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Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

Summer 2022

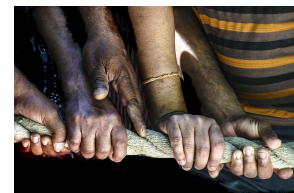


Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM* *reading this offline? please email worshiponline@bfuu.org for link*

July 3: Interdependence and Atonement Day

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Rabbi Emerita of the Congregation Nahalat Shalom in Albuquerque, NM, and now a resident of Berkeley, CA, Rabbi Lynn engages in multifaith, intergenerational and multicultural organizing in solidarity with racial, indigenous, gender justice and Palestinian liberation struggles as she teaches joyful spirituality, storytelling, ceremony, and ritual arts.



July 10: To Live More Authentically

Rev. Emily Webb Hartlief (she/her)

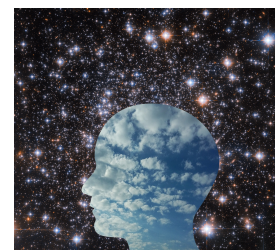
Rev. Emily Webb is a hospice chaplain, community organizer and UU minister whose professional interests include the intersection of spirituality/religious traditions and Western medical practice. Her professional practice supports clergy, healers, and healthcare professionals to access inner resources for sustaining themselves and to live more authentically. She holds a graduate certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research from the California Institute for Integral Studies.



July 17: I Call That Mind Free

Frances Hillyard (she/her)

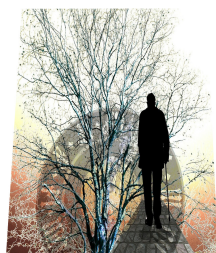
Throughout time and across cultures, it has long been recognized that reason and rationality are among many paths to the discovery of deep truth. Our UUA *Tapestry of Faith: Spirit in Practice* series continues with the fourth of the eight Spheres: “Mind Practices.”



July 24: When Aging Brings on Alzheimer’s Disease, How We Live

Rev. Dr. Caroline Knowles (she/her)

The onset of Alzheimer’s Disease destroys memory, disconnects the sufferer from loved ones, and degrades so much that is human. Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles describes the effect of Alzheimer’s Disease on the lives of the sufferer and the impact of the disease on all who are connected to that person. Rev. Dr. Carrie reviews the strategies that may ease the issues that arise, and the hopes for prevention and stabilizing the symptoms.



July 31: Choosing to Love

Pastor Jojo Gabuya (they/them)

Bell Hooks says, “When we choose to love, we choose to move against fear, against alienation and separation. The choice to love is a choice to connect, to find ourselves in the other.” For her, love is a combination of care, compassion, commitment and respect; and, trust is the foundation of love. Rev. Jojo V. Gabuya is a proud non-binary transgender, Filipinx, interfaith pastor, and a newly ordained minister in the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples.



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Clergy & Staff

Reverend Dr. Carrie Knowles, *Minister*
 Reverend Tom McAninley, *Community Minister*
 Susan Macke, *Office Administrator*
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Committees

Aesthetics (Subcommittee of B&G)
 On hiatus, Chair currently vacant
 Building & Grounds Committee
 Abbot Foote, Co-Chair
 Ben Burch, Co-Chair
 Caring Community
 Kathy Riehle, Chair
 Committee on Ministry
 Steve Ogden, Convener
 Finance Committee
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 Hospitality Committee
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 Virginia Hollins-Davidson, Chair
 Personnel Committee
 Kathy Riehle, Chair
 Poetry Committee
 Frances Hillyard, Chair
 Gene Herman, Poet Laureate
 Religious Education (RE) Committee
 Sharon Colligan, Convener
 Social Justice Committee (SJC)
 Co-Chairs Phoebe Sorgen, Cynthia Johnson,
 Gene Herman, and David Makofsky
 SJM Task Force (Subcom of SJC)
 Margaret Hurlbert, Convener
 Worship Services Committee
 Sharon Hwang Colligan, Chair

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BFUU Annual Meeting

BFUU's Annual Meeting on June 12, 2022

The [October 2021 Minutes](#) were approved.

Thanks to all who reported on Committees, Ministry, and current issues. Thanks also to those who voted for the Board, and on the UUJME AIW motion on universal human rights.

Congratulations to our new and returning Board Members!

Ben Burch ♦ Stephanie Doucette ♦ Kathy Riehle
 Phoebe Sorgen (Alternate) ♦ Gene Herman (Alternate)

We thank you in advance for the good work you are willing and able to do to keep BFUU true to our mission and vision!

