

the Mountain Chalice



Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

May 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.

MAY THEME: EMBODIMENT

May 7 **Crossing the Threshold**
Full Community Service
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

A Full Community Bridging Service that honors this year's significant life transitions, including welcoming our newest members.

May 14 **Mother's Day**
Worship Committee
Sarah Scott, Worship Associate

May 21 **All Music Service**
Jordan Thomas-Rose and UUCM Musicians,
with Rev. Kevin Tarsa

May 28 **Our Bodies, Our Selves**
Rev. Kevin Tarsa and Others

An experiential Memorial Day Weekend service that will engage our bodies as well as our spirits and our minds, drawing upon spiritual traditions ancient and new and research that helps us understand why religion and community are not all in our heads.

JUNE THEME: ZEST (JOY)

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

(Note: UUCM's annual Congregational Meeting after 11:30 service)

We'll honor and thank those who are moving out of various volunteer positions at UUCM in the new fiscal year. For our Flower Ceremony, bring a flower to add to a communal bouquet, take a different one home with you.

June 11 **End of the Year Celebration Service & Picnic!**
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

A single 10:30 service at UUCM, followed by a barbecue and potluck picnic ON OUR GROUNDS! Let's Celebrate Summer!

May Munchies with the Minister!

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 5-7:00 P.M. AT UUCM

Informal conversation around an informal spread of munchies: hummus, cheese, crackers, meat, fruit, veggies... and something sweet. Stop in for any portion of the time. 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.

An RSVP will help me plan for numbers, but is not required. Contact me at minister@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1661.

- Rev. Kevin

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*Rev. Kevin Tarsa
UUCM Minister*

Panning for Gold

Years ago, at my Grandmother's funeral, I watched the rituals with the eyes of an anthropologist as well as those of a grandson. I was particularly taken with the rosary prayed at the funeral home. I studied what it offered people, from my young nieces and nephews to my 83-year-old grandfather who sat quietly and calmly in front of his wife's casket.

I watched little babies shake plastic rosaries as rattles and chew on them as teething rings.

I watched toddlers hold those fancy, eye-catching chains of beads and observe, then try to imitate, the bead-fingering actions of their parents.

I watched grade school-aged children hold their own rosaries and move the beads and say the prayers with great care and importance, seeking very much to do it right.

I watched my sisters' and brothers' lips recite the meditative mantra – "...Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death..." - and I watched their eyes as their thoughts roamed our grandparents' farm, our grandmother's kitchen and our adventures seeking cookies from her cookie jar.

I listened to my kind and open-hearted aunt lead the rosary with such care and thoughtfulness, hearing in her voice both the sureness and the longing in her conversation with her God.

I watched my grandfather and the oldest people in the room who, as my spouse observed, rattled through the prayers in a monotone, and I saw the deep familiarity, the powerful comfort of this ritual they had known since they were young children themselves, chewing on and shaking their own parents' rosaries.

Like all rich symbols and rituals, the praying of the rosary can be understood and experienced at many levels and can serve a person spiritually over an entire lifetime, even as understandings of those symbols and rituals evolve.

What does it mean to be a community of embodiment?

"Embodiment" can mean living or putting into practice – embodying – our deep values. Ideally this is a theme every month. How do we live our ideals, not simply think about or talk about them? This is important.

And...I also have in mind this month to explore the ways we engage our bodies in our searches to find connection and meaning. We'll consider and honor the tactile and the kinesthetic, the physical rituals and experiences that move and bind us, sometimes beneath our conscious awareness.

May ours be a community of embodiment in all the best of ways.

- Rev. Kevin

Next Singing Meditation Circle

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 7:30-9 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

The monthly interfaith singing Meditation Circle is taking on a wonderful spirit. Come join us! Rev. Kevin and Rev. Donna Glory host the Circle on the first Thursday of each month.

We draw upon music from a variety of traditions and sources, teaching the tunes as we go, weaving extended repeating chants and songs with silence. Come, enter the moment deeply through song, and let your heart, your spirit and a chakra or two open wide.

Leal Portis Memorial Service

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017, TIME: TBA

AT THE FOOTHILLS EVENT CENTER

The public service remembering the life and legacy of founding member Leal Portis is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 at the Foothills Event Center, 400 Idaho Maryland Rd, Grass Valley. (The service time is still being decided but is expected to be in the afternoon.)

