

Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

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Greetings,

Welcome to this month's edition of the Mountain Chalice Newsletter from the Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains (UUCM). We hope you enjoy the contents and find it informative. Feel free to share the newsletter with friends or family by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page.

Please share any feedback with
editor@uugrassvalley.org.

Your articles, stories and photos make this newsletter great. Please send your content by the deadline listed at the bottom of the last page.

- Enjoy!

Interfaith Food Ministry

1st Sunday each
 month

Please remember to bring
 nonperishable food for
 Interfaith Food Ministry (of
 which we are a Member
 Church), and our furry
 friends via Carol
 Hyndman.

Upcoming Worship Services

October 5
 Rev. David Usher
 Jo Waters - WA

Minister's Reflections



by Reverend David Usher

Dear Members and Friends of
 UUCM,

This past month has been a time of
 settling in, both with my new life
 generally and in this new ministry
 with you in particular.

I have found a comfortable apartment within easy walking
 distance of church and town, and although there are
 some minor things still to be done, it is now pretty much
 furnished as I want it. I am enormously grateful to those
 who so generously gave up a morning to help move

October 12

Rev. David Usher
Beth Karow - WA

October 19

Lindsay Dunkel - WA

October 26

Rev. David Usher
Bev Lyon - WA

CALENDAR of Upcoming Events

Monday, Sep 29

8:00am - UUCM Garden
Work Party
5:00pm - UUCM Garden
Work Party

Tuesday, Sep 30

9:00am - Morning
Meditation

Wednesday, Oct 1

8:30am - Men's Get-
together
10:30am - Humanism
Discussion Group
6:0pm - What in the World is
a UU
7:00pm - Drumming Circle

Thursday, Oct 2

8:30am - Men's Group at
What's Up Coffee
6:00pm - Interfaith Scripture
Study

Sunday, Oct 5

11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm - DOVE

Monday, Oct 6

5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Oct 7

9:00am - Morning
Meditation
6:00pm - The New Jim

furniture and get the place organised, especially as my dislocated shoulder meant I was virtually useless. (My shoulder is recovering well, by the way). I have bought a car, registered with doctors and dentists and done most of the other tedious chores associated with moving to a new place, and am finding my way around town. All signs are that I will very much enjoy living in this beautiful part of the world.

As I write this, I have now conducted three Sunday services at UUCM, and I am grateful for the warm response you have given to my way of leading worship. I have been very impressed by the high quality of those who assist each week in the presentation of worship, the associates who help with the spoken word and the talented musicians who so enhance the aesthetic and non-verbal ways to experience the transcendent. Part of my role as an Interim Minister is to help you experience other ways to worship, and I look forward to doing that with you in the coming weeks and months.

I am learning the rhythms of how things are done here. Particularly as I embark on this new ministry, I am focussing on meeting with those who are in leadership roles with the congregation - the Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs, and those whose long-standing association is a valuable resource as I learn UUCM's history. I have been struck by how able, dedicated and well-intentioned are the people with whom I have met so far. Being a lay leader in a congregation can be a richly rewarding experience with a profound impact on one's own spiritual depth, but it can also be a difficult challenge. You have chosen your leaders well.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better as we explore this time together. And I remind you of the three things I invited you to do in my first service with you. To show up; to grow up; and to throw up!

See you in church!

David

Curious to know more about UUCM?

If you are new to UUCM and are curious to know more about its history, theology, worship or organization, please feel free to contact the minister, Rev. David Usher on his office number 530.274.1661.

Crowe
7:00pm - PIWG and Guest
Speaker

Wednesday, Oct 8

8:30am - Men's Get-together
11:00am - Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep
6:00pm - What in the World is a UU

Thursday, Oct 9

8:30am - Men's Group at What's Up Coffee
10:30am - Writers Group
6:30pm - Board of Trustees

Sunday, Oct 12

11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm - DOVE

Monday, Oct 13

9:00am - 2nd Monday Covenant Group
5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Oct 14

9:00am - Morning
9:45am - Transition Team
4:00pm-Caring Committee
4:30pm - Stewardship Committee
6:00pm - Women's Group
6:00pm - The New Jim Crowe

Wednesday, Oct 15

8:30am - Men's Get-together
6:00pm - What in the World is a UU
7:00pm - Drumming Circle

Thursday, Oct 16

8:30am - Men's Group at What's Up Coffee
2:00pm - Barbara Covenant Group
6:00pm - Interfaith Scripture Study

Friday, Oct 17

4:00pm - Dinner Prep at Utah's Place
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Want to read a sermon?

