

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

June 2018

Upcoming Sunday Services

Services at 10:30 a.m.

June 3: Of Pilgrims and Pillars

Rev. Elena Rose Vera, Worship Leader

It's Ramadan! Let's join together to learn about its beautiful traditions and the history of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. What can the Hajj teach us as we move on our own pilgrim journeys through the world? How can we support and celebrate our Muslim neighbors in this sacred time of year? Come, come, whoever you are!



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June 10: To Write Poems is to Find the Right Word

Holly Harwood and Marianne Robinson, Lay Worship Leaders

From joy to sorrow and all points in between, BFUU poets find just the right words to express feelings—theirs and yours as well. Elegies, nature poems, shouts of jubilation. All will find a place on BFUU's beloved Annual Poetry Service. Come to enjoy a special reading by

our current Poet Laureate Marianne Robinson. Gain inspiration for writing your own poems!

June 17: Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

BFUU Lay Worship Leaders

Missed the original Poor People's Campaign organized by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968? Now you have a chance to get involved in the new Poor People's Campaign. It targets poverty, systemic racism and environmental devastation. Led by Dr. William Barber,

the eloquent organizer of Moral Mondays, the campaign calls for 40 days of direct action. UUs from our national president Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray to local BFUU members are taking an active role. Get an update on what's happening now and how you can lend your support.



image: Jorgen Carlberg

June 24: Music, Power, Pride and Justice

Melanie DeMore, Guest Worship Leader

During this time of Pride celebrations, let us reaffirm our commitment to radical inclusivity as a practice, not just a theory. Come sing a song with us, out and proud as transgender, lesbian, gay, queer, bisexual, intersex, allies, and accomplices. The whole alphabet is present and welcome here, always. Please join our return guest worship leader, Vocal Activist Melanie DeMore, and our worship associate BFUU Board Member and Queer Activist Nanci Armstrong-Temple to sing about love, power, and how we can inspire one another through song to create a chorus of justice and liberation to rain down all over this world.



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Reverend Elena Rose Vera, *Minister*

Reverend Earl Koteen,
Community Minister

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Joanna Foley, *Chair*

Aesthetics Committee

Ross Drago brings Module Art to Fellowship Hall

Ross Drago is a local artist, writer and spiritual thinker whose works explore concepts of energy and the void. ENERGY, his exhibition of eight art works opened with a reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 6. His module works have movable elements which invite viewers to become co-creators.



BFUU Member Lis Schultze-Allen appreciating the artwork of Ross Drago
photo: Joanna Foley

This is the second in a series of rotating art exhibits sponsored by BFUU's Aesthetics Subcommittee. The goal is to enhance the visual appeal of the Fellowship's largest public space while spotlighting the talent of local artists.

Ross has earned public commissions for murals and module art paintings on display in the East Bay at the Jewish Community Center, Berkeley Bowl, Oakland's Franklin Square and various galleries. His newest book, "Of the People" is available on Amazon.

Art works related to themes of spirituality and social justice are welcomed for future exhibitions. Interested artists should contact Joanna Foley, Chair of Aesthetics at jfoleynyc@aol.com

Music at Sunday Service



Andy and Virginia at the piano

Wonderful Music at BFUU's Sunday Service by Our Members

The Fellowship is blessed to have many talented singers and musicians in our midst. Virginia Hollins-Davidson performed a

moving tribute to the struggles that African Americans have endured in her rendition of "Strange Fruit" accompanied by Andy Jamieson at the Sunday service on April 29, 2018. Many of us will long remember her amazing performance. The song was written by Abel Meeropol under the pseudonym Lewis Allan to protest racism against African Americans and is about the lynchings that had a peak around the turn of the century. Above is a picture of Virginia rehearsing with Andy before the service. You can watch her performance on our YouTube channel, "BFUU Music."

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

BFUU members Tom Luce, Phoebe Sorgen, and Virginia Hollins-Davidson join other Moral Witnesses at The Poor People's Campaign action in Sacramento



Tom and Virginia in action

The Poor People's Campaign (PPC) is a nationwide campaign that tops the list of people who are committed to making moral changes in our major social issues. It focuses on the intersections of systemic racism, poverty and voter suppression. Organized by the Rev. William Barber, an eloquent North Carolina minister and NAACP leader, it calls for 40 days of focused activism, culminating in mass mobilization on June 23rd in DC.