In addition, UUCM may hold its own in-house, less formal service of remembrance to honor Leal and all that her presence and her gifts have brought to UUCM and the wider community.

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



Sunday, April 30 –

ONLY ONE SERVICE at 10:00 A.M.

At the request of organized UU's of color we will disrupt business as usual in order to devote the service time to exploring white supremacy and to helping our UU community commit to resisting it.

"White supremacy" here means "a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude people of color."

Our White Supremacy Teach-in will be followed by a congregational conversation regarding the morning and, finally, **the hanging of the *Black Lives Matter Here* banner** on the outside of the building.

(See the April 18 eChalice for initial information about the Teach-in and the choice of "white supremacy" language. Members and pledging Friends, see the letter from the UUCM Board for information regarding the decision to hang the banner at last.)

TO PREPARE FOR SUNDAY:

Organizers encourage us to read **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail,"** his letter to white clergy. (excerpted and with link to full text here: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2013/04/martin-luther-kings-letter-from-birmingham-jail/274668/>)

In addition, they encourage us to take a **Harvard Implicit Association Test (IAT):** <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/selectatest.html>

These tests reach beneath our conscious awareness to make our unconscious associations visible. Taking one is a profound and humility-nurturing experience. At the website, choose the *Race IAT*. Or, if you've taken that test already and want to explore the subtleties, try the *Skin-tone IAT*, or one of the several other tests.

As to why we at UUCM are doing this Teach-in, one important reason is that we UU congregations have been

asked to do so by a group of UUs of color. Simply this already steps out of the usual pattern. Rather than ignoring or questioning the request and choosing a different, more comfortable path for people who identify as white, we will honor the request, name what we can, make visible what we can, and commit in the ways that we can.

Lest this seem far removed from current political challenges to climate balance, immigrant rights, environmental wholeness, reproductive rights and social services which allow us to care for one another, know that this kind of awareness raising stands to deepen our compassion and open our hearts in ways that strengthen our capacity to face and work for all the rest.

Beyond this, the prioritizing of all things white that permeates our culture and so ourselves, even when we don't realize it, is a fundamental hazard to all these things about which we care.

I know that members and friends of UUCM will vary in level of awareness and comfort in taking on this focus, and that we will be in many different places along the journey of understanding, articulating and facing whiteness and white supremacy. Some of us who are white will feel defensive, some of us will feel mystified, some of us will be ready to leap forward, and all of us can learn and grow, starting from where we are.

To members and friends who identify as persons of color, I want to acknowledge that this is white people's work to do. I would be grateful to be in conversation with you about this day and this work. In some congregations, on the Teach-in day, people of color are holding separate caucuses for conversation and connection. If this interests you, please let me know. We will have a space ready for such a possibility.

Knowing that we will be neither perfectly comfortable nor perfect in our pursuit, let's enter the moment with as open and ready a heart as we can find. That is what is most needed.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

With care, conviction and hope,
Rev. Kevin

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.)

The next new member service is May 7th... where we will welcome folks who have decided to join our congregation after taking the series of classes in April. 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.

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP SPRING 2017 SESSIONS

Joining Sunday

Sunday, May 7, both services
(for those who have decided to join by then)

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

Announcing the Snack WARS! Our UUCM Hospitality Team is S-H-A-K-I-N-G Things UP!!

By Marilyn Young, Coordinator, UUCM Hospitality Hour

We are changing the way we get our food donations for our Sunday Social Time —from now on we are grouping the Congregation into SNACK TEAMS by alphabet. We have divided the UUCM membership into four groupings, and are asking people in each group to provide snacks on their assigned Sunday, once a month.

Each week we need two or three "sweet treats" and two or three "healthy choices." If it is your team's Sunday and you are willing and able to help, please let us know so we will be sure that there will be enough food. The groups are assigned as follows:

1st Sunday of the Month: (May 7)	A to E
2nd Sunday of the Month: (May 14)	F to J
3rd Sunday of the Month: (May 21)	K to R
4th Sunday of the Month: (May 28)	S to Z

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

When it is your group's Sunday, please let Conrad (admin@uugrassvalley.org) or Marilyn (marilyny04@gmail.com) know if you will be participating, and also let them know if it's a "Sweet Treat" or a "Healthy Treat." Conrad will send out a weekly reminder to help us get started.

