

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

June 2016

Upcoming Sunday Services

Services at 10:30 a.m.

June 5: Flower Communion

Marsh Agobert, Guest Worship Leader

The sermon will be on the 3rd and 4th Principles of the UU Seven Principles, to complement the Flower Communion that we will be celebrating that day.

The Third Principle: Our acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth.

The Fourth Principle: The free and responsible search for truth and meaning.



June 12: Fatherhood

W. Kamau Bell, Guest Speaker

"I tell jokes, but I'm not really kidding," is W. Kamau Bell's summary of his work as sociopolitical comedian, activist and experienced father of two. Bell's new show, "United Shades of America," debuted on CNN this spring; in a weekly series of roving documentary interviews with Americans from inmates of San Quentin to members of the KKK, he tries to get to the

bottom of what really makes our nation tick. His only regret is that this show keeps him on the road and prevents him from picking up his daughter from school as often as he would like.

June 19: Summer Solstice Service

Dominic Jeffries, Guest Worship Leader

This service is about celebrating the summer season. We will be recognizing several pagan beliefs about summer as well.



June 26: A Place at the Table

Lauren Hotchkiss, PSR Seminarian

On this Pride Sunday, Master of Divinity student Lauren Renée Hotchkiss will speak to us about the history of transgender oppression, its basis in scripture, and its more recent and current manifestations. A post-op male-to-female transsexual herself, she will also offer insights on working toward a just, safe, and equal world for members of this severely marginalized community.



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Dear BFUU Members and Friends,

We have all been engaged in hard work – such commitment and a desire to embrace and practice new and sometimes confusing or scary methods is very inspiring! All that hard work is paying off in real and tangible proposals that reflect our discernment period aspirations.

During the discernment period between February and April of this year, at least half of all congregants and friends attended three intensive weekends designed to help us clarify and begin to act on discernment of our path forward as a fellowship. Working groups were formed to address three main areas of concern: what our current vision is for our congregation within and beyond our walls; our mission statement for how to proceed; and a list of aims to enact that vision and mission (Vision, Mission and Aims working group); how we will structurally organize and govern ourselves as a community of spiritually oriented and social justice-minded people (Structural Transitions working group); and how we will, through all of these goals, ways, and means, hold each other in respect and love as fellow travelers in community (Beloved Community working group).

A fourth body, the **Integration Council (IC)** was created in order to coordinate proposals from each working group our vision, mission, aims, and governance structures in ways that are integrated and that foster beloved community. The Council includes 1-2 members from each of the working groups and a board member. The purpose of the **Integration Council** is to synthesize strategies and needs of all three WGs, the Board, and the larger Congregation into a unified whole. The **IC** has crafted a living, constantly evolving workflow process that includes: a vision, a mission, aims, a recommendation for ministerial strategies for the next five years, a ministerial profile of the ideal minister for BFUU, and how to create, expand, and maintain beloved community. Final proposals from the **IC** will be presented to the Board of Trustees at our next meeting on May 26, 2016, for consideration by the Board. What follows below are the proposals in progress from each working group.

The **Vision, Mission, and Aims Working Group** (Kathy Riehle, Larens Imanyuel, Abbot Foote, Judith Granada-Dewey, Elayne Ryder) (**VMAWG**) has proposed adoption of a Vision Statement that closely resembles our motto as presented in our orders of service:

“Spirituality and social justice in the heart of Berkeley.” It reads: “The

vision of the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists is to build character, enrich lives, and promote community through spiritual growth and social justice in the heart of Berkeley.” The **VMAWG** has also proposed a longer form of this, promoting the same idea. The mission this group speaks to uses the Seven Principles and Six Sources to create “an intentional community guided by our Living Covenant, which we recite at every Sunday service.”

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Board of Trustees Report, continued

The proposed Mission Statement is as follows: The **MISSION** of BFUU is to create an intentional community that is larger than our individual selves, yet encompasses each individual, guided by the **SEVEN PRINCIPLES, SIX SOURCES** of Unitarian Universalism, and our Living Covenant, as recited each Sunday, "Let love be the spirit of this congregation and service its goal. This is our living covenant, to dwell together in peace, to seek the truths in life, and to help one another."

