

April 2018 UUFRC Newsletter

This is the last UUFRC Newsletter in this format as our new website is rolled out. Starting with the May 2018 newsletter you will be able to read it by going to our website and viewing it there under “News & Announcements” and “Upcoming Events”. Those who receive the Newsletter in paper form will continue to do so although the format of the newsletter will be different. —Editor

April 1 at 10:30 am: “Dayenu: We are Risen Indeed”

Worship Leader: **Eleanor Kilpatrick**, Worship Associates: **Rev. Gretchen Woods and Jorie Schulz**. A conversation with the miracles of Easter and Passover and how gratitude and glory were hindsight additions to the stories. Where do we seek gratitude and glory in the miracles of today?

April 8 at 10:30 am: “Are You an April Fool Like Me?”

Worship Leaders: **Thomas Atwood and Rev. Gretchen Woods**,
Worship Associate: **Jorie Schulz**. A service in praise of silliness and the possibility of finding the “Faithful Fool” within each of you. At this service we will have our monthly Share the Plate offering, this month for the Faithful Fools Street Ministry.

April 15 at 10:30 am: “In Our Own Words: Interfaith Action and Reflection”

Worship Leaders: **Beth Harrison and John Anning**, Worship Associate: **Solveig Zarubin**. Join us for reflections on faith and service by members from the Yaseen Foundation and the UUFRC who will speak about their experiences working together at the monthly Second Harvest Food Distribution.

April 22 at 10:30 am: “Earth Day: Honoring Our Mother”

Worship Leader: **Rev. Gretchen Woods**, Worship Associates: **Richard Bey, Derby Davidson, Kate Hand and Kathy Warne**. A Celebration of Earth Day and reminder of our responsibilities toward planet Earth. Come dressed as your favorite animal familiar or other part of the Earth that you love.

April 29 at 10:30 am: “Sex! Now That I Have Your Attention”

Worship Leader: **Rev. Gretchen Woods**, Worship Associate: **Kate Hand**
Without sex, none of us would be here, so let’s thoughtfully consider how we might find sexuality and spirituality related.

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Woods Working: “What’s Next?”

You, as a congregation, have been exploring what you love about this community through the Cottage Meetings that ended on March 4. Your Fair Witnesses are now spending long hours listening to you through your own personal worksheets and the collective work of your meeting groups to weave a Vision/Mission/Covenant statement which reflects all this community means to you. This is impressive work.

At the Town Halls on April 15 and April 22, you will have the opportunity to hear the results of their careful attention to your thoughts and feelings. The Fair Witnesses will offer your revised Vision/Mission Covenant from the words you shared with them.

To review:

A **Vision** statement is a carefully defined picture of what the congregation wants to become in the future. It is the dream of what the congregation can become. It needs to be clear, but not so restrictive that it cannot lead to a variety of missions over the years.

A **Mission** statement is a concise statement of what the congregation wants to be known for, or known as, within the wider world; what the congregation wants to mean to the community. This needs to be more specific than the Vision, and still flexible so that it can support multiple projects/programs.

A **Covenant** is a statement of how members of the congregation will be with, and will behave toward, one another, as well as what is promised or vowed to one another and to the congregation as a whole. This can be both specific and more timeless, as it reflects the values that come to the surface for the congregants as they develop it.

It will help to remind yourselves of these meanings when you review these statements at the Town Halls and then vote for – or against – the work you have done together since January. This is yours. Honor it, respect it, and determine what it says about your hopes and dreams for this congregation.

Bright Blessings,

Gretchen Woods, AIM



from our Director of Religious Education, Derby Davidson

Stay In Touch, Stay Informed. My primary means of communicating about our children's programming (like Sunday school, events for families, youth group, and Our Whole Lives classes) is through the UUFRC Parents Yahoo group. If you are not a member, please join! Send me an email, and I will send you an invitation. Or, better yet, go to groups.yahoo.com, search for UUFRC parents, click on the link, and click on "join group". This is a relatively low-volume email group: postings are limited to UUFRC programming and things that may be of interest to children or their parents.

