

the Mountain Chalice



Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

March 2017

UPCOMING SERVICES

Two Service Times each Sunday: 9:45 A.M. or 11:30 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.

MARCH THEME: RISK

March 5 **What's it Worth?**
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Even ordinary times invite our willingness to risk. These times? And this community? To what edges are you being called?



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 3/12/17
Turn Clocks FORWARD one hour.

March 12 **To Risk Belonging**
Rev. Kevin Tarsa,
w/ Membership Committee, Stewardship Team

Meet and welcome UUCM's newest members, consider the nature of belonging, and kick off this year's Stewardship campaign. It's all connected.

March 19 **The Art of Being UU**
Full Community Service

A many-voiced Full Community service continuing our collective exploration of "risk."

March 26 **UUCM Humanist Group Annual Service**
Sarah Scott and Chuck Champlin

This service is still in planning stages by our UUCM Humanist Group, and will be announced later in the month.

APRIL THEME: TRANSFORMATION

April 2 Rev. Kevin Tarsa
April 9 Stewardship Celebration Sunday
April 16 Testifying to Resurrection - Easter Sunday
What's a UU to do with Easter?
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Black lives matter here.

The Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains is



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Rev. Kevin Tarsa
UUCM Minister

Panning for Gold

What does it mean to be a community of risk?

Indeed. What does it mean?

Members of this community are wrestling with ways to resist governmental actions and policies that run counter to our deepest values. Members find themselves spread out along a spectrum of willingness to brave declaring publicly that Black Lives Matter Here when the tone from the top of national government is punitive and violence-condoning.

Our willingness to risk will be surfaced and tested again and again.

Our Soul Matters Circle resource offers the wisdom of James Baldwin: "To act is to be committed, and to be committed is to be in danger." Soul Matters then asks each of us, "Are your commitments deep and big enough to put you in danger?"

They remind us that it is a question of commitment.

The important question is not "Are you willing to jump off?" but "Are you willing to jump in?" Not "Are you willing to put yourself in danger?" but "Are you willing to give yourself to something bigger?" Not "Will you be daring?" but "Will you stay true?"

Our tolerance for risk varies. For those who come to liberal religious communities looking for safety and comforting, the call to courageous commitment and risk can be a powerful, even disillusioning challenge. And yet, our answers to the question of to what we will stay true are the anchors for our spirit in the hard times, the groundings for our own comforting.

And while it's tempting to stay with the question, "What and for what/whom am I willing to risk?" there is a companion question that needs answering. "What is the risk of not acting, of not committing?" The risk to ourselves and the risk to others.

The questions remain.

Facing them together is the work before us.

With care,

- Rev. Kevin

March Pizza with the Pastor!

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 12-1:30 P.M. AT UUCM

Informal conversation around an informal meal. This is a chance to help me know what you are thinking and feeling and wondering, what requests, questions, and feedback you have for me, and whatever else comes up.

To RSVP, contact me at minister@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1661.

- Rev. Kevin

Singing Meditation Circle

THURS., MARCH 2, 7:30-9 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Local interfaith colleague Rev. Donna Glory joins Rev. Kevin to host an interfaith Singing Meditation Circle on the first Thursday of each month.

They draw upon music from a variety of traditions and sources, teaching the tunes as they go, weaving extended repeating chants and songs with silence. Regarding all the repetition, there is a saying: "The tenth time, the singing begins." Come, enter the moment deeply through song, and let your heart, your spirit and a chakra or two open wide.

Ideas for our Monthly Themes?

As you look at our upcoming monthly themes, does a poem, a song, visual image, a movie, a story or a ritual come to mind? Perhaps work of your own?

Rev. Kevin and the Worship Committee will be glad for your ideas and input as they imagine the possibilities and seek to explore the themes deeply. Share your ideas with Rev. Kevin (minister@uugrassvalley.org) or Worship Chair Gail Johnson Vaughan (gail@familiesnow.org).