BFUU ANNUAL MEETING PART 2

Sunday July 17, 2022 at 12:30 PM

We will continue the Annual Meeting to address the tabled item,
 “Where do we go from here: discussion”

Please fill out the [BFUU Survey June 2022](#) to share your thoughts on key issues with the Board and fellow members.

Worship Teams!

Worship Service Team June 12

top: Barbara, Paikea & Eva, Lawrance; 2nd row: Ardys, Kathy & Doug, Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb; 3rd row: Melissa, Margaret, Frances; 4th row: Stephanie, Sharon



Worship Service Team June 5

top: Frances, Paikea & Eva; 2nd row: Melissa, Lea Morris; 3rd row: Stephanie, Sharon



Worship Service Team May 29

top: Andy, Paikea & Eva, Margaret, Ardys; 2nd row: Barbara, Frances, Luna, Virginia; 3rd row: Kathy & Doug, Christine, Melissa, Lawrance; 4th row: Pastor Jojo Gabuya

August 7: Embodied Spirituality

Andy Jamieson (he/him) / Worship Team

We understand our spiritual journeys to be, not separate from our own physical experiences, but deeply rooted in them. Our UUA *Tapestry of Faith: Spirit in Practice* series continues with the fourth of the eight Spheres: “Body Practices.”



August 14: Indigenous Land Back as a Spiritual Practice

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

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August 21: Unity of Mind, Body, Heart, and Spirit

Pastor Jojo Gabuya (they/them)

How can we unite/unify our mind, body, heart, and spirit experiences? How can we integrate the different parts of ourselves and attain wholeness? Let's look at our experience in new Ways. Rev. Jojo V. Gabuya is a proud non-binary transgender, Filipinx, interfaith pastor, and a newly ordained minister in the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples.



August 28: Women's Bodies, Women's Choices, Women's Lives: What the Supreme Court Decided on Roe v. Wade

Rev. Dr. Caroline Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles looks at the Supreme Court's undoing of Roe v. Wade. That decision in 1973 had changed the lives of all Americans, but most critically, had given the freedom to women to control their bodies, their health, and their choice of how to spend their lives. The overturning of Roe v. Wade suggests future attacks on other human rights our nation has taken for granted.

Shared Plate Partner Program Continues

BFUU will continue the shared collection plate partner program in the new fiscal year (2022-2023).

In fiscal year 2021-2022, BFUU shared the plate with these partners:

JUL-Poor People's Campaign	NOV-Apache Stronghold	MAR-Healthy Black Families
AUG-Sogorea Te' Land Trust	DEC-Youth Spirit Artworks	APR-Hope for Haiti: Education
SEP-UUSC Haiti Emergency Fund	JAN-Ella Baker Center	MAY-Poor People's Campaign
OCT-Planting Justice	FEB-Mount Tamalpais College	JUN-Coming to the Table

THANK YOU to all who make plate donations to help BFUU and these community organizations!

Offerings are split with BFUU and our shared plate partner. Pledge payments aren't a part of the plate collection.

Poetry Corner

I am made up of molecules
that warily circle one another
yet agree to be together.

Though seasoned with star dust
my lowered sights
struggle to calculate magnitude upon magnitude.

I am a swirl of dreams,
hands, eyes, tongue
flung to the voracious world,
molecules madly circling

Frances Hillyard, BFUU Poet Laureate Emerita

Community Voices



*Ira Armstrong
Karen Dewald
Joanna Foley
Frances Hillyard
Virginia Hollins-Davidson
Josephine Jaszczyk
Jeffrey Melcher
Barbara Myers*



***Calling poetry lovers who enjoy
sharing favorite poems:***

Help start a **poetry reading circle**
to read each other poems that are
meaningful to us. If interested please
let me know. Frances:
franceshillyard4@gmail.com

Syl Scherzer is at home,
recovering from knee
replacement surgery on
June 23rd. She would
welcome phone calls:

(510) 526-5211 and possibly a home-visit. Email
her at: dreamersyl@gmail.com. Get Well Soon!