If you missed a particular sermon, or perhaps you heard it and want a chance to read it at your leisure, please visit our website or contact Marion Peterson at admin@uugrassvalley for either a hard copy or an email version. Not all of David Usher's sermon's are in full manuscript, but those that are, will be available.

Sunday, September 14, 2014 Sermon - "Faith and Belief" is now available on our website: uugrassvalley.org

President's Perspective

by Rob Ferroggiaro



The new church year has started with a flurry of activity. We have welcomed Rev. David Usher as our new minister. Youth and adult RE classes are underway, as are our newly formed Covenant Groups. The new member event and the Wine Market are on the calendar.

Also, earlier this month the Board of Trustees, including Rev. David as an advisory member, held a facilitated two-day retreat. We had an extremely rewarding experience learning more about the talents we can contribute, and the hopes we have for the coming year and for our experience as board members. In addition, we set out to identify key priorities and begin creating action plans. Things are still in development, but I can report that we are focusing on three areas.

First, we want to make the most of this interim ministry opportunity, fully utilizing Rev. David's considerable ministerial experience and talent as he supports and inspires those programs that are at our spiritual core, including Worship, RE, and Membership. At the same time we will have Rev. David's perspective as we look at the workings of our church with a discerning eye, seeking ways we can all best apply our unique gifts and create more of what we yearn for in our religious community.

Another key priority for this coming year will be laying the groundwork for the search for a settled minister. In collaboration with UU transition resources, we will create

Saturday, Oct 18

9:00am - Building &
Grounds Work Party
12:30pm - B&G Committee

Sunday, Oct 19

11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm- TownTalk

Monday, Oct 20

5:30pm - Choir Practice

Tuesday, Oct 21

9:00am - Morning
Meditation
1:00pm - Grandmothers for
Peace
4:00pm - Membership
Committee
6:00pm - The New Jim
Crowe
6:30pm - Climate Change
Coalition

Wednesday, Oct 22

8:30am - Men's Get-
together
4:30pm - Finance
Committee
6:00pm - The Death of
Josseline Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct 23

8:30am - Men's Group at
What's Up Coffee
10:30am - Writers Group
6:00pm - Interfaith Scripture
Study

Friday, Oct 24

7:00pm - Fourth Friday Film
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Saturday, Oct 25

6:30pm - Fall Wine Market

Sunday, Oct 26

9:00am - Social Justice
Coordinating Committee
11:00am - Sunday Service
12:30pm - Lifespan RE

Tuesday, Oct 28

9:00am - Morning
Meditation
6:00pm - PFLAG Meeting
6:30pm - Worship

and communicate a timetable for search-related activities such that we will be able to do adequate preparation and meet process deadlines. Along the way, there will be opportunities for us all to share our best ideas and deepest hopes in order to define our identity, to create a picture of who we want to be as a UU community, and ultimately call the right minister to support us.

As a third area of focus we have identified several specific organizational priorities that require board attention, with help from others of course. As one example, we now have Sundays where we reach our capacity in the sanctuary for worship, so we need to find ways to accommodate all people who wish to visit or join our community.

Much more detail about all this will come in the days ahead. In the meantime, I can report that your Board of Trustees members are incredibly excited about the possibilities for this year, and for this opportunity to serve as leaders. We are committed to approaching whatever work we do with the clear intention of strengthening our community while liberally spreading joy and kindness.

RE Reflections

by Snow Hernandez

A lot has happened since I started on July 1st. Thanks to the help of my wonderfully supportive RE committee, I have started to learn the ropes around the church, we have RE teachers and curriculum set out for the year, and have a handful of other ideas in the works as well!

This year, the elementary aged kids will be exploring World Religions, spending about a month each on religions from Judaism to Shinto to UUism! The middle school youth will be engaging in "Popcorn Theology," using clips from popular movies to think critically and delve deeper into various issues. The high school youth group will be using music as a base theme for their time together.

