



THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

April 2015

Upcoming Sunday Services

(Services at 10:30 a.m.)

April 5: Rolling Away the Stone

Rev. Theresa Novak, Worship Leader

How can the traditional Easter story speak to us as Unitarian Universalists? Most of us simply do not believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth or that he died for our sins. What, then, can Easter mean? Is it more than Spring? Can we roll away the stones that are in the way of our own resurrections?



April 12: Tending Our Garden - Flower Communion

Rev. Theresa Novak, Worship Leader

We will celebrate the annual flower communion during this intergenerational service. Please bring flowers to share. The annual meeting will follow the service.

April 19: For the Beauty of the Earth

Rocky Morrison, Worship Leader

A celebration of Earth Day 2015. Are we living responsibly and respectfully in our interdependent web of all existence?



April 26: Music That Moves You

Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Worship Leader

Albert Einstein said "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music."

How does music move you? Is music a means to a spiritual experience, or the experience itself? Worship leader Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Worship associate Jeff Palmer, and Music leader Dominic Jeffries, along with special guest performers, will take you on a musical journey with music that moves them, religious, secular and transcendent. Please join us, and bring your rhythm and voice, as all are welcome to participate in many aspects of the service.

Developmental Minister Reverend Theresa Novak



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Dear BFUU Members and Friends,

This month, on April 12th, we will be holding our flower communion. Please bring flowers if you can! After the service, we will have the annual meeting, where BFUU members will exercise our fifth principle by voting on candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees.

It is an important decision you will be making. It matters who is on the board. This year's board has worked together very well, not always agreeing on everything, but all of the individuals were willing to compromise if necessary in order to find solutions that would be for the overall good of BFUU. They have worked very hard, and I think they have enjoyed it as well. Success helps, and your board members are justifiably proud of their accomplishments. All the current board members who were eligible to do so expressed a desire to continue their work for you.

Serving on the Board of Trustees is both an honor and a privilege. An effective board has members who are dedicated to serving BFUU and Unitarian Universalism as a whole. They understand the need to work as a team. An excellent board also has, as a group, the blend of the skills and talents that are required to get the work done. They have the ability to set aside their personal preferences at times, knowing that their role is to represent the long-term interests of the congregation as a whole.

The role of the nominating committee in this process is to consider all of the possible candidates, their different skills and abilities, what the board might need in terms of particular skills and abilities, and on how well different individuals might be expected to work collaboratively with others on the board, with the minister, and with the congregation as a whole. They then prepare a slate of candidates that, in their judgment, will produce the best possible board. This year the process also included asking members to contact the nominating committee if they were interested in serving. One person, in addition to the current board members, did so. Partly because he has specialized skills that the board needs, the nominating committee chose him to round out the slate of continuing board members.

Why does the committee offer a slate rather than just nominate all the possible qualified candidates? There are several

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reasons, but probably the most important one is that with a slate, a balanced and diverse board can be created. If a long list of candidates were listed, then it can easily turn into popularity contest, with people voting for their friends or at least people they know. With that method, it is less likely that the elected board would be diverse in terms of gender, race, sexual orientation, age, or length of membership. The congregation could also end up with a board where no one had the necessary skills to be an effective president, secretary, or treasurer. There could be a board where important groups within the congregation had no one who understood their needs. Can you imagine a BFUU board without a parent who has a child in RE or without someone who had been active in the SJC? Can you imagine a board where the members could not work as a team?

No process is perfect, however, which is why the by-laws also allow for individuals run by petition. It is what democracy is all about, and it is ultimately up to the members of the congregation to decide which individuals are best suited to help lead BFUU into a challenging and exciting future.

I hope we can enjoy the journey as we go.

Namaste,

Rev. Theresa

President's Report

Have a Happy Passover, Happy Easter, and a Happy Earth Day!

Chris Planellas has volunteered to be our Stewardship Chair for the 2015-2016 Pledge Drive.

Do you want to be more involved at BFUU? There are lots of opportunities on the Hospitality Committee, the Membership Committee, the Caring Committee, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and in the Choir. Anybody want to start a Fundraising Committee?

The Board of Trustees has adopted a Covenant about our working relation with each other to be read at every Board meeting. We are sending a team to PCD and PSWD's 'Beloved Community' Workshop in San Luis Obispo. We appointed Pam Norton to chair a Task Force to make a recommendation to the Board about starting a Right Relations Committee. Another Task Force is working on revising the By-Laws. The Board has also appointed Board Liaisons to committees as follows: RE - Lis Schultze-Allen; Social Justice - Sylvia Scherzer; Finance and Buildings & Grounds - Pam Norton; Sunday Services - Holly Harwood; Membership - Doug Chambers; Personnel - Susan Singh.

