-TUTTLE AND MAY LAWRENCE celebrated their shared 180th Birthday celebration in May. What an inspiration these two are!

WENDY WERNIGG celebrates completing her long awaited college degrees. Congratulations, Wendy.

MAGS, STU AND RAMON MATTHEWS are expecting an addition to their family in December. Ramon will get to be a big brother.

We hold **RON AND CONNIE WRIGHT** in our thoughts as Ron faces medical challenges.

The Mountain Chalice Caring notes come from individuals and from specific notes on our *Joys & Sorrows Cards*.

If you do not wish to have your words in The Mountain Chalice, please make a note on the card.



Building & Grounds

June Work Day and More!

By Wally Holtan, Chair, Building & Grounds Committee

First, I would like to inform you that the work day for next month will be on **Saturday June 24th**, the fourth Saturday of the month instead of the third Saturday, for this month only.

I hope everyone is enjoying seeing our building continue getting a face lift after so many years. We can thank Karen Perry and René Wiley for the many hours they have volunteered in moving this project along. As we move toward the sanctuary, things will probably slow down as there is a lot more coordination that needs to happen. If you appreciate the upgrade let us know. Also, as we move along, if you think of something that might be helpful to know or have an opinion about, please let me know before it is too late. I also want everyone to know that this project is a cooperative effort between the Art and Aesthetics Team, Building and Grounds, Rev Kevin, plus outside input from many of our UU members.

Have you ever felt that you were dreaming when you are wide awake? Well, last Saturday was that type of day for me. When I convened our pre-workday meeting there were 20 volunteers who showed up to help. Needless to say, it was a very busy and enjoyable day for me and hopefully for all who volunteered that day.

We all kept busy and at the end of the day there was still work to be done next time.

- We started removing the walkway on the roof going to R.E. upstairs room from the outside so we can begin to repair the roof.
- A major effort was put in rearranging the library and the front of the sanctuary. This included Rev. Kev and many others.
- The grounds received much needed monthly attention, plus we did the monthly routine maintenance tasks.

I am so proud of our community for the overwhelming support.

Please do not take this to mean that your help is not needed. We offer a safe, fun way to enjoy the outdoors and support our building and grounds.

Hopefully we will see you next month as one of our willing volunteers.

CARING COMMITTEE

Gwen Eymann, *chair*
Barbara Chesnut, Robin Hart, May Lawrence,
Anne Lyon, Leal Portis, Corrie Silva, and Lynn Whitson

Committee meetings are at 4:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Anthony Room.

If you would like to reach out to members in need with rides, hot meals, home visits and more, please let us know.

Contact: Gwen Eymann, 530-274-7965
caring@uugrassvalley.org

Mission Renewal Process Team

Update on Mission Renewal

Can you feel the excitement in the air? The growing sense of anticipation? The feeling that something great is coming soon? Yes it's true – the mission renewal process is around the corner. Your Mission Renewal Team is working diligently to develop a process to insure that everyone gets to contribute to the creation of our renewed mission statement. We have highlights of our process and a timeline which we want to share with you today as we keep you informed of our progress every month.

EDUCATION – The process will start with educational opportunities over the course of the summer. During this time we will raise such questions as “What do we mean by ‘mission’ in this context?” “What is the difference between the mission of a religious community and the mission of other kinds of organizations?” “What is meant by framing the mission as ‘covenantal’?” “What do we do with our mission statement so that it stays alive and meaningful?” We will explore the history of UUCM and our original mission statement and reflect on what has changed since the original statement was developed in 1995. We will also ask what is specifically Unitarian Universalist about our emerging mission statement.

THE PROCESS – We envision a highly participatory process where everyone who wants to can make input into the development of the mission statement. On Saturday, September 23rd we will hold an all-day congregational workshop including breaking into small groups to draft multiple mission statements.



These draft statements will then go to a refining team which will review them, look for common themes, and draft a single statement reflecting those themes. Around the middle of October we will start to hold cottage meetings, meet

with affinity groups and look for other ways for smaller groups to give input on this draft statement. The refining team will then take this feedback and create a single new draft. In mid-November there will be another congregational meeting to offer feedback again. Then the refining team will wordsmith a final draft. This mission statement will be voted on at a formal congregational meeting most likely in January of 2018. Since our current mission statement is written under Purpose in Article II of our bylaws, this will require a bylaws amendment.

