

Compass Rose

March-May 2013



Photo by Randy Silver

Voices

For this special issue of Compass Rose, we asked the UUSM community to send in their reflections, thoughts, stories, inspirations, and creative expressions on the theme of "Holding On/Letting Go." Here are the wonderful submissions that came in.

Chronos

by Rob Voss

I throw away time
No longer seeking profit
I can give all I've got
The punishment of caffeine
When it's no longer welcome
I wait and defend the waste
The chronograph of my song
Gives it the peace it has taken
Money motive denied leaves free
The relationship to the word
And sparks my kundalini drive
To create the meaning of chakras
In the end it's a fortune of peace

December Night

by Harlan Suits

When my one-year old,
not awake but not yet asleep,
reaches for my hand in the darkness,
unfolds my fingers and places them,
without a word, over his heart,
I think how good it is to celebrate
the birth of a child, human or divine,
with gifts and singing, ornaments
and garlands, and how the old masters
painted angels as babies, chubby,
unblemished, held aloft by vestigial
wings, and how at this moment,
my sacred task is to brace my arm
so the weight is not too much,
holding my son as his breath slows
to the whisper of sleep.

Letting Go

by Roger W. Otto

Setting free your children to move
on to adulthood is like putting small
boats into an ongoing stream and
watching them sail bravely off into
the future, but it must be done, for
their good, not yours. So be brave,
and let them go on their own, when
the time comes.

Life Is Like

by Randy Silver

Life is like a body of
water beneath a bridge,
Many jump but few really
get wet.

Life is like a broad plain,
Many pass through it but
few really know what
grows there.

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Mission, Vision, and Purposes

Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo

Mission

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

Vision

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

Purposes

Worshipping

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

Caring

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

Connecting

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

Learning

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

Acting

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

Giving

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

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Compass Rose

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

Thoughts from the Minister

by Rev. Alicia Forsey



When I was about seven or eight, we lived next door to a woman who offered Bible lessons to the neighborhood children. She had a board covered with felt, and felt figures that she could stick in place while telling us the stories. She gave us all a cookie when the lesson was over. She convinced me to go with her to her Presbyterian church one Sunday. I knew I had to keep a low profile if I wanted to do this because my mother was a Unitarian and my father was an Agnostic. I thought people who went to “real” churches had to wear hats, so I took my sun hat off its hook on the back porch and slid out the back door. The Presbyterians met early in the morning and my parents slept late on Sundays, so I thought I wouldn’t be missed.

Sneaking back home, my father heard the back door open, and shouted from the living room: “HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?” I didn’t understand this question.

Next came a conversation with both my parents. Bottom line was that they did not want to risk my growing up without freedom of conscience.

My father told me I should know about the Bible, but also the Qur’an, the Talmud, the Bhagavad-Gita, and other great books. At the time, I had no idea about what these books represented, but I got the message that the Bible was just one of many ways to approach my curiosity about religion. The conversation ended with a request from my parents that, if I wanted to go to church, I go to a Unitarian church.

Now, so many years later, I see parents coming to our congregations because they want the same things for their children as my parents wanted for me. And most who arrive as children will drift away when they become teenagers. We have a chronic problem as Unitarian Uni-

versalists in our inability to keep our youth with us. They often leave and few return. Our Religious Educators are working on turning this around, and everyone here at the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo can help.

We can help by inviting our youth to join committees that are doing the work of the church and making important decisions about our future. We can include them in our Sunday services. We can see that those who want to go to General Assembly get there. We are aiming at one multigenerational service a month where all generations are welcome. Our nursery is always available on Sunday mornings, as is childcare for children who have difficulty making it through the service. We want to be sure that it is a positive experience for both the children and those around them. For some congregations, that direction is to always welcome youth who wish to stay throughout the service. Reports back are positive. Some say they were against it at first but now can’t imagine it being any other way. Why not extend the experience of belonging with the whole community from an early age? If our children don’t feel included on some sort of a regular basis early on, how will they suddenly become comfortable about joining us when they become teenagers or college students?

If we can let go of some of our expectations about how things are supposed to be on Sunday morning, then perhaps we can hold on to more of our future Unitarian Universalists, who will always be glad that they were cared for by us.

