

the Mountain Chalice



Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains

November 2016

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

Each Sunday, choose to attend services at 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.

NOVEMBER THEME: STORY

November 6 What's Y/Our Story?
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Two days before the US presidential election, what stories are we telling about ourselves, about others and about our community, and how are those stories shaping us in the very telling? **In anticipation of the service, please tell the story of UUCM in six words and send it to Rev. Kevin by November 2** (minister@uugrassvalley.org). Bonus points if you offer a narrative sentence rather than a list of six attributes! **Note - Daylight Saving Time ENDS Sunday, November 6 at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks back one hour and SLEEP IN!**

November 13 Shaping the Story of our Lives
Service Leader: Don Baldwin
Worship Associate: Gail Johnson Vaughan

Being alive dictates the demand to make choices, and these choices are inextricably connected with the shape of our lives - they both define, and create, our life story. In this living narrative, how do we find our voice, define our calling, and receive guidance to live authentic and compassionate lives? How will spirit enter in? What role will each of us be led to play in the wider social order?

November 20 Belonging
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Welcome UUCM's newest members, reflect on the nature of community and membership, and (re)consider your own sense of belonging at UUCM. With music by the UUCM choir!

November 27 Oh, We Give Thanks!
Rev. Kevin Tarsa and others

A figurative thanks-giving feast inviting us to surface, sing, savor and act upon our gratitude for the gifts that bless our lives. We will include a visual meditation of your digital photographs capturing, well, anything (all-age appropriate) that calls forth your gratitude. **Please send your digital photos to admin@uugrassvalley.org by November 22.**

DECEMBER THEME: PRESENCE

December 4 What's a UU to do with Christmas?
Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Many people wrestle with the season and holiday of Christmas, whether with its social demands, its theological history, its commercial nature in U.S. culture, or the family dynamics it amplifies. Wherever you are in the "Bah, Humbug!" - to - "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!" spectrum, come, find your own way to enter the heart of the season with thoughtfulness and presence.

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keep talking.
start doing.

Update on Black Lives Matter

By Rev. Kevin Tarsa

Deep gratitude to all who participated in the October 23 World Café conversation regarding what this congregation will do in response to the theft of its Black Lives Matter banners. Here's a brief initial report out from that gathering and an invitation to invest energy in the steps to which you are drawn.

WHAT WE DID

Gail Johnson Vaughan and I invited the 40+ participants into a series of small group conversations. After spending 20 minutes with one question, people changed groups between questions, and so ideas, perspectives, new awarenesses and new questions gradually percolated through the room and informed conversations.

The questions were designed to focus people's discernment first on the deeper "why's," then the internal work or behavior changes that moving toward those "why's" might ask of people, and finally to specific steps to be taken. How would you answer them?

1. *What change do we want to see as a result of our response to the banner theft?*
2. *What would seeking that change require of us?*
3. *What next steps would lead to the change we want to see?*

After the round of questions, we asked each table to choose two key insights to share and one next step to recommend to the large group. Finally, we asked people to sign up for the next step(s) to which they were willing to give energy to help it happen, and to identify those steps about which they felt strongly, whether or not they were willing or able to bring personal energy to them at this time.

THE CATEGORIES OF NEXT STEPS NAMED

You'll notice that many involve learning. As you read them, consider: To which steps are you willing to give energy so that they might happen? Which steps matter most to you, or feel most important?

TAKING A COLLECTIVE STANCE

- Decide on a congregational response with consensus
- Decide on a proposal for an action plan through a consensus process by the congregation.

LEARNING, REACHING OUT, ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

- Educate ourselves
 - Educate ourselves, then reach out to the broader community
 - Training, education and discussion on having difficult conversations, partnering love with understanding
 - Educate: Black Lives Matter, Listening, Nonviolent Communication or something similar

INVITE SPEAKERS TO UUCM

- Invite Speakers to UUCM for Sunday Congregational Gatherings

EXTERNAL CONVERSATION

- Initiate community conversations/forum about Black Lives Matter
- Conversations needed within UUCM, the wider community, other churches and organizations.

EDUCATE AND REACH OUT

- Educate UUCM, the organization, about Black Lives Matter and other races.