We envision this as a creative and exciting process, and we anticipate that there will be lively discussion of issues surrounding our mission as a congregation. When it is finished and our new mission statement is adopted, it will provide guidance and direction for the work of the congregation.

Stay tuned for further updates as we continue our planning process.

Your Mission Renewal Process Team

*Beth Freedman
Scottie Hart
Jim Perkins
Rev. Kevin Tarsa
René Wiley*

Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser

*SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AT THE HOME OF
ALICE AND KEITH JOHNSON*

Keith and Alice's address is 522 Sacramento Street, Nevada City (at the corner of Sacramento and Zion). You may drop off your sale items anytime on Thursday or Friday before the sale, or earlier if you make arrangements with Keith. All donated items are accepted, but note that tools, jewelry, and furniture are the most popular.



The yard sale can only be successful with your help. We will set up for the sale beginning at 5 P.M. on Friday, June 2. The sale itself will begin about 8 A.M. on Saturday until about 3 P.M. Clean up will be Monday June 5 at 9 A.M.

Your help for any of these tasks will be greatly appreciated. If there is enough help the yard sale is fun and a great way to meet new friends and raise funds for UUCM.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Johnson at:
kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com or 530-265-0277.

Social Justice Activities

Social Justice Committee Announces New Rapid Response Activism

By Joel Houtman, Member, Social Justice Committee

As a value, social justice is at the core of Unitarian Universalism. In light of recent events in the United States which pose significant threats to this value, the Social Justice Committee at UUCM has initiated a means for congregants to respond rapidly to, as one committee member put it, "...any attacks on freedom, love, or peace that are outside of currently accepted American norms."

If you are being called to respond to an issue of concern in the local or wider community that is not directly supportive of a party or candidate, you can propose a call to action by emailing the Social Justice Committee at rapidresponse@uugrassvalley.org. You may also call Joel Houtman at 530-273-2925. You must be willing to pursue, advocate for, organize around, and participate in whatever action might arise.

Although the Social Justice Committee itself will not coordinate the proposed action, rapid response facilitators within the committee will serve as evaluators to determine if the proposed call to action is one the committee can endorse in UUCM's name. The rapid response facilitators will especially consider whether the proposed action supports one or more of the Five Pillars of Social Justice embraced by the UUA: Service, Education, Witness, Advocacy, and Organizing. If your call to action proposal is approved (a committee member would contact you within 24 hours if possible to inform you of its decision), the Social Justice Committee will notify the Board of Trustees and Minister and help build the action by sending out to the general congregation a call to action along with the details of your proposal. In addition, the proposal (and therefore, you!) would have at its disposal the benefit of all UUCM media and bulletin board space. Requests for free meeting and event space in the building could be considered.

In your email, please include the following information:

- Your name and contact information;
- A brief description of the call to action item and why a rapid response is necessary;
- A brief explanation of the link between the call to action item and one or more of the UUA's Five Pillars of Social Justice;
- Any available web links to information regarding the call to action item.

All members and friends of the UUCM "beloved community" are encouraged to participate.

Hospitality House Dinner Crew Prepares Meals at Utah's Place

FRIDAYS, JUNE 16 AND JUNE 30 AT 4 P.M.

By Keith Johnson, Chair, Social Justice Committee

UUCM volunteers make dinners at Hospitality House on the third and fifth Fridays of the month. We serve 40 to 60 people at each dinner. We also leave food for breakfast. If you would like to help prepare and serve meals, please contact Keith Johnson at kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com. **Your help is welcome, but PLEASE notify Keith in advance as the kitchen is very small, and can only accommodate a small number of volunteers.**

UUCM is seeking funds to purchase food for the meals. Each dinner costs anywhere from \$150 to \$225. If you would like to donate funds for this worthy cause, please contact me at kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com.



The Office

Conrad Sisk
UUCM Office Administrator

Office Volunteers Wanted at UUCM

By Conrad Sisk, Office Administrator

Greetings, UUCM! A team of office volunteers has assembled over the past month or so. I want to thank Ardie Andrews, Trudy Boardman, Janet Bullock, John Burnside, Janet Dunstan, Keith Johnson, Anita Wald-Tuttle, and Marilyn Young for serving or offering to serve when I have been away.