I've seen the new website, and it's exciting. Under "News" there is a families page, where you should be able to find the latest information.

The calendar on the new website has multiple event categories to help you sift through the large number of events there. For example, selecting "Youth and Families" in the drop-down menu will only show events related to children and youth, such as (in April)

- MUUGs (middle school) events;
- YoUUtH (high school) events;
- classes for graduating seniors; and
- the Youth and Families (YAF) Committee meeting.

I encourage you to check out the new website. See you in church—Derby

Youth Group Event Listing

4/14 (Sat). 9:15 am – 12:30 pm. Planet Granite (6th-8th grade). We'll try out some indoor "rock" climbing, with a short centering beforehand and processing afterwards. Meet at UUFRC picnic tables. For final head count, *you must RSVP to Derby by March 31*. Cost is \$45/child. We do not want cost to be an issue, so please contact Derby if you need a scholarship. Parents of all participants must sign a Planet Granite waiver. All participants must have a completed UUFRC Youth Group Consent and Release form for the 2017-2018 year on file. Contact Derby for these forms.

4/15 (Sun) 10:30 am - noon. Youth Group (9th-12th grade). Circle worship for the first half hour in the back half of the Block Room, then the remaining time hanging out (with snacks) at Stafford Park (weather permitting).

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5/6 (Sun) 10:30 am - noon. Youth Group (9th-12th grade). Circle worship for the first half hour in the back half of the Block Room, then the remaining time hanging out (with snacks) at Stafford Park (weather permitting).

5/6 (Sun) noon - 1 pm. Deep Fun (6th-8th grade). Community-building games and silent meditation. Substantial snacks will be provided.

5/12 (Sat). Activity TBD (9th-12th grade).

5/18-20 (Fri eve - Sun noon). YRUUP Con (age 14-20). To be held at the UU Society of Sacramento. This event for PCD UUs aged 14-20 builds beloved community through touch groups, workshops, and youth worship. Check www.yruup.org for more information and to see if registration is open.

6/9 (Sat) 1 pm - 6 pm. End-of-Year BBQ (6th-12th grade). Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sense of fun! We will have sign-ups for food. This will be held at the Webster's home (near the I-280/CA-92 interchange); contact Derby for the address.

Spring Workday, Saturday, April 21

Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us on Saturday, April 21st while we work together to maintain the building and grounds. There are tasks for every age and ability. Lunch at noon. Look out for sign-ups in the Social Hall beginning April 1.
George Goslee (Building Chair) and Jonelle Preisser (Grounds Chair)



Share the Plate Offertory for April 8

Sunday, April 8th, we will be sharing our collection plate with the **Faithful Fools Street Ministry**. Members and friends of the Faithful Fools walk the streets of San Francisco's Tenderloin District meeting homeless people and other residents where they are. By listening and sharing, participants in a street retreat find the worth in each human being. By seeing each person's light, courage, intelligence, strength, and creativity, walkers also find the incredible worth of all of us. In this way, we counter myths about people living in poverty as well as ourselves.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City
Invites you to an
Earth Day Celebration



Sunday April 22nd 2018

Earth Day Worship Service 10:30 am
Followed by an Earth Day Fair
Informational and fun hands on activities



From the Connections Coordinator, Cindy Johnson

Spring has sprung and I hope you enjoyed the rains that came with it. The myriad shades of greens and the bright colors of the flowers make this one of my favorite times of year. The longer days of light awaken me from my winter sluggishness and there's a new energy from within and around.

As we open up to the newness and energy of spring, I'd like to call your attention to several new things around the Fellowship.

The first is our NEW WEBSITE. Please check it out! Our own Tanya Webster and Iain Cunningham, along with Josh Moore, used the website template made available by the UUA to create a vibrant, dynamic, inspiring website that is incredibly user-friendly. It's colorful, full of pictures, messages, information, graphics, a wonderful new calendar, and connections to Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat. Newcomers to our Fellowship check out our website before they even walk through our doors. If you've rarely, or even never, used our website, now is the time to explore it.

