

Compass Rose

June-August 2012

The Fire of Commitment!

by Margaret Cross, Board of Trustees President

Each Sunday we affirm that our chalice symbolizes “the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of commitment!” Now is the time for that “fire of commitment” to kick in, now is the time for each of us to step forward, to participate in the Transition-Transition process and in the Interim experiences.

This unsettled, growing time when we as a beloved community are stretching, remembering, discerning takes input from each and every person. After all, we also affirm “the worth and dignity of each person,” and at no time is that “worth” more enthusiastically affirmed than in this time of transition.

We need your voice as we, the entire community, discern the lessons learned from our past experiences. Remember how many of us worked to fill in the timeline of our church history? Did we capture the images you remember? Did we miss something? Now is the time to fill any of those gaps and, regarding that history, to stop and think, “What did we learn? Is there a lesson here we need to remember?” The bulletin board in the Ann Benner Room has a special place on which you can record your lesson learned, and we need to gather all of them as we move forward.

If there is something you remember that troubles you, leaves you feeling disquieted, now is the time to step up and bring that



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Mission, Vision, and Purposes

Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo

Mission

We are a religious community of open hearts and open minds working together to transform ourselves and the world.

Vision

We are a growing, welcoming, and diverse congregation, grounded in and living out our liberal religious values.

Purposes

Worshipping

A sense of transcending wonder inspires our life together as a religious community. Through a diversity of services and rituals, we open our hearts and minds, and are moved to take action in the world.

Caring

All people are welcomed, dialogues flourish, and relationships grow and deepen through joyous and difficult times. Individually and collectively, we exemplify love, compassion, respect, and hospitality, both within our congregation and in the greater community.

Connecting

We invite and encourage all congregants to participate in congregational life, and we create opportunities, through social and spiritual fellowship, for everyone to form deep and lasting connections. We create meaningful connections with other Unitarian Universalists, and with other religious and service groups.

Learning

We have a cohesive and engaging lifespan religious education program, which inspires us to understand Unitarian Universalism, to nurture our spiritual growth and identity, to live in accordance with Unitarian Universalist principles, and to develop our leadership abilities. Our religious education program attracts and serves the greater community.

Acting

We demonstrate our liberal religious values through effective social action, providing leadership and creating partnerships in the local community and beyond.

Giving

We are generous with our time, talent, and money. Through our stewardship, our congregation thrives, and we create greater justice, equity, and compassion in the local and global community.

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Compass Rose

A compass rose is a diagram, usually displaying the cardinal directions of north, south, east, and west, that appears in virtually all maps, charts, and other navigation systems. (The "rose" in the term refers to how the compass points resemble the petals of the flower.) It is our hope that *Compass Rose*, the quarterly journal of the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo, will likewise serve as a guide to help you get your bearings as you travel in your spiritual journey.

The Fire of Commitment

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memory to a Listening Circle. Troubling memories hold us back from thinking new thoughts and moving forward. Now is the time to resolve them and set those thoughts aside, possibly with a lesson learned. The Transition-Transition months offer the opportunity to do just that. Step up and seize it.



We also need the eyes and hearts of each of us as we discern the unique identity of this beloved community. Share what it is that brings you to worship each Sunday morning, what motivates you to sing, teach, challenge the status quo in the city or nation, or participate in committee work. We need to know as we compile the special information needed to enter the search for a settled minister.

There are things to learn about, too. On May 20 we gathered to find out something more about how a church is governed. We heard other members tell how this body has handled the day-to-day decisions as well as the longer term ones. You may not have thought much about that before. Many of us simply come on Sunday morning, make our money contribution, and take away a renewed sense of fellowship, a bit of inspiration. All that you see on a Sunday morning does not happen by some divine intervention – it happens because of the sustained efforts of quite a lot of people in addition to the minister. And there are various ways

groups like ours have chosen to handle those tasks in keeping with the general principles of democracy. Step up, find out what the possibilities are and contribute your thoughts on this matter.

There will be a follow-up to this panel discussion on June 3 and we will vote on one possible change in the way we do things at our Congregational Meeting on June 10. Put these dates on your calendar, plan to step up and be there for these important times.