This summer I will be out of the office on the following days:

Thursday, June 29	Monday, July 3
Thursday, July 13	Thursday, July 27

If you are interested in covering office hours on one of these dates, let me know. Serving in this role involves receiving and directing visitors, answering phone calls, and checking phone messages. As an office volunteer you are free to read, write, play solitaire, knit, watch Netflix, or whatever you prefer to do with your time when you are not assisting visitors or taking phone calls. You are welcome to bring your own computer, or to use the one in the office. UUCM is a great space to do work or spend quiet time during the week.

I'm happy to discuss this with you and answer any questions you might have. (admin@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1675) Thank you!



Thank you to Clarita Nolan and Christy Barden for taking these photos!

Community Connections – Social & Spiritual Activities

Women's Circle in June: Early Summer Luau!!



MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

AT THE HOME OF SUZANNAH HART

Suzannah Hart has graciously offered to host our Women's Circle gathering for June at her beautiful home at 13927 Meadow Drive in Grass Valley. (Great time to carpool!)

LET'S GET FRUITY!

Suzanne is planning to provide roast pork. She has some suggestions for your contributions to the Luau menu — one way to make your food more "Hawaiian" is to add fruit! Here are some ideas... there are more on "Google"!!

APPETIZERS –

Fruit Kabobs • Cheese & Fruit Platter • Egg Rolls

SALAD –

Sweet Potato Salad with Pineapple • Green Salad with Fruit

VEGGIES & SIDES–

Grilled Veggies • Coconut Rice or Hawaiian Fried Rice
Hawaiian Sweet Rolls

ENTRÉE —

Barbecued Chicken Legs or Wings
Chicken Kabobs with Pineapple and Veggies
Coconut Chicken
(Roast Pork - provided by Suzannah)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO GET CREATIVE!

There are thousands of ideas and recipes on the internet! Be sure to wear your brightest flowered shirts, mu-mus, sandals, flowers behind your ears, grass skirts, leis, coconut shell bras!! Let's get ready to Hula!

RSVP to Suzannah (530) 272-6870 or the Women's Circle email address (womensgroup@ugrassvalley.org) with what you will be bringing. If you are willing to drive others, too, let us know.

All UUCM women are invited to any Women's Circle gathering. If you are not on the Women's Group email list, please contact Kathryn Young, or send an email to Conrad Sisk at: admin@ugrassvalley.org and he will add you. Then you'll get monthly updates and reminders of our upcoming meetings.



UUCM Game Night!

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 FROM 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

By Jennifer Tayler-Wightman

Bring a game or just come play. A chance for multi-generational fun! Bring a snack or just enjoy. Every fourth Friday of the month. Contact Jennifer Tayler-Wightman with questions (2goatsrunning@gmail.com, 530-292-6120).

Men's Groups

On Wednesday mornings, 8:30 – 10:00 in the Channing Room, and on Thursday mornings at What's Up? Coffee, (1110 E Main St., Grass Valley), men gather to enjoy each other's company and discuss the issues of the day or whatever takes their fancy, in an open and free-flowing way.

Men's Group Book Club

This group will not be meeting over the summer, but you can contact Mel Berry at melnannie@yahoo.com or 530-559-0904 if you are interested in joining the group this fall.

Drop-In Support Circle



SUNDAYS

AFTER 10:00 A.M. SERVICE,
ANTHONY ROOM, UUCM

This weekly circle on Sunday continues to be open, on a drop-in basis, for UUCM people needing a little extra support and those with extra support to give.

It is not a therapy group; it is a confidential sharing circle, and is facilitated by congregation members on a rotating basis. (Even if you don't feel like talking but just want to sit among caring people, you are welcome to come.)

Circle Facilitators: (rotating) Janet Bullock (530-477-8760, janetbullock41@gmail.com), Corrie Silva, Tom Wernigg, and Penelope Williams

Meditation Group

Every Tuesday morning at 9, a self-directed group of congregants meets for an hour of meditation in the Sanctuary. Enjoy a time of inner peace and reflection with others. For more information, call Shelley North Gerson at 530.272.8930 or shelley10493@gmail.com.