Love to you all,
Rev. Alicia

Article Submissions

Articles for *Compass Rose* (max. 500 words) may be submitted for consideration to office@uusanmateo.org. (Contact the office if you have ideas for longer articles.) Poetry, photos, and art work are also welcome. Deadline for the next issue (covering June-August 2013): **May 9, 2013**.

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

All submissions are subject to editorial discretion and revision.

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Letting Go of the Physical – But Not the Memory

by Francesca Guido

My mother died in 2008 and I only just recently boxed up all the china, silver, table linens, and other treasures that meant so much to my mother's life. And, while I was boxing things, I finally emptied the attic and garage of childhood toys and collections. They really don't fit me, but I had many memories involving those items and my family's joy in them. Everyone is gone except me, and the sentimental tie is strong.

The truth is, when I was packing things, I saw many things I had forgotten long ago. And I will forget them again when they are out of sight. However important they once were, they have lost their power to hold me. I am ready to pass them on to someone else's possession.

Of course, without the physical reminders, I am sure I will still have many memories – hours playing with Barbie dolls with friends, with train sets and Lincoln logs with my brother. I will remember many, many celebrations with family and friends around the dining table, where candles burned and good food was eaten. Those memories are grounded in the people I communed with, not the accouterments.

The Examined Life

by Martin A. David

How quickly it all changes.
The examined life is a serpentine road.
Peeks around corners –
follow the glance
to empty places, adventures, or days like other days.
(Meaningful, meaningless, never the same –
And seldom mediocre.)
The examined life
Illusions are pursued;
shadows are dismissed;
pretense revealed in;
the shifting tunes are danced to.
We apologize for the inconvenience,
But oblivion is not a station on this line.

Journey to Paradise

by Sara Shafiabady

Turn your eyes deep within;
there's so much more beneath your skin.
Uncover the fire burning inside;
there's no reason on earth to hide.

Your fire needs air to breathe and grow.
Peel back the façade and you will know
the beautiful soul living there
hovering beneath self-loathing and despair.

What has constructed that hard, black shell,
the one that smothers your soul so well?
Who has built it piece by piece,
imprisoning your energy far beneath?

Return to the past; revisit your mistakes.
Discover the beast who helped you create
that darkness that now strangles the light.
Recall the pain repressed 'til tonight.

Feel the hurt, deal with sorrow;
only then will you be free tomorrow
to embrace the simple pleasures offered to you
and let the light of your spirit shine true.

Finally the shell is crushed by your strength
and you defeat the beast at great lengths.
Your soul peeks through, light surrounds you
as warmth flows from your fire and peace come, too.

Now here you stand magnificent and grand,
the beast gone forever from your sacred land.
Still you ponder the origin of a beast so strong,
realizing it was you who fed it all along.

Don't be afraid, fan the fire of your soul;
let the flames burn out of control.
They tame the beast that resides within
and create a warm glow that transcends your skin.

~ Meet your Authentic Self

Two Poems

by Christine Elgersma

Late October Roses

Late October roses
bloom in spite of chill breezes.
Under harvest moons they spread, readying themselves
for changing into pieces only,
browning, curling beneath footsteps grown weary with
everyday dying.

The dimming sun moves away from our ailing planet
until spring's good graces. Until then, petal and pain, one
side then the other
over and over until withering subsides into growing.
Another season starts.

Renewal is for early bloomers who need another chance.
Time runs out for others who will not open
until they shiver with the knowing of how little lies ahead
in the closed quiet, never born but waiting for rebirth,
sensing the end of things, a shifting into nothingness
that comes swiftly and turns roses into petals
into dusty soles without remorse.

The piecing falling wonder is the worst and best
of first and final joy. Floating for once, not clinging.
So much unknown below above like fleeting scent and
memory.
Like living. Like dying.

And then the petals are just petals, no longer pieces.
Finally free. Resting. Whole.

Into the Darkness

Though we do not see well in the dark, our eyes will
adjust
Though we stumble and bump the sharp edges, our
bruises will heal
Though we feel lost in the vast landscape of
unknowing, our feet are on the ground
Though we can't see ahead but for the dim light behind,
we push on.
Though the old light seems like safety and warmth, it is
only a reflection from the mirrors inside
And though we are afraid and sometimes feel alone,
we hold hands, we hold hands, we hold hands.

