

# the Mountain Chalice



Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

July 2017

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### Summer Service Schedule (June 11 to Sept. 3):

**One Service Each Sunday at 10 A.M.**

Social hour is after the service.

Religious education classes for children and teens, and nursery care for babies and toddlers are offered during the service.

### JULY THEME: ANTICIPATION

**July 2 Moments that Moved Us: UUism Beyond our Walls**  
 Rev. Kevin Tarsa, Lindsay Duncel, Janet Dunstan,  
 Keith Johnson and Corrie Silva

General Assembly (GA) is the big annual gathering of members of the Unitarian Universalists Association 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. Watch events online!

<http://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2017>

**July 9 Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere –**  
**UUCM Borderlinks Youth Trip Service**  
 Gail Johnson Vaughan, Worship Associate

From June 14-19, six UUCM youth travelled with Rev. Kevin, Acting Director of Religious Education Kristin Famula, and 11 other UUs from Reno, NV and Albuquerque, NM to the borderlands in Tucson, AZ and Nogales, Mexico – to learn and reflect on immigration and systems and structures of injustice. Join us July 9th for a service led by our youth. We will share our experiences, reflect on our learnings, and invite you in to our shared social justice journey.

**July 16 Help & Hope... Anticipation vs. Expectation**  
 Rev. Karyn Packard, Speaker  
 Melissa Ridgway, Worship Associate

This service will prepare us to open ourselves to possibilities through meditation, music, photography and a message by Rev. Karen Packard.

**July 23 The Life Abundant**  
 Leisa Huyck, Guest Speaker  
 Gail Johnson Vaughan, Worship Associate

In this time of extreme economic inequality and ecological catastrophe, how can we make life's abundance available to all, while healing our world?

**July 30 If You Want to Go Fast, Go Alone;  
 If You Want to Go Far, Go Together**  
 Gail Johnson Vaughan, Worship Associate

As with building a building, building a community requires a plan grounded in the reason you are building it. Why does it matter that UUCM exist? Is there a vision of the community that we share? How do we define that purpose and vision? In this tapestry three members of our UUCM Mission Renewal team will share what they are learning about themselves from their work on the UUCM Mission Renewal.

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Rev. Kevin Tarsa  
UUCM Minister

## Panning for Gold

### Rev. Kevin's Summer Schedule

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

**JULY 5-10:**

Study leave away, including preaching in Lansing, MI.

**JULY 18-31:**

Vacation

**AUGUST 1-7:**

Local study leave.

Reading and researching for the coming year.

I write as we approach the moment of the summer solstice. The sun is rising and setting as far north as it's going to this year, and the sun's northward movement pauses now before the rhythm of its annual migration turns back in a southerly direction.

The light at each end of the day reaches through the windows into new corners of rooms, and dusk surfaces for me fond memories of late evening childhood kickball games in the front yard, played 'til we could barely see the ball and one another.

Our July theme for our Soul Matters Circles is "anticipation." Though the life of UUCM does not exactly pause, summer is indeed a time for taking a unique kind of breath and for seeing into newly lit corners. In the Midwest I've known, summer is a time for engaging the outside world fully, until the body is happily tired, and so making room to engage the inside world of one's heart and soul. Anticipation grows out of such reflection.

As my plane approaches New Orleans, bouncing through the tropical storm as the solstice moment arrives, my heart and mind are filled with reflection on this past year at UUCM, as well as reflections on the state of the nation, the world and humanity in general. I am thoughtful about the places where the life of UUCM and the life of the nation/world/community meet.

I will arrive at General Assembly filled with moving memories of this past week's trip with our UUCM youth learning about the painful realities of undocumented border crossers' lives, thoughtful about the day's news relaying yet more decisions in Washington D.C. that stand to harm those most in need, and hungry for my own spacious summer outdoor time in which I can process all of it and so prepare to move deeply into the next part of our journey.

May you too find some summer spaciousness – for your body as well as your spirit – and so be ready to move into the new congregation year and the next piece of your personal journey with strong and grounded anticipation.

– Rev. Kevin

### UUCM Artists & Photographers: Consider Sharing Your Images!

By Kathryn Young

We are working to create special slides for some of the moments during each service... for example: Joys and Sorrows, Chalice Lighting, Singing the Children on their Way, Community Benediction, and lots more.