Out of this, I can imagine a couple teams of people who are working to bring these steps to life. If you are drawn to and have energy to devote to any of these actions, sign up at UUCM Saturday or Sunday morning, or contact Rev. Kevin (minister@uugrassvalley.org)

Thank you to those of you who have "let's just get it done" energy, for your patience with this process of conversation and reflection. My hope is that the thefts of the banner will invite you into deeper understanding and awareness, as well as and as a grounding for courageous collective action. It's both/and. As the slogan invites, let's "Keep talking" and "Start doing."

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND IDEAS FROM PEOPLE AT THE GATHERING

Find out more of the ideas generated at the gathering by reading the notes which are posted in the entry area wall on a large sheet of butcher paper. You can also sign up to help!

Membership and Hospitality

Curious? Find out more about Unitarian Universalism and UUCM

By Rev. Kevin Tarsa, Minister

The UU History class went really well, and the final class in this fall series is Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. about UU Principles and Theology.

For those who have decided to join our congregation, there is a special welcoming ceremony at the Sunday, November 20th service. Please talk to one of the membership committee members or Rev. Kevin if you plan to participate as there are a few things that need to be accomplished beforehand.

The next series of classes will begin with a Welcome to UU(CM) morning on Saturday, February 4th, and will offer an overview of this religious tradition and this particular congregation. The History and Principles/Theologies evenings are chances to delve a little deeper. The dates of those will be announced in the December Mt. Chalice.

All are welcome at any of these events.

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP FALL 2016

Thursday, November 3, 6 - 7:30 PM – UU Principles and Theologies

An overview and introduction to the foundational ideas that anchor Unitarian Universalism, with a chance to consider your current theological location. All are welcome.

Sunday, November 20 – Joining Sunday
(for those who have decided to join by then)

Greeters & Ushers are Teaming Up!

By Kathryn Young, Chair, Membership Committee

Since greeters and ushers have many overlapping duties, we have decided to team up. This will mean that we need just three volunteers per service rather than four. There will be a lead greeter, a lead usher and a greeter/usher combo who will assist in both areas.

The Lead Usher is responsible for putting out handicap parking signs, putting up the flag, assisting people as they come in, collecting the offering and making sure the sanctuary is in good order, and more.

The Lead Greeter helps visitors with badges and visitor cards, info about UUCM and UU in general, helps direct families to RE, and is available after the service to answer questions. The Greeter/Usher greets people as they come in, answers

questions, helps collect the offering and assists with other tasks as needed.

We need more people to help out! 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 at UUCM already, with no lengthy meetings or commitments. We can train you on the spot. It's fun and easy and a great way to meet people and help out.



Planning Ahead for the Hospitality Hour!

By Marilyn Young, Coordinator, UUCM Hospitality Hour

I'm trying to set up a good system for running our Hospitality Hour between the services and I need your help. Each Sunday we need four to six people to either setup or cleanup, and donations of goodies to serve. The actual tasks are as follows:

SET-UP: This is done during the early service from 9:45 to ~10:30. You set the tables, make the coffee, and arrange the food on plates and platters. After the Hospitality Hour, you can attend the second service.

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

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

During the Hospitality Hour, the crew is responsible for keeping the coffee pots full, and tables stocked and tidy.

I'd like to plan out several months if possible instead of scrambling each week for volunteers. You can help by contacting me and letting me know if you can commit to:

1. Set-up or clean-up once a month or every other month
2. Bring goodies once a month or every other month
3. Both work a shift and bring food.
4. Be on a list to be called when needed.

I would like to set up a schedule. Please contact me at: (hospitality@uugrassvalley.org, or 916-203-5962)

If you wish to sign up on line both to work or to donate food, you can open our on-line sign-up page (**Make sure to click "SAVE" after you enter your availability on this form**): <https://doodle.com/poll/kd5f6egedsqwegir>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kathryn Young, *chair*
Yolanda Bernasconi, Kathy MacLeod, Claire Miller and Marilyn Young

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

We're always looking for friendly people who enjoy getting involved... Come join us!

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
THANKSGIVING
AT UUCM



Thursday, November 24, 2016
at 2:00 P.M.

*No out-of-town plans this year? No family nearby?
Too much work to prepare ALL that food?*

Come to UUCM's very first
Thanksgiving Potluck with Rev. Kevin Tarsa
and your UUCM family!

(You are welcome to bring non-member guests.)

