

### Weekly Bulletin, Sunday, 28 May-4 June 2017

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Submissions due noon, Wed. 50 word limit.

Office Closed May 29-June 2. Admin, Mandy Dawn is away. June 4 bulletin submissions due by noon, May 24.

### May 28-Sept 3, Summer Worship Schedule, 10am only

#### Summer schedule for RE, one service at 10 am:

Now through Labor Day Weekend, our elementary kids meet "Summer Stars" in the Bridgehouse; MUUGs meet in the library to "recharge" without electronics.

### Worship May 28, 10 AM ONLY, SUMMER

#### SCHEDULE #UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn; Elizabeth

Assenza. We join 590 UU congregations in exploring and resisting white supremacy in a spiritual manner.

### Children and Youth RE is exciting next year!

Ready for the next level of church involvement? Have you considered volunteering in our Religious Exploration program for children and youth? This is an opportunity to learn about our faith tradition, while deepening your own understanding of UUism and the sources of meaning in your life. Email revmclean@uudavis.org or stop by table in social hall to learn more.

- ◆ Our Kindergarten and 1st graders will explore creating a home in a UU church and the wonders of nature.
- ◆ Our 2nd and 3rd graders will learn moral tales from many sources, and together explore stories that shape UU identity beyond Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders use the wizard world of Harry Potter as the backdrop to explore how one person can make a difference with social action projects grounded in UU values.
- ◆ Our 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders, or MUUGs will expand their conversations looking at UU perspectives of current events to build bridges with interfaith learning and visits.
- ◆ Our 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, or UNIQUE, will continue meeting to explore the issue they find in family, friends, school, and society through their UU values.



### Memorial Day Campout! May 28. 4pm: set

up your tent for friendship, song, and s'mores! Bring a dish or non-alcoholic drink to share for the BBQ. Meat & veg dinner protein, s'mores, & pancake breakfast provided. Please bring an electric griddle if you have one for Monday's breakfast. All ages welcome: adults are responsible for the children they bring. RSVP so we can ensure we have enough marshmallows: re@uudavis.org

### Annual Meeting June 4, 11:30am, Sanctuary

UPDATED Agenda, up-or-down votes on the following: elect Barbara Clutter and Liz Garman to 3-year Board terms; approve Linda Magrum for a 2-year Nominating Committee term; approve 2017-18 operating budget; approve a proposed Bylaws amendment; approve endorsing as a congregation the Declaration of Conscience developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the UU Service Committee; approve proposed Covenant of Right Relations.

*I urge you to attend the meeting to participate in the discussions and to be counted toward the quorum. Church members may vote if they are age 18 or older, have been members for at least 30 days, and have made a pledge or financial contribution of record during the preceding 12 months.* —Mari Perla, Board Chair

**Proposed Covenant of Right Relations:** *We affirm our commitment to creating and living within a spiritual community with actions based on respectful conversation, receptive listening, and openhearted presence.*

May 21: opportunity for congregational review and comment. Further info. in the May theme bulletin.

Materials for meeting: <http://tinyurl.com/UCD17AMM-b>

### ★ NEW: UUCD 2016-17 Annual Report:

[http://www.uudavis.org/PDFs/Congregational/History\\_AnnualReport.pdf](http://www.uudavis.org/PDFs/Congregational/History_AnnualReport.pdf)

**Other Voice Poetry Reading**, May 26, 7:30pm, UU Library. Poets: James Lee-Jobe (of UUCD) & Carol Firth. Celebrate Allegra Silberstein with us as she passes the baton to James Lee-Jobe. Refreshments & open mic follow: share a poem!

### Parent Workshop: Help Kids (age 12 and under)

Understand and Challenge Racism May 28, 11:30 light lunch, 12-3 workshop, Bridgehouse. Childcare, Refreshments Provided. Facilitator: Alena Marie. *Develop the language and practice of talking about race, racism, white privilege, displacement, segregation, the school-to-prison pipeline, and police violence with our children in age-appropriate ways. Free; Donations for Black Lives Matter's Freedom School Requested.* RSVP for advance reading materials Juliettegiaia@yahoo.com Host: URJ & WURJ

**Intro to UU Mysticism** NEW DATE: June 11, 11:15–1pm, Library. Led by Jack Whitsett & Rich Bradley.

**Bending the Arc:** UUCD Border Trip: Nov. 7-12. Experience the immigration crisis first-hand via a UU College of Social Justice journey grounded in theological reflection; learn how our faith calls us to action. Pick up flyer at social justice table in social hall after Sunday services or contact [stefh2002@yahoo.com](mailto:stefh2002@yahoo.com). Trip can accommodate 10-20 individuals: June 4 deadline for an all-UUCD trip; registration stays open into June & July.