Our faith gives us some Principles, the first of which is “The inherent worth and dignity of every person.” Sometimes we may think that this refers to people outside our beloved community, and it does, but more importantly it refers to each of us, all those within the beloved community, too. This means you and me. This means that you are inherently valuable, always, but most especially in times like this, times when there is change, transition, some uncertainty. You are valuable beyond measure in this process for it is only by drawing together all of us in this effort that we will succeed. And succeed we must not only for the sake of you and me, although it is surely important that we sustain this community for our own sakes, but also for the sake of the wider community.

We have a message of hope and justice in a world that is torn apart by greed, fear, and injustice. We must let our chalice light burn brightly in this time of inequality and gloom. That takes all of us, you, you, and me, joining in the process, lending our best thinking, our good energies, and our whole-hearted spirit as together we transition.

Article Submissions

Articles for *Compass Rose* (max. 500 words) may be submitted for consideration to office@uusanmateo.org. (Contact the office if you have ideas for longer articles.) Poetry, photos, and art work are also welcome. Deadline for the next issue (covering September-November 2012): **August 16, 2012**.

Events and calendar items for *Compass Rose*, the UUSM website, and other UUSM publications may also be submitted at any time to office@uusanmateo.org. Please include a title, inclusive dates and times, location, description (max. 50 words), cost (if any), and contact information. Longer announcements may be considered – please contact the office.

All submissions are subject to editorial discretion and revision.

The Antidote

by Nancy Jasa, Co-Director of Religious Education

Ostrich behavior: When I've just kind of had all I can take, this is what I think about, long for, wish to do.

Prop 8. That was a huge one for me. I co-chaired and then chaired my congregation's Marriage Equality Task

Force. I trained all of the phone bank volunteers. I made so many signs. I talked to people in downtown Walnut Creek, a fairly conservative place. It was not always pleasant. I endured so many conversations from people asking me what I was getting so worked up about, why was I spending so much time on this? This is California. It will be OK.



Well, it wasn't, and I crashed hard. It was so personal for me, my family, and my gay and les-

bian brothers and sisters. I went through all the stages of grief. I was hurt and angry. I desperately wanted to withdraw from it all. Stick my head in the sand. I did not want to talk to anyone about it because the conversations made me crazy and made my blood boil or the tears stream. It was personal.

The hardest conversations were those in my sacred communities. There were those who still did not fully get the full complexity of the issue and how it affected my life, all my life, and I did not want to lash out at them in my grief. And there were too many in the community who were also feeling the assault, the pain of loss, and I could not keep from feeling the depth of their despair on top of mine.

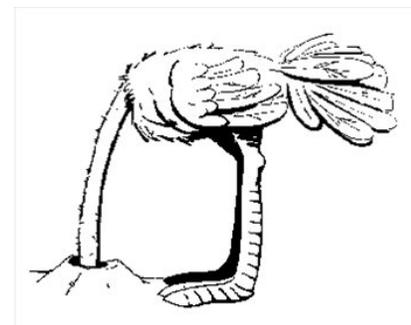
Ostrich, nice, long neck no longer held high, dropping into the sand.

I was a leader in my congregation. There was still work to be done. Emotionally, I did not want to continue to be front and center. Physically, I was beyond tired. There was an inland East Bay vigil with our local partners after the devastating election results. I was the only one from my congregation that went. It was so hard to pick that boulder back up again and to push it back up that hill all over again. Each event after that

was a Herculean effort, and each one yielded more and more participants. Hope, a small faint glimmer in the distance.

The Rev. Leslie Takahashi Morris, one of the most prophetic Social Justice ministers I have had the privilege of hearing speak, spoke to me about my wish to be an ostrich. Since that was nearly four years ago, I cannot tell you exactly what she said, but the essence of her message has stayed with me. During times of great strife, overwhelming pain or frustration, it is the normal human reaction to withdraw and do as I was wishing I could do. Stick my head in the sand and drown out the world above ground. Somehow, she encouraged me, explaining that we, as people of faith, must push through that desire to withdraw. We must continue to stand up, speak out loud, and actively work to be the change we so desperately seek in the world. If we go into ostrich behavior, then we have truly lost. In a sermon she preached on Sept. 13, 2009, she said, "If fear is the opposite of love, love is the antidote. **Love and courage, presence and action.** Let us find the courage to stand in love, the courage to name our own truths, the courage to hold on to our hopes and dreams – as individuals, as parents, as citizens of communities, as co-creators of a nation that is no less ours than anyone else's, and keepers of the natural world that sustains us all."