As we continue on our path toward becoming a thriving and more robust Fellowship it is of utmost importance that we all work together in partnership with our Developmental Minister, the Reverend Theresa Novak.

Susan Singh, President



PCD-UUA District Assembly
Walking a Faithful Path
April 25, 2015

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

UU General Assembly is coming up June 24-28 in Portland Oregon! The theme for 2015 is "Building a New Way." Go to www.uua.org/ga for all of the information about this year's GA!

Board Nominees - Nominating Committee Slate

Rocky Morrison - 2 year Position

I am pleased to be nominated to the slate for the BFUU Board. I have been active on the Sunday Services Committee and the Finance Committee for the past year. I am interested in serving on the board to continue the good work of the current board and our developmental minister in developing the fellowship into a more vibrant and relevant spiritual community in the East Bay. I hope that my many years of nonprofit management will be beneficial as we continue to work together to develop our fellowship.

Pam Norton - 2 year Position

I was dedicated and raised in the First Unitarian Church of Detroit. I explored other religions for decades (Candomble, Taoism, and Renewal Judaism) and returned to Unitarian-Universalism through the Berkeley Fellowship four years ago. I've been in the choir, served on the Sunday Services and RE Committees, and represented BFUU at General Assembly in June 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona, an amazing experience. This past year I have served on the Board of Trustees as Vice President and most recently have been chairing the Right Relations Task Force.

Holly Harwood - 1 year Alternate Position

I came to the Bay Area 18 years ago as a cultural refugee from New Jersey. I've been a member of the Fellowship for about four years. For the past year I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Trustees as an alternate and secretary. Before that I acted as a secretary for the Board for a year. I am the current chair of the Social Justice committee and serve on the Hospitality and Sunday Services committees.

I am married with two grown sons, an elderly cat and a puppy. I have a bachelor's degree in Humanities with a concentration in Activism and Social Change from the New College of California. In New Jersey I had a real estate license and was a notary public. My interests include poetry, playing the kantele (Finnish lap harp) and working for peace. I want to continue serving on the Board in this exciting time of transition and growth. Wonderful things are happening at BFUU and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Sylvia Scherzer - 1 year Alternate Position

As a retired elementary school teacher and public school librarian, for three decades, I have lived an active life of service. I grew up a UU in the San Francisco Church, attending through college and graduate school. I am committed to live the seven principles of UUism and will help BFUU grow and thrive in 2015-16 and beyond.

I rejoined BFUU after a long hiatus under Rev. Kurt Kuhwold & was active as an alternate /BOT. I served on the Leadership Team under the guidance of Rev. Earl Koteen where we worked on goals & strategies to move the Fellowship forward for the future. I chaired the RE Committee for two years, under Rev. Ben and served on his COM/Committee on Ministry for 2 years. I canvassed local merchants for donations to our RE & HAL fundraisers. I was Chair of the Intern Committee for Dr. Carrie Knowles. I chaired the internship committee who met monthly & evaluated our 2nd intern Cecilia Owens.

I've attended PCD/District Assemblies, including ones on "Stewardship", "RE", "Growing our Church", and served on the Transition Committee to search for our Developmental Minister, Rev. Theresa Novak.

BFUU Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting is fast approaching. Save the date and, by all means, plan to attend. You won't even have to stand up to be counted.

Sunday, April 12 12:30 PM

Following Sunday Service

Come help elect your new Board of Trustees!

Nominated by Petition

Nanci Armstrong-Temple - 2 year Position

I have been a member of the Berkeley fellowship since March, 2014. A third generation Unitarian Universalist, I grew up going to the First Unitarian church of Los Angeles most Sundays with my siblings, cousins, parents and grandparents. I have been a member of Studio City UU church, and Live Oak UU Fellowship, and I taught Sunday school at the LA, Studio City, and Oakland churches both as a volunteer and as a paid RE teacher. I have served on the personnel, RE, fundraising, hospitality, worship, music and various other committees at several churches, and I currently serve as the chair of BFUU Religious Education and Exploration committee. It would be an honor to serve the Berkeley Fellowship's Board of Trustees.