As for the rest of you folks, have you seen the new adult RE pamphlets? Our fabulous adult RE coordinator Keith Johnson has been hard at work putting together a great set of classes and groups for the fall. If you haven't picked up a pamphlet yet, I highly encourage you to do

Committee

Wednesday, Oct 29

8:30am - Men's Get-together

6:00pm - The Death of Josseline Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct 30

8:30am - Men's Group at What's Up Coffee

6:00pm - Interfaith Scripture Study

6:30pm - Vegan Supper Club Potluck

Friday, Oct 31

4:00pm - Dinner Prep at Utah's Place

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so!

When you see me around, please say hello! I may need you to remind me of your name while I battle the steep learning curve of matching names to faces, families, and roles, but my goal is to get to know as many of you as possible.

Here's to an exciting year!"

Transition Team Update

By Rob Ferroggiaro

In service to both the UUCM congregation and Rev. David, the Board of Trustees is delighted to announce that the Committee on Ministry will join the Transition Team for the time that Rev. David is with us. The decision was reached after much thoughtful consideration by the TT, the COM, Rev. David, and our Board of Trustees.

The new configuration creates a committee of six UUCM members dedicated to supporting us all during the exciting time of Rev. David's Interim Ministry. Transition Team members welcome your thoughts and ideas.

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UUCM Fall Wine Market

by Beryl Beckwith



Please come and enjoy UUCM's Stewardship-hosted event with wine broker, Dave Luce, from 7-9pm. Come early at 6:30pm for some pre-tasting social time and hors d'oeuvres to mingle and socialize with friends old and new. Rev. David Usher will also be in the house for this special fall evening! All proceeds benefit UUCM. Tickets are \$20 per person for a tasting of 12 wines with assorted pairings of light food.

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Annie Haymaker

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Membership - Kathryn E. Young
Social Justice - Anita Wald-
Tuttle (temporary chair)
Worship - Lindsay Dunkel
Building and Grounds - Wally
Holtan
Finance - Joel Houtman
Caring - Gwen Eymann
Stewardship - Beryl Beckwith
Green Sanctuary - Anita Wald-
Tuttle
Committee on Ministry -
Suzanne Ferroggiaro
Endowment Fund - Christy
Barden

For tickets and information, please contact Beryl Beckwith at 575-6889, Wally Holton at 274-7965 or Meg Luce 274-0412. Or email beckwithbm@gmail.com. Fliers are also available in the UUCM foyer.

Hospitality House Dinner Prep and Serve at Utah's Place



by Leal Portis

Third and Fifth Fridays of each month!

October 17 and 31 are this month's dates.

We have decided on a consistent menu of Enchilada Pie, Coleslaw, Cookies, Ice Cream, Lemonade. Breakfast items are variable.

We also have six spaces each time that need to be filled for servers/cooks/helpers.

We meet at Utah's Place between 4 and 4:30 to cook and serve.

Please contact Leal Portis at 265-3887.

Social Justice Coordinating Committee

by Anita Wald-Tuttle, Acting Chair
(Retiring September 30).

The committee has been meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Anthony Library. Visitors are always welcome to sit in and discover what we're up to!

Hospitality House - Leal Portis, contact - 265-3887.

There was a distinct lack of volunteers for both food donations and kitchen help for the September 19, Third Friday meal at Utah's Place. Hopefully this was due to a lot of folks being away and otherwise

engaged. October has a fifth Friday to which we are committed so meals will fall on Friday the 17 and also Friday the 31. Leal needs calls NOW to know how YOU can help with this task of love.

Remember - Many hands make light work, and there's much to be done both before and on THE DAYS!!

Also Pass The Plate for October will benefit Hospitality House!

Faithful Friends Immigration - Carol Ann Jones, contact - 277-9090. The Board approved the Faithful Friends Project arrangement. Because of the present need it was proposed that the September Pass The Plate be designated for Faithful Friends. The special collection in August for the Immigrant Children raised \$563 from you generous folks! Carol Ann wants to remind you that speaking Spanish is not a requirement for this jail visitation project. Anyone who would like to "ride along" as a visitor is more than welcome. The visitees are ever so grateful to see and talk with new people.

Animal Ministry - Carol Hyndman, contact - 477-1003 World Vegetarian Day is Oct 1 and the kickoff day for Vegetarian Awareness Month. There is a poster on the Social Justice board or you can go to www.worldvegetarianday.org for info. In Oct some of us are going to visit Animal Place, the farm animal sanctuary here in Grass Valley. If you would like to join us call me at 477-0693 or 477-1003 for info. The tour will begin at 11am.