THE PRESSURE IS ON! Which group will have the most awesome spread of snacks? What quadrant of the alphabet includes the most gourmet cooks? Who makes the best HUMMUS?? What Sunday will be the one NEVER TO MISS?? Watch out!! There are a lot of creative cooks at UUCM!

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>

THANK YOU!

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!

Caring Committee

Caring Committee Notes

By Gwen Eymann, Chair, Caring Committee

April showers bring May flowers, and boy have we had showers, but the promise of warmth and dry weather are ahead. Let us feel joy in the light, the warmth and the renewal of spring as 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:

LEAL PORTIS passed away March 24 from complications following her hip fracture and surgery. She was a pillar of our community and she did so much good for the greater world. Her celebration of life will be held on May 27. Details of time and place will be shared when they are finalized.

MAY LAWRENCE and **ANITA WALD-TUTTLE** are planning to celebrate their combined 90th birthdays this year with a 180th Birthday Party at 2:30 the afternoon on May 7th at UUCM. There will be cake and ice cream, live music by "Agony Hill" and lots of love. All are welcome. RSVPs encouraged.



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.**

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

Building & Grounds

March Work Day

By Wally Holtan, Chair, Building & Grounds Committee

I would like to again thank everyone who volunteered at the last work day in March. I would also like to give a big thanks to everyone who is showing up on April 22nd to participate in the next work day.

I am sure by now everyone has seen the transition that is taking place at UUCM. So far the Alcott room, Channing room and kitchen have been transformed by a new coloring of paint. I would like everyone to thank Karen Perry, with help from René Wiley, for all the work and time that has been put into upgrading the décor of this aging building. Just wait: there is more to come!

The nursery is slowly being put back together. This will take a while as we are still dealing with some ground moisture and dampness. The wall has been resealed and the dry wall has been replaced. The floor will be of the same style as the Alcott room and the walls need painting. We are hoping to have the nursery back functioning by summer.

We are currently looking at some ideas for new lighting for the sanctuary and devising a plan to paint the area by the end of summer if not before. As everyone is aware, cost is always a factor.

As always, if you are looking for a way to help our community look its best, please consider volunteering for a work day and try us out. Your help is always appreciated and you can make a difference.

Chrysalis!

By Karen Perry,
Art & Aesthetics Team,
Building & Grounds Ctte



What is inside a chrysalis, or cocoon, is goo...before she transforms into her next life expression...so shared Rev Kev last Sunday. I find it so interesting and exciting to be living during this time of moving on from the goo into what comes next! Pinned to my refrigerator since April 2nd is the Sunday Bulletin with Jillian Michaels' quote, "Transformation is not a future event, it is a present activity." And, expressing that for me has been the last few weeks with a paintbrush in my hand here at UUCM. The spaces we occupy reflect who we are, and contribute greatly to the energy...how special it is to have such a wonderful chrysalis inside which to flourish and grow. A true diamond in the rough. Embracing the risk is when transformation happens...thanks for letting me take a risk, and share my time and talent.

Mission Renewal Process Team

And, We're Off!

Dear Congregation,

Spring.....transformation.....mission renewal....are you ready? Your Mission Renewal Process Team is! We are committed to designing a process that will allow the congregation to reflect on who we are, discern why we exist, and create a renewed mission statement together.

WHAT IS A MISSION STATEMENT?

A mission statement is a well-articulated, compelling, inspiring statement that names why a congregation exists, what its purpose is. The mission statement will call forth our commitment. It will guide our decision-making and ask us to be the best that we can be. It will not be a list of everything we want to do. Rather, this should be a powerful statement that motivates members and informs our community, is short enough to be memorized and inspiring enough to be advertised in a variety of ways as a reminder of why the congregation exists.

Our current mission statement (below) was created in 1995.

The purpose of our Community is to foster liberal religious living through worship, study, service, and fellowship. We seek the enjoyment of religion founded upon devotion to individual freedom of belief. Relying upon reason as our guide, and upon freedom as our method, we seek to grow in understanding of ourselves and of our world, to promote and serve the universal human family.

WHY SHOULD UUCM RENEW OUR MISSION STATEMENT?