The **Structural Transitions Working Group** (Mike Gardener, Jean Marie Stine, and others) (**STWG**) has proposed that we search for a part-time minister since 35 of the 53 people that they interviewed wanted a minister. It also recommended a consulting minister rather than an interim minister for the 2016-17 year. The **STWG** then secured from the Treasurer two versions of the budget: One that lays out our financial picture for next year should we choose to hire a half-time minister, and the other that shows how much money the Fellowship will have available for other purposes should we not hire a minister. These are just two of several possible ministerial scenarios. The **Board of Trustees** will fine-tune the budget following its discussion and final decision on governance at the next Board meeting when STWG's final proposal will be submitted.

The **Beloved Community Working Group** (Frances Hillyard, Ingrid Kepler-May, Cynthia Johnson, Nanci Armstrong-Temple) (**BCWG**) proposes training in the Non-Violent Communication material for any member of the congregation who desires to learn on an ongoing basis. This, they believe, will lead members and friends into new ways of being with each other. Among the benefits that **BCWG** sees for this training are more productive meetings and better outreach to the larger community. Also proposed are small groups of congregants that would meet regularly (think: Chalice Circles, Covenant Groups, Small Group Ministries, etc.) The **BCWG** sees these as a way to deepen our connections with each other and enhance our spiritual understanding of our UU faith.

Please attend the next Board of Trustees meeting on May 26, 2016, where these proposals will be made, discussed, and voted on in the name of the congregation, as determined by our By-Laws.

The Board is very happy to have had such strong participation by many more individuals than are usually involved and would like to see this level of participation continue as we move forward. Several possibilities will be arising for those who feel drawn to foster new opportunities for growth, knowledge and connection. Three possibilities are Non-Verbal Communication (NVC) trainings for those who missed them, on-going NVC practice groups for those already trained, and the formation of a new committee for Small Group Ministry (chalice, covenant groups). If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Pam Norton or Frankie Hill for more information. There will be an experimental intercongregational social justice covenant group happening throughout this summer that includes UUCB, the Mount Diablo UUC and BFUU. Those interested in participating in this covenant group and/or in social justice actions with other local UU congregations, please contact Pam Norton at pcnorton@yahoo.com.

Please come to our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 12th to vote on our new Board of Trustees and Alternates and to celebrate all the work we have been doing since May of 2015. Celebrate!

In Unity,

Doug Chambers, Vice President & Pam Norton, President, BFUU Board of Trustees

BFUU Annual Meeting - June 12!



The Nominating Committee (Elayne Ryder and Abbot Foote, co-chairpersons, and Gene Herman, Jean Marie Stine, Virginia Hollins-Davidson, and Tom McAninley) pursuant to Article VI. E. of BFUU By-Laws, hereby offers five candidates for board positions and two candidates for alternate:

For BFUU Board: Elayne Ryder, Frankie Hill, Mike Gardner, Doug Chambers, and Nanci Armstrong-Temple.

For BFUU Board Alternates: Jeff Palmer and Judith Granada-Dewey.

Additional nominees, who shall previously have agreed to serve if elected, may be placed on the ballot by written petition signed by at least ten (10) voting members of the Fellowship and filed with the Nominating Committee not later than the Saturday preceding the last Sunday before election (so by June 4th for the June 12th election.)

BFUU Annual Meeting - Candidates for Board Seats

Nanci Armstrong-Temple

I grew up in the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles and am a 3rd generation UU raising 4th generation UUs. I've taught Religious Education classes in different UU churches in Berkeley, Oakland, and Los Angeles both as a volunteer lay leader and as a paid professional. I am an experienced worship leader, storyteller and vocalist.

I am currently a BFUU Board member, on the Hospitality, Caring and Membership committees, a member of the Integration Council, and a co-creator of the middle adult group SpiritUual Contemporaries (known as SpiCon).

It would be an honor to continue to serve on the BFUU Board of Trustees.