Wyndy Knox Carr - 1 year Alternate Position

I have been a Unitarian Universalist for 12 years, but attended many services and programs at Unity in St Paul, MN leading up to my membership in the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, BC in 2002 before I was a member of University Unitarian Church in Seattle, WA. I went back for a second minor in Religious Studies in 1986, including East Asian, "pagan," Jewish and Christian studies. I have Buddhist meditation practices, have taken three practice classes in NVC (Nonviolent/Compassionate Communication) from Raj Gill at Langara College where she studies Library Tech, have facilitated women's writing and journaling classes and have a recent interest in Liberation Theology.

I am an active member of the Social Justice, Membership, Sunday Services committees; and became the Hal Carlstad Social Justice Center Coordinator this spring. I'm interested in nurturing BFUU as a landmark of unique programs and services "in the heart of Berkeley," encouraging congregational polity (independence and self-definition) in our Developmental Ministry as well as our outreach and responsiveness to our local community and issues.

Regular Committee Meetings

Social Justice

1st & 3rd Sunday 12:30 PM in the Preschool Room

Sunday Services

2nd Tuesday at 7 PM in the Minister's office

Finance

3rd Thursday at 4:30 PM in the Fireside Room

Religious Education

3rd Sunday at 12:30 PM (after services)

Hospitality and Membership

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM (after services)

Buildings & Grounds

Meets once per month, contact Ben Burch

Community Voices



April Birthdays

Deena Andrews Pam Norton
Ben Burch Jean Marie Stine

A THANK YOU NOTE

A warm "Thank You" for the call for volunteer greeters at the top of the ramp entrance to Fellowship Hall. This entrance has several problems. For passage of larger wheelchairs or walkers, both doors sometimes need to be open, then one door must be closed quickly to allow access to the ramp. Although I cannot attend at all due to long-term illness right now, I appreciate attention to access issues.

Tom Ross

Resisting Austerity

On TV news, we see many demonstrations against "austerity." Austerity can be a lifestyle choice for those who want simplicity and humility. But politically speaking, austerity is a policy of imposing economic hardship upon people of middle and lower incomes by the rich and powerful. It takes many forms: reduction in government social services, reduced pensions, increased taxes, higher prices for essential purchases like housing, food, transportation, and medical care, and privatization of public services.

Austerity is essentially involuntary asceticism. Of course, voluntary vows of poverty exist in certain religious orders, especially in Catholicism and Buddhism. However, these voluntary vows of poverty usually exist in social contexts that meet people's basic needs for life. Not so with political austerity; it takes place in cultures where inequality is thought to be completely justified.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) says he'd like to improve the lot of the middle class, but he disagrees with President Obama's idea that top income recipients should have higher taxes to pay for improving life for the middle class. He ignores the fact that people at the top got there by taking resources from the middle class. People in the top 1% rob the working class by paying labor a tiny fraction of the value they create.

We have many millionaires in our world, but no human being can do a million dollars worth of work.

Numerous members of the California legislature want to use the State's billion-dollar surplus to "heal" past cuts to the state's "safety net" programs. These programs include Medi-Cal, CALworks, food stamps, and in-home care for seniors and people with disabilities. Gov. Brown is opposed, saying we must save the surplus in case the economy gets worse. If the cuts are not restored, the economy will definitely be worse than it could be, because the needy won't have the money they need to support their lives, and then local businesses will suffer.

I see austerity everyday, for most of my personal care attendants are struggling to pay for the necessities of life. For myself, austerity entails voluminous red tape and bureaucratic hassles to keep my safety net benefits. As part of his austerity budget, Gov. Brown wants to continue a seven per cent cut in monthly hours for in-home care workers. I urge everyone to contact their California legislators, advocating restoration and improvement of the safety net.

Tom Ross

Community Voices



Birds quickly pluck early blossoms
 The soft deliciousness means spring
 And in my heart I hold celebration
 for spring and for being -
 For my bones which spring up
 blood that spins its course
 and in the green confines of my heart
 gratitude - a seed intent on blossoming

Frances Hillyard, 2010

Social Justice Watch

The first half of April will be a busy time for your Social Justice Committee. Thursday April 2 at 7 pm we will hold a potluck and film showing in the Hall with our partner Transition Berkeley. <http://transitionberkeley.com>. Friday April 3 at noon please join us for Windsong West Café, potluck, politics and poetry in the Hal Center. Tuesday April 7 at 5 pm in the Hall, Gene Herman is beginning the CSAI “Escalating Inequality” study group and potluck. Thursday April 9 at 7 pm we will show the film “Water” in the Hall. This film from India is by the same woman filmmaker who created “Fire” which we showed at the Berkeley Women’s Film Festival last month. Friday April 10 at 7 pm (sign up at 6:30 pm) is our Monthly Open Mic with host Lauren Renee Hotchkiss. This is possibly the most eclectic open mic in the area, with singer songwriters, poets, dancers, Finnish lap harp—even a live chicken one time. Everyone is welcome to attend our events.