Please sign up at the
Membership Table in the Foyer!

Caring Committee

Caring Committee Notes

By Gwen Eymann, Chair, Caring Committee

The Caring Committee serves the UUCM community by sharing our joys and offering support, help and contact to folks during times of special need. We as a community can all be part of the UUCM Caring Team by reaching out to each other to offer support, kind words, offers of help and good works. Please offer support and caring to the following people:

BEV LYON has come home from her two month stay in hospital in the Bay Area. We are so pleased to have her back in town and we look forward to her return to UUCM when she is ready.

BERYL MACLEAN BECKWITH had an extensive and successful back surgery in October. She will have a long and slow recovery through the end of this year. She appreciates all the caring and support she is receiving from our UUCM community.

LEAL PORTIS is fighting a recurrence of cancer. She intends to win this battle just like she did her last round with cancer 6 years ago. Leal could use our support and offers for rides to Sunday Service and doctors' appointments.

MATT WILSON-DALEY is recovering from a surgery he had mid-October. We wish Matt well, and hope he's back with us soon.

PENNY RODRICK is suffering from a chronic and painful disorder. She and her husband, Doug have had to give up their dream of extended travel and return to Grass Valley in order to access regular medical care. Please keep Doug and Penny in your thoughts.

ERNIE JACKSON is 92-years young. He doesn't always make it to UUCM events, but his spirit is there. Ernie would love calls and visits from old friends. He really enjoys his connection to Men's Group when he can get there.

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

The Mountain Chalice Caring notes come from individuals and from specific notes on our *Joys & Sorrows/Concerns Cards*. If you do not wish to have your words in *The Mountain Chalice*, please make a note on the card.

Joys & Sorrows Cards

Last month, we started using cards instead of a book to write down the Joys and Sorrows that you want to have read aloud in the service. The cards are on the small table in the entry to the sanctuary. You can take a card and a pencil to your seat to fill it out, and then either bring it to the basket on the Joys and Sorrows table by the pulpit before the service, or bring your card up front as people are placing pebbles in the water.

Our hope is that this will allow people to write more comfortably in terms of both time and space, and not have to stand at the table in the crowded entry area. We'll try it for a couple months and see how it goes.

Building & Grounds

November Update

WORK PARTY: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 9 A.M.

By Wally Holtan, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

THANK YOU!

I would like to give a big thank you to: Gwen Eymann, Theresa Houtman, Trudy Boardman, Will Silva, Keith Johnson, Yvonne Mills, Beth Freedman, Barbara Chestnut, Joel Houtman, Renee Wiley and David Ferrier for their help on this productive day. There was the sanctuary to clean and the chairs to vacuum and to replace missing felt pads. A concerted effort was instigated to get the nursery cleaned and reorganized. The upstairs R.E. room was cleaned and the minister's office cleaned and spruced up. A special thanks to Joel and David Ferrier for their effort to replace Rev. Kevin's door. They were there well after everyone had left. Much appreciated. I would also like to give a special thank you to Chuck Hart for volunteering to keep the front lawn under control while I am recuperating.

BREAKING NEWS:

Last month I noted that we are planning on having the sanctuary and foyer painted. Moving forward on that goal this month we are getting bids for the work. It will be an involved process and we could always use help in the planning. If anyone has skills in lighting give me a call as we need to address the sanctuary's lighting problems at the same time. I am also wondering if anyone out there is a professional plumber that would be willing to consult on some plumbing related issues. How about a roofer since I am asking?

COME HELP:

As always, watch for the B&G work days and consider volunteering. It's a fun way to get to know others AND help!

Social Justice Committee is Hard at Work

By Keith Johnson, Chair, Social Justice Committee

With the church year in full swing, the Social Justice Committee is hard at work on a variety of fronts, including the following:

- 1) The entire congregation is deciding on the proper response to the theft of the Black Lives Matter banner. The Committee stands ready to assist in the implementation of that collective decision. Stay tuned.
- 2) Together with the Acting DRE and the RE Visioning Team, the Committee is co-sponsoring a five day UU College of Social Justice youth BorderLinks trip this summer. There is space for up to five RE youth to make this trip to the Arizona/Mexico border. For more information about the trip, contact Kristin Famula or me.
- 3) We continue to build relationships with our social justice partners in order to mutually pursue social justice in our community. Examples include partnering with The Sierra Fund to alleviate the toxic legacy of mining in Nevada County, advocating with SYRCL in opposition to the proposed Centennial Dam, and promoting tiny homes for the homeless with Western Sierra YouthBuild and Sierra Roots.
- 4) The Committee coordinates on-going service projects such as Habitat for Humanity lunches, Hospitality House meals, food distribution for Inter-Faith Food Ministry, and several more. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact me or Volunteer Coordinator Bob Miller. (bob@sierramiller.com, 530-205-5047)