Men's Group Invites You to a UUCM River Cats Baseball Night in Sacramento!

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

By George Dunstan

Join us for a fun night of baseball, stadium fare and making connections with other UUCMers!

All ages are invited to travel to Sacramento to see the Sacramento River Cats (SF Giants' Farm Team) play the El Paso Chihuahuas (San Diego Padres' Farm Team) on Monday, July 17, 2017!

We'll board a bus in Grass Valley at 5 p.m. for the ride to Raley Field in West Sacramento. Feel free to bring any food or drink you want to consume on the bus, or purchase classic stadium food at the River Cats' stadium. After the game we will board the bus and ride back to Grass Valley, arriving home sometime around midnight.

Tickets are \$50 each, and include round trip bus transportation and admission at Raley Field.

We've reserved a block of 24 seats. More are available, but the sooner we know, the better chance we have of keeping the group together, or in close proximity.

Reserve your seat now to assure you're part of the party by contacting Mel Berry (meltriciaberry@gmail.com or 530-477-5857) or George Dunstan (gvgeode@gmail.com or 530-477-7635).

This will be our SECOND River Cats adventure outing; our previous trip in 2015 was a lot of fun.

Join us for this year's adventure!



180 (or so) Thanks from May and Anita

We want to thank you again and again for helping us celebrate our 180th birthday: We realize now that it does indeed take a whole congregation to celebrate properly two 90th birthdays!

We thank...

1. The amazing *Agony Hill Band* who set the mood for the party
2. The Welcoming party who handed out nametags and checked off the guest list
3. The Reverend who magically quieted us down and warmly welcomed our guests
4. Our adult children who toasted us so eloquently and reminded us of all we have been involved with since 1927!
5. Our Emcee who never let the program lag and energized us with his enthusiasm
6. The talented thespians who entertained us with "*Then and Now*" with which we all identified and over which we continue to chuckle
7. Out of town former members who surprised and delighted us with their presence and wise words
8. The ambiance crew who made sure everyone knew that they were at the right place – a birthday party!
9. The people who brought delectable finger food to share for the buffet
10. The kitchen crew who worked tirelessly serving the finger food through the dessert buffet treats
11. The sound equipment crew who guaranteed that even the hard of hearing among us didn't miss anything
12. The winners of the "meet and greet" game who waited so patiently for their precious prizes
13. The Winners of the "Anita or May" game who lorded it over the rest of us consuming their cake and ice cream sundaes while we stood in line, and the Losers who groaned appropriately when they heard the nature of their prize
14. The set-up and take-down crew who seemed to stretch the walls to make room for us all
15. The photographer and publicity crew, thus our evite and the photos
16. "The committee" who did the plotting and planning
17. All you wonderful people who cheered us on for the next decade and also those who tragically could not join us

If we missed anyone, know that your contributions were appreciated all the more for being anonymous, and you can attribute the lapse to our becoming nonagenarians.

What a joy it is to belong to UUCM!

With our love and appreciation,
- May and Anita



Full Community Education

*Kristin Famula,
Acting Director of
Religious Education*

New Mission/Vision for Religious Education

As our community grows and we welcome in new visitors, members, friends, and families, we continue to learn together how to best support our community members of all ages.

One of the things we've learned is that it will be important for us to create boundaries that help our children and youth remain safe and happy while they learn and grow within our community. Your Religious Education Visioning Team is working to reach these new needs. They will offer a new RE mission (see below), new guidelines for multigenerational rules and covenants, and a new safety policy. And we invite you - the members of our community - to practice radical hospitality as we integrate our members of all ages.

Consider ways in which you might engage in conversation with our children and youth on Sunday mornings; how you might support their growth and learning by offering your skills during classes; and how together we can hold the space for each person to bring their full selves to our community. If you see a child testing boundaries, we encourage you to remind them of our covenant together; if you notice a child needing additional support, please consider how you might help with their needs; be sure to extend a welcoming hand to our new families. Together, we can practice radical inclusion and welcome to all ages within our community.