The Social Justice Committee has endorsed the Global Action to Wave Goodbye to Nukes! April 26-27. <http://www.globalwave2015.org/> The SJC has also endorsed the annual Good Friday action April 3 at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory which is organized by our partner in justice the Ecumenical Peace Institute (EPI). <http://www.epicalc.org/> Legendary activist David Hartsough will speak.

Holly Harwood

Social Justice Report from the Protest

On Tuesday March 3, 2015, I took BART to San Francisco. There I met with Vic Sadot and Cynthia Johnson en route to the protest, which was being held at the Israeli Consulate, or as I call it “The Obscure Consulate” because of its being in a very nondescript building.

The action of protest was against Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel, addressing a joint session of Congress in the effort to bring war against Iran. This protest was one of several held on March 3, 2015; the main action was held in Washington, D.C.

The protest took place at 5 PM PST. Police presence was unmistakable and mobile barricades were placed. Speakers were present, as were picket signs, chants, and a few Palestinian flags.

This time counter-demonstrators who would have been on the opposite side of the street with Israeli flags were conspicuous by their absence.

The demonstration was loud and non-violent.

Seon O'Neill

Congregational Study/Action Issue - Escalating Inequality

Escalating Inequality --- Addressing the Issue

Delegates at the 2014 General Assembly selected “Escalating Inequality” as the 2014-18 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations.

The BFUU Board of Trustees at their February meeting gave us their blessing in undertaking this study/endeavor commencing Tuesday April 7 and continuing every first and third Tuesday through August (or longer should we so desire.)

We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall with set up from 5 to 5:15 PM; pot luck from 5:15 to 6 PM. Study/working groups from 6-8 PM...which gives us plenty of time to arrive home before dark.

Here's the pitch, brothers and sisters: We need worker bees to make this undertaking a success. We will use the Hal C. sound system, and will need someone to list notes on paper-board easel, a spirit catcher, time keeper, and every congregant's participation. A co-facilitator would be hugely appreciated and we'd also love to arrange child care so that our members with youngsters can participate.

There is a study guide that goes with this and we will have 20 of these available to participants. For more info go to www.UUA.org, click on Social Justice link, then click on Escalating Inequality link.

Gene Herman-BA/MA - 510-548-9840 - genebh@lmi.net

The Congregational Study/Action Issue is an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and engage it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it take action—each in their own way. A CSAI is NOT a statement—it is a question.

Challenging extreme inequality is a moral imperative. The escalation of inequality undergirds so many injustices which our faith movement is committed to addressing: from economic injustice to mass incarceration; from migrant injustice to climate change; from sexual and gender injustice to attacks on voting rights. This Study Guide provides Unitarian Universalist congregations with materials and guidance for beginning or deepening their exploration of economic justice, helping to navigate this complex and inspiring subject with many ways to engage at personal, congregational, local, state, national, and global levels.

Issue: Upward mobility—the American Dream—has become a myth. Concentration of wealth and power has skyrocketed. Dr. King's dream of justice and equality has fractured. Half of all Americans are impoverished or struggling, as the middle class shrinks and billionaires take the profits. Where's our commitment to the Common Good?

Grounding in Unitarian Universalism: Our Unitarian Universalist (UU) tradition places its faith in people to create a more loving community for all, guided by “justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.” Challenging extreme inequality has now become a moral imperative, just as prior generations have led movements from abolition to civil rights and marriage equality.

Topics for Congregational Study

What do the numbers show about the expansion of extreme wealth and increase in struggling households?

What are the lessons to be learned from the history of movements for economic justice, here and abroad, dating back to the last Gilded Age?

How are social classes formed and what practices will help us transcend class barriers in our congregations and communities?

What do studies say about the indirect social outcomes of growing economic inequality? These include hidden effects on hierarchy, discrimination, segregation, minorities, physical and mental health, education, violence, punishment, political polarization, and public services.

Study root causes of inequality, such as corporate globalization, “free trade,” outsourcing, privatization, tax shifting and evasion, subsidies and bailouts, monopoly, suppression of labor, money in politics, “externalizing” social and environmental costs, “free market”/libertarian ideologies, deregulation, unlimited income/wealth.