Instead of using anonymous clip art for all these images, we'd love to use images taken by our own UUCM members. Perhaps you have some already that might work? Or during your summer travels, you might find images that you'd love to see up on the "big" screen! We'd love to use your original photos or artwork of water, rocks, fire, chalices, bowls with stones, people singing, laughing, dancing, holding hands, hugging... and... who knows? Any image that fits the theme of a future service would be welcome, so if you have some interesting, beautiful, moving, funny, (fill in the blank), photos or artwork you are willing to share, please do!

If you would like to participate, please contact me at [kathryneyounguu@gmail.com](mailto:kathryneyounguu@gmail.com) or 530-478-1329. We can figure out the best format for sharing.

### 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](mailto:minister@uugrassvalley.org) or (231) 883-1058



*Taylor Carey,  
President,  
UUCM Board of Trustees*

## Board of Trustees

Greetings. This is my first article as UUCM's new Board of Trustees President. I am excited about the coming Church year. As I am, three continuing BOT members are alums of the Ministerial Search Committee that called Rev. Kevin. I am eager to work with them again. I am less acquainted with the new members, but I look forward to working with them, too. Each brings a set of gifts and abilities to the Board that will empower us all.

The current Board under Dave MacLeod's leadership worked diligently on a number of initiatives over the past year, not the least among them was working to heal the wounds that had opened during the long period between Rev. Meghan's departure and Rev. Kevin's arrival. That interim period revealed a lot about us, our relations with one another, and the expectations of our faith as Unitarian Universalists.

Not surprisingly, there were strains in our relations and rents in the fabric of our union. We lost some cherished members and gained new ones as people struggled – and may continue to struggle – to find the proper role for our Beloved Community in their lives. And that appears to be the way of Unitarian Universalists.

It never ceases to amaze me that in so many communities, one finds representatives of our small denomination quietly sprinkled about the hearts of local government agencies or in other positions of responsibility among social services organizations, both public and private. It seems that while UUs feel called to serve, we are not equally impelled to seek the spotlight. We are a community of movers and shakers, not attention hounds. And we are used to making things happen, which is among the reasons that positions of leadership in the UU community can be, shall we say, a spirited quest.

Among the challenges of being a UU ... is, well, being a UU. We are strong-willed, firmly opinionated, and generally capable of citing chapter and verse in support of our points of view, notwithstanding that every other member has a contrary opinion of equal validity that is just as strongly supported. The coming year presents opportunities to identify, debate, and move forward toward new goals and objectives.

Our Bylaws have served us well over the years. But they are beginning to fray around the edges. We need to refurbish them to reflect our Community's natural transition from a small, family church into a more program-centered organization marked by brighter lines of responsibility. Over the past year, the Governance Work Group has applied

itself to the task of re-imagining the Church model, giving shape and substance to the proper role of the assemblies of governance necessary for us to project our Community into a wholesome future. The Work Group's efforts underscore the importance of the Board weaning itself from the temptation to control all facets of church operations and delegating these opportunities to teams and committees constituted for that purpose.

And, of course, in the coming year, as every year, budgetary considerations will occupy vast sums of the Board's and the Congregation's attention. Fiscal issues are always a hot button. Budgetary shortfalls have swung attention to the effectiveness of the Stewardship Committee, but one must not equate attention with blame. We have lost high-contributing members through death and relocation, which has left a large dent in our finances. There is nothing the Stewardship Committee could have done about that. Our renewed focus on the work of this committee is not to single it out, but to get behind it. Last year it functioned almost as a lonely outpost, the unloved stepchild of a slightly oblivious family.

We must dispose of that model immediately. Stewardship is the natural duty and responsibility of every member. Although not everyone finds themselves naturally disposed to the actual tasks required by the committee's role, no one can fail to support its work. Whether through pledging generously, contributing to fund-raising activities in cash or in kind, or any number of other ways, we must make stewardship our common interest, not merely an obligation.

And finally, as daunting as the new year appears, I expect it to be enormous fun. The stress of hard work is wholly compatible with hilarity and I aim to prove it.