"Love and courage, presence and action." Yes! That is what I need to hang on to every time I want to be an ostrich. I have found that this message has helped me when I am discouraged, with whatever situation I am in. Whether it is political, congregational, or interpersonal, the antidote for my favorite ostrich behavior is "**love and courage, presence and action.**"



What's Our Story?

Transforming Lessons and Stories into Mission and Vision

by Andrea Rosenfeld

During the last several months at UUSM, we began to undertake several activities that the UUA has identified as essential to explore during the transition period. The first of these activities was to examine and reclaim our history. Rev. Tracy did a sermon on our history, providing us with a perspective on our past, and providing people the opportunity to comment and discuss how we are perceived and how we perceive ourselves. The next step in this process is to examine the lessons of our past and to determine how those lessons have shaped who we are and who we want to be. Some people have contributed a few lines or thoughts about the lessons they have learned; in the coming months we will continue to collect people's lessons and will be working with them to glean more information about ourselves.

Why are lessons important? At District Assembly this year, a Friday leadership workshop was offered by Revs. Robert Latham and Jeanelyse Doran Adams. The workshop, entitled *Creating a New Story To Transform the 21st Century!*, addressed the importance for a congregation to identify and learn from its lessons through understanding its stories. Our history holds the story of our collective experience and our collective wisdom. Our history identifies what it is that we hold holy, and how and why we hold those things to be holy. Through our history and the stories we tell in relation to it, we collectively create the reality of our congregation. Only through an understanding of our lessons can we accurately tell our story.

What is a story? A story is an event with particular meaning attached. Our collective story will evolve as we evolve, and its meaning will change as we do. Additionally, as a congregation, we would benefit from asking how it is that we create our stories; what type of dialog, if any, do we undertake in relation to our stories? How do our stories change, and do we provide opportunities allowing ourselves to imagine that we have the ability to rewrite our story? By changing the meaning of, or how we interpret, the events in our past, we have the ability to rewrite the meaning of our past and thus, rewrite our history.

UUSM was well-represented at the workshop, with about 18 people present, representing members of the Board, the staff, the Ministerial Search Committee, and general membership. We were asked to undertake an

exercise and to consider the following:

1. Review the most significant congregational events – positive and negative
2. Unearth the lessons they teach
3. Ask how they can be applied this year
4. Suggest what leadership body's ministry is most important for addressing each lesson in the coming year



The UUSM members in attendance concluded that the most significant event of the last year was the aftermath of Vail's departure, which resulted in a larger interruption in our community. Through this, the primary lessons the group identified were that the congregation is redefining itself; that we have experienced a failure of right relations among ourselves, a lack of leadership, and a loss of unity behind our mission and vision.

The group determined that we will apply these lessons in the coming year by undertaking activities to explore and create a mission and vision that are fully embraced by everyone. In this process, we will actively practice our Covenant of Right Relations and promote compassionate, open dialog. We will undertake this and other activities in preparation for calling our new minister.

Exploration of mission and vision is a common yet essential task of the Interim period. Our new Interim Minister will help guide us through this process, but there is work we can do now to begin the dialog around this topic. The Interim Support Team (IST) is tasked with planning activities to explore our mission and vision, as well as to create forums to discuss our style of governance, redefining roles, etc. Please consider joining the IST to help plan these important activities. Contact Margaret Cross or Joy Reichard to participate. If you can't join, then please contribute your time and ideas by attending the scheduled events. It is essential that we all participate in these activities.

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Voices

Stories, reflections, and inspiration from the UUSM community

Excavating for Happiness

by Diana Candee

Trowel, whisk broom, screen...
dig, gently
set aside the pebbles of distrust
sift the hard dry dust of despair
careful!
... there it is,
not far below the surface
Small, sweet bone of gratitude



Our Beloved Community needs us! We need to feed our unity and cherish our diversity. Our unity springs from pursuing our mission and living out our Principles. Our diversity springs from the fact that we answer life's compelling questions somewhat differently. We are a community of covenant; we state how we will relate to each other and the world, not what we believe. But our Beloved Community needs us not primarily for what we can do for it, but for what the Beloved Community can do for the world: provide hope in an ever more cynical and hopeless world, seek justice in a world ever more divided into the haves and have-nots, acknowledge and celebrate that we are part of something larger than ourselves, that there are transcendent values and ideas that give life meaning.