- March – Risk
- April – Transformation
- May – Embodiment
- June – Zest

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



Lin Jovanović
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Soon to Launch Our 2017 Pledge Drive

I am reaching out with excitement about our 2017 pledge drive that kicks off on March 12th. For this year, the Stewardship Committee has selected an approach to engaging with the congregation that hasn't been done for a number of years - having stewards that meet with about 4-5 people face-to-face. This can be done in a small group or one-on-one. The theme for our drive is "Taking a Risk." In the month of March, Rev. Kevin will be focusing us on what it means to be a community of risk. The risks we take in our beloved community involve our time, talents, and treasure. For me, I am contemplating the risks I feel called to take to carry our message as UUs to the greater community. One part of that is through the annual pledge.

Soon you will be contacted by a steward on our team to schedule a small group or individual face-to-face meeting. Only a little of your time is required to meet and discuss your UU journey, to hear what our congregation plans for the year, and to understand the steps of pledging. Our stewards can answer any questions you have during or after your meeting. Understanding what decisions go into pledging may not be something that you are familiar with, so our team is trained to expand your knowledge in this area.

Our kick off will be on Sunday, March 12th and our celebration of the pledge drive will be on Sunday, April 9th. I will be at the early services and be available before or after them to answer your questions. Meanwhile, consider how you are offering your time, talent, and treasure to UUCM and think about taking a risk in this next year in supporting and carrying our message out into our community and the world!



St. Patrick's Luck o' the Irish Celebration & Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 AT UUCM @ 5:30 P.M.

by Bob Miller, Member, Stewardship Committee

We are planning a fun evening – corn beef & cabbage and entertainment with an Irish flavor. If you visit the auction website at <http://www.togetherauction.com/uucm> you will see we already have a wide variety of donations of services and items – from Pokemon hunting to braided rugs. Click on "Catalog List" or "Catalog Grid".

We are looking forward to receiving your donations. We need dinners, child care, dog walking, plant sitting, trips to airport, professional consultation, guided hikes, arts and crafts. What hobbies or activities would you like to share with members of UUCM? You can also check previous year's donations on the website to get ideas.

You can enter your items yourself on the website but many will prefer to work with one of our "Auction Consultants". So email or phone one of the following:

Anne Lyon (mountan6@gmail.com, 619-933-1618)

Charlie Zimmerman (cezwho99@yahoo.com, 530-478-1953)

Cassandra Holdeman (jacinboxx@gmail.com, 530-575-4428)

They will help you with the wording of your offering, pricing and can submit it to the catalog on your behalf. Look for us after the services.

A final request: Are you proficient with Microsoft Word? If so then contact me. I can use you help.



Bob Miller
(bob@sierramiller.com)



Membership 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.)

Ready to find out more? Sign up for the April sessions: The "Welcome to UU(CM)" morning offers an overview of this religious tradition and this particular congregation. The "UU History" and "UU Principles and Theologies" evenings are chances to delve a little deeper. Each session offers chances both to learn and to connect to others.

EVERYONE, from new attendees to long time members, is welcome at any of these events.

To RSVP for the April sessions, sign up on Sunday mornings at the Membership Table, or contact the UUCM office: admin@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1675.

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP (AND MORE) SPRING 2017 SESSIONS

Question & Answer Conversation After Services:

With Rev. Kevin, Sundays, as needed and as announced

Welcome to UU(CM) and Lunch

Saturday, April 8, 9 am - 1 PM

UU History with Rev. Kevin

Tuesday, April 18, 6 - 8 PM

UU Principles and Theologies with Rev. Kevin

Thursday, April 27, 6 - 8 PM

Joining Sunday

Sunday, May 7, both services

(for those who have decided to join by then)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathryn Young, chair
Yolanda Bernasconi, 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!

Greeters & Ushers are Needed!

By Kathy MacLeod, Membership Committee

If you can commit to greeting and/or ushering once a month or every other month, please let someone at the Membership table know. It's a job that happens while you are already at UUCM, with no lengthy meetings or commitments. We can train you on the spot, but hope to provide a more extensive training soon with Rev. Kevin's guidance.