### UUCM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

Taylor Carey, *President*  
Lindsay Dunckel, *Vice-President*  
Charlie Zimmerman, *Treasurer*  
Sandi Lauher, *Secretary*

**Members at Large:**

George Dunstan, Greg Fancher, Beth Freedman,  
Yvonne Mills

*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.*

# Membership & Hospitality Committee

## The Membership Committee Invites YOU to an Open Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH AT 11:30 P.M.

By Claire Miller, Membership Committee Chair

With the new fiscal year, the Membership Committee would like to reassess our processes and goals. There will be an open membership committee meeting Sunday July 16th, following the service in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is twofold – 1) to get feedback – What are the great things we already do? What could we improve? – and 2) to discover people with interest and energy that would like to actively help us make this a success.

All are welcome, but please contact Claire Miller to confirm if you are coming – so that we can adequately prepare space. [truckeeclaire@yahoo.com](mailto:truckeeclaire@yahoo.com) or (530) 205-5324.

## 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 Sunday services as announced by Rev. Kevin. (Or contact him any time for a personal appointment – [minister@uugrassvalley.org](mailto: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](mailto:karyn@seagoer.net).

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Claire Miller, chair  
Kathy MacLeod, Karyn Packard, Carmen Riley,  
Cynthia Schuetz 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!*

## Snack Teams for July!

By Marilyn Young, Coordinator, UUCM Hospitality Hour

A BIG thank you to all the teams for generously providing a delicious assortment of snacks each week of June. Here is the schedule for July. Please note... July has FIVE Sundays, so it will be our first Sunday without an assigned group... so EVERYONE -- or NO ONE -- is on... let's find out what happens:

1st Sunday of the Month: (July 2)	A to E
2nd Sunday of the Month: (July 9)	F to J
3rd Sunday of the Month: (July 16)	K to R
4th Sunday of the Month: (July 23)	S to Z
<b>5th Sunday of the Month: (July 30)</b>	<b>EVERYONE!!</b>

Each week we need two or three "sweet treats" and two or three "healthy choices." Please remember to include foods for those with dietary concerns whenever possible... gluten-free, vegetarian, etc. And it is especially helpful if you label what you've brought to help those with allergies or other health issues make good decisions.

When it is your team's Sunday, please let Marilyn Young ([marilyny04@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hospitality@uugrassvalley.org), or [marilyny04@gmail.com](mailto: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>

## 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](mailto:horsenana@sbcglobal.net) or (530) 477-5824.

## Caring Committee

### Caring Committee Notes

By Gwen Eymann, Chair, Caring Committee

Summer is here with hot days, warm nights, ripe fruit and gardens abounding. 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:

**SCOTTIE AND BRUCE HART** are moving to town! They have their woodland home of 33 years in escrow and are looking forward to their new home adventure. Congratulations!

**KIA HATCH** will have a hip replacement on June 23, she is now calling it her new bionic hip with an enthusiastic "hip, hip, hooray!" Please send healing thoughts and good wishes to Kia. She plans to be back in action in no time.

**GAIL JOHNSON VAUGHAN** celebrates the passage of her California Child Welfare Reform Bill out of the Assembly with no "NAY" votes. Next it goes on the California Senate. We are so grateful to Gail for doing this work on behalf of the children.

It is with sadness that we share with you that **RON WRIGHT** passed away June 24th, after a recent decline in his health. **CONNIE** has her family around her now and she is planning a small, private memorial service with family in July.

**YOLANDA BERNASCONI** is planning to have knee replacement in later July. Our thoughts and support are with you, Yolanda.

*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, Maryann Currington, Robin Hart,  
Carol Hyndman, May Lawrence,  
Anne Lyon, 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](mailto:caring@uugrassvalley.org)

## Building & Grounds

### Your Help is Needed with Building Refurbishment

By Kern Hildebrand

As we have witnessed, and as described in previous issues of the *Mountain Chalice*, a wonderful transition, a transformation really, has been taking place in our building. Changes have included painting with an updated and coordinated color scheme, new flooring, and improved locations for some of the bulletin boards to move them away from congested hallways. Karen Perry with help from René Wiley (thank you) envisioned and got this effort going with preparation of a design plan complete with material samples and color swatches. These samples and the overall plan were reviewed and blessed by our Arts and Aesthetics Team and approved by the Building and Grounds Committee. Karen and René, with help from some others, have so far been doing most of the work. The library will soon get a facelift, and then new overhead and wall lighting and new window coverings in the sanctuary will follow.