Interested in re-starting the
writing group? Please
contact me. Frances:
franceshillyard4@gmail.com

Regular Committee Meetings (via Zoom through Shelter In Place)

Aesthetics (subcom. of B&G)
Meets as needed

contact [Aesthetics Committee](#)

Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Meets once per month,

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Caring

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Kathy Riehle](#)

Committee on Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Jinky G. & Steve O.](#)

Finance

Meets as needed

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Hospitality

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Kathy Riehle](#)

Membership

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Doug Chambers](#)

Music

2nd Monday 2:00 PM

contact [Margaret Hurlbert](#)

Nominating

meets as needed

contact [Virginia Hollins-Davidson](#)

Personnel

even months 3rd Thursdays 2:30 PM

Contact [Kathy Riehle](#)

Poetry

Meets as needed

contact [Frances Hillyard](#)

Religious Education

Meets as needed

contact [Sharon Colligan](#)

Social Justice Ministry

1st Sunday 12:30 PM

contact [Margaret Hurlbert](#)

Social Justice (SJC)

3rd Sunday noonish - after service

contact [Phoebe, Gene, and David](#)

Worship Services

1st Friday at 1:30 PM

contact [Sharon Hwang Colligan](#)

Faith in Action East Bay

Dear folks,

After many years of lobbying the Alameda County Board of Supervisors-**ACBOS**, an Interfaith rally organized by Faith In Action East Bay-**FIAEB** was held on May 24 to end the mismanagement of Santa Rita Jail.



- The Supervisors -**ACBOS**, have been delivered an ultimatum to begin supervising the horrible conditions at Santa Rita that has been run by the current Sheriff Ahern who has been on the job for 16 years. He is up for re-election this year. Check out the ICJJ website: <www.icjjalamedacounty.org>
- There have been 58 deaths since 2014. Murders, suicides, as well as illness, have occurred and badly handled including late notice or no notice to relatives of the people who died. 49% Black, 28% Latin.
- The “**Interfaith Coalition for Justice In Our Jails-ICJJ**” has been established to pursue the objectives of this rally. See their website: <www.icjjalamedacounty.org> for details.

As BFUU’s representative to **FIAEB** I was pleased today to be able to attend and be in the faith leadership group on stage with my BFUU-SJC tee.

- Virginia Hollins-Davidson was also there and has participated in this movement.
- Virginia and I have attended many meetings of the **ACBOS** since 2012 with the Justice Reinvestment Coalition of Alameda County-**JRC/AC** <<https://www.jrcofac.org>> fighting mass incarceration of Black and Latino prisoners.
- Many other UU congregations were present. With this action we are fulfilling our commitment to the new Principle #8!

Hopefully BFUU/SJC can continue to support this campaign.

Best wishes to everyone!

Tom Luce



Money and services are being demanded to improve Santa Rita jail.



Mental illness must be served.



Names of 68 prisoners dead were read in today’s ceremony along with terrible stories of their deaths



An altar with pictures and flowers of the 8 dead prisoners was made with photos and flowers.



I got to be grouped with clergy leaders of the rally. Many UU congregations were represented.

BFUU Committees



Buildings & Grounds Committee (B&G)

Ben Burch, Co-Chair
Abbot Foote, Co-Chair

Aesthetics Subcommittee is on hiatus

Caring Committee

Doug Chambers
Karen Dewald
Virginia Hollins-Davidson
Margaret Hurlbert
Wyndy Knox Carr
Kathy Riehle, Chair
Elinor Roberts

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Doug Chambers
Jinky Gardner
Steve Ogden, Convener

Finance Committee

Ben Burch, Co-Chair
Abbot Foote, Co-Chair
Judith Granada-Dewey

Hospitality Committee

Doug Chambers
Michelle Laasi
Kathy Riehle, Chair
Elinor Roberts

Membership Committee

Doug Chambers, Chair

Music Committee

James Blanchard
Christine Dickson
Francis Hillyard
Margaret Hurlbert, Chair
David Makofsky
Melissa R

Nominating Committee

Karen Dewald
Judith Granada-Dewey
Gene Herman
Virginia Hollins-Davidson, Chair
Melissa R
Marge Turngren

Thank You!

Personnel Committee

Ben Burch
Mike Gardner
Virginia Hollins-Davidson
Kathy Riehle, Chair

Poetry Committee

Doug Chambers
Gene Herman, Poet Laureate
Frances Hillyard, Chair

Religious Education/Exploration Committee (RE)

Doug Chambers
Sharon Colligan, Convener
Stephanie Doucette
Kathy Riehle

Social Justice Committee

Ben Burch
Ardys DeLu
Karen Dewald
Judith Granada-Dewey
Gene Herman, Co-Chair
Cynthia Johnson
Tom Luce
David Makofsky, Co-Chair
Syl Scherzer
Phoebe Sorgen, Co-Chair

Social Justice Ministry Subcommittee

Margaret Hurlbert, Convener

Worship Services Committee

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Paikea Melcher
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Kathy Riehle



BFUU Online Meetings (mostly alphabetical)

Weekly Meetings

BFUU Choir Practice on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Choir members practice songs for worship service and fun!