**Sacred Earth:** *Elemental Community in Song, Word, and Action.* Laura Sandage & Conspiring Women (Mimi Hampton, Wendy Silk, Dana Stokes, Cam Stoufer, Betsy Taloff, Lorraine Visher) invite you to honor and celebrate the four elements: Earth, Air, Water, and Fire in the UU Sanctuary on the full moon, June 9, 7pm. Your donations support a water feature for thirsty woodland creatures on our grounds.

**Coming soon:** UUCD is preparing to run a crowd-sourced fundraising project (through Faithify) for undocumented UC Davis students. View/Like/Follow <https://www.facebook.com/faithifyundocumentedstudents> to prepare for our launch. Spread the word! That way, when we launch our fundraiser (goal \$5000), we'll be ready to collect donations to support local students!

**Davis Insight Group** welcomes everyone for meditation, Wednesdays, 7pm, UU sanctuary. We are a lay group and follow a Theravadan Buddhist practice. All are welcome. [DavisMeditation@gmail.com](mailto:DavisMeditation@gmail.com)  
<http://www.davisinsightgroup.org>

**Have a Lemon Tree?** Coffee volunteers could use lemons to add to ice tea, lemon water, and lemonade this summer. Contact James Lee Jobe, 530-902-4591.

**Quilters** meet June 10, 3-6pm, 2nd Saturdays. Wide range of participants welcomed at all skill levels: ironing, hand-stitching, choosing fabric combinations, cutting, designing, advising, sewing. Contact Julie Saylor. No quilting meeting in July or August.

### **Become a Pacific Central District Chalice**

**Lighter:** Can you afford to give \$20 three times per year to projects that support the growth of UUism? *Current call: leadership development scholarships, open until June 19.* Questions: [sfulton@uua.org](mailto:sfulton@uua.org) or Ann-Catrin Van <http://www.pcduua.org/programs/chalice-lighters/>

**Caring Corner** Please contact [care@uudavis.org](mailto:care@uudavis.org) if you're aware of someone in our church community who'd welcome a pastoral connection.

★ **Minister for pastoral emergency:** 530-341-3490.

• **MariLyn Brinton's** Celebration of Life 2pm, June 17.

• Celebration of Life for **William Lee-Jobe** (son of Alex and James), is 1pm, June 10.

• **Mary MacDonnell** invites all to her husband's memorial service, May 27, 2pm, North Sacramento Funeral Home, 725 El Camino Ave, Sac. Rev. Morgan McLean will officiate.

**Updated Roster** for Members & Friends at Welcome table and electronically from [office@uudavis.org](mailto:office@uudavis.org)

**Out & About:** *May 28, Rev. Beth Banks is at worship and be dropping in for the Memorial Day camp-out. She'll lead worship June 4 and be present for the Membership Meeting following the service.*

*Rev. Morgan McLean will be in the Bridgehouse for the first Sunday of Summer Stars in our summer elementary religious exploration and at the Memorial Day Campout on Sunday. Thursday she meets with the Caring Council.*

*Elizabeth Assenza leads worship 5/28, meets with the Intern Committee 5/31. She is on campus with the Interfaith Campus Council for several events in the next two weeks.*

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD:**

**Interfaith Iftar Dinner** (break the Ramadan fast), June 1, 7-9:30pm, Davis Sr Ctr, 646 A St. Learn about Ramadan, meet new people, enjoy a delicious meal together. RSVP by May 29 so hosts know how much to cook. <http://tinyurl.com/DMH2017>

**Farm Davis** Fundraising concert, June 3: Dave Nachmanoff artist/songwriter & friends. *Farm Davis grows produce for Davis Community Meals, a project well supported by UUCD.* Tickets at Watermelon Music.

Workshop: **Finding Common Ground:** Engaging All White Folks in the Fight Against Racism. June 3, 8:30a-noon, Sequoia Rm, Hallmark Inn. Free. Host WURJ"

**Closing the Palms Playhouse** - *The End of an Era in Davis,* documentary, June 4, 4 & 7pm, Veterans Memorial Theatre. <https://palmsmovie.eventbrite.com>. Benefit for Davis Media Access: <http://davismedia.org>



**"Zest" has energy and edginess to offer.** Consider some of the synonyms, spice, guts, get-up-and-go, savor, piquancy, tang, eagerness, fervor, zeal, delectation, zap, zip.

In June, we'll have celebrations and rites of passage to honor individuals and shared work. Celebrating *us* is one of the best ways we can openly show our appreciation for each other and recognize that we are always undergoing change.

As we honor zest, may we both give and receive just the right measure of the spice of life.