Our second area of NEW is our UUFRC *Learning Journey* ~ our adult faith education and exploration classes. Chair Tanya Webster is helping this committee create a full program of offerings for adults, the magnitude of which we have not had before. You can find specific class information on our website, as well as on the Learning Journey bulletin board in the Social Hall. My only sadness is that I can't find a way to fit in every single class offered.

We have an all Fellowship Work Day coming up on April 21st ~ another sign of spring in that it's time for us to clean, polish, fix, paint, trim, prune and mow to get our building and grounds in tiptop shape. Please join us! It's really true that many hands make light work. There's a lot of laughter as all ages work together doing what we know how to do or want to learn in service to our UUFRC home. We always share a hearty lunch at noon, so come for the morning, come for the afternoon, or for the whole day, whatever you can contribute, but please plan to join us for lunch!

This is a place that works hard, plays hard, enjoys eating, and knows that doing these things together makes them even better.

With gratitude always, Cindy

What Do *You* Know About Unitarian Universalism?

If your answer is "not much" or "I'd sure like to know more", please plan to join us on Sunday, April 8th from 12 - to 2 pm. Rev. Gretchen will be teaching our "Who Are We? UU History Basics" class, an overview of our Unitarian Universalist roots and beginnings, to who we are today as an ever changing and evolving liberal faith tradition.

A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available. This class is required to become a member of UUFRC. Please RSVP to: connecting@uufrc.org by April 5th.

from our President of the Board of Trustees, Robert Holden

Welcome to April. The UUFRC has many interesting happenings going on this month. I am sharing with you here three of those.

Two Town Hall Meetings

The UUFRC will be holding two Town Hall meetings this month: The Sundays of April 15 and 22. Please plan to attend one of them. Each will start at 12:00 after services in the Sanctuary and include two major topics.

The first topic is a presentation of and discussion about a first-draft of a proposed new Vision, Mission, and Covenant. At each of the two meetings this month, Polly Ragusa and Peter Hartzell will be elaborating on what a Vision, Mission, Covenant are supposed to be and presenting that first-draft for the Fellowship to discuss and comment on.

These discussions are the next phase of our new Vision, Mission, and Covenant refresh process. In February, we held many Cottage Meetings, in which about 120 people participated and during which we collected a tremendous volume of ideas, insights, and opinions. In March, Fair Witnesses took all the input and crafted a first-draft of a Vision, Mission, and Covenant. At the two Town Halls this month we will be presenting that first-draft and providing an opportunity for people to discuss and comment on it. At our Annual Meeting on May 20, we be voting to approve (or not) the proposed new Vision, Mission, and Covenant.

The second topic for the Town Hall meetings will be a preview and discussion of a preliminary UUFRC budget for our next fiscal year (2018/19). If you are curious about how the UUFRC spends its money or what proposed financial changes are in store for next year, this is your opportunity. If you want to comment on the budget or express recommendations on how to allocate our financial resources, this is your opportunity.

These Town Hall meetings are an effort by the UUFRC Board of Trustees to be as open, inclusive, and democratic as possible with our decision-making process. I hope everyone will try to attend one of these two meetings and participate in our process.

Annual Pledge Drive

Our Annual Pledge Drive will be wrapping up in the first few days of April. If you have not submitted your pledge, please do so as soon as possible.

The pledge drive provides about 80% of our annual operating revenue. Essentially, it is what allows us to keep our doors open and pay the salaries of our Minister, Music Director, Director of Religious Education, and all the rest of our wonderful staff.

Whatever you value at the UUFRC -- whether that be: membership in a beloved community, personal friendships, Sunday services, spiritual growth, intellectual exploration, the music programs, the religious education programs, social action activities, interfaith community events, the MOCA after-service social time, or any of our other UUFRC activities -- the Pledge Drive provides that required foundation on which all that we value at the UUFRC needs to operate. Please pledge generously.

New Website

Please check out our refreshed website. Thank you, Tanya Webster, Iain Cunningham, Josh Moore and others for your generous efforts. The website looks great and has many new features that our old one did not have.

With hope for the future and appreciation of efforts given,
Robert Holden

Summary of the UUFRC Board Meeting, February 27, 2018

Marina Rose

The Pledge Committee solicited Pledges from the Board and sought an increase from every Board Member. This year there will be a trial run of a “reoccurring payment” option.