You have an **OPPORTUNITY TO HELP** with this practical and aesthetically uplifting effort. There is insufficient money in the Buildings and Grounds Committee budget to cover the paint, lighting and window coverings for the sanctuary. To keep the momentum of these improvements going, the Board of Trustees has authorized a special campaign, from now through September, for the Building and Grounds Committee to accept donations of up to \$500 each (any amount is welcome) for these designated building refurbishments. Several people have already sponsored a complete new chandelier, a wall sconce, covering for a window, and cans of paint. Smaller amounts donated toward any of these will be very welcome. Will you please help? In the coming days please watch for the details for how you can directly join this exciting refurbishment of our UUCM home.

UUCM members and friends continue to be wonderfully generous, most recently in our stewardship campaign and follow-up request. We are all stewards of this community and its resources and we are drawn to give in many different ways. Giving time, talent and treasure toward "loving up this building," as Karen Perry put it, may be just the thing that calls to you in this moment.

Further information and forms for making contributions will be available from Sunday, July 9 until September 30, 2017.

You can pick up a form in the UUCM Office, or by contacting Wally Holtan at (530) 559-0050 or emailing to: [uucmgv@gmail.com](mailto:uucmgv@gmail.com). Thank you for your help.



# Mission Renewal Process Team

## Adventures in Mission: The Wiley Family Creates a Mission Statement of their Own

By René Wiley, Member, Mission Renewal Process Team

There was excitement stirring in me this Winter and Spring, as I was hard at work alongside my RE Vision Team members drawing on our deepest hopes and highest ideals to create a mission statement for all ages to work and grow within. It was amazing to wade together through so many of our best ideas in order to culminate in a mission statement of how we intend to discover what we all seek, who we as Unitarian Universalists hope to become and how to transform our world. Now, add to that the honor and experience of working with the Mission Renewal Team, where we've been preparing to guide you all in the search for deeper meaning and explore our very reason for existence. Yep, I'm pretty mission-psyched!

How could anyone return home from each meeting around this work not feeling spirited and inspired? One such night, I urgently proposed to my family that we create a mission statement all our own. "It would be easy," I exclaimed. We would work out which things in life are the most important to us and bind ourselves together in the process!

Steve, Norah, and the cat, all sat up in alarm and took notice of my crazy idea.

I assured them that all we needed to do was to get to the heart of the matter, that all successful families were intentional about their goals and that a mission statement is key to staying on track in spite of the busy-ness and daily demands. "And," I promised, "there will be ice cream afterwards!"

So we called a few short family meetings and began by naming a long list of aspirations and what we wanted to be known for in our community, ranging from quite silly to downright philosophical. We found the fun! The real magic was in the dessert and game that waited at the end.

It took another quick meeting to choose from the list our most valued ideals, and then boil these down further until we came to the final four:

**Create      Love      Explore      Courage**

We cheered! We did it! We felt the pride of accomplishment and then life went on exactly as normal.

Ask Norah now and she says it was just an exercise, nothing special. She's only eight. I, however, felt a sense of being anchored together by purpose and the fun of identifying who we are.

It's still fairly new, and we have a summer plan to paint these four words on our kitchen door as a reminder to stay present. We expect to continue to share weekly how we've lived out our mission in big and small ways. My hope is that being intentional will strengthen our family's heart and guide our way home.

Today was a first real test, as a sticky parenting moment arose. I searched desperately, as parents do, for a compelling reason to make a case for good choices in life, and our simple four words jumped easily into mind. So I invoked the mission statement as part of an encouraging discipline talk, and soon after saw in Norah's eyes the clear recognition that every parent hopes for in these situations. In return, she saw in my

tear-filled eyes how grateful I was to share a new language, a code that we both understood as authentically creating, loving fully and exploring how to be our best selves, courageously.

For us, cooking up a mission statement took a little convincing, some trust, fun exploration into meaning, and some ice cream. It was worth it.



## Sample Mission Statement

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a liberal religious community welcoming all. Our generations join together to nurture spiritual growth and personal transformation, that we may be inspired to transform the world with love, hope, compassion and justice.

– Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation,  
Goleta, California

Look for more adventures in mission coming your way!

Your Mission Renewal Process Team

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

# Committee on Ministry

## The New Committee on Ministry

By Janet Dunstan, Chair, Committee on Ministry

Your new Committee on Ministry wants to explain once again the scope of our work, as this has changed from past understandings of CoM.