Where to begin: Money out of politics, minimum/living wages, debt servitude/predatory lending. Justice and fairness in taxes and trade. Re-regulate Wall Street and empower workers. Grow opportunity through better healthcare, education, public services, cooperatives, media, democracy. Develop a deeper understanding of classism.

Religious Education and Exploration

The BFUU Religious Education and Exploration committee is growing!

We continue with two classrooms - the younger group (Arlo, Tallulah, Annabelle, Eva and sometimes Xanthe) is continuing with their Creating Home curriculum. The older group (Paikea, Frida, Arcata, Kachi and Mira, when she is able to come) continues with the Amazing Grace curriculum. Both curricula are from the UUAs Tapestry of Faith program, available online, taught by teams of volunteers (Sharon, Lincoln, Doug, Lis, Kathy, Stephanie, Jeff, Cat, Nanci and sometimes help from other special guests).

The young adult group, Pub Theology, meets on the third Friday of the month. Contact Dominic or Lincoln for information.

The middle adult group, Sprirituual Contemporaries, meets the third Thursday of the month. Contact Nanci for more information.

We have a new steward for the adult RE subcommittee, Chris Planellas, who has already organized a class taught by Rev. Theresa, open to all members, friends, and newcomers, and which includes a delicious lunch. Contact Chris or the BFUU office for more information.

Gene Herman continues to teach Tai Chi in the Connie Barber room, free to members. Gene is also heading up the CSAI group (see article on page 6). Contact Gene for information.

And, if you have any questions or requests, please feel free to contact our chair, Nanci Armstrong-Temple, or come to our meetings, which happen the third Sunday of every month. We meet from 12:30-2 for a potluck meeting, outdoors on the playground so the children can play while we scheme wonderful plots to help deepen and expand our Lifespan Religious Education and Exploration experience. Come join us!

Nanci Armstrong-Temple

Right Relations Task Force - What's Going On?

In November 2014, the Board of Trustees designated Board Vice-President Pam Norton as chairperson of a task force to explore the possibility of establishing a Right Relations (RR) Committee for the BFUU Fellowship. The main goal of the RR Task Force is to make a recommendation about whether or not to create a RR Committee, and to create a well-thought out proposal for the establishment and development of such a committee for the Board's consideration.

Task Force members include Pam Norton, Holly Harwood, Wyndy Knox-Carr, Frankie Hill, Jean-Marie Stine, and Nanci Armstrong-Temple. Issues we have addressed so far include what do *right* relations and covenant mean and do we want to use those terms; what is a covenant of right relations; and how do we create one? The recommendations so far have been to keep the terms right relations and covenant as they have a history within UUA that allows for continuity. We are now discussing Right Relations Committee purpose, structure and development, including how many members would serve on the committee and in what capacities, and what kind of training would best serve Committee and RR Team members. The Task Force hopes to present a proposal to the Board within the next two months.

Pam Norton

Featured BFUU Events

Screening the Green Film Series: American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs

Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.



BFUU's SJC and Transition Berkeley invite you to join us for an award winning film about Grace Lee Boggs, a Chinese American philosopher, writer and activist in Detroit with a thick FBI file and a surprising vision of what an American revolution can be. Rooted for 75 years in the labor, civil rights and Black Power movements, she challenges a new generation to throw off old assumptions, think creatively and redefine revolution for our times. American Revolutionary has won six Audience Awards from film festivals

around the world, including the 2013 Los Angeles Film Festival. The film will be introduced by Alison Paskal, educator and urban gardener, and Hank Herrera, food justice activist, working to build new sustainable, local healthy food systems serving vulnerable neighborhoods, who have both known and worked with Grace in Detroit.

Doors open at 6:30 for conversation and snacks. At 7:00, a short presentation from the Gil Tract Community Farm and the Ashby Garden The film begins at 7:15, followed by small group discussions.

This event is cosponsored by Transition Berkeley, Victory Garden Foundation, We Bee Gardeners and BFUU's Social Justice Committee.

Suggested Donation \$5 - \$10. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Conscientious Projector Film Series: Water, a film by Deepa Mehta

Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.



Part of Deepa Mehta's acclaimed Fire/Water/Earth, this film, set in 1938 colonial India against the backdrop of Mahatma's Gandhi's rise, tells the story of a feisty and rebellious young child bride and widow in a deeply marginalized and oppressed community. Set in the holy city of Varanasi where widows are traditionally stigmatized as deserving

their fates and whose own bad karma led to the deaths of their husbands, the narrative shows the effects on other residents.