Step Right Up!

by Mark Eggleston

The words from the carnival barker rang out over the crowd of men, women, boys, and girls. I remember, as a kid going to the county fair, wanting to go see what the man was shouting about. But prudent parents guided us on by saying, "Don't want to get mixed up with that kind of thing."

We hear invitations to get involved all the time; to buy something, to support something, to resist something. We've been hearing the invitation to "Step Up!" from our pulpit.

Robert Latham spoke of our "Mission Born of Mystery." The quintessential purpose of religious institutions is to provide answers to life's most compelling questions: Who am I? How do I know what I know? Who or what is in charge? What does my certain ultimate death mean? What is the purpose of my life? The search for and sharing of those answers (or the approaches to find those answers) transform ourselves and the world, thus fulfilling our mission.

Margaret Cross spoke of "Life Centered in Mission" – having the courage to follow your mission where it takes you and being prepared to be surprised. Two essential ingredients in the mission of radical hospitality (or any mission) are to notice those around you, and to listen.

Closer to home, at least for myself, was the decision to step up and offer my service to the Ministerial Search Committee. I was on one such committee before, in another denomination. The experience was profoundly transformative for me, for the committee, and for the congregation. I learned to listen. I learned to appreciate differences. I felt connected to that "Something" beyond us. The committee came to know the community, to love the community for both its strengths and weaknesses. The congregation came to trust the people and the process. It was a real experience, filled with tremendous doubts and the discovery of wellsprings of courage and trust, and finally the celebration of joining the congregation with its next called minister. It is with a sense of awe and trust that the surprises that lie ahead will continue to transform our Beloved Community into the change we are meant to be in the world.

I believe each of us, in a way unique to each of us, can respond to the call to "Step Up." Perhaps we've let the free and disciplined search for truth and meaning lapse and need to introduce spiritual disciplines into our lives. The fruit will be transformation. Perhaps we've grown so accustomed to each other, we've forgotten to really notice each other and listen to



each other. The fruit will be transformation. Perhaps we've forgotten our mission to welcome the stranger with radical hospitality. The fruit will be transformation. When we answer the call to "Step Up," it's not to be entertained, but to transform ourselves and the world. Now, who wants to "Step Right Up!"?

Confessions and Observations

by Pat Nicholson

When I was a teenager, a friend shared a saying that I've remembered all these years. "There are three kinds of people," he said, "the ones who make things happen, the ones who watch things happen, and the ones who wonder what happened." Since my friend and I were having this conversation in the midst of a serious pot smoking session, we found it highly amusing to place ourselves squarely in category three.

Today I'm revisiting the saying with an adult frame of reference (setting aside some embarrassments of the past!). I am realizing that it's not three different "kinds of people," but three different *states of mind*, or three different ways of being in the world. I'm guessing that many of us move between the different states, depending on our mood and/or our maturity?

In my early years, I was often confused by the complexity and the injustices of the world, and most of the time I felt like an outsider looking in...watching other people go about their business with considerably more confidence than I had. Yet I remember a summer when, at 10 years of age, I made something happen – and it was a source of real satisfaction.

It was my first year at summer camp. Initially I felt left out when veteran bunkmates told jokes I didn't get or complained about counselors I didn't know. Then my cabin got an assignment: we were to create and perform a skit that very evening; the topic was to be: "How Doc's (the camp director's) Hair Turned White."

I shared an idea with my bunkmates: instead of a predictable ghost tale, I suggested a silly episode involving Ajax Cleanser. Surprisingly, the others liked the premise, and we brainstormed plot and characters, with everyone contributing and taking an active part in the per-

formance. Our skit was an over-the-top hit at the campfire, and I felt the pride and pleasure of a success in which I'd played a big part. I remember how good it felt that my ideas were accepted and appreciated. The strong new bond with the other campers was wonderful and helped dissolve my fear of appearing foolish or being criticized.

A contribution at summer camp – hardly a world-changing accomplishment! – somehow increased my comfort level with teamwork and responsibility in general. Each time I've made a leader-like gesture since then, I think, there has been some positive effect, even if the project was not ultimately successful.