CoM is responsible for continually and systematically evaluating the effectiveness of the congregation's work in fulfilling our Mission. We are accountable to the congregation through the Board, and our functions are: assessment, education, and consultation; our sole authority is that of recommendation. With a focus on potential rather than problems, we will be assessing the alignment among UUCM ministries and synergy with UUCM governance, all relative to UUCM's mission.

### WHAT ARE UUCM MINISTRIES?

Rev. Robert Latham defines it as "...anything a congregation does in pursuit of its religious mission to its own membership and the wider community." Dan Hotchkiss defines it as, "...the

daily work of building a community, managing resources, and transforming lives." UUCM ministry is managed by our faithful and diligent Committees: Membership, Caring, RE, Buildings & Grounds, Stewardship, and Worship.

### WHAT IS UUCM GOVERNANCE?

It is a system by which a congregation exercises its authority so that it is appropriate, reliable, fair and understandable to all involved (defined in the bylaws). Governance is typically Board work with the help and support of Committees like Finance, Endowment, and Nominating.

While UUCM renews its Mission next fall, CoM's first task will be to complete Rev. Kevin's evaluation for final UUA Ministerial Fellowship. This will be Rev. Kevin's third and final evaluation during a 3-year process for full credentialing as a UUA Minister.

By early in 2018, we expect that UUCM will have renewed its Mission, and that mission will then inform everything we do. Your Committee is always open to questions or comments at any time. We are learning too as we enter this journey. Members are Gwen Eymann, Kate Canan, and Janet Dunstan.

## Social Justice Activities

### Hospitality House Dinner Crew Prepares Meals at Utah's Place

FRIDAY, JULY 21 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](mailto: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](mailto:kjohnson.uucm@gmail.com).

### Correction to June Mt. Chalice

June's *Mountain Chalice* erroneously listed Joel Houtman as the author of "Social Justice Committee Announces New Rapid Response Activism," when in fact Cassandra Holdeman was the author of that article.

## The Office



Conrad Sisk  
UUCM Office Administrator

### Still Seeking Office Volunteers

By Conrad Sisk, Office Administrator

Greetings, UUCM! 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 as office volunteers 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](mailto:admin@uugrassvalley.org) or 530-274-1675) Thank you!



### *Men's Group Invites Everyone 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' venue. 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 and 21 of those have been claimed by UUCM'ers. More seats are available near by so it's not too late to join in the fun and be part of the group.

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

### *Women's Circle in July:*

*MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017, 6:00 P.M. AT UUCM*

Please join other UUCM women for a potluck and meeting on Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. We do not currently have a theme or activity planned for the meeting other than sharing food and conversation... as if that's not enough! A reminder will be send out by email to all in the Women's Circle email list.

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](mailto:admin@uugrassvalley.org) and he will add you. Then you'll get monthly updates and reminders of our upcoming meetings.

### *UUCM Game Night!*

*FRIDAY, JULY 28 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](mailto:2goatsrunning@gmail.com), 530-292-6120).

### *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](mailto:janetbullock41@gmail.com)), Corrie Silva, Tom Wernigg, and Penelope Williams

### *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](mailto:gvgeode@gmail.com)) or David Briggs (530-274-9236 or [davidbriggs100@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbriggs100@yahoo.com))





# Full Community Education

*Kristin Famula,  
Acting Director of  
Religious Education*

*House of Mercy was a very transformative experience. The culture and traditions of Mexico are so welcoming and hospitable that even those who have very little find ways to give to others, and that type of mentality is very uplifting to experience.*

– Jasper Waters

*Hello from Tucson, Arizona where it is about 110 degrees!*

Rev. Kevin and I have had a fantastic time with our UUCM youth and we're all excited to come back and share the experience with you. Join us July 9th when we will lead our Sunday service and offer our perspectives on this journey and our new understandings of immigration and social justice. Below are some initial thoughts from our youth. We are so grateful to you for your support!

## Borderlinks Journey

From June 14-19, six UUCM youth travelled with Rev. Kevin, Acting DRE Kristin, and 11 other UUs from Reno, NV and Albuquerque, NM to the borderlands in Tucson, AZ and Nogales, Mexico – to learn and reflect on immigration and systems and structures of injustice perpetuated by the United States. We have tried hard to understand all perspectives and question our own beliefs about social justice. Below are some initial insights, and we hope you'll join us on July 9th to hear more during our service.