Hospitality House Dinner Crew Prepares Meals at Utah's Place FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 4:00 P.M.,

By Keith Johnson, Chair, Social Justice Committee

UUCM volunteers make dinners at Hospitality House on the third and fifth Fridays of the month. We serve 40 to 60 people at each dinner. We also leave food for breakfast. If you would like to help prepare and serve meals, please contact Gwen Eymann at eymann@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Pass the Plate

By Anita Wald-Tuttle, Pass the Plate Coordinator

When we changed the format for Pass The Plate from once a month with the whole plate going to the selected organization to every Sunday with 25% of the plate going each week to the organization we were hoping to increase our donation by making it possible for every member and friend to participate no matter which Sunday(s) they attended UUCM. I'm afraid we've only confused people since our Sunday collections have been reduced resulting in less and not more for our needy friends.

We're considering at least one new plan to turn this situation around. Stay tuned for further developments regarding Pass the Plate! In the meantime, please help our friends at Hospitality House for the month of November. Thank you!



December Pass the Plate Beneficiary HALO STANDS FOR HIV / AIDS LOCAL OUTREACH

By Greg Fancher, Member, Social Justice Committee

HALO is an organization within our Public Health Services that funds expenses for those living with HIV / AIDS in Nevada County. Many people living with this lifelong illness are poor or under the poverty level. Many are physically and / or mentally challenged and do not work full time, and have some difficulty with everyday living tasks. This fund helps those in need with unexpected expenses that most of us can handle (transportation, heating, food, clothing, additional medical supplies, therapy, etc...).

HALO is minimally funded by our government and needs community support through donations to keep it going. Your donations are held within a designated HALO account for 100% usage by those in most need. As with any chronic, lifelong disease, it takes the entire community to provide additional, non-government funded support so that those affected can maintain and not suffer further because of unexpected expenses. Please consider giving as you can during the month of December.

Soul Matters Circles

By Rev. Kevin Tarsa, Minister

Are you looking for deeper connection with others and a space within which you can explore your deepest values and your deepest self? A space within which you can grow in profound ways and become the person you most want to be?



Small group ministries go by many names and take different forms in different congregations. At root they offer people an important chance to find a small circle of intimacy and depth within the circle of the larger community. Here at UUCM they have had a number of names over the years. The most recent circles blended the nature of an affinity group – a group gathered around a shared outside interest – with a covenant group, a group whose shared interest is the deep connection, personal exploration and powerful interaction possible when a group and its gatherings are designed to create just the space for these.

Rather than discussion groups, these are groups of deep reflection, sharing and connection. They are anchored in relationship.

UUCM's current circle facilitators met with me several times in order to envision the richest possibilities for small group ministry at UUCM. Together, with Phil Hart as chair of the team, we are preparing for the first round of Soul Matters Circles to begin in late January for all those who are interested. Sign up will take place this fall so we can discern what leadership will be needed.

The name Soul Matters Circles is drawn from the Soul Matters organization that offers resources for our monthly themes. In fact, Soul Matters is first and foremost a resource for small groups who explore and experience the monthly themes in depth. "The core purpose . . . is to create formative space for individuals. This is a space of acceptance and safety in which group members can explore their deepest values and inner voice without judgement or coercion. We help each other become the people we most want to be." (See a sample: The Soul Matters resource for the November Story theme at <http://www.ugrassvalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/COMMUNITY-soul-matters.pdf> .

Soul Matters Circles of approximately 8 people each (10 maximum) will meet at least monthly, with an expected commitment of one year - or for these circles beginning in January, perhaps a year and a half. Facilitators will be trained in January and mentored throughout the year by the minister and skilled facilitators. In fact, facilitators will form their own separate covenant group as part of their learning.

