



Unitarian Universalist
Church of Davis (UUCD)
Summer 2014

Worship Services
Summer Schedule: Only At 10am

July 6, 10am only, *Whose God is it Anyway?* John Ashby; Rowan Labbe-Renault, Worship Associate. Spoiler alert, its your God even if your vision comes from the "theology/philosophy" of atheism, agnosticism, humanism or other "isms" that don't have a god. Yet our church is flourishing and supporting paths as diverse as atheism through UU versions of Christianity. How did we get to this absolutely unique theological place where under one roof very differing theologies/philosophies are supported and flourish? It was NOT

always this way! Still isn't in many UU churches. More importantly, why does this matter?

John Ashby is a long time member of this church and has served in many capacities ranging from RE to Coming of Age to Pledge Drive to Capital Drive through Committee on Ministry. He has also preached a time or two, although some may quibble with the quality. He is a certified Food Scientist by trade and almost without question has had a role in helping to create something you have eaten (more than you might suspect actually). He is known throughout the Organic Food industry for giving public testimony in verse, ranging from limericks, to sonnets, to re-writes of Poe's "Nevermore" when the meeting was in Providence RI.

July 13, 10am only, *Touching Hearts through Bullet Proof Glass*, JoAnn Anglin, Jennifer Morales, Joan Lacktis and Mary Helen Doherty; Jenn Richard, Worship Associate.

Isolation from family and friends is heart-breaking when you are an immigrant detained in a Homeland Security Unit and your loved ones may not even know where you are. As UUs we proclaim our commitment to support the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We are called to cross borders and work to end the injustices that our fellow human beings experience. Hear the testimony of volunteers who visit immigrants detained in the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center in Elk Grove. Learn how this transformative experience provides an opportunity to live out our faith; be empowered by the connection; gain a grateful friend in the process.

Following the worship service there will be a program with our guests. Check your weekly bulletin for updates!

JoAnn Anglin, a retired public information officer, has belonged to the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento since 1978, where she currently serves on the Program Council. A poet, she is actively involved with other writers and artists in the Sacramento Latino/a community. For two years she has taught classes in poetry writing to inmates at Folsom State Prison.

Jennifer Morales is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and works at La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. as a Family Resource Center Coordinator. Previously while working at the Yolo Family Resource Center she partnered with Montgomery Elementary School in Davis to create a Family Resource Center. She is a leader with the Sacramento Immigration Alliance that advocates for the rights, respect and dignity of all immigrants.

Joan Lacktis has been member of Sierra Foothills Unitarian Universalists since 1997 where she currently serves on the Worship and Communications committees. She is a retired Science and Math teacher and lives in Rocklin with her dog and 2 cats. She recently traveled to Haiti with the UUSC College of Social Justice.

Mary Helen Doherty is a long-time Unitarian Universalist. She was inspired at the UU 2012 Justice GA in Phoenix AZ to create "Faithful Friends~Amigos Fieles" Community Visitation Program. It has become an opportunity for UU congregations in our region to come together to serve the community. She is also actively engaged in food justice initiatives in the Sacramento area.

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July 20, 10am only, *Come Sail Away*, Caitlin Cotter; Susan Kimmel, Worship Associate. A nautical service centered around the experience of all being in the same boat together. The ocean is a glorious and dangerous place that reminds us of the importance of trusting each other. Join us for a rollicking, mournful, salty Sunday. Special Collection: Grace in Action. Make checks out to UUCD, memo "Grace."

July 27, 10am only, *Finding Hope in Grief*, Bryan Plude; Lee Ann D'Amato, Worship Associate. When we undergo personal tragedy, as we all have, or will, what sustains us? How do we find hope as we live our grief? Our family, friends and community can support us in many ways, but is this where we find our hope? Or does it come from somewhere within?

Bryan Plude joined UUCD when he moved to Davis with his family in 1998. His girls are active in the MUUGs and Youth programs. A former worship associate, he entered Starr King School for Ministry in 2011. He just finished a two year internship with the UU Congregation, Santa Rosa and is nearing the end of his path toward ordination. He plans to enter parish ministry.

August 3, 10am only, *The Road of Surprises*, Rev. Beth Banks; Jenn Richard Worship Associate. Quilt Blessing for Progress Ranch. The reading for this sermon started with *Buddha's Brain: happiness, love and wisdom* by Rick Hanson and Richard Meddus, and grew to include the writing of Chinese-American civic entrepreneur, Eric Liu. The good news for us in this time of innovation and change is that we are equipped for: both what's routine and new. What if the predictable road of our life suddenly shook itself out and headed out across the future in a new way?