Vegan Supper Club

We will not be meeting this month on Thurs 25. I need to change the day and would like some input on days or times that would work for more people. Would earlier in the evening work, say 5-5:30 on a Fri or Sat? Then there is still time to go out later. Maybe early on the fourth Fri before the film series. A late lunch on a Sunday? Any ideas are welcome. I would like to keep the potlucks going.

National Feral Cat Day is Oct 16. Please remember our Community cats. If you want more info go to alleycat.org/NFCD.

Berry banana smoothie single serving

This is one of the recipes we will be doing in our DOVE class

1/2 c dairy free milk or fruit juice

3/4 ripe frozen banana broken into pieces. Place in a container stored overnight in freezer

1/4 -1/2 c berries of your choice

Place banana in blender with enough liquid to blend until smooth.

Add berries and continue blending. Add water to thin if desired.

Add spinach or kale to make a green smoothie to increase intake of leafy greens

"If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

Will Rogers

Submitted by Carol Hyndman

Garden Team - Suzanne Ferroggiaro, contact - 477-5344.

Interfaith Food Ministry - Pat Paddock, contact - 268-6576. Pat is still in need of drivers and volunteers at the distribution site. The needs are great and promise to be increasing. Don't forget about bringing non-perishable food items both for families and for pets on the first Sunday of the month. We have a congenial group of UUS who volunteer every month. Come and join us!

Progressive Alliance - David Briggs, contact - 274-9236. David is knowledgeable about what's going on in the various community groups. If you have an interest or concern you'd like to explore, talk to him for more information. He'd love to help you!

Nevada County Climate Change/Crisis Coalition - Carol Kuczora, contact - 273-7771. There's a strong possibility that this group will be meeting again here at UUCM on the third Tuesday in October which would be the 21st. Watch the calendar or talk to Carol (unless she's on her BIG TRIP!!). Visitors are always welcome. You might even end up wanting to join.

Fourth Friday Film Forum - Carol Kuczora, contact - 273-7771.

UCM and the Nevada County Center for Peace and Justice share responsibility for these films.

"THIRST" (83 min). **October 24, 7:00pm.** A piercing look at the global corporate drive to control and profit from our water -- from bottles to tap. Is water part of a shared "commons", a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace? THIRST tells the stories of communities in Bolivia, India, and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions, as water becomes the most valuable global resource of the 21st Century.

Green Sanctuary/Green Power Point - Anita Wald-Tuttle, contact - 277-6195. Two thoughts I'd like to share for this month from my 2009 Page-A-Day Calendar

First from Thomas Jefferson - "For if one link in nature's chain might be lost, another might be lost, until the whole of things will vanish by piecemeal."

And then from Jane Goodall - "When people ask me 'What can I do?' - I say, 'There's two things. One, you must realize that, unlikely though it seems, your little life does make a difference, what you do each day. And secondly, leading from that, people must learn a little bit more and think a little bit more about the consequences of the choices we make each day -- what we eat, where it comes from, how it was made, has it got chemical poisons in it, whether it involves the torture of animals"

New Hymns!

By Annie Haymaker, Director of Music Ministry



I went to my first UU Musicians Network conference in July 2008. Returning this year, I expected fulfilling daily worship, connections with friends, and lots of new ideas for music at UUCM - and I got all that. What I liked best, though, was something I didn't expect: a plethora of new congregational hymns, fruits of the Vincent Silliman hymn competition sponsored by the UUMN. UU minister Vincent Silliman (1894 - 1979) shaped hymnals into fine works of art, editing three major hymnals for Unitarian, Universalist, Ethical Culture, and Unitarian Universalist churches, including the 1964 Hymns for the Celebration of Life, which served UUs for over thirty years. The grey hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*, contains several hymns he wrote, such as "Morning, So Fair to See" and "Faith of the Larger Liberty." The UUMN created the Silliman Anthem Competition in the 1980s to promote choir anthem creation, and this year decided to use the competition to support the writing of new hymns for congregational singing. One whole workshop session was devoted to singing the fifteen best of those hymns. As a singer myself, it was wonderful to sit in a big room with 200 other music directors, and listen to all of us sing them through, in glorious 4-part harmony. Now that's a choir! Of course, the songs were all made available to take home, and I brought several back with me. "Here Together" is a quiet, joyful piece in two parts, used at the beginning and end of a service. Songwriter David M.