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 need you, please help!

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



UUCM Hospitality Team Needs YOU!

By Marilyn Young,
Coordinator, UUCM
Hospitality Hour

Thank you to all the people
who helped us during the
month of February, especially

the secret elf who did the final clean-up after the Second Sunday Soup. March is going to be a very busy month also with another Pot Luck Lunch on the first Sunday, March 5, and our regular Second Sunday Soup on the 12th. We need help. If there is any way you can contribute in one of the following ways I would appreciate hearing from you:

SET UP: This is usually done between 9:00 ~9:45. You set the tables, make the coffee, arrange the food on plates and platters. Most of us then go to the early service. After the service, during Hospitality Hour, we keep tables stocked and carafes full.

CLEAN UP: Attend the early service, come back and help out during the Hospitality Hour, and when the second service starts, you clear the tables, put away the food, and clean the kitchen. This should take 30-45 minutes.

FOOD DONATIONS: Each week we need donations of two or three sweet treats and two or three healthy treats – preferably dropped off in the kitchen before the first service.

Please contact me at: (hospitality@uugrassvalley.org, or 916-203-5962.) If you wish to sign up on line both to work and/or donate food, you can open our on-line sign-up page (**Make sure to click "SAVE" after you enter your availability on this form**): <https://doodle.com/poll/kd5f6egedsqwegir>



Theresa Houtman,
Chair, Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee Seeks Board Candidates

Your Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Board Member-at-Large in March. We will also be recommending candidates for two positions on our committee.

This will give an opportunity to any who wish to run for offices and are not on the slate, to do so, thus ensuring democratic process. As per our by-laws, candidates can be nominated from the floor at the May meeting, but we hope to give these potential candidates more time to make themselves known and express their hopes for our congregation. The other advantages of this early slate are that we can provide candidates' biographical information for you, and there is sufficient time for candidates to answer any questions you may have about their qualifications and visions for our congregation.

You may wonder if you are the right person for job, so we would like to share some of the qualities we felt would be helpful for each position available.

PRESIDENT:

Consistent and available/has the time it takes. Outgoing, personable and a good communicator. Experience with UU and UU committees. Leadership with UUCM and/or experience with non-profits. It is important to have strong ability to delegate, be organized, and be able to stay grounded when there is tension.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ability to collaborate. Leadership experience at a UU church. Though not a requirement, this is a great opportunity to prepare for being President.

SECRETARY:

Computer skills relating to emails and word processing, organized and focused, able to take notes and participate simultaneously. Willingness to learn Robert's Rules of Order. Ability to synthesize discussion into brief summary. Self-confidence to interrupt during a meeting and to clarify what should be recorded. Awareness that extra work is needed for congregational meetings.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

Willingness to learn and carry out delegated tasks. Comfortable recruiting volunteers for specific tasks, delegating assignments, and keeping BOT informed of progress. Helpful to know congregation members and UUCM culture.

We would like to strongly suggest that all board members be willing to broaden their perspective by attending the events organized by the Pacific Central District and UU Association, including District Assembly and General Assembly, and trainings that include other UU communities.

We welcome recommendations from the congregation for potential candidates and also would love to hear from those who desire to be considered for positions, before our March 14th meeting.

Please contact one of the following:

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| Theresa Houtman | (530) 273-2925 |
| Wally Holtan | (530) 274-7965 |
| Scottie Hart | (530) 272-5022 |
| Robin Hart | (530) 271-7121 |

...with your ideas.

UUCM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017

Dave MacLeod, *President* Lindsay Dunkel, *Vice-President*
Dawn Bateman, *Treasurer* Corrie Silva, *Secretary*

Members at Large:

George Dunstan, Beth Freedman, Kern Hildebrand, Carol Wong

Board of Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Channing Room at UUCM.

UUCM members and friends are cordially invited to attend!

If you wish to address the board, please give two days notice so the agenda timing can be adjusted.