In direct action at the Capital in Sacramento on Monday, California protestors from the Poor People's Campaign sat-in, sang and made their voices heard. They asked Governor Jerry Brown to speak with them and acknowledge their demands. When this did not happen, the group refused to leave the Capitol. By 9 pm, 18 Moral Witnesses were arrested, including

three BFUU members, Tom Luce, Phoebe Sorgen and Virginia Hollins-Davidson.

Unitarian Universalists at all levels are involved in the Poor People's Campaign. Our national president, Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, spoke passionately at the recent Regional Assembly about the need to support the PPC. "This is not the time for a timid faith," she proclaimed.

There is a UU California PPC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/californiappc/>

And a national UU Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571414609903702/>

Some of the fundamental principles of the Poor People's Campaign:

"We believe that people should not live in or die from poverty in the richest nation ever to exist. Blaming the poor and claiming that the United States does not have an abundance of resources to overcome poverty are false narratives used to perpetuate economic exploitation, exclusion, and deep inequality.

"We recognize that the centrality of systemic racism in maintaining economic oppression must be named, detailed and exposed empirically, morally and spiritually. Poverty and economic inequality cannot be understood apart from a society built on white supremacy."

Rev. Barber stepped down from his position as president of the North Carolina NAACP to resurrect the final crusade of Rev. Dr. Martin King, Jr. — a movement to help the nation's poor. Several BFUU members heard Dr. Barber's inspiring speeches in the East Bay in recent months. Co-chair of the PPC is Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, a veteran organizer among the poor, organizing and advising grassroots organizations for two decades.

For more information, contact the Poor People's Campaign directly at info@poorpeoplescampaign.org or do a web search to find out more about what happened in Sacramento on May 21 and in other state capitols, and the June 23 mobilization in DC.

Week One: May 14, 2018

Women, youth, and people with disabilities living in poverty

Week Two: May 21, 2018

Connecting systemic racism and economic justice, voting rights, and immigration

Week Three: May 28, 2018

Veterans, our war economy, and militarism

Week Four: June 4, 2018

The right to health for people and planet

Week Five: June 11, 2018

Everybody's got a right to live: living wages, guaranteed income, unions, housing and social services

Week Six: June 18, 2018

A "new and unsettling force": Challenging our nation's distorted moral narrative with a moral fusion movement.

BFUU Congregational Meeting Sunday June 10



Please join your fellow members and friends at the Congregation-wide meeting on Sunday June 10 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include voting for Board Members and Alternates and approving the budget, but it's also an opportunity to see and be with your fellow congregants!

Board Alternate (1 year) Nominated Candidates (2 seats)



Ben Burch is a retired UC Berkeley library worker who has been an active member of BFUU since the late '90s. He has served on the board several times, and has been an active member of the Social Justice, Buildings and Grounds, and Finance committees. He has served as chair or co-chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee for some time. He has also served on the Committees for Ministry and Fellowshiping for Rev. Ben Myers and Rev. Earl Koteen.



Joanna Foley, a retired social worker, joined BFUU in 2014. Prior to moving to Berkeley, she was active in the Fourth Universalist Church on Manhattan's Upper West Side. There she worked with V-Day4thU, a group which worked to end violence against women and girls by sponsoring an annual fundraising production of "The Vagina Monologues."

The civil rights movement in the 1960s brought Joanna in the UU world in Nashville, TN.

Joanna chairs BFUU's Sunday Services Committee and the Aesthetics Subcommittee of Buildings and Grounds, and serves on the Personnel Committee.

If elected to the Board, she hopes to learn more about leadership and to share her writing skills.

When she can find free time away from BFUU, Joanna is a practical mystic, a good cook, a folk dancer and the grandmother of two.