Suggested donations of \$5 – \$10. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

BFUU Open Mic with Featured Artist TBD

Friday, April 10 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Join us for BFUU's monthly Open Mic night. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 PM and the featured artist performs at 8:30 PM.

Suggested donations of \$5 – \$10 will support the work of the Social Justice Committee!

No one turned away for lack of funds! Volunteers appreciated!



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NIGHT**

Featured BFUU Events

BFUU Annual Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 PM (following Sunday Service)
in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.*

Come help elect your new Board of Trustees! Those who may vote are members who have pledged and made a contribution of record from the 2014-2015 fiscal year or have requested and been granted a waiver of such pledge and contribution.



Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events

T'ai Chi & Qi Gong with Gene Herman

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-5 PM in the Connie Barbour Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.

This practice is appropriate for people of all ages. It improves health and well-being at any age.



BFUU SpiritUUal Contemporaries

Thursday April 2, 7 PM in the Benjy Room–1606 Bonita Ave.

SpiritUUal Contemporaries at BFUU, an open covenant group for self-defined middle adults, welcomes those who would like to experience open covenant small group worship. Please contact Nanci Armstrong Temple fragg94@gmail.com for more information.

Wind Song West Cafe

Friday April 3, Noon in the Fireside Room—1606 Bonita Ave.

Join us to share music, poetry, and discussion.

Escalating Inequality --- Addressing the Issue

Tuesday April 7 and Tuesday April 21, 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.

Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall: with set up from 5 to 5:15 PM; pot luck from 5:15 to 6 PM. Study/working groups from 6-8 PM...which gives us plenty of time to arrive home before dark.

Elders Circle

Tuesday April 7, 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.

The BFUU Elders' Circle meets at 11:00 AM on First Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events

BFUU Second Sundays Potluck

Sunday April 12, after service (around 12:30 PM) in the Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.



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 to join us.

Pub Theology

Friday April 17, 7:00 PM at Au Coquelet (2000 University Ave., Berkeley)

BFUU's young adult group meets monthly at Au Coquelet. Please contact Lincoln Statler lincoln.statler@gmail.com for more information.



BFUU Board Meeting

Thursday April 23, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Wordswell Writing Workshop

Sunday April 26, 12:30 PM in the Fireside Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.

Have you written before? Or always wanted to write more? This group will support and encourage you to write.

Suggested donation per class: BFUU pledging members \$5, non-members \$10. Half of the money goes to BFUU and half to Wordswell, a non-profit for writing.

Other Community Events held at BFUU

Jazz in the Neighborhood: Le Jazz Hot Quartet

Friday, April 17, 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.



Jazz in the Neighborhood is proud to present an evening of gypsy jazz with America's finest and longest-running gypsy jazz ensemble. Playing the music of Django Reinhardt using the instrumentation of Reinhardt's pioneering chamber jazz instrumentation of all strings (3 guitars, bass & violin) Le Jazz Hot has something for everyone: romance, bravado, melancholy, electricity and more!

Le Jazz Hot never fails to dazzle & delight. Paul Mehling on solo guitar, Evan Price on violin, Sam Rocha on string bass, and Isabelle Magidson on rhythm guitar.

Emerging Artist is Jacob Galdes. Galdes is a promising young guitarist who has discovered the magic and the beauty in the guitar playing of Django Reinhardt and has come to Le Jazz Hot so that he can really get inside of it by learning from people who live and breathe gypsy jazz.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/le-jazz-hot-quartet-tickets-16093978523>

Fellowship Calendar April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 APRIL FOOLS 7:30 am Soul Motion Mornings 4 pm Tai Chi/ Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	2 11:45 am AA Meditation 6:30 pm Film: Grace Lee Boggs* 7 pm Norcal 9/11 7 pm SpiritUUal Contemporaries*	3 12 noon Wind Song West Cafe* 7 pm NA Women's Mtg	4 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
5 EASTER 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 pm SJC Mtg* 8 pm AA Mtg	6 4 pm Tai Chi/ Qigong* 6:00 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6:30 pm Soul Motion 6 pm AA Men's Mtg	7 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 11 am Elders Circle 4 pm Sunflower Alliance 5 pm Escalating Inequality CSAI 7 pm AA Men's Mtg 7 pm Ran Bush Jam	8 7:30 am Soul Motion Mornings 4 pm Tai Chi/ Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	9 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm Film: Water*	10 7 pm NA Women's Mtg 7 pm BFUU Open Mic: TBD *	11 9 am ASCA 10 am Dr. Hu Qigong 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
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