Doug Chambers

I am a musician and worked for many years at Cal Performances. I am currently the BFUU Board of Trustees Vice President and Chair of the Membership and Religious Education Committees. I also help as a Sound Tech for BFUU. I care about many causes, including Arts and Culture, Children, Civil Rights and Social Action, Economic Empowerment, Education, Environment, and Poverty Alleviation. Before I walked into BFUU I knew next to nothing about Unitarianism. I had noticed the chalice pictures on the walls of various churches where I attended community meetings in my native Massachusetts, but I didn't remember seeing them when I decided to visit the church that my daughters, Frida (then 8) and Arlo (then 5) liked going to so much. What followed was my membership in the choir, then the Fellowship band, then in-depth participation in the Religious Education Committee. Four years later, I have made the best friends that I have ever had. I have, indeed, transformed my very experience of friendship.

Mike Gardner

I was brought into the world by parents who imparted in me a sense of independence, self-reliance, and tolerance for other peoples' views. They also taught about the wonderful variety of the human species, a respect for life, and that leprechauns and fairies were my friends. Finally, Mom raised me with a high esteem for the Irish Republican Army. I have carried along in my life most of those ideals and views, and have added a few of my own.

Besides an academic life, I have enjoyed careers: astronomy, managing a communist bookshop, and programming and managing in an IT department for a major health care provider. A few of the resulting blessings of my efforts are a wonderful wife, four beautiful kids, (you can flip the beautiful and wonderful) seven grandkids and three great-grandkids.

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BFUU Annual Meeting - Candidate for Board Seats continued

Mike Gardner continued

Throughout my adult life I have worked for the integration of all peoples in all of life's aspects, an end to war, struggling for freedom of thought and self-determination for all peoples, the end of monopoly capitalism and the establishment of socialism with full inclusion and democracy for all. To accomplish any of these, I've come to see that interdependence and cooperation coupled with respect for all things living and reverence for our mother earth provide us a successful pathway.

I'm still working on the leprechauns and fairies issues.

Frankie Hill

I have been a member of BFUU since February 2014. Before arriving in Berkeley, I was a member of the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence in Massachusetts for six years.

From the moment my partner Jean Marie and I were so warmly received at the Greeter's Table, to the Sundays with Rev. Joy and the BFUU Band, to the friendly entreaties to become more involved in BFUU's inner workings, to our excellent lay leaders and visiting speakers, to the groundswell of participation during and following the Discernment Weekends... it was easy to fall in love with BFUU and go "all in" rather quickly, and it's been a crucial part of my life ever since. I feel at home here in a way that sets this congregation apart from any spiritual organization I've ever attended or joined.

I have served as a Board Alternate since October 2015, and am a member of the Sunday Services Committee, the Hospitality and Caring Committees, and the Discernment Task Force. I also co-chair the Interim Right Relations Committee with Pam Norton.

This next year will be a pivotal and exciting one, calling us to work together to name our strengths and further articulate who we are, what we need, and what we can bring; to build on our internal leadership and support each other in the process. I hope for the opportunity to serve these processes, and our Beloved Community, as a Board member and however else I can.

Elayne Ryder

Thank you for considering me for the BOT! I was raised a Catholic, with familial Baptist and Jewish influences. For many years, I was not affiliated with any religion; I explored atheism and all the things I didn't believe in, but, felt empty, so I began to wonder about what I did believe in and what would fill that emptiness.

As a long time humanist, nature is my spiritual source –

and when I discovered Unitarian Universalism, first through BFUU, and then through visiting other UU churches, and most recently, studying for one year at Starr King School for the Ministry, I knew I had found my home. The UU Principles and church history, provide for me the missing element I was searching for, that deeper sense of connection with one another—that sense that, as individuals we are each valuable and at the same time, we are something more together in community. For me, this is regaining a religious sense or religious feeling without the trappings/dogmas of religions.

I most especially love BFUU because of the down-to-earth, non-assuming environment that allows for a full blossoming of self within community; also because of that enduring sense that "we are our brother's (each other's) keeper."

This past year, I have enjoyed assisting in planning Sunday Services and serving as Worship Associate, serving on the Interim Right Relations Committee, and being a part of the recent weekend discernment processes.

As a member of the BOT, I hope to use my skills of "both/and" thinking, passionately embracing the big picture of who/what we want to be, while at the same time, collaborating with members and board members, to pay attention to the details that will make for a fulfilling experience for all at BFUU.

BFUU Annual Meeting - Vote on Our Vision & Mission!