We approved the DRE’s request to provide Child Care and Lunch for children whose parents attend the Annual Meeting.

Bob will prepare an agenda for the Town Hall Meetings, including the possibility of opening up the discussion of budget and who should be elected to the Board at these meetings. Board will discuss at next meeting.

The Finance Committee, and Board President will set a meeting with Kristi about the Open Gate lease before the next meeting.

The Board reviewed two updated two documents pertaining to rental of church rooms. The Board may make comments for 7 days, after which David V. will circulate to the Congregation via the Yahoo Group; to be voted upon at the next meeting.

Board President Bob will put together a Nominating Committee for the next Board, with input from Cindy and Derby. The Board will then vote by email. We will attempt to have Committee members who represent a broad spectrum of Members.

Gretchen gave us a template for a program church model in which church activities are run by a representative Program Council. This is a common structure for larger churches and may be appropriate for UUFRC because we have so many activities.

Nominations for Share the Plate 2018-2019

The Social Action Committee will hold an election after the UUFRC Annual Meeting on May 20 to choose 10 organizations to receive a ‘Share the Plate’ collection in the coming year: July 2018 through June 2019. We will save two collections for the minister.

To be eligible to receive a special collection, the group must be a 501(c)3 charitable organization and the nominator must have some kind of personal involvement with the organization (membership, volunteer, financial supporter, etc.). We will provide ballots with a short description of each organization. All those attending the meeting will vote for ten organizations. The top ten vote-getters will each be scheduled for a Sunday next year. The two organizations receiving the smallest number of votes will be scheduled during the upcoming summer months.

How to nominate your favorite worthy organization for a special collection at UUFRC:

Write a paragraph of **150 words or less** describing the organization and email it to Kaye Bonney (kayebonney@yahoo.com) by **May 1**. (Please ask your computer to count the words.) It helps to tell the charitable purposes of the organization and your own involvement with it. Both UUFRC members and friends are eligible to nominate organizations. Based upon prior experience, it is best to nominate one charity, but we don't have a rule prohibiting more.

During the election meeting, you may also wish to give a speech of not more than one minute describing what the group does, why you participate, and why members of our congregation should choose it to receive our offering.

Kaye Bonney, Share the Plate Coordinator

The new UUFRC Website is here!

The new UUFRC website is ready for use. Thanks to the current UUFRC web team; Iain Cunningham, Josh Moore, Pat Dwyer and Tanya Webster. We welcome anyone interested in joining us in maintaining the site with tasks ranging from copyediting to technical/ backend work. Please talk to one of us if you'd like to learn more.