We are Going! and More Partner Church News

by Carol Cook

Four UUSM members, Reeba Lynn, Ann Mason, Susan Grieger, and me, will visit our Philippines partners in Ulay this March. While there, we will celebrate the work done on the Community Capacity Building water project led by Rey Minasalvas and Marife Belimac, and we'll congratulate seven (!) Education Partner students who will graduate from Elementary School at the end of March. We will also help the UU Church of the Philippines headquarters in Dumaguete organize a large influx of donated books for their library. Three of the four of us are librarians (or ex-librarians) – so we hope to be able to assist. Before we depart for home, we will spend a weekend in Manila visiting two UU congregations and doing a little sightseeing. We leave the US on March 5 and return on March 18.



Letters to your Education Partners - Great excitement greeted the delivery of our Christmas cards and letters to Ulay! If you want us to take a card or letter to your Education Partner in March, please give it to Carol Cook or Susan Grieger no later than Sunday, March 3.

Merenciana Lopez - We are sad to announce the passing of Ulay member Merenciana Lopez on March 25, 2012. Some of her handicrafts are displayed on our Partner Church bulletin board, and you may have seen her colorful woven hats and purse at the Artisan Fair. She was always there to greet us on our visits to Ulay. We will miss her.



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Unitarian Universalist History Online Course

Starting April 1, 2013

For all of you who are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalist history, I am going to offer an online course from the week of April 1 until the end of the week of May 6. We will begin with the early history and continue on to England. Then we sail to the New World and the various stages of our development up to the consolidation of the Unitarians and the Universalists in 1961.

This is a course that you can take on your own time, with no grades and few expectations. With an abundant amount of material online you will have most of what you need for your study. You can approach the course on a level that matches your interest – from general overview to diving deeper into the issues and questions presented in each unit.

The cost is \$100.00. The checks can be written to UUSM, and it will go to the General Fund. If you would like to sign up for the course, or for more information, please email me at revforsey@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you in the course!

Rev. Alicia Forsey

Resting Between

by Joy Beach Thomas

Several years ago, one of our guest ministers spoke about something that happened to her in the weeks after her young son died. She was devastated, and spent a lot of time crying in bed. One morning, she walked into the bathroom and saw the spring day outside her window. Sun, new leaves, and a breeze that fluttered the curtains. She felt light and happy.

Then her reflection in the mirror intruded – there was a red-eyed, sad, angst-ridden woman. She realized that there's a place between these worlds:

the world of unspeakable loss and the world of spring sunshine. She allowed herself to rest there for a moment.

This “resting between” idea is fascinating. We can hold on and let go at the same time. We don't have to categorize feelings or name deities, we can rest in the mystery, the place with no easy answers.

At Home and Hope, we are given an opportunity to practice holding on and letting go at the same time. We meet admirable families with adorable children, and we quickly let ourselves fall in love with them. All the while, we know that, if things go right for them, we'll never see them again.

We'd love to have you join the families March 3-10 in Beck Hall. You could make food, play with kids, or sleep over. Please contact Joy Thomas at 650-520-9997 or joybeach@gmail.com to help.

brief and to the point

by Frank Seebode

I'm hanging on for dear life.

Technology's Curse and Blessing

by Pat Nicholson

My mother does not use the internet or email. She still sends newspaper clippings of things I might enjoy reading, just as she did when I was in college 40 years ago. The web and YouTube remain mysterious to her.

Recently I sent a newsy email to all my east coast siblings in less than 10 minutes – pretty efficiently – printing a copy for Mom (as is my custom), but I couldn't find a stamp. “Darn!” I thought. “Well...I'll just give her a call.” But then something came up, and I didn't. Sigh.

I have been encouraging Mom to learn and enter the information age for a couple decades – always explaining that “a whole new world will open up to you” and that “you'll love how often those grandchildren will be in touch!”

This past week, I had a little revelation that relates to my mom's preference to keep technology at arm's length. When my cell phone stopped working, I visited the AT&T store with the task of selecting a communications device (from 40+ models, all with a staggering array of features and an astonishing number of gigabytes).

The salesman eagerly explained that the best phones, while also serving as alarm clocks, 4G iPods, and movie theaters, also have built-in voice recognition software that enable users to send messages without even typing. While this was all quite fascinating, there was something offensive about the salesman's tone. He didn't just encourage me; he urged me, and there was a bit of impatience in his voice.

Oh, right! If I owned the most sophisticated phone it would benefit HIM (think: sales commission), but not necessarily me. He had no idea that, in my current pro-

fessional life (which is recently less demanding than it has been for 40 years), I would never use some of the features that drive the phone prices up.