Glasgow, a former minister and college professor, has composed a number of choral pieces, and was Music Coordinator for the 2013-14 General Assembly.

"Rivers of Grace," by Carla Gates, is a bluesy, rhythmic song inviting us to "come into the healing rivers, rivers of grace." Carla is a choir member at the UU Congregation of Columbia MD, and has written many songs for her choir.

Joyce Poley, a singer/songwriter with a special interest in congregational singing, has pieces in both our hymnals, and two of her songs won places in the competition.

"How Sweet the Singing" is a lyric, folk-style song about the joy of singing together with an open heart. "Keepers of the Earth," won the People's Choice Award (most popular song), and is a stirring, melodic song about our calling as keepers of the earth.

"Welcome In!" welcomes everyone, with open arms, hearts, and minds, into the church community.

Songwriter Lucy Holstedt is a professor at Berkley College of Music in Boston, and composes and arranges music in a wide variety of styles. She also performs poetry and improv comedy, and her "Coelacanth" song is worth watching on Youtube (search for Coelacanth Holstedt).

UUCM has been blessed with its own songwriters: Utah Phillips, Tom Wernigg, Charlie Brock, Bill Nolan, Taylor Carey, and Kathryn Young, to name a few. Songwriters are the lifeblood of UU music, and new songs are what keep our hearts young and our faith flowing. We'll be using these new hymns this year at UUCM, and I hope you enjoy singing them!

Winter and Spring Fundraisers

by Lin Jovanovic

This year the Stewardship Committee has approved a Winter Boutique fundraiser to be held in December on two consecutive Sundays, December 7th and the 14th, after the services. Lin Jovanovic has agreed to chair this event and is looking for others who would like to volunteer to form a committee. We will be asking people to contribute gift quality items, homemade goods, and for the silent auction portion to contribute services, host dinners, and other appropriate items. More information will follow in a general announcement.

A change is afoot for the annual auction typically held in the spring. This year we will be putting on a live auction and we are planning to have finger food, a cash bar, and dessert. Live auctions tend to bring in more revenue and the committee agreed to try this option for the next year. Lin Jovanovic is looking for someone who would be willing to co-chair this event. Please contact her about either event at linmosaic@yahoo.com or call 530-798-4773.

Hungering For Answers to Questions About Unitarian Universalism?

Wondering about Membership at UUCM?

by Kathryn Young



If you have been attending UUCM and are curious about membership, we have a great opportunity for you. David Usher, our interim minister, is holding a class on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at UUCM. The class is designed both for people considering joining our community, as well as those just wanting to know more about UUCM and Unitarian Universalism.

You will spend the morning learning about our UU faith and worship, and have an opportunity to share your personal spiritual journey - What life experiences brought you here to our Unitarian Universalist Community? Find out what membership at UUCM means, and how one becomes a member. Become acquainted with the expectations and privileges of membership with a small group of other like-minded people. Take a tour of the building, and find out how to get better connected with us.

We will provide coffee, tea and pastry in the morning, and complete the class with a delicious lasagna lunch.

P.S. Those just wishing for a refresher are also welcome!

If you would like to attend, you will need to reserve a place in the class. Please contact Reverend David Usher at: minister@uugrassvalley.org or Kathryn Young, Membership Committee Chair at: kathryneyounguu@gmail.com.

Women's Group News!

Guest Speaker Victoria La Font...
Exploring Healing our bodies through Nutrition
October 14th

by Shannon Dooley-Miller

Victoria is a certified Nutritional Therapy Practitioner who has explored a range of diets and their affect on illnesses. She is currently working on her masters degree in Human Nutrition and Functional Medicine. She is a practitioner at our local HAALO in Nevada City. You can read more about Victoria on her website victorialafont.com or on the haalo.org website

POTLUCK...6pm with Victoria's presentation starting at 7pm. All Woman are invited. If you are not currently on the Women's Circle email list and would like to be added please send a request to admin@uugrassvalley.org. Any questions please email or call: Shannon Dooley-Miller @ 346-6995 or sdooley-miller@gotsky.com, or Call Clarita Nolan or Kathryn Young

Older Women's Support Group

by Anita Wald-Tuttle

The Older Women's Support Group invites interested women of a certain age to join our group. Call Anita at 530-277-6195 for more information.