Caring Committee

Caring Committee Notes

By Gwen Eymann, Chair, Caring Committee

Though the days are still cold and wet, there are hints of spring in the air. May we carry that sense of renewal in our relationships and care for each other.

We share within our community our joys and sorrows. Please keep the following people in your thoughts and in your acts of kindness and love:

KATHRYN YOUNG had knee surgery on February 20. For a woman who regularly walks 10 miles a day, this is going to be quite a slowdown for Kathryn. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back on the Banner Mountain trails with her puppies soon.

ANITA WALD-TUTTLE fell and broke her ankle on January 14. She is in a cast and will have several weeks of recovery before she's up dancing again.

OTTO HAUEISEN passed away peacefully on January 14, at the age of 102. He was a founding member of UUCM and he positively touched many lives within our community. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 11 at 2 PM at UUCM. You are welcome to join in a celebration of life for Otto.

LEAL PORTIS fell and fractured her hip on February 14. She had surgery a few days later and is recovering nicely. This is a setback for Leal, but for those of us who know and love her, we know it won't keep her down for long. Leal would love to hear from you and receive your visits.

ERNIE JACKSON is 92 years young. He doesn't make it to UUCM events these days, but his spirit is with us. Ernie would love calls and visits from old friends.

SUNNY HOLMES is no longer driving and she appreciates offers for rides to late Sunday Services and other UUCM activities. Sunny lives off Bitney Springs Road.

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.

Farewell to a Friend



Otto Haueisen's Celebration of Life

MARCH 11 AT 2:00 PM
UUCM SANCTUARY

Otto's obituary in The Union:
<http://www.theunion.com/news/obituaries/obituary-of-otto-haueisen/>

Advent-UU-rous UUs!

WhaleCoast Alaska 2017

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2017 is for you!

Four Alaska UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program next summer! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Seward, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture.

Forget the cruise ships – our program is the best way to visit Alaska! Programs led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks

UU congregation and Alaska travel expert. Find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime before our tours sell out! Visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966.

We would love to share our Alaska with you!

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

Social Justice News & Activities

Social Justice News

By Keith Johnson, Chair, Social Justice Committee

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26 at 12:45 p.m. Caleb Dardick, Executive Director of the South Yuba River Citizens League, will speak at UUCM concerning the proposed Centennial Dam. SYRCL is organizing a "dam watchdog" campaign in which interested citizens can help the public become more aware of the issues raised by the dam. There is much concern about the cost of the dam, its impact on the Yuba River, the feasibility of alternatives to construction of the dam, and other environmental issues. Come listen to Caleb and bring your questions.

As reported in the February Mountain Chalice, the Social Justice Committee continues planning for a new work plan for social justice. The new plan will focus on the creation of congregational task forces composed of at least five members or friends who are called to work on a specific social justice issue. The committee will schedule a congregational meeting this spring to roll out the new plan. Stay tuned.

Kudos to committee member John Holdeman who has prepared a comprehensive roster of White House, federal, and state elected and appointed officials. Just the thing for our advocacy efforts. If you would like a copy of the roster you may contact me at kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com or John at jholdeman2003@yahoo.com. Thank you John!

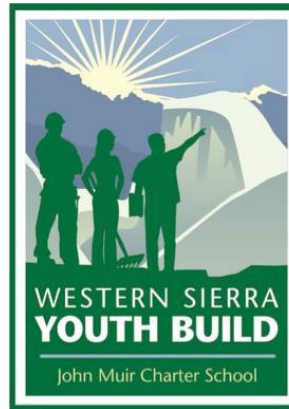
Hospitality House Dinner Crew Prepares a Meal at Utah's Place

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:00 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.