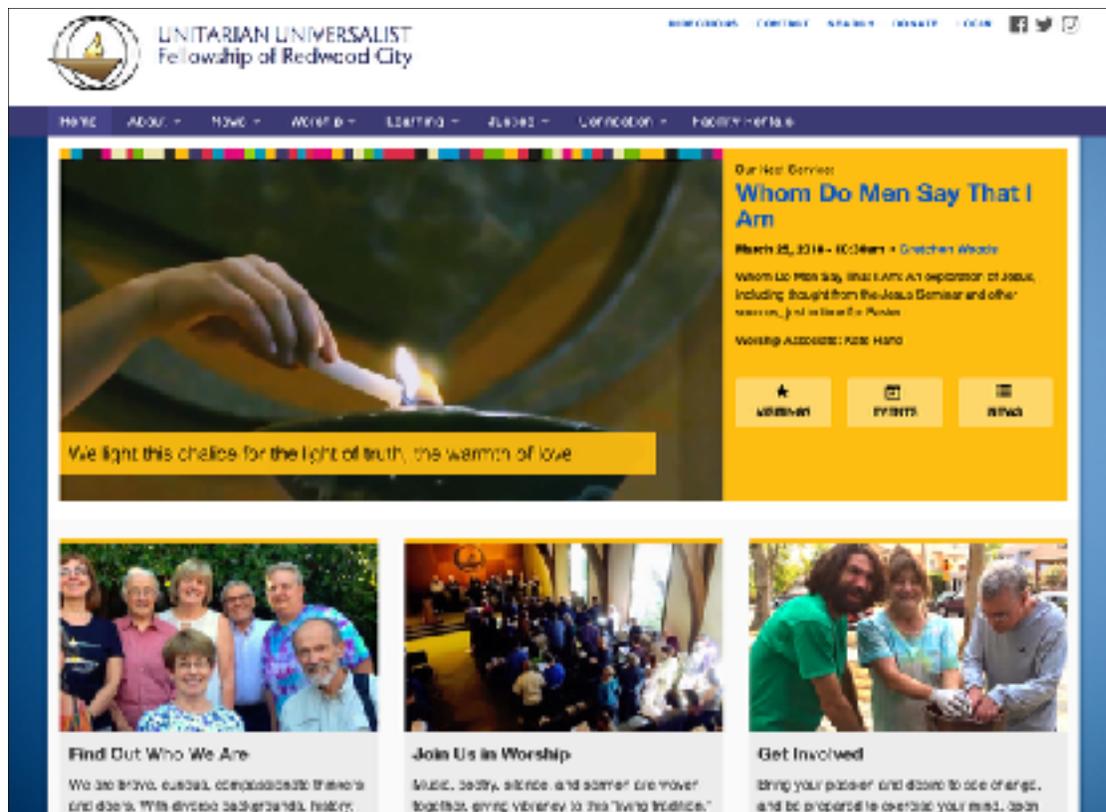
The new website can be accessed at both UUFRC.org and RedwoodCityUU.org. They go to the same site, the second URL being used for better community outreach.

Members and friends with a login on the old UUFRC website's Members Area can use the same info to log in to the new site (click Login in the upper right corner of the new site). If you don't have a web login and would like to access the directory and other member resources, please send an email to connecting@uufrc.org.

Chairs of committees and major events — Please note that moving forward, newsletter articles and room reservation requests will go through the website. If you haven't been contacted yet about website training and need to regularly post announcements or submit a room reservation for your program, please contact webteam@uufrc.org and we'll get you scheduled!

If you're a chair, but only need to reserve a room or publish a newsletter article a few times a year, a staff or web team member can help you at those infrequent times, and you do not need to complete training for an author account at this time. Similarly, if members have an occasional newsletter submission, just email the article to newsletter@uufrc.org, and Sara will put it in the newsletter for you.

A note that we updated and created a lot of content, and there is bound to be something we accidentally overlooked... If you notice anything that still needs to be updated, please send us a quick email so we can correct it. Thanks for your help, and let us know what you think!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City. The header includes the organization's logo and name, along with navigation links for Home, About, Home, Worship, Learning, Events, Location, and Facility Rental. A main banner features a close-up of a hand lighting a candle, with the text "We light this candle for the light of truth, the warmth of love." To the right of the banner is a featured service announcement for "Whom Do Men Say That I Am" on March 25, 2018, including details about the speaker and a worship assistant. Below the banner are three columns of content: "Find Out Who We Are" with a group photo, "Join Us in Worship" with a photo of a congregation, and "Get Involved" with a photo of people participating in a service.

THE LEARNING JOURNEY NEWS

Spirit of Life: UU Spirituality, Starts Apr 9

4 Monday nights, 7:00-9:00 pm
April 9, 16, 23 & 30



Spirit of Life offers participants space, time, and community to explore their unique Unitarian Universalist spirituality. *Registration is not required but is appreciated for planning, walk-ins also welcome. Childcare requests by Mar 31.*

SIGN UP IS STILL OPEN! REGISTER AT: tinyurl.com/ybs4essu

Parables for Modern Times, Starts Apr 14

4 Saturdays, 10:00 am-12:00 noon
April 14, 21, 28 & May 5

Join Ellie as we read and discuss parables from different traditions, and how to understand them in today's landscape. We will also learn to write our own parables and sacred lessons that connect with the world we live in. *Registration appreciated, drop-ins allowed.*



REGISTRATION OPEN: tinyurl.com/yd9zu377

MIDWEEK MEDITATION

Join dozens of UUFRC'ers in experiencing Midweek Meditation! These Wednesday emails deliver a short reading that offers a chance for a brief pause during your busy weeks.