My revelation came when I recognized the parallel in the way I had pressured my mother about email: the subtext of my argument to her was: "It will be so much more convenient for ME, mom, if you get on email."

And now, new information from a sister further solidifies the parallel. It isn't technophobia that prevents my mom from embracing of the internet: it's that key-boarding exacerbates the arthritis in her hands.

Perhaps I will alert Mom that she could own a phone with voice recognition, and thereby send messages to her grandchildren without using a keyboard.

Well...I will definitely place that long overdue phone call to her one way or the other!

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Photographs by Randy Silver

Here is just a small sampling of Randy's work. You'll be able to see more of his amazing photographs at his upcoming exhibit, "Black and White Infrared and Color Photography," at UUSM on Sunday, April 21, 1:00-4:00 pm.



Holding on to Ward Clark

(June 1, 1927-October 13, 2011)

by Shawn Reifschneider

Being with Ward Lee Clark on his last day in corporeal form was one of those pivotal moments in life that come so rarely. Ward was a strong, tall, and very sweet-natured man. He was known as a "Gentle Giant Who Never Met a Stranger." He had joined the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo in 1989 and was a pillar in the community. Among his many areas of involvement in the life of this community was his participation in the UUSM choir. In our history, few singers have served as choir member longer than Ward.

It was odd to see Ward, whom I had always seen as so strong and vibrant, lying in a hospital bed weakened by an illness that came on suddenly. And yet he inspired me so. It was this day, that he decided that his life had been a full and complete life, one worth living. He told me he was ready to let go and had decided that this would be his last living day. I told him how much the choir, the entire congregation, and I were grateful for him and loved him. That night in the wee small hours, his body did let go. What I learned from him that day about living and dying was monumental. Words cannot express it. But I have lived differently since and will be holding on to his memory forever.



Ward Clark

A few weeks ago, Ward's widow, Patricia Clark, delivered a \$25,000 gift from Ward's estate. Our church leadership has decided to begin an endowment fund with these funds. In this way, Ward will be continually giving to the Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo. This was another way he wanted to give to our community.

The light of Ward's life, his passion for knowledge and justice, along with his gentleness and compassion, touched all who knew him. For the way Ward lived, for the way he died, for his legacy, I am truly grateful. Unitarian Universalist minister Forrest Church wrote in his last book *Love and Death* that "the goal [of life] is to live in such a way that our lives will prove worth dying for. The one thing that can't be taken from us, even by death, is the love we give away before we go." Ward lived a full and fruitful life, and we are here as evidence of the abundance of love he showered on us all.

Lingering/Changing

by Bill Kirkham

Holding on and letting go brought to mind the game of "tug of war." Here you depend on a team. You either gain or lose ground. There is a constant shift of position: hands, feet, and arms. Somehow there is no simply holding on, but a continuous movement. Certainly, part of life is like that. Our thoughts, relationships, and even maybe some of our principles cause an ever-shifting grip that moves us forward or back.

The Principles and Purposes of UU are good, but holding on to those principles is a challenge. Just the nature of our grip can move us toward a goal; there seems to be a need to shift and reestablish some positions. While we may have respect for all of life, we still swat the mosquito or attack the ants.

Holding on and letting go happens in time. A core UU belief is the celebration of life. Change happens; the moments we share as a community, certainly, are part of that celebration.

Chalice Circles presents a real opportunity in that celebration. Gathering in small groups with a structure that gives us a time for something special. A candle is lit. Selected readings are done pertinent to the topic at hand, there is an individual sharing from each member, followed by each giving ideas of what they think about the evening's topic, and then group discussion. It is lively; it is a celebration of thought. Many thoughts spring from the heart and give a real depth to the moment we share.

There is a residual something good that happens as we let go of the evening. A sunset or beauty can be enjoyed by oneself, but there is something added when moments and thoughts are shared. As the evening ends and we depart, the thoughts of the evening linger, and keep changing as we do.

Ours is a caring community. If you are dealing with a difficult time or simply want someone to be present with you, please know that our minister is here to support you spiritually, as are our Lay Chaplains. Please contact us at 650-342-5946 x 11 or office@uusanmateo.org if you need the loving support of this congregation. Our Lay Chaplains are coordinated by Pam Gehrke.