Sad News From Social Justice Partner Western Sierra YouthBuild

By Beryl Maclean,
Western Sierra YouthBuild
Liaison for the UUCM
Social Justice Committee

It is with deep sadness and regret that we share the news from our Social Justice partner Western Sierra YouthBuild that the school will be closing in June. Please know that UUCM's support over the last year enabled many of their students to obtain the mental health counseling needed to help with some of the many challenges in order to be able to be in attendance at school. Please know you are welcome to attend WSYB's final graduation ceremony on June 16th. Read more at WSYB's website: <http://wsyouthbuild.com>

With heartbreak for the ending of an exemplary organization filling a need that no other school/work program currently provides in Nevada County,

FROM ANITA BAGWELL, DIRECTOR,
WESTERN SIERRA YOUTHBUILD:

Hello friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I let all of our wonderful friends and community partners know that we will be closing Western Sierra YouthBuild at the end of this coming trimester, due to ongoing, low student enrollment. Our last day will be Friday, June 16th, and we'll be holding our final graduation at that time. We have loved having this school and we certainly would not have come this far without so many wonderful and generous supporters----like you!

Thank you so much for all you've done and the many, many encouragements you've sent our way in your time, your gifts, and your talents in the last three years! We still feel so privileged to have opened this school and to serve alongside such a great community for this particular lane of humanity!

Sincerely,

Anita Bagwell



UU Game Night!

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 FROM 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

AT UUCM

By Jennifer Tayler-Wightman

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

Registration Opens March 1st for General Assembly

The 2017 General Assembly will be held in New Orleans from June 21-25. Registration for GA and housing registration will open on March 1. Please see this link for more information:

<http://www.uua.org/ga>

Humanism Discussion Group Gathers to Plan March 26 Service

By George Dunstan

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30 A.M. until noon at UUCM in the Channing Room. At our March 1st meeting we'll be planning our Humanist Group Service set for Sunday, March 26th. Hope to see you there.

For further information, or to be added to the Humanism Discussion Group email list, please contact George Dunstan (530-477-7635 or gvgeode@gmail.com) or David Briggs (530-274-9236 or davidbriggs100@yahoo.com)

Drop-In Support Circle

SUNDAYS, ANTHONY ROOM, UUCM, 10:50 A.M.

By Janet Bullock, Facilitator, Drop-In Support Circle

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. Our circle meets in the period between services, at about 10:50, in the library. Quickly grab a snack and join us.

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

To learn more, please contact Janet Bullock (530-477-8760, janetbullock41@gmail.com)

Women's Circle in March: Ayurveda Talk with Haven Bundy

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017, 6:00 P.M.



Haven Bundy, Local Ayurveda Practitioner

What is Ayurveda?

Ayurveda is a Sanskrit word that means "the science of life". Originating from India thousands of years ago, Ayurveda sees each human body and mind as unique. Using many modalities, it can assess and address each individual's health

challenges. Some aspects of treatment include: Diet & Lifestyle, Herbs, Bodywork, Breathing, Yoga, Meditation, Sound, and Aromatherapy.

It's Springtime! Perfect time to become more healthy, balanced and vibrant! We will share a Springtime meal as Haven shares with us the foundations of Ayurveda -- and sample some healthy Ayurveda snacks! We will learn about our own personal constitutions and how to use this knowledge to live more vibrant lives!

Haven Bundy is a practitioner at the Ayurvedic Clinic that recently opened next to the hospital in Grass Valley, "Integrated Ayurveda." Haven is a neighbor of Kathryn's up on Banner Mountain, and took up Ayurveda after retiring as a trapeze artist for Cirque de Soliel!...seriously! You'll love her.

We'll start with a Spring theme potluck. Bring on the freshness! RSVP to Kathryn Young, kathryneyounguu@gmail.com, 916-743-5688, and let her know what you plan to share so we can have a relatively balanced selection of food.

DRUMROLL FOR THE APRIL WOMEN'S CIRCLE...

Monday, April 10th, David Ferrier will be joining us for a fun night of drumming...He's going to bring a selection of drums and shakers, and if you have some around, bring them, too! Don't miss out! Beth Freedman is coordinating the night, more details in next month's Mt. Chalice.

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@uugrassvalley.org and he will add you. Then you'll get monthly updates and reminders of our upcoming meetings.

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.