We shared earlier that renewing our mission was identified as a key priority at our Ministry Workshop in October and was also

brought up in the survey we conducted during the ministerial search process. The Team has given this question a good deal of thought and here are some of the reasons we need a new mission statement, and the ways we believe that UUCM will benefit from going through a mission renewal process:

- our congregation and our world have changed quite a bit since 1995
- our members will go deep and wide in a collaborative process
- understand our history and the larger UUA framework
- feed and support long term planning
- relieve boredom (just kidding)
- allow old and new members to work together
- grow as members and as a community
- serve to inform leadership and strategic planning
- give us new energy
- strengthen our collective identity and clarify future decision making

We are in the "educational phase" of our process. We are building our understanding and sharing it with you. We will continue to update you on our progress and look forward to sharing a timeline soon.

So please feel the freshness in the air, the change in our step and come with us on this process of rediscovering who we are and transforming our world together!

Sincerely,
Your Mission Renewal Process Team
Beth Freedman
Scottie Hart
Jim Perkins
Rev. Kevin Tarsa
René Wiley



Committee on Ministry

The New CoM

By Janet Dunstan, Chair,
Committee on Ministry



With Spring comes the birth of the new UUCM CoM (Committee on Ministry). Committee members are: Gwen Eymann, Kate Canan, Janet Dunstan (Chair).

“The purpose of the Committee on Ministry shall be to strengthen the quality of the shared and mutual ministry within the Community.” – (UUCM Bylaws, January 2017)

Members have charged CoM with the duty of monitoring, evaluating, educating, and advising the congregation on the effectiveness of professional and lay leadership to fulfill the UUCM mission.

We encourage you to share with us your insights, opinions, and concerns on the strength of our ministries, how those ministries can be the most effective, and what areas may need improvement. There will be a more formal process for doing this after the congregation has developed a new mission statement.

We look forward to the months ahead while Gwen, Kate, Rev. Kevin and I will deepen the understanding of our work, and learn about the successes and challenges facing our congregation as we all walk together into the future.

Nominating Committee

Meet, Greet, Eat and More...

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 12:45 - 1:30 P.M. AT UUCM

By Theresa Houtman, Chair, Nominating Committee

Your Nominating Committee wants all of us, new and old, members and friends to become acquainted with the slate of nominees for the 2017–18 Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee.

For the entire month of May, you will be able to view biographies and pictures of the nominees in the foyer. Even if you feel you know all these folks, learn their reasons for wanting to serve you and our community. You will be impressed.

Sunday, May 21, between 12:45 and 1:30 P.M., you will have the opportunity for a face-to-face with them. There will be brief self-introductions, then munch on delicious finger foods and circulate for questions and conversation. All are welcome, members and visitors alike.

In case you wish to run as an independent and have not contacted the Nominating Committee yet, it is not too late. Of course, legally you can announce as late as within the Congregational Meeting. Call or email any of us before the date of the May 21 and we would be happy to include you in our bio-portrait gallery and the Meet, Greet and Eat. We are Theresa Houtman, 273–2925; Scottie Hart, 272–5022; Robin Hart, 271–7121; and Wally Holtan, 274–7965.

Last but not least; members, be sure to attend the June 4th Congregational Meeting and VOTE!!

Online Forum Moderators Q and A

QUESTION: How do I sign up for the online member forum?
ANSWER: Go to UUCM website: uugrassvalley.org

Click on Members (at top) and read the page that comes up.



Then, click on the link that says “click here” in the Join the Forum paragraph:

Join the Forum



If you are a UUCM member or friend, but are not a member of the Forum, [click here](#) to sign the User Agreement and request Forum membership. It may take a few days from when you fill out this online form until you are authorized to use the forum.

If you have questions about the online member forum, please email our forum moderators at moderators@uugrassvalley.org, or contact the office (530-274-1675, admin@uugrassvalley.org).

- Your Forum Moderator Team
Rochelle Davisson, Taylor Carey, Wally Holtan

Social Justice Activities

Regional Justice Training

SATURDAY, MAY 13 AT THE UU CHURCH OF DAVIS

Join other UUs from around our region at a no-cost Regional Justice Training on Saturday, May 13th at the UU Church of Davis. Don't miss the presentations by Katia Hansen from UU Refuge and Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE) and Dr. Isabel Call, Economist and UU Seminarian.