Below, are the two versions of the VISION STATEMENT and one version of the MISSION STATEMENT for members to read and be familiar with before considering adoption of these at our Annual Meeting on June 12th, after Sunday Service.

The VISION of the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists is to build character, enrich lives, and promote community through spiritual growth and social justice in the heart of Berkeley.

AND

The VISION of the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists is grounded in our commitment to an evolving religious community that respects integrity of heart, mind, and body. We value direct social action that is non-oppressive, pluralistic and inclusive. We seek to embrace transformative love, radical inclusiveness and draw from the SEVEN PRINCIPLES and SIX SOURCES of Unitarian Universalism, as well as human creativity and earth's wisdom.

The MISSION of BFUU is to to create an intentional community that is larger than our individual selves, yet encompasses each individual, guided by the SEVEN PRINCIPLES, SIX SOURCES of Unitarian Universalism and our Living Covenant, recited each Sunday, "Let love be the spirit of this congregation and service its goal. This is our living Covenant, to dwell together in peace, to seek the truths in life and to help one another."

A Letter from the BFUU Board regarding Ken O'Keefe

BFUU and the BFUU Social Justice Committee do our utmost to host a number of speakers who have opinions on a wide number of topics.

We do this as part of our principles and as a way to honor our sources.

In the case of Ken O'Keefe, who made many inflammatory, disturbing, and potentially anti-Jewish remarks, we have decided as a body that we will no longer host his discussions.

In a time of great planetary unrest, we stand with those who fight for justice and with those who are downtrodden. We stand with the Palestinian people, and we stand with Jewish people. We believe that atrocities committed by any government (including our own and the Israeli government) should be named and resisted.

When that naming violates our seven principles, we must stand back. Mr. O'Keefe made many statements that are contrary to our values, and we regret any pain that he may have caused.

For anyone who wishes for clarification, you may contact the BFUU board.

For anyone who needs counseling due to the hurt caused by Mr. O'Keefe, by the situation in the Middle East, or for any reason, you may contact our office to meet with our pastoral care minister.

As for BFUU, we will continue to host folks who disagree with us, and we draw the line at those who would use our platform to spew dishonesty that breeds hatred by misquoting religious sources. As a body, BFUU does and will continue to Stand on the Side of Love.

Nanci Armstrong -Temple for the BFUU Board of Trustees

Justice Reinvestment Coalition/Alameda County



The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian
Universalists
1924 Cedar Ave Berkeley, CA 94703

The Interfaith Subcommittee of the BFUU/SJC:

Liaison: Tom Luce <tomfluce@gmail.com>;

Joanna Foley, Holly Harwood, Gene Herman, Virginia Hollins-Davidson, Christopher Macy

Working with the *Justice Reinvestment Coalition of Alameda Co. – JRC/AC*
to end mass incarceration of people of color



– Live Free, a PICO Ca. program –
The heart supporting "Black Lives Matter"
icon is from the 2015 UUA GA, endorsed
by BFUU to signify our
support for the JRC/AC



On Tuesday, May 10, over 150 people of many faiths lobbied the majority of California legislators in Sacramento to support bills designed to bring services to stop/prevent the mass incarceration of black and brown young people. It was **PICO California** that organized and funded this entire day of lobbying, representing 480 faith institutions and 450,000 members alone in California. PICO is also a national and international faith-based coalition. **Adam Kruggel** of the PICO California office and **Brandon Sturdivant**, also from PICO California as well as from **OCO** (Oakland branch of PICO) were the chief organizers along with many leaders of PICO groups from California.

We advocated for legislation and for the governor's budget office to end the criminalization and oppression of low-income communities in general and communities of color in particular:

1. **Prop 47**, the latest act passed to remove people incarcerated for minor offenses, was meant to obtain \$150 million from the savings from removing thousands from prison to assure adequate re-entry and prevention services. Unfortunately Gov. Brown's budget committee has proposed a minimal amount—\$23 million. We underscored this problem with both Assembly Reps and Senators to convince the Governor's budget makers to restore the missing dollars. Last time on a similar matter it took a non-violent action to move the governor. Keep posted. Do what you can.