Free Little Library Coming to UUCM!

by Lin Jovanovic

Have you heard about the Free Little Library movement? People and organizations from around the world are committed to providing free books as an act of social connection. The motto of the movement is "Take a book, leave a book." Lin and Bane Jovanovic proposed building one in front of UUCM as a way to further connect with our community. They had one in their front yard in Turlock

and the response was phenomenal. After being advised by the Board of Trustees President in June to consult with the Social Justice Coordinator, which they did, the Jovanovics are ready to build a library for UUCM. To learn more about this movement, please visit the organization at littlefreelibrary.org.

A Letter from Sharon Moore

To my friends at UUCM -

Blessings to all of you. I am feeling peaceful and content, grateful and very comfortable.

I appreciate your cards, thoughts, prayers & candles. I also appreciate your understanding of my need for quiet in the form of no visits or phone calls. Please know you are in my thoughts daily & held with the highest respect & love. I feel no fear- only peace. Your cards contain words that make me cry with joy. What a great life I've had!

To all of you who were there for me during my illness, including all who transported me to appts, tests, treatments, surgeries, etc.-- a very special "Thank you".

I knew only a few persons when I moved to Grass Valley. And now, several years later, I am wealthy in friendships & ready for the next adventure.

Blessings & Love to all,
Sharon

Celebrating and Exploring our Creativity

by Charles Rosene

Calling all Men of the Pacific Central
District!

Celebrating and Exploring our Creativity
October 24-26, 2014
Westminster Retreat Center, Alamo CA

<http://www.pcd-uua.org/men/frames.htm>

Come join us in community for the 17th Annual
PCD UU Men's' Retreat!

This year we will be Celebrating and Exploring our Creativity. Participants are invited to bring examples of your personal creativity, including photos and stories of creativity in their lives. If possible, bring the materials that you work with when you are inspired to be creative - musical instruments, art supplies, photographic equipment, etc.

* There will be workshops to share and inspire us with the creativity within our community, to work together and individually on creative projects.

* We will do group work to reveal and overcome the barriers to our own creative expression.

* We will celebrate, meditate, sing and worship together.

* We will be discussing how we can plan a future for our annual retreats after saying goodbye to our beloved home for many years in Alamo.

This will be our last retreat gathering at the beautiful Westminster Retreat Center in Alamo, which will be closing this year. Westminster has been our Men's Retreat home for 17 years, and this is your opportunity to enjoy this magic spot one last time!

Register online at:

<http://www.pcd-uua.org/men/frames.htm>

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Please forward this message to other groups or men who may be interested!

PCD Leadership Day

Fostering Dynamic Leadership in a Challenging Time
with UUA Moderator Jim Key

PCD-UUA Leadership Day
Saturday, October 25, 2014
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
Registration is Now Open!
[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?
llr=mk4zlobab&oeidk=a07e9qaull54cc5d966](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mk4zlobab&oeidk=a07e9qaull54cc5d966)

The Pacific Central District Leadership Day will be held on October 25, 2014 at the UU Church of Berkeley (UUCB), in Kensington, CA, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jim Key, the Moderator of the UUA, will be our facilitator and keynote speaker.

Leadership Day is a time for us to join together, to inspire each other, and to work collaboratively on some of the big questions that face us as a faith. How can we make a difference in the world? How can we deepen and nurture our relationships so that they bring out our strengths? How can we be dynamic leaders ready to face the challenges of our age?

Leadership Day is open to anyone in the PCD who is, has been, or might in the future become a leader in our UU faith. Ministers, religious educators, musicians, and laypeople of all kinds will find value in the interactive experiences that we'll have that day. Plus, we will join together in vibrant worship and music. The day will be inspiring, challenging, and fun.

Come join Jim, our local UUA staff, and your friends and colleagues in our faith in a day of empowerment, spiritual depth, and courage.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Register today!
[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=
mk4zlobab&oeidk=a07e9qaull54cc5d966](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mk4zlobab&oeidk=a07e9qaull54cc5d966)

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Lifespan Religious Education/Spirit Play
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*Grow by Exploring
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