*I previously felt mostly informed on the issues surrounding the immigration system, but I had no idea how many separate government entities were involved, how many people are working towards justice, and the difficulties those who try to enter the U.S. legally or illegally face. Nothing I could say could effectively relate the emotional experience of meeting people on both sides of the issue, and hearing the stories of people who have lived through adversity.* – Liam McCarthy

*As American citizens under American laws, it is unclear how to approach the social justice issues surrounding immigration; but as global citizens, and as Unitarian Universalists, it is our duty to help those in need and to greet Latin-American immigrants with the kindness and humanity that they deserve.* –Indra Waters

*The hardships of the modern immigrant are overwhelming, to say the least; these are real people and we're treating them like they are less than human. We would do well to remember that America was built on immigrants looking for a better life.*

– Aiden McCarthy

*As a Mexican American, I felt very shocked learning all of this, even though I knew a lot of this info. I am now very motivated to help anyone I can with this issue. Since I couldn't go into Mexico, because I don't have a passport, I got to meet up with the Mexico group with the wall in between us. As I was meeting up with the group, three border control trucks came up to us and told us we had to be arm's length away from the wall. They also said if we don't comply they would arrest us. The fact that I could have gotten arrested that day was scary to me, they could have been in a bad mood and tried to arrest us on the spot.*

–Kylee Porras



*I don't want to see my future like this. I am extremely distraught to think of what is going on between the U.S and Mexico. I hope someday we find a middle path together and be hand in hand.* –Jenica Frederick

## Gratitude

We are so grateful for all of the people who have helped to make this past year of religious education programming possible – our teachers who taught on Sunday mornings, our Religious Education Visioning Team who held the long view for RE, our facilitators who made it possible to offer adult RE workshops, our planning teams who helped envision new possible classes, and our child care providers who cared for our youngest children. A vibrant Religious Education program wouldn't be possible without a large portion of our community contributing to its success. Thank you.

## Summer Religious Education 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](mailto:education@uugrassvalley.org)) for details.

# July 2017 Calendar of Events at UUCM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
<b>JULY</b>			
2	Sunday	10:00 10:00 11:10 11:10	<b>First Sunday: Bring Food!</b> Brunch Bunch for Youth Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time Drop-in Support Circle
4	Tuesday	All day 9:00	Office Closed for Holiday Meditation
5	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 12:30 4:30 5:00 6:00	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Committee on Ministry Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Mission Renewal Process Team Mtg
6	Thursday	8:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Singing Meditation Circle
9	Sunday	10:00 11:10 11:10	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time Drop-in Support Circle
10	Monday	6:00	Women's Circle & Potluck
11	Tuesday	9:00 4:00 5:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting
12	Wednesday	8:30 11:00	Men's Group Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep
13	Thursday	8:30 10:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group
15	Saturday	9:00	Building & Grounds Work Party
16	Sunday	10:00 11:10 11:10 11:30	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time Drop-in Support Circle Membership Meeting
17	Monday	5:00	River Cats Baseball Outing (off site)
18	Tuesday	9:00 5:30	Meditation Social Justice Night
19	Wednesday	8:30 4:30 4:30 5:00	Men's Group Finance Committee Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced)
20	Thursday	8:30 5:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Social Justice Committee Meeting
21	Friday	4:00	Dinner Preparation at Utah's Place

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
23	Sunday	10:00 11:10 11:10	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time Drop-in Support Circle
24	Monday	9:00 1:00	<b>Mountain Chalice Submissions Due</b> Governance Working Group Meeting
25	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
26	Wednesday	8:30 4:30 5:00 6:00	Men's Group Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Mission Renewal Process Team Mtg
27	Thursday	8:30 10:30 6:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group Worship Committee Meeting
28	Friday	4:30	Family Game Night - All Welcome
30	Sunday	10:00 11:10 11:10	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time Drop-in Support Circle

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1	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
2	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 12:00 4:30 5:00 6:00 6:30	Men's Group Humanism Discussion Group Committee on Ministry Meeting Youth Music (Beginner) Youth Music (Advanced) Mission Renewal Process Team Mtg Choir Rehearsal
3	Thursday	8:30 7:30	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Singing Meditation Circle
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Wednesday: 4 - 6 P.M.

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