2. **State Bills:** We advocated for the several bills before the the Assembly and Senate. **AB 2590** Restorative Justice; **AB 2765** extension of Prop 47; **AB 2792** Truth Act, working to set up just deportation programs; **SB 1286** Law Enforcement Transparency about use of force and egregious conduct of peace officers; **SB 10**, Health for All including immigrants; **SB 966** repeal Ineffective Sentencing Enhancements; repeal the automatic 3-year sentence for each offense; **SB 1050** College For All; **SB 1289** Ending private Immigration In Private Prisons. Check the legislature's website for more information!

3. Budget Priorities:

- The Governor's Prop 47 funding formula needs to be revised; **NOTE: Please look for alerts in our Fellowship Hall to lobby Gov. Brown to increase his low budget published 5/13/16 of \$39.4 million, still far below the Legislative Analyst Office (independent) assessment of \$100 million. His formula is seriously flawed.**
- the \$250 million in new jail construction must be withdrawn; and
- we advocate support for "One California" that would budget more social and human services for assisting lawful permanent residents as well as for undocumented immigrants.

We organized into teams that

- introduced who we are, where from,
- invoked our faith convictions about justice,
- heard from eloquent and convincing recipients of rehab services for addictions and homelessness, and
- went over specific legislation with our representatives and senators to clarify their stand and amount of support

Those of us from Alameda Co. found strong support among our Rep. Rob Bonta, and Sen. Loni Hancock. Rep. Bill Quirk's chief of staff had promising remarks. We must, of course, continue to lobby constantly as the legislature and governor move along this year. Please take time to lobby your own California representatives/senators for these matters.



150+ gather from all over California



150+ walk to capitol, mouths covered for those who can't speak.



Rep. Bonta meets with us

Community Voices



Happy Birthday!

Arlo Chambers

Judith Granada-Dewey

Harold Houghton

Iarens imanyuel

Ingrid Kepler-May

Jeff Palmer



In Gratitude

Lucy

no longer fair

without a self

Your bones lie bare

upon the sterile shelf

Sockets wink at what

they know

Lucy -

light from long ago

Frances Hillyard

Children's Religious Education



Our K-5 class in Spring 2016 is exploring the UUA Tapestry of Faith curriculum Windows and Mirrors, learning about dynamic relationship among our awareness of self, our perceptions of others, and others' perceptions of us. Teachers are Doug Chambers (coordinator), Stephanie



Doucette, Jeff Palmer, Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Lis Schultze, and Kathy Riehle; assisted by Dawn Schultze-Allen.

Our Middle School class has completed a year of Riddle and Mystery, and is now preparing to begin a year of Building Bridges: A World Religions Program, designed to “deepen youth’s understanding of the dynamic, fascinating, and varied world in which they live.” The curriculum will begin with Indigenous Religions in June, followed by Hinduism, Judaism and more as we move forward through history over the year. We will also continue to occasionally enrich the class with chapters from Moon Mother, Moon Daughter: Myths and Rituals that Celebrate a Girl’s Coming of Age, by UU Terri Allison, because they love feisty goddesses. Teachers are Sharon Hwang Colligan (coordinator) and Doug Chambers; assisted by Kathy Riehle and Sophie Schultze-Allen.

Moments in May: The discovery of two small pottery wheels in our storage closet, and a donation of potter’s clay, resulted in some muddy and creative explorations. We celebrated May Day with a field trip to Tilden Park to dance the Maypole with the Berkeley Morris Dancers. In class, the Windows and Mirrors kids talked about the Birmingham Children's Crusade of May 1963, and enjoyed a special session with a guest teacher, BFUU elder Dolores Helman, sharing her own experiences with the Civil Rights era. The middle school kids held a closing ceremony to say goodbye to their Riddle and Mystery year, wrote thank-you notes to their teachers, and learned to carefully set some things on fire.

— Sharon Hwang Colligan, BFUU-RE committee member

Call for Artists and Poets: July 3rd Celebration of Nature Sunday Service

You are invited to join BFUU artists and poets in celebration of nature and the natural world during the Sunday Service on July 3rd. Artists may each bring one or two works in any art or craft on this theme for display during the service. The deadline is June 24th for artists to submit a description of any art pieces (including dimensions) they plan to bring on Sunday July 3rd, and for poets to send copies of their poems for inclusion as inserts. Send these descriptions and/or poems to the BFUU office (office@bfuu.org) so that we can plan for display. For more information contact Elaine Ryder or Frances Hillyard.