There will be time to get to know other UUs passionate about a variety of justice issues, workshops on the keynote issues and a legislative briefing on the upcoming session. We will also have updates on environmental justice and Equity efforts.

This event is sponsored by the UU Justice Ministry of California to support justice leaders and congregations in our area. Please take advantage of this free opportunity. To find out more and register, visit UUMCA's website (www.uujmca.org/rjt-Davis).

Please see flyer at right for more details.



Regional Justice Training 2017

Saturday, May 13, 9:00-3:30

Hosted by: UU Church of Davis
27074 Patwin Road Davis, CA 95616



Key Presentations Include

Sanctuary, Solidarity & Resistance – Immigrant Justice under a new administration

Join Katia Hansen, President & CEO of UU Refugee and Immigrant Services & Education (UURISE) for a conversation on the current state of immigration laws, policies and enforcement under the new administration. We will explore what UUs and other immigrant justice activists are doing in solidarity and resistance, and how we can work together to deepen and strengthen our partnerships, strategies and congregational responses.

Theatre of the Oppressed

Dr. Isabel Call, economist and UU seminarian, will facilitate an introduction to current regional economic justice topics through the interactive and embodied practice of Theater of the Oppressed. We will explore the work of creating, maintaining, and reclaiming the commons in solidarity with people struggling to find affordable housing and meaningful livelihoods. To what extent does the local economy support our interdependent web, in what ways can we intervene to promote justice, and what spiritual and interpersonal resources do we need to engage more fully? We will answer these questions together, accessing the knowledge in the room, sparking shared imagination, and building energy for the conversations that follow.

Issues Breakout & Networking

Join other UUs in the area to discuss issues such as economic justice, racial justice, environmental justice, and immigrant justice. These small group breakouts are determined based on interest the day of the event and include opportunities for justice-makers to share what they are working on in their congregations and receive updates from the Action Teams of the UU Justice Ministry.

Legislative Briefing

Evan Junker, UUMCA Executive Director, will explain the current status of important legislation being considered in the Capitol this year. Learn about opportunities to get involved through petitions, rallies, witness events, letter-writing campaigns and lobby days among others. Discover how your congregation can participate in these statewide efforts and leave with a calendar of upcoming events.

Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, water and morning snacks will be available.

Learn More or Register Today!

uujmca.org/rjt-Davis

Questions: Beverly Boido, beverly@uujmca.org, 916-441-0018
Host Congregation Contact: Stefan Harvey, stefh2002@yahoo.com



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

FRIDAY, MAY 19 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.

Community Connections – Social & Spiritual Activities

Humanism Discussion Group

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. All are welcome.

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)

Women's Circle in May: Annual Swap Party!!

MONDAY, MAY 8 10, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

Now is the time to get ready for our annual Swap Party. It is taking place on Monday, May 8, at 6:00.

Please eat before you come as we will NOT have pot-luck this month. (We have discovered that eating uses up our precious "shopping time.") Bring clothing and accessories which you are ready to part with and take home whatever appeals to you. It's a way to freshen up our wardrobes without spending a penny. Anything left over will go to the UUCM yard sale.

If you have a clothing rack or any extra hangers or paper or plastic bags, let Donna know. We will be setting up from two until four on Monday. Your donations can be brought to the church on Sunday or to May's house prior to Sunday.

We need help during those hours to get set up, and afterward to box up what's left. So far we have three volunteers and could use four more.

Donna's home phone: (530) 274 2309 or cell: (530) 305 2450
May's home phone: (530) 478 9438 or cell: (530) 263 3777

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.

*A few colorful
butterflies flitted around the
Sanctuary
on Easter Sunday!*



UUCM Game Night!

FRIDAY, MAY 26 FROM 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

By Jennifer Tayler-Wightman

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

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 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

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.



Drop-In Support Circle

SUNDAYS, AT 10:50 A.M.