**SIGN UP
FOR THE MIDWEEK MEDITATION EMAIL: <http://eepurl.com/c9-2YL/>**

At Play in the Akashic Field: Healing with the Ancestors

Saturday, May 19, 2018. 3:00-5:30pm

Family Constellations are an experiential method to surface the sub-conscious barriers to what we want. They utilize people to represent family members, ancestors, countries, illnesses, etc. They then seek to smooth disturbances in a family field, in order to allow for more of the experience we do want. This is done by movements such as saying what is, bowing to the past, and leaning on older members of our family system (represented by participants). Moving through grief is common.



No training is needed to participate. Representatives naturally draw information from the invisible knowing field variously called the Akashic Record, the Zero Point Field, and the Morphic field.

Come experience this mysterious and heart-felt work with Alisa DePalma, new friend at UUFRC, and trained facilitator in Family Constellations. This no-cost event is open to adults 18 years and older. We will focus on one family system, with smaller movements for all participants.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: tinyurl.com/y8yqn9kx

Registration is required for this class. Registration closes Monday, May 14. Please request childcare at least one week in advance of the date needed. Questions? Curious about receiving the Constellation for this event? Contact Alisa at alisa.DePalma@gmail.com.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Living the Interdependent Web: UU Principles

Given the demand for building usage, UUFRC has had to cancel the class "Living the Interdependent Web" for this spring. Please stay tuned for the dates it will occur in the Fall.

PLEASE CONSIDER CO-LEADING A LEARNING JOURNEY CLASS IN 2018-19

Adult RE is looking forward to another year full of offerings! But we need your help! Could you help co-facilitate just one class next year (a few week commitment)? No experience is needed. Our classes pair an experienced facilitator with new volunteers, with curriculum and prep support.

Please contact chair Tanya Webster at uufrc.learning.journey@gmail.com, if you can lend a few hours or more to help the UUFRC Learning Journey, offering courses that support; *Our 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth; and the 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*

In fellowship, Tanya Webster

You're Invited to the CLEAN MONEY GRASSROOTS SUMMIT

— Saturday, April 7th right here at the UUFRC!

WHAT: Clean Money Grassroots Summit

WHEN: Saturday, April 7th, 9:00am-4:30pm.

Light breakfast, full lunch. 2 work sessions

COST: Free. Lunch \$10, but no one turned away. Sponsor donations appreciated!

This event is co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the California Clean Money Campaign.

This will be an inspiring and helpful event for grassroots volunteers of all experience levels. Come see Assembly Speaker pro Tem **Kevin Mullin**, author of our soon-to-be announced AB 2188, the *Social Media DISCLOSE Act*, and of the victorious *California DISCLOSE Act* (AB 249). We'll also hear from AB 249 coauthors Senators **Jerry Hill** and **Scott Wiener** and Assembly member **Marc Berman**, along with former Assembly member **Sally Lieber**, who is on the California Clean Money Action Fund board of directors.

When Clean Money activists helped pass the *California DISCLOSE Act*, they did more than pass a groundbreaking law requiring political ads to list their funders. **They struck a blow against Big Money using only grassroots people power.** They proved it's possible, and this year we'll do it again on three more Clean Money laws, all while also growing our Clean Money movement. Whether you're new to volunteering with Clean Money or a veteran, please join us to discuss our exciting bills and issues.

Please register for this event by going to: <https://www.yesfairelections.org/events/summit-north.php?ms=newsletter-2018-03-28>



Rummage Sale donation begins

Sunday, April 29

Preview Sale: Friday May 11,

5 - 7:30 pm, \$5 entry

Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 12,

8:30 - 3

Clean out your closets, your garages, your storage spaces! It's almost time for the annual fantastic recycle and reuse event of the year at UUFRC! We accept children's clothing, books, sporting goods, office and arts and crafts supplies, holiday decorations, kitchen and bathroom items, toys, stuffed animals, gardening equipment, furniture, lamps, linens and towels, shoes for all ages, hats, belts and scarves for all ages, electronic equipment and computer related items.