Announcements and Events

Religious Education

Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31, 11:15 am
Patio, Petite Sorbonne

On Easter Sunday, there will be a Spring Egg Hunt after the multigenerational service. Children 6 years and younger should meet at Petite Sorbonne; youngsters 7 and older should meet in the UUSM courtyard by 11:15am. Happy Hunting! There will be no Religious Education this Sunday.

Mystery Friends Reveal and Sundae Sunday

Sunday, April 7, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Beck Hall

Mystery Friends will get to meet that special person they have been corresponding with over the past two months and get acquainted over an ice cream sundae of their own creation. (Don't worry; there will be ice cream for non-Mystery Friends, and also non-dairy treats.) There will be no Religious Education this Sunday.

RE Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Patio

We will honor our talented and dedicated religious educators with a catered luncheon, so that they can enjoy each other's laughter and conversation. There will be no Religious Education this Sunday.

Community Events

UUSM Community Passover Seder

Saturday, March 23, 5:00-9:00 pm
Beck Hall, Ann Benner Room

UUSM's wonderful Community Passover Seder returns! Come together to enjoy food, fellowship, and ritual as we retell the ancient story of the Israelites' escape from bondage from a uniquely Unitarian Universalist perspective.

First Friday Family Fun Nights

Every 1st Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
(next dates: April 5 and May 3 – no date in March)
Beck Hall

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

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Sanctuary

Save the date for the next Congregational Meeting. More info soon.

Black and White Infrared and Color Photography

a photography show by Randy Silver
Sunday, April 21, 1:00-4:00 pm
Beck Hall

View black and white infrared and color photography from Norway, Venice,

Pacific Western UUA
Regional Assembly

Big Faith No Borders

April 26-28 ~ San Jose, California

Join our four western UUA Districts in making history this spring as we come together in a Regional Assembly to explore and celebrate BIG FAITH * NO BORDERS!

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Christine Robinson,
Senior Minister of First Unitarian
Church of Albuquerque

For more information

www.pcd-uua.org

Croatia, France, Scotland, and Russia, and peruse through Randy Silver's beautiful photography books. 25% of proceeds go to UUSM.

Adult Enrichment

In Her Name Circle

led by Joy Reichard
Thursdays, March 14, April 4, and
May 9, 7:00-9:00 pm
Beck Hall

In Her Name Circles offer programs on Feminine Wisdom supporting female empowerment and expanded consciousness. For info, please contact Joy at 415-819-8769 or joy@joyreichard.com.

UUSM Book Group

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

Please stay tuned for the list of books coming up for discussion. For info, contact Anne Silver at 650-740-7221 or annehsilver@yahoo.com.

UUSM's Fabulous Annual Auction Is Here Again!

Jewels and Jeans

Beresford Recreation Center - 2720 Alameda de Las Pulgas, San Mateo
Saturday, March 2, 2013 - 6:00-10:00 pm

Come in bright sparkling jewels and your best jeans! Be prepared to eat well and find some great buys and unique gifts. We'll have fun, music, and laughter. Our kids will be taken care of by childcare folks. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 kids, available after service on Sundays or at the door.

You can't miss this!

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Worship Services

Sunday services take place at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, March 3

"Celebrating Spirituality in Poetry and Music"

Worship Leader: Caryl Hughan
Worship Associate: Dominique DeFelice

If you have a poem that enriches your spiritual life, please send it to Caryl at educaryl@gmail.com for inclusion in this service.

Sunday, March 10

"Women Who Brought Us to this Place"

Worship Leader: Rev. Alicia Forsey
Worship Associate: Anne Peter

Sunday, March 17

TBA

Worship Leader: Rev. Alicia Forsey
Worship Associate: Margaret Cross

Sunday, March 24

"On Immigration Reform"

Worship Leaders: Diana Candee and Sequoia High School Students

This morning's special collection benefits Sequoia High School Dream Club.

Sunday, March 31

"A Unitarian Universalist Approach to Easter"

Worship Leaders: Rev. Alicia Forsey, Kathy van Leuwen, and Nancy Jasa
Worship Associate: Dominique DeFelice

This service will be multi-generational. We'll have a Spring Egg Hunt after the service.

Sunday, April 7

TBA

Sunday, April 14

TBA

Sunday, April 21

"Prepared for a Pastor"

Worship Leaders: Rev. Alicia Forsey
Worship Associate: Lynn Ewing

This morning's special collection benefits No More Deaths.