Regular Committee Meetings

Aesthetics (Subcom. of B&G)
2nd Friday at 11:30 AM (3rd Fri in June)
in Fellowship Hall

Buildings & Grounds
Meets once per month,
contact Ben Burch or Abbot Foote

Caring
4th Sunday at 12:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Finance
Meets as needed
contact Ben Burch or Abbot Foote

Hospitality,
4th Sunday at 12:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Membership
4th Sunday at 12:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Music
1st Monday 3:00 PM
Fatapples 1346 MLK Jr. Way

Personnel Committee
3rd Thursdays 2:30 PM
Mike Gardner's house

Poetry
Meets as needed
contact Holly Harwood

RE Committee
Meets as needed
contact Sharon Colligan

Social Justice
3rd Sunday 12:30 PM
in Fellowship Hall

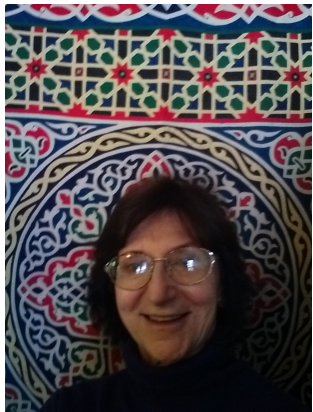
Sunday Svc
2nd Tuesday at 10:00 AM
in Fellowship Hall

Board of Trustees (2 year) Nominated Candidates (3 seats)



Doug Chambers is serving his second term as President of the BFUU Board of Trustees. He has been a member of BFUU for 6 years and also serves on the Membership Committee, and Music Committee. He works with his partner Kathy Riehle on the monthly Friday night, very musical Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam.

He, along with his partner and two daughters, lives in Berkeley. He is an accomplished musician who plays several instruments and is a retiree of UC Berkeley.



Judith Granada-Dewey and her husband, Richard, began their UU odyssey in New England. Their decision was based on the need for a spiritual home that supported exploration and development of a personal belief system and code of ethics, primarily around social justice. They have since been serving members of fellowships and congregations in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and California, as well as the Church of the Larger Fellowship abroad.

Over the years, Judith has served as a UU Religious Education instructor, co-chaired a Unitarian Universalist Service Committee chapter, for several years facilitated the Guest At Our Table program, and held a variety of

other posts. Judith joined BFUU with her husband in 2007. For the last two years, she has served as BFUU Treasurer with the able assistance of an outstanding Finance Committee, and as an alternate member to the Board of Trustees, where she cheekily harasses the BOT about money matters.



Mike Gardner: I was born in Wichita but my early life was spent growing up in Los Angeles, surrounded by my loving family. My mom's Irish activism helped draw me to the political left. In the early 1960s I began meeting other left-leaning students, many of whom were members of the youth group at the Los Angeles Unitarian Church. So, "when in Rome...." I became involved with the group.

However, my adventures with BFUU began when my first wife and I were married in Fellowship Hall in 1967. After our first child was born we wanted him to have the opportunity of having a draft deferment, and Unitarians were allowed these, so we joined the Fellowship. We were active

in the Social Action Committee, now the SJC.

By 1980 I was deeply involved of the Communist and Socialist movements, and stepped away from BFUU. But in 2014 I realized that I'd been away too long, and rejoined, along with Jinky, my wife. So with 'me' smart Irish wit, half of it anyway, and a grasp of left-wing financial responsibility, I've been immersed with our Fellowship. For the past two years, with your votes of confidence, I've been a member of the Board of Trustees. So if you can tolerate me for two more years, I'll work with the new Board to help keep things moving forward spiritually, socially and financially. There is a lot of hard work ahead and we all need to pitch in.

Poetry Corner

Singing on the Journey

“So high you can’t get over it
So low you can’t get under it
So wide you can’t get around it
You must come in at the door.”

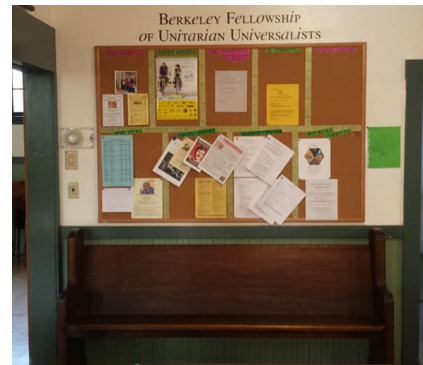
Words of wisdom in the old songs
sung by people together
in groups
in communities
singing truth
seeking solace
on the shared journey through life
to a better world they see
though they may never get there
said Martin Luther King.

The vision of that world is a force
more powerful than the might of armies
the possession of property
the wealth of a few.