BFUU Office Update - Deborah is Back!

As many of you are aware, Deborah Hamouris, Event Space Coordinator, has been out of the office since mid-January. Susan Macke, Office Coordinator, and Lynn Orlando, Event Space Assistant, have juggled most of Deborah's responsibilities - but we have missed her every day. We are happy to let you all know that Deborah will be back to her regular schedule of being in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She will, for a time, be leaving a bit early on Tuesdays, and you can, as always, contact the Office Coordinator if you have a room's need and Deborah is not available.



Big thanks to Lynn Orlando for coming on to help with the many, varied, and sometimes overwhelming room-use inquiries, contracts, payments, and follow-ups! We wish her well in her future endeavors.

Featured BFUU Events



Fellowship Hall (1924 Cedar St) is accessible by a ramp on the Bonita Avenue side. The Preschool rooms are only reservable by BFUU groups and are accessible on the ground level of our Religious Education Building (1606 Bonita Ave). At this time the Connie Barbour, Fireside, and Benjy Rooms on the 2nd floor of our Religious Education Building are not wheelchair accessible.

The Ecology Center and Transition Berkeley Present: "Occupy the Farm"

Thursday June 2 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Please join us to witness an incredible drama that took place in our own back yard in 2012 and that continues to unfold today. "Occupy the Farm" tells the story of 200 urban farmers who walk onto a publicly-owned farm in Albany, California and plant two acres of crops in order to save the land from becoming a real-estate development.

This direct action set up a vibrant tent village on land destined to become condos, while their crops blocked the development plans of UC Berkeley.

Director Todd Darling will be present for Q&A, and the event will include updates on the current status of the farm and the developers. Copies of the DVD will be available for purchase at the event.

Sponsored by: Transition Berkeley, Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Social Justice Committee, and the Ecology Center.

Suggested Donation: \$5-20 No one turned away for lack of funds!

More info: www.transitionberkeley.com



Featured BFUU Events

Conscientious Projector Presents “Jihad for Love”

Thursday, June 9, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.



Islam today is the world’s second largest and fastest growing religion. Muslim gay filmmaker Parvez Sharma travels the many worlds of this dynamic faith, discovering the stories of its most unlikely storytellers: lesbian and gay Muslims. “A Jihad for Love” was filmed in 12 countries and 9 languages and comes from the heart of Islam. Looking beyond a hostile and war-torn present, it reclaims the Islamic concept of a greater Jihad, whose true meaning is akin to ‘an inner struggle’ or ‘to strive in the path of God’ - allowing its remarkable subjects to move beyond the narrow concept of Jihad as holy war.

Sponsored by the BFUU Social Justice Committee as part of our Conscientious Projector series. Wheelchair accessible.

Suggested donation \$5 – \$20. No one turned away for lack of funds!



BFUU Open Mic

Friday, June 10 at 6 PM sign up / 7 PM start in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.

Join us for BFUU’s monthly Open Mic night! First come, first choice of 10-minute slots, available all evening or until the slots fill up. Featured Artist performs around 8:30 PM.

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



SJC Presents the Film “Power of the Weak”

Saturday June 18 at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

“The Power of the Weak” film, sponsored by BFUU’s SJC and the International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity, is a documentary film by independent German filmmaker Tobias Kriele, which highlights being disabled does not have to mean weak. In this film, Jorgito, a young Cuban with severe cerebral palsy, shows how a society structured to support human development can make the disabled powerful.

Refreshments available. All are welcome!

Suggested donation \$5 – \$20. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events



T'ai Chi & Qi Gong with Gene Herman

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

Wednesdays, 3-4 PM in the Connie Barbour Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.

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

Elders Circle

Tuesday, June 7 at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

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

BFUU Second Sundays Potluck*

Sunday May 8 after service (around 12:30 PM) in 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.

*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.

BFUU SpiritUual Contemporaries

Thursday, June 16, 6:45 PM in the Preschool 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, fraggleg94@gmail.com for more information.

Good Grief Group

Wednesday June 22 at 7:00 PM in the Minister's Office – 1606 Bonita Ave.

A gathering place to share the experience of grief and loss. To join, call BFUU at 510-841-4824.