At UUSM, we have recently experienced disappointments, and some of us feel left out. But the transition period we're going through has all kinds of potential. It's a time of new ideas, new energy, new participants, new committees, and new bonds between us. Stepping up can be a real blessing.

When I'm feeling foggy or passive or just disinclined to take on a new responsibility (which is often), it helps to remind myself that getting involved doesn't mean I have to be Rosa Parks or Gandhi every day; I just need to be a courageous 10 year old, willing to make something happen and to have a little fun in the process.

Stepping Up

by Joy Reichard

About 36 years ago when my second child was just a baby I volunteered to coordinate the building of a wooden play structure for the children's playground at Glen Park in San Francisco. Little did I know, in the throes of my civic enthusiasm, all that this would entail! It was much more work than I anticipated and involved meetings, working with Park and Rec and Planning Department representatives, coordinating work parties, phoning volunteers, and soliciting donations. What an experience! It was a good thing I was young and had plenty of energy.

Despite the hard work and effort, there were numerous benefits. Working side by side with people I didn't even know until the day of the work party was a great way to meet my neighbors. I made many friends and got to

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know people in the community that I would never have met otherwise. It was a true bonding experience, as well as being personally rewarding. It was a great source of pride to watch the neighborhood children laughing and playing on the play structure. I knew that if it hadn't been for my effort, that play structure wouldn't be there.

As a result of the project, many of us became friends on a social basis. It also led to other community activities such as a neighborhood-wide tree planting and the implementation of a babysitting co-op, which enabled me to go back to college. If I had to do it all over again, I would have to say Yes. The benefits of making friends, deepening relationships, and building community far outweighed the time and effort of stepping up.

What's Our Story?

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In the coming months, also take time to consider the lessons you have learned in the past year, eight years, 15 and 20 years at UUSM, and identify those you see as being an essential part of what UUSM is today; then, come together with the community when the opportunity is presented to share your thoughts so we can identify which lessons define who we are today and who we want to be in the future. Through examining our lessons, we can create our story; with a story that accurately reflects who we are today, we can embrace a mission and vision that we can fulfill.

To learn from a lesson is to grow spiritually; to apply the wisdom from a lesson is to have truly learned from it. Let us find inspiration in coming together to learn, grow, and plan for our future.

Independent's Day

by Robert Voss

The 1812,
And a gay Russian
Stokes patriotic fires
In the hearts
Of model Americans.
The closing cannonade
Signals taper to wick,
To wit, first crack
In the gloaming
Of a Fourth of July
Bomb.

An expanding orb of fire transcends
Then twinkles away and fleeting life ends.
A glittering diamond knows patriot being
Then falls apart and fades to unseeing.
A cerulean willow explodes into view,
Waterfall wisps of limbs become dew.
Five more airbursts span a pentagram,
As cordite speckles fall to the macadam.
Spidery tracings of silver filaments
Wink and fade, doused by the elements.
Expectantly, a crystal awakes,
Color clamours in myriad snakes.

Geometric glares in freedom show elegant ellipse,
And watch aglow from high on high the grounded
bomber's quips.
Quip to comment to story we read, the splashing hues
build
To a final crashing fusillade, just what our hearts willed

This camouflage
Of American spirit
Ends prosaically
With the struggle
To get home.
Beat the traffic,
Bed down the kids,
Put off partners
And problems,
Wink out the light,
And prolong the afterglow
On your independent eyelids.

Worship Services

Service takes place on Sundays at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted. For updates on upcoming services, please visit the website and click on Worshipping.

Sunday, June 3

"Festival of Music"

Worship Leader: Shawn Reifschneider

Sunday, June 10

"The Spiritual Call of the Divine Feminine"

Worship Leader: Joy Reichard
Worship Associate: Anne Peter

Sunday, June 17

"Unitarian Universalism: A Faith of Immigrants and Father's Day"

Worship Leader: Diana Chung
Worship Associate: Sam Watson

Sunday, June 24

"It Ain't Necessarily So: Beyond Procreation, the Dangers of Religious Absolutism"

Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Malloy
Worship Associate: Caryl Hughan

It's hard to think that we are still debating what is considered to be a human civil right, but indeed we are. This sermon will give us "religious heretics" biblical responses to the often touted platitudes of those against homosexuality and gay marriage.