*Kristin Famula,
Acting Director of
Religious Education*

Religious Education for All Ages

Full Community Education

I am so excited to share that we have seven UUCM youth signed up to attend our summer trip with the UU College of Social Justice. Rev. Kevin and I will be travelling with our seven youth (and others from the Reno UU church) to Tucson, Arizona. We will spend part of our time in Arizona and part of our time in Mexico – exploring immigration through direct experience. The timing could not be more appropriate, as people across our country and across the world are taking a close look at immigration, an ongoing refugee crisis, and what it means to offer sanctuary.

Starting this month, all of you are invited to join this journey with us. In preparation for the trip, our youth will engage in four workshops to explore the many aspects of our personal and collective lives that will influence and be influenced on this journey. With the help of the Social Justice Committee, we are opening these workshops up to the entire congregation and community. We will focus together (and sometimes separately as youth and adults) our identities, systems and structures of oppression, the intersectionality of –isms, and much more. **Save the Dates** (listed on the following page) – and join us on this journey! Specific details can be found on page 10.

Much gratitude to all of you for your support of each other and of our young people as we learn together.

- Kristin



MEET SUZANNA!

We are thrilled to introduce you to our new Child Care provider Suzanna! As you know, we've been looking for a caring, consistent presence for our youngest members – and we have found her! Suzanna shares details about herself below – and please welcome her when you see her!

Also, what better way to get to know and welcome Suzanna then to work with her? We're looking for volunteers to help out

in our child care room – supporting Suzanna – during both services. Interested in helping out occasionally? Contact Kristin (education@uugrassvalley.org)!

Q. What is it that you enjoy about working with children?
I enjoy their sense of humor. I always feel so light and all my problems are so trivial. They inspire me to make time to play.

Q. What are some of your hobbies and skills that are used in our programming?
I love art and I really enjoy coloring with the kids and having dance parties!

Q. Do you have a favorite child care moment?
One of my favorite moments in child care is when a kid is trying really hard to do something themselves regardless of the obvious obstacles they will encounter - like a two year old trying to move a chair. It makes me smile every time, witnessing growth like that.



RE Vision and Mission

We mentioned last month that your Religious Education Visioning Team has embarked on a process of discovering our mission, vision and goals for education at UUCM. Last month the team gathered to begin the process of exploring big questions about Unitarian Universalism, religion, education, and more. Some of the questions we explored were:

- What changes do you envision for the future of religion and Unitarian Universalism?
- How will religion and UUism stay important and relevant in the future?
- What is the value of what we have to offer?
- Why do we believe so strongly in RE?
- Who might we serve through our programming?

We are excited to think about how our educational programming can reach the needs of the present and the future. If you have insights you'd like to share, send your

thoughts to Kristin (education@uugrassvalley.org)!



RE Visioning Team members exploring the "big questions"

New Adult RE Offerings

Preparing for the Long Haul

What preparation do you need to positively respond to changes happening in our community, our country, and our world? Have you been curious about what your role might be and how to make your commitment sustainable? Join us for a series of workshops exploring who we are and how we live out our principles in our lives.

This series, broadly envisioned as workshops designed to sustain our social justice work “for the long haul”, will be offered approximately monthly on Sundays from 1-3 P.M. These offerings will give participants an opportunity to dig in to our personal identities and how they interact with broader systems and structures of oppression – to better prepare us for social justice work and modeling our UU principles. The series will kick off with 4 workshops that dovetail with the youth social justice trip workshops and then continue with overlapping offerings with the Black Lives Matter taskforce and other partners.

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS, 1-3 P.M.

- March 19: Workshop #1
- April 9: Workshop #2
- April 30: Workshop #3

Our Community Identity & Growth: WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM? FIRST WEDNESDAYS, 5:15-6:15 P.M., BEGINNING APRIL 5TH.

What makes us Unitarian Universalists and what will the future of our religious identity look like? This series of workshops will focus broadly on our identity as UU's and how we grow as a spiritual community. The first few workshops will focus on the future of UUism – as we engage as a community in a process of looking at our mission and vision. We are excited to invite in virtual participation from leading thinkers in UUism. These gatherings will be offered on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:15 - 6:15 P.M. – intentionally overlapping with our youth music offerings – so that we parents are able to attend. Join us beginning April 5th.