Summer Sunday Classes

We are looking for UUCM members who might like to share their skills, talents and passions with our children and youth this summer.

All summer volunteers will be teamed up with a seasoned teacher who will support you in offering a program to children or youth. Sign up for just one Sunday or several!

Interested? Chat with Kristin (education@uugrassvalley.org) for details!



This year your Religious Education Visioning Team has been hard at work evaluating the goals of our scope of work and creating a mission and vision that will help guide the future of Religious Education at UUCM. We're excited to share with you our new mission and vision – which we will continue to reflect upon and update annually.

RE MISSION

To hold an intentional space in which all people can grow, discern identity, explore values and beliefs, and learn to act with courageous compassion in the world.

RE VISION

As we live into our mission we,

- model the values within the UU principles
- help people of all ages find meaning
- promote empathy and social justice
- are shaped by one another and in turn shape our world
- develop the next generation of leaders

It has been a pleasure to work with this fabulous team this year – please help me in expressing deep appreciation for the work of this team in guiding our religious education programming this year and into our future: Lindsay Dunckel, Liberty Frederick, Keith Johnson, Walt O'Maley, Jennifer Taylor, Jo Waters, René Wiley, and Marilyn Winters.

Borderlinks Trip

After almost a year of planning, we are quickly approaching our June youth Borderlinks trip. Thank you so much for your generous financial support – as we worked to make this trip accessible to all who wanted to attend. Thank you also for all the ways you have



supported the youth on this “pre” journey – and for welcoming their learnings and experiences when they return.

Join us during the service on June 11th to wish them well on their journey! If you missed their prep video, check it out! <https://www.gofundme.com/UUCMYouth>

June 2017 Calendar of Events at UUCM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
MAY			
30	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
31	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
JUNE			
1	Thursday	8:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Singing Meditation Circle
3	Saturday	8:00	Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser
4	Sunday		First Sunday: Bring Food!
		9:45	Brunch Bunch for Youth
		9:45	Sunday Service & RE Classes
		10:50	Social Time & "A Board Member is In"
		10:50	Drop-in Support Circle
		11:30	Sunday Service
6	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
7	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 12:30 1:00 4:30 5:00 5:15 6:00	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Committee on Ministry Meeting Religious Education Visioning Team Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) What is the Future of UU? Mission Renewal Process Team
8	Thursday	8:30 10:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group
11	Sunday	10:00 11:15 12:00	Sunday Service & RE Classes Congregational Meeting Pot Luck Picnic
12	Monday	6:00	Women's Circle & Potluck (off site)
13	Tuesday	9:00 12:30 5:00	Meditation Membership Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting
14	Wednesday	8:30 11:00 4:30 5:00	Men's Group Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced)
15	Thursday	8:30 5:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Social Justice Committee Meeting
16	Friday	4:00	Dinner Preparation at Utah's Place
18	Sunday	10:00 11:00 11:00	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
19	Monday	9:00	Mountain Chalice Submissions Due
20	Tuesday	9:00 10:00	Meditation Nominating Committee Meeting
21	Wednesday	8:30 4:30 4:30 5:00 6:00	Men's Group Finance Committee Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Mission Renewal Process Team
22	Thursday	8:30 10:30 6:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group Worship Committee Meeting
23	Friday	4:30	Game Night
24	Saturday	9:00	Building & Grounds Work Party
25	Sunday	10:00 11:00 11:00	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle
27	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
28	Wednesday	8:30 10:00 11:00	Men's Group BOT Transition Planning Meeting Governance Working Group Meeting
29	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
30	Friday	4:00	Dinner Preparation at Utah's Place

JULY			
2	Sunday		First Sunday: Bring Food!
		10:00	Brunch Bunch for Youth
		10:00	Sunday Service & RE Classes
		11:00	Social Time & "A Board Member is In"
		11:00	Drop-in Support Circle
4	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
5	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 12:30 4:30 5:00 5:15	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Committee on Ministry Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) What is the Future of UU?
6	Thursday	8:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Singing Meditation Circle
9	Sunday	10:00 11:00 11:00 "	Sunday Service & RE Classes Second Sunday Social Gathering A Board Member is In"
		11:00	Drop-in Support Circle
10	Monday	6:00	Women's Circle & Potluck



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