BFUU Board Meeting

Thursday June 23 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

BFUU Writers Group

Sunday June 26 at 12:30 PM in the Preschool Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.

New! BFUU Writers Group. Wheelchair accessible. Beginners welcome!

Regular Committee Meetings

Buildings & Grounds

*Meets once per month,
contact Ben Burch*

Finance

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

Hospitality, Caring and Membership

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

Social Justice

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

Sunday Services

*1st Tuesday at 7 PM
in the Preschool Room*

Other Community Events held at BFUU

Berkeley Dulcimer Orchestra Recital

Saturday June 4 2:30 - 3:15 PM in the Connie Barbour Room – 1606 Bonita Ave



Join the Berkeley Dulcimer Orchestra for a recital of classical & folk arrangements for 2 to 5 dulcimers.

This is the 3rd season for the Berkeley Dulcimer Orchestra, and our ensemble is really starting to come together. With selections from Sacred Harp hymns, unexpected arrangements of folk tunes, and early music, I think Steve Eulberg has created a fun program for all! Please join us.

This year's ensemble consists of Nomi Harris, Romy Fogel, Ellen Roosevelt, Deborah Hamouris, & Steve Eulberg.

Light refreshments follow the recital. Free.

Empowered Communication Series at BFUU

Come for 5 Mondays, starting July 11

- I keep getting stuck doing what I always do
- My boss isn't a good communicator
- I wish people would stop being so judgmental



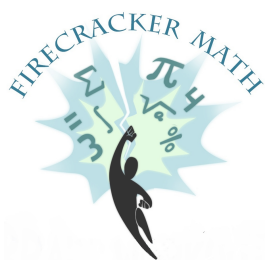
Nonviolent Communication can give you new ways to talk and listen so you get your point across without conflict. And you'll learn how to be gentler with yourself, too.

If you want to dig in and start changing things, you can join the 5-week Empowered Communication series starting July 11th, 6-9pm. You're welcome to bring along someone you care about who might like to experience of being fully heard without judgments. See details at <http://baynvc.org/event/empowered-communication-5-week-series-mondays-2/>

Come for a taste of NVC at an **Introductory Evening** on Monday, June 20th, 6:30-8:30pm. Just go to <http://baynvc.org/event/introductory-evening-monday-2/> to learn more and register.

Special \$50 discount on Empowered Communication series for BFUU community members only.

Note: links are posted on www.bfuu.org/events



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Fellowship Calendar June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 12th BFUU Annual Meeting!			1 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	2 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm Transition Berkeley Presents "Occupy the Farm"*	3	4 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
5 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 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6 pm AA Men's Mtg 6 pm Empowered Communication 6:30 pm Soul Motion 7:30 Beloved Community Mtg*	7 11 am Elders Circle 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 6 pm Empowered Communication 7 pm AA Men's Mtg 7 pm Sunday Svcs Committee Meeting	8 3 pm Tai Chi/Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	9 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm Conscientious Projector: "Jihad for Love" *	10 7 pm BFUU Open Mic: *	11 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship
12 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 pm BFUU Annual Meeting* 12:30 pm 2nd Sunday Potluck* 8 pm AA Mtg	13 4 pm Tai Chi/Qigong* 6 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6 pm AA Men's Mtg 6:30 pm Soul Motion	14 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 4:30 pm Sunflower Alliance 6 pm Empowered Communication 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	15 3 pm Tai Chi/Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	16 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm SpiCon*	17	18 9 am ASCA 6 pm Augustine Fellowship 7:30 PM Film: "Power of the Weak" *
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26 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal* 10:30 am Sunday Service* 12:30 pm Hospitality, Caring and Membership Mtg* 12:30 BFUU Writers Group* 8 pm AA Mtg	27 4 pm Tai Chi/Qigong* 6 pm Tai Chi Chuan 6 pm AA Men's Mtg 6:30 pm Soul Motion	28 7:30 am Augustine Fellowship 4:30 pm Sunflower Alliance 6 pm Empowered Communication 7 pm AA Men's Mtg	29 3 pm Tai Chi/Qigong* 7 pm NA Men's Mtg 7 pm Core Connexion	30 11:45 am AA Meditation 7 pm Berkeley Disaster Preparedness		

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