The vision, the dream of that world
keeps people together on the path of life
as they gather in communities of many faiths
sing together in the search for meaning
for strength, for the journey
towards a world where
no one will go hungry
and there will be food
and water
and blessed rest
on the long, winding road
of life.

Marianne Robinson

Making Progress!



The New Bulletin Board!



The Four Seasons prints in the lobby.

A Generous Custom Returns to BFUU

The practice of turning over the collection proceeds to a worthwhile organization or cause is popular in UU churches. It thrived at BFUU under the ministerial leadership of the Rev. Ben Meyers, then was put on hold for a time but returned on Mother’s Day in 2017. Since then our Fellowship has turned over the plate every three months. The latest was \$325 raised on Mother’s Day for the STEM programs at Rosa Parks Elementary School. Other recipients have been Healthy Black Families, the Anti Police Terror Project and BESSA, the Black Engineering and Science Student Association at Cal Berkeley. Just as at other UU Congregations, BFUU finds that this practice promotes generosity and helps to build relationships with community groups. All have written notes of appreciation, saying, “Thanks for all that you do.”

Regional Assembly in Portland Oregon



Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Your Pledge Dollars at Work

Unitarian Universalists from the Pacific Western Region of the UUA attended a weekend conference in Portland, Oregon, April 27-29. Delegates from the 13 states in the region came to hear “Stories of Hope, Courage, Resistance and Resilience.”

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, national president, delivered the opening address which emphasized UU involvement with the upcoming Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Led by Rev. William Barber, NAACP leader from North Carolina, it will focus on 40 days of direct action to fight poverty and systemic racism.

Representing BFUU were delegates Joanna Foley and Holly Harwood. Also present from the Fellowship were Jeff Melcher, Rev. Elena Rose Vera and community minister Rev. Earl Koteen.

Joanna attended a workshop for Worship Leaders led by Rev. Erika Hewitt. The main points: (1) The purpose of worship is to create an emotionally driven spiritual experience. (2) When worship is overly word-centric, we lose opportunities to connect with ourselves, one another and That Which is Larger Than Us. (3) Worship promotes a culture of trust, using elements of the liturgy, music and silence.

Holly attended a workshop on disability. BFUU seems to be at the forefront in welcoming and accommodating disabled people. That makes sense, as Berkeley is the birthplace of the disabled rights movement. Holly came away with an appreciation for the Board and the congregation's dedication to embracing disabled people in beloved community.

Holly also attended a workshop on congregations healing from trauma. Topics included the importance of right relations structures, a clear code of conduct, and restorative justice. The workshop ended with an embodied prayer for healing and peace, and making a small string of prayer beads. It was wonderful to meet UUs from all over the West and find out what is happening around the region. Many congregations face the same challenges as BFUU. We are not alone.

The services were dynamic and the music was especially vibrant. There was a “fidgety families” section with art supplies for the kids, where Holly got to interact with the youngest UUs. Walking around the convention center, it was heartening to meet many young adult UUs. They encouraged us to reach out to college students.

Joanna, Holly and Rev. Elena thank you for the opportunity to experience the wider UU community. We are everywhere! The lessons learned at RA will inform our volunteer work at BFUU for years to come.



Holly Harwood (holding Louie),
Rev. Elena Rose Vera,
and Joanna Foley
at Regional Assembly



Harold Houghton
Margaret Hurlbert
Jack Sawyer
larens imanyuel
Wattie Taylor

Volunteers Needed

The third **Better World Festival** will be held on Sat. Aug. 4 from 3 pm - 9 pm. We need help with set up, clean up, gathering food donations, kitchen crew, photography, ticket taking, and more. We usually organize volunteers in 2 hr. shifts, but even a few minutes volunteering will make a huge difference. We still have spaces left for performers. Performers have 10 min. slots. Please contact Holly at poetry@bfuu.org.



Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam

What a fun night we had last Friday night May 11th. We had sixteen in attendance, which included three new music lovers. Doug brought his Didgeridoo and his Theremin. We did a group story telling; Doug started the story off with three sentences and we went around the circle with everyone adding their own spin – what great fun! – and ended up with quite an interesting tale. Come visit us next month on the 2nd Friday. Keep a smile on your face and music in your heart.