I'll speak a bit more about Soul Matters Circles in the service on November 20 when we welcome new members to

UUCM. Watch for more information, testimonials, online sign up notices and sign-up sheets at services.

Meanwhile, you may contact me (minister@ugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1661) or Phil Hart (philhart115@gmail.com or 530-272-6870) if you already know you are interested or if you have questions that need answering before you express interest.

Drop-In Support Circle

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

By Janet Bullock, Facilitator, Drop-In Support Circle

This weekly circle on Sunday continues to be open, on a drop-in basis, for UUCM people needing a little extra support and those with extra support to give. Our circle meets in the period between services, at about 10:50, in the library. Quickly grab a snack and join us.

It is not a therapy group; it is a confidential sharing circle, and is facilitated by congregation members. (Even if you don't feel like talking but just want to sit among caring people, you are welcome to come.) Contact Janet Bullock to learn more (530-477-8760, janetbullock41@gmail.com)

Women's Circle PMS Party

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

On Monday, November 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m. we will hold our annual PMS night: Pizza, Movie, and Sundaes. Instead of a potluck this month, as we all have enough cooking to do in November, we'll order pizza from Papa Murphy's. Please bring your favorite sundae topping and some cash to contribute to the cost of the pizzas and ice cream. All UUCM women are welcome, members, friends, visitors... please come. See you there!

RSVP to Kathryn Young, kathryneyounguu@gmail.com, 530-478-1329, or Kate Canan, kacanan@yahoo.com, 916-996-7932.

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.

Community Connections – Social & Spiritual Activities

Men's Group Book Club

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

Meditation Group

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

UUCM Humanism Discussion Group

By George Dunstan

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2 from 10:30 A.M. until noon at UUCM in the Channing Room.

For further information, please contact George Dunstan (477.7635 or gvgeode@gmail.com) or David Briggs (274.9236 or davidbriggs100@yahoo.com)

International Women's Convocation:

TIME FOR A WOMAN PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 16-19, 2017,
PACIFIC GROVE, CA

Take advantage of Presidents' Day weekend to engage with U*U women from around the world at the Third International Women's Convocation, Asilomar Conference Center, CA, February 16-19, 2017. Connect, share, grow, celebrate, and empower in the unspoiled surroundings of this tranquil retreat. Registration is \$350. Bring one, two (or ten!) friends from your church and you qualify for a group discount of \$50 off each! An additional \$50 discount is available for UU ministers. Young adults aged 18-40 can register at a special all-inclusive package rate. If you are interested in offering a workshop, please fill out our workshop request form online. Visit <http://www.IntlWomensConvo.org> for all details.

The Pacific Central District of the UU Association presents: INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, SANTA ROSA, CA

For those of you within driving range of Santa Rosa, California, I hope you will bring a team to our "Interdependence Day: Building Beloved Community" on Saturday, November 12. No matter the outcome of the election, we have work to do in our congregations and our world and we need one another to do it! It will be a day of deep connection, celebration and learning. Our day will begin with a worship service with a full band and end with a blessing of the leaders.

Our learning will include:

- **Our Covenantal Faith and Beloved Community:** Exploring the connections and the diversity among us.
- **Helping Things Go Right in Your Congregation:** An ounce of prevention is still worth a pound of cure, or maybe even more. Much of the conflict in congregations can be avoided by paying attention to some basics.
- **Paths to Healing:** No matter what steps we take, conflict

is inevitable. When responded to in healthy ways, it can be used to create and strengthen relationships and our congregations and help us serve as a beacon to the world.

To register for Interdependence Day: <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/calendar/pcd/interdependence-day>

**INTERDEPENDENCE DAY:
CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016
9:00 – 4:30
THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION, SANTA ROSA



**Deep Connection and Worship - Strategies for Preventing
Conflict - Strategies for Transforming Conflict**

Unitarian Universalist leaders are warmly invited to participate.
Congregational teams are encouraged.

Presenters: Rev. Deborah Holder and Rev. Jan Christian
Congregational Life Staff in the Pacific Western Region

<http://www.pcd.uua.org/interdependence-day/> (by Oct. 30)



Religious Education for All Ages

Kristin Famula,
Acting Director of
Religious Education

Full Community Religious Education and Faith Formation

Looking for more ways to explore the monthly themes? Jump in to the many programs being offered – all designed for learning and growth as we continually discover our truths together. This month, check out some of the ways that we're learning through our commitment to social justice.