Senior Minister, Rev. Beth Banks is away through July 28. She will attend General Assembly in Providence, RI, vacation with her east coast family, and go on study leave until Monday, July 28. Pastoral Emergencies: during office hours 9am-3pm, Monday-Thursday, please contact office@uudavis.org

During non office hours, please contact one of the Pastoral Care Network Co-Chairs, Barbara Ashby or Valerie Olson.



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August 10, 10am only, Rip it, Roll it, and Punch it!: Lessons from Turtle Crush, Sarah Caine, Campus Minister 2014-2015; Eldridge Moores, Worship Associate. With every twist and turn, it can feel as if life is leading us in a particular direction. What is it that makes us feel as if we are "in tune" with the changes in our lives?

Sarah Caine is our 2014-2015 Campus Minister. She is a seminary student at Starr King School for the Ministry. Her call pulls her toward social justice. While in seminary, she hopes to join the Military Chaplain Candidate Program, exploring what it means to serve as a chaplain in the military. In her time outside of school, she enjoys dancing, practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Sarah is excited to merge all of her interests and talents into a unique form of ministry with the UU Davis Church and UC Davis students.

August 17, 10am only, An Invitation to Our Life, Rev. Beth Banks & The Dream Team (formerly the Strategic Planning Team): Barbara Clutter, Steve Burns, Meghan Kelly, George Hubert and Tamara Range. Consider this Sunday the introductory chapter to the latest book in a best-selling series. It's a page-turner with moments of reflection and action. The storyline reveals inspirational treasures from the past, and challenges the main characters to be courageous when the outcome is just beyond their imagination. This is the story about invitation and the experience of creating a dream together. The story is unfolding week-by-week, and everyone is potentially one of the main characters. Special Collection: TBA. Juuliebells perform. Barbara Meixner wrote, "I want to be a part of this exciting service!"

August 24, 10am only, Bring Many Names, Rev. Beth Banks & Worship Associates. Our congregation has a tremendous span of theological diversity, and this Sunday we will hear how our Worship Associates understand the word 'God.' In preparation for this service, consider what name you give to whatever it is that you place your deepest trust. Beloved? Mystery? Ground of Our Being? Love? The possibilities are endless and your expression is as valuable as the person who sits next to you.

Worship Associate Team This coming year we will have a wonderful Worship Associate Team. Our Associates continuing for a second year include Autumn Labbé-Renault, Suzanne Kimmel, LeeAnn D'Amato, and Eldridge Moores. Rowan Labbé-Renault will be with us until December when she will fully engage with the second half of her senior year of high school.

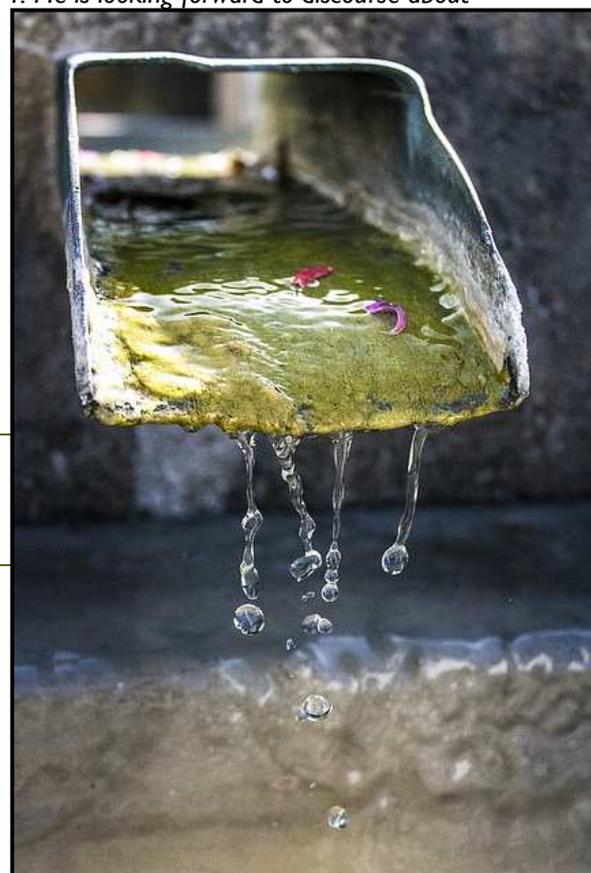
Our new Associates include Simon Murphey, who joined our congregation in 2014. He is looking forward to discourse about religious issues, and he wants to get to know many people in this church.