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Breaking Bread Together

This year, the Board decided on a new approach to 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Instead of one large event as we have done in the past, we're offering a series of shared meals for small groups of people. This will deepen our covenant and sense of growing together towards ever more perfect Beloved Community. Keep an eye out for your invitation which will arrive shortly in the mail.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UUA General Assembly June 20-24, 2018

Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri

Register at <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

2018 UUA General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri

All Are Called

Memories of Jim Beatty



James David Beatty
(1950-2018)

photo: Susan Mashiyama

On May 6, 2018, we bid a sad farewell to longtime BFUU member Jim (James David) Beatty at his memorial service attended by family and friends and held in the Fellowship Hall. He will be warmly remembered for his years of social justice work, attentive care to the garden, and his musical ability. Choir members sang several songs that Jim sang together with them, and a reflection was read that Jim wrote about the trip he took with the choir to Eugene, Oregon to

see the solar eclipse and to sing at the UU Church in Eugene (see below.) Jim was a knowledgeable musician who shared the gift of his beautiful bass voice to the choir. Friends who shared memories of Jim included "Food Not Bombs" members who talked about his devoted work with them to bring food to anyone who was hungry.

Others talked about how Jim was always trying to think of how to help the homeless. His brother and sister, John Beatty and Kate Lunceford, and their families donated \$500 in loving memory of Jim to BFUU to benefit music at BFUU. A picture of much-needed music books and supplies purchased is shown above right.



Jim's Reflection on the Eclipse Trip

Susan hailed me after service one day in the garden. I had heard that this eclipse was going to be the biggest solar event in history for the US. She said she wanted to go to Eugene to have the choir sing at the UU church and then go to the eclipse. She found one more place in the back of Jeff's van.

It was a pilgrimage for me. My father was born in Everett WA and I went to a couple of quarters at the UW where he and my older brother graduated.

So here was this quest: To sing, to explore, to rediscover, and experience a scientific, natural phenomenon, and be caught up in a great migration of maybe 25 million people. We monitored the traffic on our cell phones. Haley was the best at it.

We went up on Saturday. Susan, Haley and Brett and I stayed at the guest minister's guest house. The hospitality was great. Margaret and Jeff stayed at the home of a UU Eugene member. Mike and Jinky stayed at Jean-Marie and Frankie's.

After singing on Sunday, we went to a campground in a 30-acre farm near Corvallis. A friend of Haley's knew about it: an old growth Alder forest between the fields. The entrance was a gateway made of iron in an artist design. It was a reminder of the Sixties communes. The trees were sixty feet high and the temperature was cool. There was a campfire area where we would have a pot luck that night and the winding trail led to a swimming hole fed by a stream. We found a site and set up our camp.

When it came time for the eclipse on Monday morning, we went out to the field like a group of Druids. The moon governed their crop planting and the sun the beginning of the season. This would be the time for a human sacrifice for the good of the tribe. But I reasoned not every body was a Druid and the presence of civil discourse would prevail.

I waited and waited for the crescent to go away. Finally it got darker and cooler. People got excited. The light diminished so quickly. People ood and ahed and sang and cheered.

We took our glasses off and saw the black hole in the middle of the Sun and the gleaming streams of light shooting out from its sides. I imagined it was actually a black hole roving the galaxy paying us a visit and looking down on us for a moment to see how we are doing.

Then it was over, in about a minute and ten seconds. But I thought, it is still up there, just out of sight.

I saw a picture of the eclipse as depicted by older generations: the Sun as a face with one eye open and one closed.

How quickly we forget. So here is something to remember.

Featured BFUU Events



The Fellowship Hall (1924 Cedar St) is accessible by a ramp on the Bonita Avenue side of the Hall and has a T Loop. All other rooms are in the Religious Education Building (1606 Bonita Ave.) The Preschool Room is only reservable by BFUU groups and is accessible. At this time, other rooms are not wheelchair accessible.



Julie Bidou
1918 - 2018

Julie Bidou Celebration of Life

Saturday June 2 from 12:00 noon - 4 PM in Fellowship Hall

Julie passed peacefully in her sleep at the age of 100. She requested a gathering with song, poetry and dance. Join us in celebrating the life of this amazing woman.

noon-12:45 Informal gathering, food (you may bring something to share, but there will also be food provided).