Please contact Margaret at muscom@bfuu.org

Rev. Dr. Carrie's Reflection and Connection on Tuesday afternoons

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles invites BFUU members and friends to join her in a series of small meetings on zoom. Participation is limited. Email Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles at revcarrie@bfuu.org and let her know of your interest.

Worship Service on Sundays at 10:30 AM

All are welcome to attend Worship Service!

Please contact Sharon at worshipservices@bfuu.org

Monthly Meetings

Board of Trustees Meeting 4th Thursday 7/28 & 8/25 at 3:00 PM

BFUU BOT meetings are open to all!

Caring Committee Meeting with Ministers on 3rd Tuesday 7/19 & 8/16 at 11 AM

Please contact Rev. Carrie at revcarrie@bfuu.org

Note that Caring Committee also meets with Hospitality and Membership on 4th Sundays.

Committee on Ministry Meeting 1st Thursday 7/7 & 8/4 at 2:00 PM

This committee is a communication channel between the ministers and the community.

Please contact Kathy, Jinky, and Steve at COM@bfuu.org

Elders Circle 1st Tuesday 7/5 & 8/2 at 11:00 AM

Come one, come all who are young at heart! Age does not matter! Join us for snacks and lively conversation. We may even solve some of the worlds problems... or not. We'll have fun trying. Please contact Rev. Marsh by text to 707-557-5707 (preferred) or email revmarsh@bfuu.org.

Hospitality, Membership, and Caring Committees Meetings

4th Sunday 7/24 & 8/28 at 12:30 PM.

Please contact Kathy at caring@bfuu.org

Music Committee Meeting 1st Monday 7/4 & 8/1 at 2:00 PM

Questions? Please contact Margaret at muscom@bfuu.org

Personnel Committee Meeting

3rd Thursdays on even months 8/18 at 2:30 PM

Please contact Kathy at personnel@bfuu.org

Social Justice Committee Meeting 3rd Sunday 8/21 after service (noonish)

NOTE: SJC is graciously skipping or rescheduling its July meeting and encourages its members to attend the BFUU Annual Meeting Part 2 on the 3rd Sunday in July (7/17) at 12:30 PM.

Please contact Phoebe at sjc@bfuu.org

Social Justice Ministry Meeting *is on hiatus*

Worship Service Committee Meeting 1st Friday 7/1 & 8/5 at 1:30 PM

Please contact Sharon at worshipservices@bfuu.org

some committees meet as needed - please see committee meeting list on page 3

Fellowship Calendar July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:30 pm Worship Svcs Committee Mtg*	2
3 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	4 2:00 pm MusCom Meeting * Independence Day Holiday	5 11:00 am Elders Circle * ¹ Reflection & Connection * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	6	7 2:00 pm COM Meeting *	8	9
10 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	11	12 Reflection & Connection * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	13	14	15	16
17 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ 12:30 pm Annual Meeting Part 2 * ¹	18	19 Caring meeting with ministers * Reflection & Connection * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	20 Communicator Deadline	21 2:30 pm Personnel Committee *	22	23
24 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ 12:30 pm HMC-Hospitality, Membership and Caring-Cttees Mtgs * ¹	25	26 Reflection & Connection * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	27	28 3 pm BFUU Board of Trustees Mtg * ¹	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	BFUU Annual Meeting Part 2 Sunday July 17 at 12:30 PM on Zoom All are invited to join the continuing conversation: What is the future of BFUU?					

Fellowship Calendar August 2022

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	1 2:00 pm MusCom Meeting*	2 11:00 am Elders Circle* ¹ Reflection & Connection* 7:00 pm Choir Practice* ¹	3	4 2:00 pm COM Meeting*	5 1:30 pm Worship Svcs Committee Mtg*	6
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Future Note:

Monday
September 5
is Labor Day
Holiday

Please Plan Ahead: Direct links to meetings/registration have ¹ after the link. The remaining links send an email to the meeting organizer – please allow a few days for a reply. If you have questions, please email office@bfuu.org or call the office at 510-841-4824 ext. 1.

* Fellowship event

¹meeting link



Still Available!
Contact the office -
[email office@bfuu.org](mailto:office@bfuu.org)
or call 841-4824 ext 1
for information about
Transforming Hearts
Collective training!

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Building character, enriching spirits, promoting community, and serving humankind through spiritual growth and social action.

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