— Rev. Beth Banks, Senior Minister



Unitarian Universalist  
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(UUCD)  
Theme Journal  
June ~ Zest

**A few years ago**, Daniel and I decided to try out some gourmet recipes to take our home cooking to the next level. At first, the recipes start like any others - with olive oil and garlic! But we quickly learned that what elevated the recipe was zest. We got a special tool to grate the rinds of oranges, lemons, and limes.

Zest added subtle flavor to everything - meats, pasta, salads, even baked goods. Zest lightened heavy flavors, added a brightness, and often balanced two competing ingredients.

Is this what zest does in our lives? To me, zest isn't a way of being, it is something we add in to elevate our experiences. It means bringing an intentional pop! Maybe that's an extra positive attitude to help a group have a more productive meeting. Maybe it's boosting the energy of a family vacation, or channeling a youthful curiosity in a new experience. Maybe it's more subtle, like an extra effort wrapping a gift, or an especially effusive compliment, or an extra accessory.

I hope you will consider how you might use this gourmet to add a little extra something, a little zest, to your lives.

—Rev. Morgan McLean, Assistant Minister for Congregational Life

❖ [www.uudavis.org](http://www.uudavis.org) → Events/Publications → 2016-17, June – Zest ❖

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## Summer Sunday Worship, 10am ONLY

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**June 4**, *Becoming: Courageous Space*; Rev. Beth Banks; Elli Norris, Worship Associate. Progress Ranch Quilt Blessing Ceremony. Juuliebells performs. May 27, a message about “Becoming” will be delivered at the Ordination of Laura Thompson, our 2015-16 intern. Laura requested that the sermon address a certain kind of learning she experienced at UUCD. This learning style is at once demanding and life-giving, and would give us what she wishes for herself and for our communities. Beth will deliver a sermon that is both for Laura and for our congregation.

**Spirited Collection: World Wildlife Fund.**  
Make checks out to UUCD, memo: WWF.

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**June 11**, *Together Our Gifts Can Bless the World*; Rev. Beth Banks; Mari Perla, Board Chair 2016-17; Carol Corbett, Board Chair 2017-18. Celebrate the many gifts we offer each other: from the service of governance to the magic of singing, ringing, flipping veggie burgers, or being a part of a memorial reception. At this service, everyone has time to consider what has happened in this past church year. This is a service of celebration and invitation.

**A Bagel Reception** follows the service; small donation requested.

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**June 18**, *A Pinch of This, A Dash of That*, Elizabeth Assenza's final service as UUCD's Intern and Campus Minister. In a recipe, zest is one small ingredient. Remove it and the recipe will still hold, but you may find yourself saying, "something's missing." Over the life of a church, each person is one small ingredient who may add zest! Like lemon zest in a tart, the members and friends of this congregation have shaped the recipe of Elizabeth's person and ministry. Let's celebrate our time together and the zest we've brought one another.

**Special Collection – Davis Arts Center** is a place for dynamic engagement with the arts. Classes and programs for the region. The Arts Center inspires creative expression in people of all ages and fosters an environment for the arts to flourish. [www.davisartscenter.org](http://www.davisartscenter.org) Make checks out to UUCD, memo Art.

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**Goodbye Reception for Intern, Elizabeth Assenza**, 11:15am Hosts: Internship & Campus Ministry Committees. (Contribute to a monetary gift: money/checks to Sharon Hale or Herb Garman to be combined into one check.)

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**June 25**, *Waking Up Alive*; Kirk Ridgeway; Tamara Range, Worship Associate. Life comes from darkness and returns to darkness. Each day we experience this circle as we wake in the morning and go to sleep at night. When we wake, are we really awake or do we only allow part of our self to be present as we journey through our days? What would it be like to wake up fully alive, fully present, endowed with gratitude, generosity, and belongingness...a state of grace? This service is an invitation to that aliveness, to stay vital and in love with life, no matter the hardships.

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**Reflect**     **The Committee on Ministry** (Stefan Harvey, Hiram Jackson, Lisa Oakes, Kirk Ridgeway, Susan Steinbach) invites you to make the theme part of your spiritual practice:

*“For a while the hobbits continued to talk and think of the past journey and of the perils that lay ahead; but such was the virtue of the land of Rivendell that soon all fear and anxiety was lifted from their minds. The future, good or ill, was not forgotten, but ceased to have any power over the present. Health and hope grew strong in them, and they were content with each good day as it came, taking pleasure in every meal, and in every word and song.”* — J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Being content with each good day and taking pleasure in all things is as good as any description of what zest for life might look like. This month, pay attention to the good days. How might you make any day a good day? How can pleasure be experienced in the small and grand things of your life? What is your responsibility in creating your health and hope?

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