Sunday, April 28

"Humanism"

Worship Leader: Rev. Alicia Forsey
Worship Associate: Tom Newman

Sunday, May 5

"Bridging Service"

Worship Leaders: Kathy van Leuwen and Nancy Jasa
Worship Associate: Sam Watson

Sunday, May 12

"Mother Earth"

Worship Leader: Rev. Earl Koteen
Worship Associate: Pat Nicholsolson

Sunday, May 19

"Coming of Age Service"

Worship Leader: Nancy Jasa

This service will be multi-generational. This morning's special collection benefits Peninsula Interfaith Action (PIA).

Sunday, May 26

"Memorial Day"

Worship Leader: Rev. Alicia Forsey

For information and updates on upcoming services, please visit the website and click on Worshipping.

Social Action

Home and Hope at UUSM

March 3-10
Beck Hall

Twice a year, we provide food and shelter for deserving, temporarily homeless families for a week. The next one is coming up, and we need volunteers for a variety of dates and tasks. For info or to sign up, contact Joy Thomas at 650-520-9997 or joybeach@gmail.com.

Social Justice Sundays

Every 3rd Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm (next dates: March 17, April 21, and May 19)
Social Justice Letters – Beck Hall
Social Justice Council – Hemingway Lounge

Sign the monthly Social Justice Letter, and put your faith in action by joining the Social Justice Council's monthly meeting. For info, contact Caryl Hughan at 650-692-4147 or educaryl@gmail.com.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
1051 Bing St., San Carlos

We have another scheduled work date coming up with Second Harvest. The work is mainly sorting food to be provided to the hungry in our very own county. It's fun and easy! For info or to sign up, contact Lorie Esposito 650-867-1853 or loriemsw8@yahoo.com.

Ongoing

Newcomer's Circle

Every 1st Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm (next dates: March 3, April 7, and May 5)
Hemingway Lounge

This is our basic introduction to what Unitarian Universalism and UUSM are all about. All visitors welcome, no RSVP required.

Sunday Chalice Circle

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm (next dates: March 10 and 24, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26)
Hemingway Lounge

Circle meets for small group celebrations in-depth conversations. For info, contact Francesca Guido at 650-340-8979 or fan-tine@sonic.net.



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Knitters Group

Every Sunday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Loft (above Beck Hall)

Join us if you like to knit. For info, contact Christina Berdoulay at 650-343-5042 or csberdoulay@sbcglobal.net.

Walkie Talkies

Every 1st and 3rd Monday,
9:30-13:00 am
(next dates: March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20)
Offsite

Women's group strolls twice a month. For info, call Phyllis Mitchell at 650-340-9091 or Sally Reed at 650-697-8433.

Women's Potluck

Usually every 1st Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm
(next dates: March 11, April 1, and May 6)
Beck Hall

All UUSM women are invited! For info, call Phyllis Mitchell at 650-340-9091 or Sally Reed at 650-697-8433.

Tuesday Chalice Circle

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday
(next dates: March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21)
Hemingway Lounge

Circle meets for small group celebrations and in-depth conversations. For info, contact Pam Gehrke at 650-347-0582 or psgehrke@gmail.com.

Age-ing to Sage-ing

Every other Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm
(next dates: March 12 and 26, April 9 and 23, May 7 and 21)
Hemingway Lounge

Seniors group meets twice monthly. For info, contact Kim Mortyn at 650-574-3250 or kmortyn@sbcglobal.net, or Dick Davis at 650-348-3966 or davisrlav@aol.com.

Women's Age-ing to Sage-ing

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday,
7:00-8:30 pm
(next dates: March 12 and 26, April 9 and 23, May 14 and 28)
Hemingway Lounge

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

Choir Practice

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:45 pm
Sanctuary

Join the choir and lift your voice in song. Childcare available. Contact Music Director Shawn Reifschneider at 650-759-5942 or music@uusanmateo.org.

Women's Chalice Oval

Every 2nd Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm
(next dates: March 13, April 10, and May 8)
Hemingway Lounge

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

Men's BBQ Night

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm
(next dates: March 21, April 18, and May 16)
Patio, Beck Hall

Join the UUSM men for a meal from the grill and topical conversation. For info, contact Truman Smith at 650-740-9773 or trumanwsmith@gmail.com.

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

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