Rev. Malloy is the Young Adult Religious Educator of the UU Fellowship of Tuolumne County.

Sunday, July 1

"Our Hearts' Own Song"

Worship Leader: Pam Gherke
Worship Associate: Joe Sandmeyer

When I first came to the Unitarian Universalist Church of San Mateo, I found it a good place to make new friends, and the Sunday Coffee Hour was a convenient opportunity to visit with them. I soon realized there was more to it than that – our religious community had a heart and a soul. We will explore the meaning of our Mission and the "glowing coal" that informs it.

Sunday, July 8

Worship Leaders: Peter Cross and Joe Sandmeyer

Sunday, July 15

"Respecting the Interconnected Web: Justice, Immigration, and the Environment"

Worship Leader: Rev. Earl Koteen
Worship Associate: Connie Spearing

Sunday, July 22

Worship Leader: Rev. Denis Paul

Sunday, July 29

"The Power of Authenticity"

Worship Leader: Josh Searle-White, Ph.D

Sunday, Aug. 5

Worship Leader: Tom Newman

Sunday, Aug. 12

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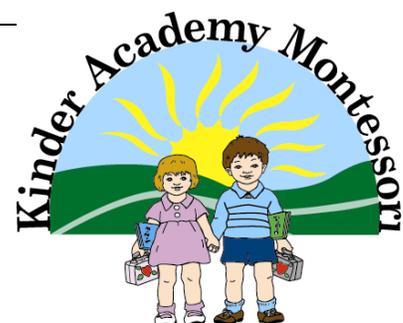
Sunday, Aug. 19

"Spiritual Joy of Laughter"

Worship Leader: Caryl Hughan

Sunday, Aug. 26

Worship Leader: Rev. Alicia Forsey
Worship Associate: Caryl Hughan



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(June 18 - June 29)

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(July 2 - July 13)

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(July 16 - July 27)

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(July 30 - August 10)

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Announcements and Events

Religious Education

With Justice and Compassion Children's Chapel

Sunday, June 10, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
Patio and Cottage Garden

Co-Director of RE Kathy van Leuwen will lead children 1st grade and up in a child-centered worship experience focusing on justice and compassion, following up on our month-long exploration of immigration. Our worship will be grounded in the Buddhist Metta – or lovingkindness – meditation.

Community Events

First Friday Family Fun Nights

Every 1st Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
(next dates: June 1, July 6, and Aug. 3)
Beck Hall

Join this monthly multi-generational family night dinner with pizza and salad. Cost: \$5.00/adult, \$2.00/child, up to a maximum of \$15.00/family. RSVP with jamiauosm@hotmail.com for each event one week prior to the date.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 10, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Sanctuary

Be sure to attend the next Congregational Meeting! We will vote on a motion to change UUSM's system of governance, the 2012-2013 budget, and the special collections beneficiaries for the next year. Childcare available.

Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 23, 2:00-6:00 pm
Home of Gail and Lynn Ewing

We'll have a FUNdraising party for the solstice to celebrate summer and raise additional funds for our congregation. Live music, dancing, food, and fun included! Contact Marty Hoffman at 650-876-1904 for more information. Tickets on sale soon.

Donations:

What you can afford. We want you there! – \$0-\$25
Seed planter – \$25
Gardener – \$50
Make it Bloom – \$100
Generous Donor – \$100+

UUSM Annual Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 26, 12:00-4:00 pm
Ryder Park
1625 J. Hart Clinton Dr., San Mateo

Join our annual kick-off to the new church year! Everyone wear Hawaiian shirts – we'll all say ALOHA! to our new Interim Minister, Rev. Alicia McNary Forsey. Stay tuned for more details.

Adult Enrichment

In Her Name Circle

led by Joy Reichard
Usually every 2nd Friday (see dates below), 7:00-8:30 pm
Ann Benner Room

The group meets to celebrate the many manifestations of the Divine Feminine.

June 15 Pele, Hawaiian Volcano Goddess

July 13 Isis/Hathor, Mother Goddesses of Egypt

Aug. 10 Freja, Norse Goddess of Beauty and Love

For info, contact Joy at 415-819-8769 or joy@joyreichard.com.