Help us spread the word – we're looking for someone to offer child care on Sunday mornings. A description of the job can be found here: <http://www.ugrassvalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Child-Care-Provider-job-description.pdf>. Please share widely.

And lastly, in each Mountain Chalice we will be recognizing our fantastic education volunteers. Read more below, and please join me this month in sharing your gratitude with Jo Waters.

Gratitude,

Kristin

THANK YOU: Jo Waters

Each month we will recognize one of our education volunteers who serve as mentors, adult education workshop facilitators, teachers, long-term planners, and much more. This month we recognize long-time volunteer Jo Waters who currently serves on the RE Visioning Team.

Q. How long have you been dedicating your time to Religious Education at UUCM?

A. *I have been involved in RE ever since we joined UUCM about 10 years ago.*

Q. What calls you to this work?

A. *I wanted to ensure that my kids, Indra and Jasper, then ages 8 and 5, had an enriching experience at UUCM.*

Q. What are some of your hobbies and skills that are used in our programming?

A. *I love knitting, scrapbooking, and all things crafty. I'm also a practicing pagan and my husband and I have created family celebrations for the sabbats (8 yearly pagan holidays) for many years. The creation of meaning and celebration has been an important part of being a Mom for me for a long*



time. Paganism has also tied in very well to our family's love of backpacking and the outdoors and environmentalism.

Q. What is one of your favorite RE moments?

A. *There are too many to count :-).*

Q. How do you benefit from RE?

A. *I get to feel connected to my kids in a different way. I am grateful to be able to share my values and be part of raising a caring and compassionate next generation.*

R.E. and Social Justice

INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

Join Acting DRE Kristin Famula and Adult RE lead and Social Justice Committee chair Keith Johnson at the upcoming "Interdependence Day" in Santa Rosa. Clergy and Lay Leaders from around our district will gather for a day of deep connection, celebration and learning about beloved community and our shared work. More details can be found here: <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/calendar/pcd/interdependence-day>

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Each year at this time, Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country participate in Guest at Your Table — a UU tradition. Join us November 20th to learn more about our partner, UUSC (UU Service Committee) and pick up your Guest at Your Table box!

GIVING TREE

Children and Youth are joining the Caring Committee in supporting our annual Giving Tree project. Watch for more information and pick up a tag from the tree!

UUCSJ YOUTH TRIP

Save the date! June 12-17, 2017. In collaboration with the UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada, youth will be invited to participate in a UU College of Social Justice trip to the Arizona/Mexico border.

Info about the BorderLinks trip can be found here: <http://uucsj.org/journeys/borderlinks/>

We Are Hiring!

Do you know of someone who would be terrific at caring for our youngest members? We are hiring a child care coordinator and would love your support in finding someone to join our team of folks caring for our children. The full job description can be found here: <http://www.ugrassvalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Child-Care-Provider-job-description.pdf>. Resumes and questions can be sent to Kristin at education@ugrassvalley.org.

Religious Education Youth Activities

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
Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. at UUCM:
All ages are invited to this terrific program which will continue again this year. (Check the calendar beforehand – schedules may change). Contact Jordan: music@uugrassvalley.org or Kristin: education@uugrassvalley.org.



YOUTH STUDIO:
Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. in Upstairs RE Room
A one-hour gathering for all ages to create in community. There will be art supplies and exercises available, but feel free to bring anything you are working on or wanting to share. (Check the calendar beforehand – schedules may change).

BRUNCH BUNCH:
First Sunday of the Month, 9:45 a.m.
All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to attend "Brunch Bunch" on the first Sunday of most months. Bring your own \$\$ or contact Kristin for support (education@uugrassvalley.org).