Donna Sachs is a long-time member of UUCD and she has been in many leadership roles. She anticipates growing in spiritual practice as she explores the monthly themes. Alex Lee-Jobe returns to the program after many years. Alex brings her experience as a leader in the Uniting for Racial Justice Committee at UUCD. She wants to touch the hearts, minds and spirits of our congregation.

We thank Ellen Rosen for her year serving as an Associate. Ellen offered an insightful perspective informed by the research she did for worship services. Jenn Richard has completed two years, and will be serving our congregation as a member of the Board of Trustees. Thank you Jenn for your love of language and all things artistic.

August 31, 10am only, Labor Day Service, Rev. Jay Atkinson, Minister here at the UU Church of Davis 1986-1998.

September 7, Return to 9:30 & 11:15am Worship! Water Communion: Gathering the Waters, Rev. Beth Banks. This popular all ages service begins our fall season. Bring water from the place you found sustenance in summer: a far away place, or your home. The question is, "How were you changed?" We'll use the water to bless our grounds.



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Act

Love on the Border: We prayed at the border wall, a towering steel structure surrounded by stadium lights, mounted cameras, and armed guards. We saw first hand the degree to which an issue of civil law has been thoroughly militarized: our borders are like a war zone. — Rev. Kathleen McTigue, CSJ

Rev. Peter Morales and Rev. Kathleen McTigue ask you to join them in "Standing on the Side of Love for Families and communities . . . being torn apart each day as our broken immigration system continues." Learn how you can help with a phone call, a visit, and/or organizing.

http://org.salsalabs.com/o/1272/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1301214

Listen

Download or listen online to edited versions of Sunday services (from Nov 2011 through last week!) at www.uudavispodcast.org ■ Subscribe to receive email notification when a new podcast is posted. ■ Send links for your favorite sermons to friends and family. ■ Listen to sermons you missed. ■ Re-listen and think about the message in a new way. ■ Deepen your engagement and sense of belonging.

Attend SUMMER RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Kate Raymond, Director of Lifespan Learning: re@uudavis.org

* Nursery through grade 5: Summer Guest Stars, 10am, in the Bridgehouse. *June 29, Corky & Seph Stratton-Quirk, All About Bats!* July 6, *Anne Hillman, Singing Up Friendship & Kindness*; July 13, *Jiji Hubert, Being Brave: Not Just for Superheroes*; July 20, *Kate Raymond, Compassionate Communication for Kids*; July 27, *Debbie Shoup, Decorating Name tags*; Aug 3, *Stephanie Holm, UU Shrinky Dinks*; Aug 10, TBA; Aug 17, *Kelly Range, Bike Safety*; Aug 24, *Susan Reycroft*; Aug 31, *Tracy McCarthy*; Sept 7, *Thomas Harter, Magic Underground: Finding Water* Questions: re@uudavis.org

* MUUGS Youth (grades 6-9) help the Summer Guest Stars or attend worship. MUUGs Summer fun: re@uudavis.org.

* UNIQUE (grades 9-12) meet most Sundays, 11am-1p, in the Cottage. Contact Kate for more details

UU History Brown Bags, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 11:30am-12:30pm, Library. Bring lunch; watch *The Long Strange Trip*; discussion, sharing. RSVP re@uudavis.org

Celebration of Abraham: July 19, 7pm, Dinner at sunset (about 8:30pm). During Ramadan, you are invited to join us for the breaking of fast, iftar dinner. Woodland Mosque, 1023 North St, Woodland CA 95695

UU Chalice Summer Camp: *Feys & Dragons*: K-grade 5. Bounce house, Fractured Fairy Tales, Spirited Worship, Family Festival. Pre-K ½ day. Youth apply: Jr. Counselors. Register: www.uudavis.org click on "Learn" → "Chalice Camp"

Path to Membership Session, August 24, 11:30 – 3pm, Library. History of our denomination and the diversity of beliefs; discuss worship, religious exploration, and getting involved. Sign-up at the Welcome Table or office@uudavis.org