Social Action

Home and Hope at First Presbyterian

June 10-17

Four times a year, UUSM and First Presbyterian of San Mateo provide food and shelter for temporarily homeless families. We need volunteers for a variety of tasks – making food, playing with kids, sleeping over, etc. for the upcoming week at First Presbyterian. For info, contact Joy Thomas at 650-520-9997 or joybeach@gmail.com.

Social Justice Sundays

Every 3rd Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
(next dates: June 17, July 15, and Aug. 19)
Social Justice Letters – Beck Hall
Social Justice Council – Hemingway Lounge

Sign the monthly Social Justice Letter and make your voice be heard. For info,

Camp UU Summer Religious Education Program

UU DR. SEUSS

Sundays, June 17-Aug. 26, 10:00-11:15 am
Patio and Cottage Garden

Who doesn't love Dr. Seuss?

This summer we'll be exploring the fun and engaging stories of Dr. Seuss and reflect on how these stories reflect our Unitarian Universalist values. The stories

give us a way to reflect and talk about things that are part of our lives, especially uncomfortable situations. Participants will be able to express thoughts about the stories, listen to others, and consider new perspectives. We'll also share about our lives, play games, make music, and do art in multi-age groups.



Theodor Seuss Geisel



contact Peter Cross at 650-591-3642 or civ2100@gmail.com.

Join the Social Justice Council's monthly meeting and help plan the activities through which we put our faith in action. For info, contact Caryl Hughan at 650-692-4147 or educaryl@gmail.com.

Ongoing

Newcomer's Circle

Every 1st Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
(next dates: June 3, July 1, and Aug. 5)
Hemingway Lounge

This basic introduction gives people a chance to learn what UUSM is all about. All visitors welcome, no RSVP required.

UUSM Book Group

Usually every 4th Sunday, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Hemingway Lounge

Stay tuned for upcoming dates and the list of books to be discussed. For info, contact Anne Silver at 650-740-7221 or annehsilver@yahoo.com.

Walkie Talkies

Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 9:00-10:00 am
(next dates: June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20)
Offsite

Women's group strolls twice a month. For info, call Phyllis Mitchell at 650-340-9091 or Mary Ann Weisberg at 650-344-5951.

Women's Potluck

Every 1st Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm
(next dates: June 4, July 2, and Aug. 6)
Beck Hall

All UUSM women are invited! Bring a potluck dish and a book to share. For info, call Phyllis Mitchell at 650-340-9091 or Sally Reed at 650-697-8433.

Age-ing to Sage-ing

Every other Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm
(next dates: June 5 and 19, July 3, 17, and 31, Aug. 14 and 28)
Hemingway Lounge

Seniors group meets to prove the adage that with age comes wisdom. For info, contact Kim Mortyn at 650-574-3250 or kmortyn@sbcglobal.net, or Dick Davis at 650-348-3966 or davisrlav@aol.com.

Women's Age-ing to Sage-ing

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday,
7:00-8:30 pm
(next dates: June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28)
Hemingway Lounge

A Sage-ing group just for women. For info, contact Lillian Barden at 650-401-6089 or lillbarden@astound.net, or Randi Paynter at 510-333-4746 or randi.paynter@gmail.com.

Choir Practice

The choir goes into hiatus for the summer. Stay tuned for the date when rehearsals resume in the fall. For info, contact Shawn Reifschneider, Music Director, at 650-759-5942 or music@uusanmateo.org.

Women's Chalice Oval

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday,
7:00-8:30 pm
(next dates: June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 22)
Hemingway Lounge

This women's Chalice "Circle" continues! For info, contact Debby Leschyn at 650-591-6616 or dleschyn@gmail.com.

Men's BBQ Night

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:15-8:00 pm
(next dates: June 21, July 19, and Aug. 16)
Patio, Beck Hall

Join the UUSM men for a meal from the grill and topical conversation. For info, contact Randy Silver at 650-591-3056 or randy-silver-photo@juno.com.

In the Wider UU Community

Family Camp

Week One: July 8-14
Week Two: July 15-21
Camp Two of the Mendocino Woodlands

Once you've been to Family Camp, you'll wonder what you did without it! It is a wonderful respite in your busy life. Register online at www.ncuucc.org. For more info, contact Debby Leschyn at 650-348-2856 or dleschyn@gmail.com.

For more details on upcoming events and an online calendar, please visit www.uusanmateo.org.

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