We are also looking for people to donate their time and enthusiasm to the set up and take down of the Rummage Sale. You can bring kids, you can come help in the day or evening. We welcome you all and it's a lot of fun. More information soon!! The Rummage Team: Sara Morgan, Carol Cross, Geri Kennedy, Kaye Bonney, Cyndi Williamson and Jorie Schulz

Book Discussion Group

We are always happy to meet newcomers to our book discussion group. We meet in the back lounge on first Mondays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

April 2: *Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman* by Lindy West (available at Kepler's with our discount). NPR review: "Lindy West's memoir is a witty and cathartic take on toxic misogyny and fat shaming. She comes to accept her body just as Internet trolls congregate en masse to try to rip this new confidence from her, but she's rearing to fight back...In *Shrill*, West is our fat, ferocious, and funny avenging angel."

May 7: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

June 4: *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Leguin

Carolyn Chaney  cchaney@sfsu.edu

Committee Spotlight: Connections Committee

Newcomers often comment that we are a very friendly congregation. I like to believe that may be in part due to the work of our Connections Committee and our wonderful Connections Coordinator, Cindy Johnson. Cindy, the Welcomer, and the Greeters are the first impression experienced by anyone who comes through our doors.

Our mission is to help newcomers, members, friends and youth feel welcome, and to find connections within our UUFRC community. Connections Committee members serve as monthly Welcomers to attend to our new visitors. We recruit volunteers to be Greeters, who share friendly hellos with everyone as they give out the Orders of Service. We have many other ways to foster connections, including the Ice Cream Social and Activity Fair each fall, potluck dinners, Becoming a Member classes, Ingathering services to welcome new members, and Game Night. If you have ideas about making our community even more friendly and helping people get connected, I encourage you to join the Connections Committee. Our meetings are filled with laughter, chocolate and connection while we coordinate events, classes and Greeters.

We appreciate all of you who have volunteered to be the smiling Greeters on Sunday morning. It is an easy way to serve our UUFRC community. You are coming to the Fellowship on Sunday morning anyway, why not be the one passing out the Order of Service? It is easy to sign up for a Sunday. You'll find a yellow "Sunday Greeter" sign up button under the "Connection" area of our website: <http://www.uufrc.org>.

Let us know how you could feel even more connected. Everyone can approach newcomers and start a friendly conversation at Social Hour. The connection is up to all of us.

Thank you! More than a year ago I requested volunteers to assist me in the research for a second edition of a book I had done in 1998. Eva Reese and Kaye Bonney responded and their help was much appreciated. Near the end Kaye was especially helpful in the final editing.

Last week *The Social and Cultural Perspective on Blindness, second edition* was published by Charles C. Thomas Company. Thanks again to the volunteers. —Ed Vaughan

April 2018 Social Action Committee Update

- We are changing our April meeting to April 8th instead of April 1st, so it does not conflict with Easter.
- We signed a letter to the US House of Representatives opposing funding for a border wall, and reducing funding for immigration enforcement and detention. We signed a petition to Redwood City City Council in support of a 90 day stay for eviction of Docketown and conversion of 22 empty homes into low income housing. We joined TEAMC, a Transit Justice Coalition in San Mateo County.
- Last month's events:
 - March 7 - San Mateo County Immigrant Rights Coalition retreat.
 - March 18 - Fossil Fuel Divestment forum.
 - March 25 - Rapid Response training by Faith in Action.
 - March 28 we are sponsoring Fossil-Free MidPeninsula, with a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045.
- Events coming up:
 - April 7 - Clean Money Act workshop.
 - June 3 - "Uprooting Racism" (Showing Up for Racial Justice, SURJ)

Please come to our Social Action Committee meetings the first Sunday at noon in the Back Lounge. The next meeting is April 8. All are welcome! —Nancy Goodban and Carolyn Chaney, co-chairs

Finance Committee

Would you like to know more about UUFRC's finances - where does the money come from and what is it spent on? Would you like to help make sure the money is well spent? Help with the budget? Ideas to make things better? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Finance Committee is for you. They generally meet once a month for a couple of hours in the evening. It is a friendly group and questions/conversation is welcome.