Join Us!

SUNDAY MORNING RE (FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH)

Sundays, 9:45 A.M. at UUCM:

Classes are offered for children and youth during the first service. Child care is provided during both services.

YOUTH MUSIC

Most Wednesdays, New Times!

4:30 to 5:15 P.M. AND 5-6 p.m.in the Sanctuary:

All ages are invited to our youth music program. Join us

whether you've had lots of musical experience – or none! (Check the calendar beforehand – schedules may change). Our beginner group meets from 4:30-5:15 P.M. and the advanced group meets from 5-6 P.M.. If you are unsure which group you are in, come at 4:30 P.M. and our Music Director will help you figure it out!. Contact Jordan: music@uugrassvalley.org

BRUNCH BUNCH:

First Sunday of the Month, 9:45 A.M.

Meet at UUCM

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to invited to attend “Brunch Bunch” on the first Sunday of most months. Bring your own \$\$ or contact Kristin for support (education@uugrassvalley.org).

FULL COMMUNITY SERVICE ON MARCH 19TH

It was a joy to explore what it means to be “love people” at our Full Community service in February. Our youth offered many ideas for this service and our future services – and we are so pleased to have time to explore together during these Full Community Services. Join us again on March 19!



Teens take the podium at our February Full Community Service



Daniel drumming at last Full Community Service

Community Connections

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Men's Group Book Club

A group of men meets to discuss books at 10:30 a.m. on first and third Thursdays at What's Up Coffee. These meetings follow the regular Men's Group meetings that start at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday. Contact Mel Berry at melnannie@yahoo.com or 530-559-0904 for more information.

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.

March 2017 Calendar of Events at UUCM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
MARCH			
1	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 4:30 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Choir Rehearsal
2	Thursday	8:30 10:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Men's Group Book Club – WUC Singing Meditation
5	Sunday	9:45 9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30 1:00	First Sunday: Bring Food! Brunch Bunch for Youth Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service Youth Social Justice Trip Planning
7	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
8	Wednesday	8:30 11:00 4:30 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Choir Rehearsal
9	Thursday	8:30 10:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group
11	Saturday	2:00	Otto Hauelsen Celebration of Life
12	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30 1:00	Annual Pledge Campaign Kick Off Joining Sunday Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service Second Sunday Soup Lunch
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: Turn Clocks FORWARD			
13	Monday	6:00	Women's Circle & Potluck
14	Tuesday	9:00 12:00 12:30 5:00	Meditation Pizza with the Pastor Membership Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting
15	Wednesday	8:30 4:30 4:30 5:00 6:30 6:30	Men's Group Finance Committee Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Choir Rehearsal Worship Committee Meeting
16	Thursday	8:30 10:30 5:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Men's Group Book Club – WUC Social Justice Committee Meeting

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
17	Friday	4:00	Dinner Prep at Utah's Place
18	Saturday	9:00 5:30	Building & Grounds Work Party Luck O'The Irish Celebration & Auction
19	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30 1:00	Full Community Sunday Service Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Full Community Sunday Service RE Workshop #1
20	Monday	9:00	Mountain Chalice Submissions Due
21	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
22	Wednesday	8:30 6:30	Men's Group Choir Rehearsal
23	Thursday	8:30 10:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group
24	Friday	4:30	Games Night
26	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30 12:45	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service SYRCL Social Justice Presentation
28	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
29	Wednesday	8:30 6:00	Men's Group Pizza, Beer & Movie Night
30	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
31	Friday	4:00	Dinner Prep at Utah's Place
APRIL			
2	Sunday	9:45 9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	First Sunday: Bring Food! Brunch Bunch for Youth Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
4	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
5	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 4:30 5:00 5:15 6:30	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) The Future of UU Choir Rehearsal
6	Thursday	8:30 10:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Men's Group Book Club – WUC Singing Meditation



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

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