12:45-1:45 Formal program (family and friends sharing memories and singing a few of Julie's favorite songs)

1:45-3:00 Song and Poetry Sharing Circle (bring instruments and your songs/poetry.)

3:00-4:00 Dancing (and a chance to look at old photos and memorabilia.)

Please RSVP halih@yahoo.com or 510-649-1423

BFUU Annual Meeting

Sunday June 10 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Please join us at BFIUU's Annual Meeting. Members will vote for three Board seats (2-year terms) and two Alternate seats (1-year terms). Please see the Nominee Committee nominated Candidates short bios on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.



Rise, Love, Resist with Codepink!

Friday June 15 6-9 PM in Fellowship Hall

With **Medea Benjamin**, Co-founder, Codepink Women for Peace and **Joanna Macy**, author, buddhist scholar, eco-philosopher. Plus beloved musician **Betsy Rose**, and dynamic activist leaders working to build a peace economy and to DIVEST from the war economy. This promises to be a serious, energizing and uplifting event for all who are concerned with peace and justice.

6:30 pm Potluck dinner (organic, vegetarian), music

7:00 Program

8:30 Book signing, Dessert Reception (for \$5-\$20 donation to Codepink).

\$5-\$20 suggested donation; no one turned away for lack of funds.

Sponsors: Codepink Golden Gate; BFUU Social Justice Committee

Contact: codepinkgg@gmail.com Facebook: Codepink Women for Peace, Golden Gate Chapter

The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy: Reassessing in Light of Suppressed Evidence

Saturday June 23 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a video program and discussion presenting suppressed evidence in the Robert F. Kennedy murder case, which invalidates the verdict against Sirhan Sirhan, who remains unjustly imprisoned for the crime fifty years later.

\$5-\$20 sliding scale

Presented by the Northern California 9/11 Truth Alliance sf911truth.org

Co-sponsored by the BFUU Social Justice Committee



Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events



T'ai Chi & Qi Gong with Gene Herman

Mondays, 4-5 PM in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays, 3-4 PM in Fellowship Hall

This practice improves health and well-being at any age.



BFUU Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

We practice songs for the Sunday services, learning melodies, and working on musicality.

During the first part of the evening, we focus on choir numbers with harmonies. From about 8 pm on, we practice the hymns we'll lead on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in for fellowship and to be able to sing more confidently and joyously on Sundays. Please invite your friends and neighbors. There's no pressure to sing in the choir on Sundays. These gatherings are something BFUU offers as a service to build community.

Orientation for Newcomers

Sunday, June 3 at 12:30 PM (after service) in the lobby of Fellowship Hall

The Rev. Elena Rose Vera conducts an orientation for newcomers after service on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall lobby. All are welcome, whether or not you are considering membership.

Elders Circle

Tuesday, June 5 at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall

Pastoral Care - Note on 1st and 4th Tuesdays this month!

Tuesday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 26 at 2 - 6 PM in the Ministers' Office

Rev. Elena Vera will be offering open office hours for discussion and pastoral care at BFUU. She will also be available for pastoral meetings and visits by appointment. If you would like to schedule a time, please get in touch via RevElena@bfuu.org or contact the Caring Committee (caring@bfuu.org).



The Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam

Friday, June 8 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall

Join us for BFUU's new jam session format. Come sit in our circle, share music, songs, poetry, excerpts from your new book, jokes and stories. We welcome all entertainers and entertainees to fill the Hall with performance, connection, and appreciation for all forms of art. Suggested donations of \$5 – \$20 No one turned away for lack of funds! Volunteers appreciated!

BFUU Second Sundays Potluck*

Sunday, June 10 after service (12:30 PM) in Fellowship Hall

Come one, come all! Whether you have a dish to share* or not, we invite you to join us as we break bread in the spirit of loving community. If you can, please help us set up tables and chairs before and put them away afterward. In between, join in the bounty provided by members and friends. Members, friends, neighbors, and the wider community are welcome!