Give **Jen Bahr-Davidson** (the current chair) a call or e-mail, or plan to stop by the April 16th meeting, 7 pm in the back lounge to check it out!

SHERIFF CANDIDATE FORUM

Meet your candidates for Sheriff and get informed before you vote June 5!
- Sheriff Candidates Carlos Bolanos (incumbent) and Mark Melville (challenger)
April 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
Woodside United Methodist Church
2000 Woodside Rd, Redwood City (corner of Alameda de las Pulgas)
Moderated by the League of Women Voters, co-sponsored by UUFRC Social Action Committee

Happy Trails Hiking Group

Please note that we are meeting earlier than usual for this hike: 8:30am. Don't be late!

On Saturday, April 7, we're joining my friend, Tom Davids, for a hike at La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve. This is a nine-mile hike in a recently opened area of the park. We will enjoy wide-open spaces, long views, early wild flowers, and the company of large but peaceful bovine.

We *must* leave from UUFRC (2124 Brewster at Lowell) in Redwood City by 8:45am to meet Tom at the trail head. Arrive at 8:30am to arrange carpools. The hike starts from Gate LH11 at the end of Sears Ranch Road. There is a toilet at the trail head but not beyond.

We'll return to Redwood City by 3pm. Bring lunch and water.

Reply to kayebonney@yahoo.com if you plan to go on this hike. I have to send a list of hikers to Tom.—
Kaye

Remember to arrive early!

Item 1: Our gas bill last month was \$350. Although it has been cold, we can all help by making sure that the doors do not stay open any longer than necessary. Thanks much!—Finance Committee

Item 2: In honor of Earth Day, please consider coming out to help with the **Redwood City Spring Cleanup Saturday morning, April 21!** Fun to do, either by your self or with a group - there will be 8 - 10 sites to choose from, including some by the Bay and one at the Union Cemetery. Children over 12 are welcome and can get public service credits if needed. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 at the Public Works Complex, 1400 Broadway. Pick up trash from 9 - noon and return for lunch!! Gloves, safety vests and picker-uppers are provided. What could be better?? Bring a big bag and you can collect some free compost on the way home. See you there!! —Geri Kennedy

April 2018 Calendar of Events

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| April 1: Welcome Circle 11:45am | April 17: Men's Group 7pm |
| April 2: Book Group 7:30pm | April 18: Spirituality/Psychic Group 7pm |
| April 3: Men's Group 7pm | April 19: Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm |
| April 4: Spirituality/Psychic Group 7pm Connections Committee Meeting 7pm | April 21: SPRING CHURCH WORKDAY 8-5pm Parables for Modern Times 10-12 noon |
| April 5: Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm | April 22: TOWN HALL MEETING 12-1:15pm Earth Day Fair 12 - 5pm OWL Gr. 7-9, 5 pm |
| April 7: Hiking Group 8:30am SAC Clean Money Meeting 8 - 5pm | April 23: Spirit of Life Class 7 pm |
| April 8: Who Are We? UU History 12 noon Social Action Committee Meeting 12 noon | April 24: Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm |
| April 9: Spirit of Life class 7-9pm | April 25: Transition Team Meeting 7pm |
| April 11: Worship Committee 7pm | April 26: Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Rapid Response class 7 pm |
| April 12: Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Learning Journey Committee 7pm | April 27: UU Regional Assembly begins in Portland, Oregon to April 29 |
| April 14: MUUGs Activity 9:15am Parables for Modern Times 10-12 noon | April 28: Fools of the Round Table 8 am Parables for Modern Times 10-12 noon School Superintendent Forum 3-5:30pm |
| April 15: TOWN HALL MEETING 12 - 1:15pm OWL Gr. 7-9, 5 pm | April 29: First day to bring Rummage donations Celebrating Membership 12-2pm OWL Gr. 7-9, 5pm |
| April 16: Spirit of Life class 7-9pm Youth & Family Committee 7pm Finance Committee 7pm | April 30: Spirit of Life class 7 pm |

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