BETWEEN SERVICES,
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



Kristin Famula,
Acting Director of
Religious Education

Full Community Education

Borderlinks Trip

After almost a year of planning, we are quickly approaching our June youth Borderlinks trip. The youth have engaged in several planning meetings; 3 multigenerational workshops learning about their identities, systems of oppression, and exploring how all of that might be important on this trip; several fundraisers; and on May 7th will finally meet the youth from the UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada who will be journeying with them. 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 all the ways you have supported the youth on this “pre” journey – and for welcoming their learnings and experiences when they return. If you missed their prep video, check it out! <https://www.gofundme.com/UUCMYouth>

Adult Religious Education Offerings

OUR COMMUNITY IDENTITY & GROWTH:

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 5:15-6:15 P.M. IN THE CHANNING ROOM

Join us for our Adult RE workshop explore what the future of Unitarian Universalism might look like. These monthly stand-alone (attend one or all!) offerings will help us examine our UU identity and how that might transform and change in the future. We are excited to invite in virtual participation from leading thinkers in UUism. These gatherings will be offered on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15 – intentionally overlapping with our youth music offerings – so that we parents are able to attend. Join us May 3rd.

Full Community Service - May 7th

On May 7th we will honor transitions and thresholds in our lives, including our High School seniors who will be “Bridging” to the next stage of their lives. Help us celebrate these transitions.

Family Summer Kick-Off Social

Stay tuned for more information about a family event celebrating the kick-off of summer! Join us to celebrate the changing season and the relationships we’ve built over the year. More information very soon.

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, 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).



Marshmallow peeps took center stage in the children and youth Shadow Boxes about living our UU Principles!
Thank you to Jennifer Tayler for taking the photos!!

May 2017 Calendar of Events at UUCM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
APRIL			
25	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
26	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
27	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Writers' Group
		12:00	Pasties with the Pastor
		2:00	UU Principles and Theologies
		6:00	UU Principles & Theologies
28	Friday	4:30	Family Games Night
30	Sunday		
		10:00	Sunday Service (Youth to Attend)
		10:00	RE Classes for 5th grade & Under
		11:15	Social Time & "A Board Member is In"
		11:15	Drop-in Support Circle
		11:30	Congregational Conversation
		1:00	For the Long Haul Workshop

MAY

2	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
		4:00	Caring Committee Meeting
3	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
		10:30	Humanism Discussion Group
		4:30	Youth Music (Beginner)
		5:00	Youth Music (Advanced)
		5:15	What is the Future of UU?
		6:30	Choir Rehearsal
4	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Men's Group Book Club - WUC
		7:30	Singing Meditation Circle
6	Saturday	7:00 pm	Spring Wine Market Fundraiser
7	Sunday		First Sunday: Bring Food!
			Joining & Bridging Sunday
		9:45	Brunch Bunch for Youth
		9:45	Full Community Sunday Service
		10:50	Social Time & "A Board Member is In"
		10:50	Drop-in Support Circle
		11:30	Full Community Sunday Service
		2:30	Birthday Celebration for Anita & May
8	Monday	6:00	Women's SWAP PARTY - NO POTLUCK!!
9	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
		12:30	Membership Committee Meeting
		5:00	Board of Trustees Meeting
10	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
		11:00	Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep
		4:30	Youth Music (Beginner)
		5:00	Youth Music (Advanced)
		6:30	Choir Rehearsal
11	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Writers' Group
		6:00	Mission Renewal Process Team Mtg

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
12	Friday	4:00	Art & Aesthetics Team Meeting
14	Sunday	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
		1:00	Second Sunday Potluck
15	Monday	2:00	Committee Chairs Quarterly Meeting
16	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
17	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
		4:30	Finance Committee Meeting
		4:30	Youth Music (Beginner)
		5:00	Youth Music (Advanced)
		6:30	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30	Worship Committee Meeting
18	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Men's Group Book Club - WUC
		5:30	Social Justice Committee Meeting
19	Friday	4:00	Dinner Prep at Utah's Place
20	Saturday	9:00	Building & Grounds Work Party
21	Sunday	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
		12:45	Meet the Candidates Reception
22	Monday	9:00	Mountain Chalice Submissions Due
23	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
24	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
		11:00	Governance Working Group Meeting
		6:30	Choir Rehearsal
25	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Writers' Group
		6:00	Mission Renewal Process Team Mtg
26	Friday	4:30	Game Night
28	Sunday	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
30	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
31	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
		6:00	Pizza, Beer & Movie Night

JUNE

1	Thursday	8:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee
		10:30	Men's Group Book Club - WUC
		7:30	Singing Meditation Circle
3	Saturday	8:00	Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser



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