From the Office Administrator

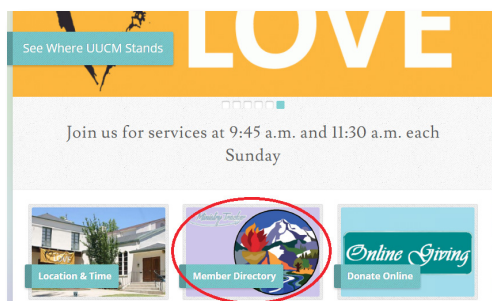
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How to Access the New Online Directory from UUCM's Website

By Conrad Sisk, Office Administrator

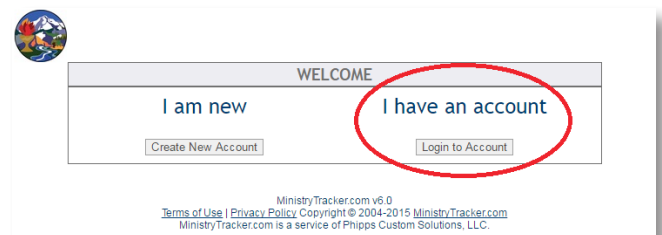
In early September, all members and friends with email were emailed a link to create a username and password for the new online member and friend directory. Many of you have taken a look, and have sent me some great suggestions on how to improve this resource going forward.

If you have chosen a username and password, you can now access the member and friend directory anytime from UUCM's homepage (<http://www.uugrassvalley.org/>). You will see a box in the middle of the homepage with the words "Member Directory" beside the UUCM logo over a purple background. In the following picture, the box I have described is circled in red: ➤



If you are a member, friend, or a spouse or child of a member or friend, AND you have selected a username and password, you can click on this box to get to the login page for the new directory (For any bookmarks/favorites users out there: You can bookmark/favorite this login page in your browser for even faster access to the UUCM member & friend directory in the future).

From this login page, click "Login to Account" which is under the "I have an account" heading. In the following picture, the "I have an account" section is circled in red. ▼



Use your username and password to login. If you do not have a username and password, and you would like one, please let me know (admin@uugrassvalley.org or 530-274-1675). Please do not start your own account through the login page.

I will be emailing printable directories to the Members and Friends email list on a quarterly basis, but if you would like a fresh copy at any time, please be in touch with me.

November 2016 Calendar of Events at UUCM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
NOVEMBER			
1	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
2	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Humanism Group Youth Music Choir Rehearsal
3	Thursday	8:30 10:30 4:00 6:00	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Men's Group Book Club – WUC Youth Studio UU Principles & Theologies
6	Sunday	9:45 9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	First Sunday: Bring Food! Sunday Service & RE Classes Brunch Bunch for Youth Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
Daylight Saving Ends - Fall BACK one hour (sleep in!)			
8	Tuesday	9:00 12:30 5:00	Meditation Membership Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting
9	Wednesday	8:30 11:00 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Habitat for Humanity Lunch Prep Youth Music Choir Rehearsal
10	Thursday	8:30 10:30 4:00	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group Youth Studio
13	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
14	Monday	6:00	Women's Group & Potluck
15	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
16	Wednesday	8:30 4:30 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Finance Committee Meeting Youth Music Choir Rehearsal
17	Thursday	8:30 10:00 10:30 4:00	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Social Justice Committee Meeting Men's Group Book Club – WUC Youth Studio
18	Friday	4:00 6:30	Dinner Prep at Utah's Place Worship Committee Meeting
19	Saturday	9:00 12:30	Building & Grounds Work Party Building & Grounds Meeting

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
20	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	Joining Sunday: Welcome New Members Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
21	Monday	9:00	Mountain Chalice Submissions Due
22	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
23	Wednesday	8:30 6:30	Men's Group Choir Rehearsal
24	Thursday	2:00	Thanksgiving at UUCM
27	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
29	Tuesday	9:00	Meditation
30	Wednesday	8:30	Men's Group
DECEMBER			
1	Thursday	8:30 10:30 4:00	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Men's Group Book Club – WUC Youth Studio
4	Sunday	9:45 9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30 1:15	First Sunday: Bring Food! Brunch Bunch for Youth Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service RE Visioning Team Movie Fundraiser
6	Tuesday	9:00 4:00	Meditation Caring Committee Meeting
7	Wednesday	8:30 10:30 5:00 6:30	Men's Group Humanism Group Youth Music Choir Rehearsal
8	Thursday	8:30 10:30 4:00	Men's Group - What's Up Coffee Writers' Group Youth Studio
11	Sunday	9:45 10:50 10:50 11:30	Sunday Service & RE Classes Social Time & "A Board Member is In" Drop-in Support Circle Sunday Service
12	Monday	6:00	Women's Group & Potluck



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Wednesday: 4 - 6 P.M.

Thursday: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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