**If you bring a dish, please also bring a printed list of all ingredients so those with allergies, interactions and dietary restrictions can enjoy the dishes they can eat and avoid those they can't eat.*



Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events



BFUU Writers Groups 1 and 2

1-Sunday, June 10 at 1 PM in the Preschool Room – no animals

2-Sunday, June 24 at 1 PM in the Preschool Room – service animals

Wheelchair accessible. Beginners welcome! Group 1 (2nd Sundays) is for those who are allergic to animals, and/or don't need to bring service dogs. Group 2 (4th Sundays) allows service animals. We include all levels and genres. After a 7-minute writing exercise, we write for an agreed-upon period of time. Then we read our work aloud and give each other positive feedback.



Uke Jam

Friday June 15 at 7 PM in the Preschool Room

BFUU holds a uke jam once a month for those who want to experience more music in their lives. First-time players are welcome and if you need to borrow a ukelele, let us know because we might be able to loan you one. If you have questions or want to let us know you're attending, please send your name and email address to jeffpalmer123@comcast.net for details on next meeting. Otherwise, please just drop in and join us! Welcome!

BFUU Board Meeting

Thursday, June 28 at 7:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Other Community Events held at BFUU

Sound Spirit

2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Connie Barbour Room



What does it mean to be a sound body, to be conscious & present? Intimate, fun sound/music exercises to discover your unique musical and alchemical powers! Explore to deepen your sense of self, and connection to 'other,' in community. Music, Improvisation, Circle Singing, Sound Games, Deep Listening, Discovery. Experiment and play. Grow with, and in, the support of community.

Join Meetup Group. <https://www.meetup.com/East-Bay-Sing-Sound-Listen-Connect-Community/>
Advance tix required @ Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sing-sound-listen-connect-community-tickets-45054323695>

More information at <https://clarehedin.com>



Women & Song, a women's singing group

Directed by Deborah "DJ" Hamouris

June 14th and 28th, 7 - 8:30pm in the Preschool Kitchen

\$20-\$10, sliding scale

Women & Song is looking for a few good women to sing & laugh with us! At each rehearsal we learn traditional and contemporary songs & rounds, including some originals. Women & Song has been meeting regularly for over a decade and welcomes new singers. If you can hold your own on a round or maybe read a bit of music, you're welcome!

Reserve your space: 510/910-2574 or deborahj@djhamouris.com

Fellowship Calendar June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 pm Soul Motion	2 9 am ASCA 12 noon Julie Bidou Celebration of Life* 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
3 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12 mm Newcomer Orientation* 12:30 pm SJAM Mtg* 8 pm AA Mtg	4 3 pm MusCom mtg (at Fatapples)* 4 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6:30 pm Soul Motion	5 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 11 am Elders Circle* 2 pm Pastoral Care* 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	6 3 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Choir Practice*	7 11:45 am AA Meditation	8 7 pm The Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam*	9 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
10 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 pm Annual Meeting* 2nd Sunday Potluck* 1:00 BFUU Writers Group 1 no animals* 8 pm AA Mtg	11 4 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30 pm Soul Motion	12 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 10 am Sunday Svcs Cttee Mtg* 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	13 3 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6:30 pm Sound Spirit 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Choir Practice*	14 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm Women & Song	15 11:30 am Aesthetics Subcttee Mtg* 6 pm Rise, Love Resist with Code Pink* 7 pm Uke Jam*	16 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
17 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 pm SJC Mtg* 8 pm AA Mtg	18 4 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30 pm Soul Motion	19 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	20 3 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Choir Practice* 11 am Communicator Deadline	21 11:45 am AA Meditation 2:30 pm Personnel Committee (at Mike Garder's house)*	22	23 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship 7 pm The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy*
24 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 HMC-Hospitality, Membership and Caring-Cttees Mtgs* 1:00 BFUU Writers Group 2 svc animals* 8 pm AA Mtg	25 4 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30 pm Soul Motion	26 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 2 pm Pastoral Care* 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	27 3 pm T'ai Chi/ Qigong* 6:30 pm Sound Spirit 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Choir Practice*	28 11:45 am AA Meditation 7:15 pm BFUU Board of Trustees Mtg* 7 pm Women & Song	29	30 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship

Mark your calendar!

**BFUU Annual Congregation-wide Meeting
Sunday June 10 at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**

* denotes Fellowship event

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR *Summer (July and August)* COMMUNICATOR: June 20

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