

Weekly Bulletin, Sunday, 17 March 2019

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Bulletin submissions due noon, Wed. 50 word limit.

- The church office is closed March 18 and March 22-29. Admin, Mandy Dawn is away.
- Bulletin submissions for March 31 due noon, March 20.



Life Odyssey: Liz & Bob Young, March 17, 12:45-2pm, Sanctuary. Congregants who lead profound and meaningful lives reflecting UU values and a deep connection to our church. Bring lunch and witness these life journey interviews.

UUCD Share-the-Offering Nomination Form:

Due April 15; <http://tinyurl.com/UUCD-Share1920>
Return form to offering basket or office@uudavis.org
Each month, a nonprofit org. receives 1/2 of non-pledge contributions to the Sunday offering. Priorities: new recipients, local, social justice, children/our future. Org.s chosen in the past are less likely to be chosen.



Duo Recital with Adrienne Taylor and Andrei Baumann, Sat. March 23, 7pm, UU Sanctuary. Chamber Music for Cello and Piano by Beethoven, Chopin and Schubert. Please join us for an exciting evening. Suggested Donations: \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Students.

"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Unitarian Universalism (But Were Afraid to Ask)"

Members, friends, and visitors ask questions about history, theologies, practices of UUism. 12:45-1:45pm, March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30.

Worship: March 17, 9:30 & 11:15am, Diet of Torda—1568; Rev. Lehel Molna, Balázs Scholar. Music: Adrienne Taylor, Andrei Baumann. The right of individuals to believe and worship according to their own understanding.

March 24, 9:30 & 11:15am, Labyrinth; Rev. Banks. Why do labyrinths appeal? Come walk our labyrinth.

March 31, 9:30 & 11:15am, Jesus and Bartimaeus; Alex Haider-Winnett. Jesus welcomes the stranger and heals bigotry. What can contemporary UUs learn from this?



Myanmar Children's Foundation (MCF), local non-profit and special collection

recipient for March: visit our table in the Social Hall. MCF has official sponsorship of UUCD, as of 2013.

Three Davis UUs serve on the current MCF leadership team, overseeing cultural programs stateside and funding youth programs in Myanmar. MCF provides medication and pediatric care at a free clinic and transport for rural youth and their families to the capitol for major surgeries. Other outreach includes construction of schools, dormitories and water tanks, support for child abuse prevention trainings, orphan care, and teacher training. More info: Senghas Room, 10:35am, March 24, for a short photographic update on activities in country. myanmarkids@gmail.com

Regional UU Singing Event: Nor Cal UUs (Davis, Reno, Grass Valley, Chico, Sacramento, Auburn) are invited to sing at a music event on April 6. Hosted by UU Grass Valley, the event includes workshops and rehearsals, 12:30-4:30pm, culminating in a 5pm concert, followed by a fellowship dinner. Many choir directors and choirs are participating. Join the fun! RSVP to Alison to participate, music@uudavis.org All are welcome at the 5pm concert (no RSVP needed).

URJ Presents BLUUBOX #2! Attendees at #1 were grateful for the rich discussion after the presentation. Come to grow your cultural competence! April 7, 12:30-2:30, Senghas Room, refreshments provided.

Our Green Sanctuary: Next time you're near the swale by the Bridge House, stand still and listen. You may just hear frogs croaking. Frogs are an important indicator species for our Green Sanctuary. Bonus: They also eat mosquitos!



Social Justice News: Last Thursday we joined SAC ACT and a hundred others at Westminster Presbyterian Church in solidarity with Sacramento's African American community in the aftermath of decisions by the Sacramento District Attorney and the CA Attorney General to not prosecute the Sacramento policemen who killed Stephon Clark.

Our faith and UUCD's position that Black Lives Matter (thank you, *Uniting for Racial Justice*) prompted us to attend. Last week, the community anguish was not in Ferguson, Staten Island or Dallas but less than 15 miles from home.

Thursday's gathering was hopeful despite the pain and disappointment apparent in the room. SAC ACT invited us to march to the Capitol and visit legislators to urge support of AB 392, *The California Act to Save Lives: reforms CA's use of deadly force law, the core language of which has not been updated since 1872, and which makes the successful prosecution of unnecessary police violence nearly impossible.*

We continue to advocate for reform of the use of force law and, when invited, to stand as allies with community groups and legislators taking the lead. We hope you'll join us.

—Robin Dattel and Stefan Harvey,
Former co-chairs, Social Justice Coordinating Committee

March 16, 1-4pm, 7th Interfaith Climate Conference, United Methodist Church Davis. Speakers: Rev. Sharon Delgado & Michael McCormick. Register: www.cooldavis.org/news/CoolerTogether

March 20: Rally at the Capitol for AB 4: expand Medi-Cal to undocumented adults. Details & Carpool: stefan.harvey904@gmail.com

March 20: HealthCare4All rally in Sacramento

March 20, 7 pm: Talk "Immigration Crisis on Our Southern Border" by Sasha Abramsky. Friends Meeting House, 345 L St., Davis.

March 22, 7pm, *All Governments Lie: Truth, Deception, and the Spirit of I. F. Stone* Quaker Meetinghouse, 345 L St.

March 23: Davis Phoenix Coalition Fundraising Dinner: Build a community where everyone is safe, respected, free from violence. Indian cuisine of Mary Philip & the good feeling of making a difference. 5:30-9pm, Davis Community Church Fellowship Hall, 412 C St. Tickets: \$50. www.davisphoenixco.org/dpc-fundraising-dinner

April 4: SAC ACT annual fund raising breakfast, 8-9:30am, April 4, Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Sac. Keynote speaker, Pastor Mike, Director of LIVE FREE Campaign with the Faith in Action (formerly PICO National) Network. He will address gun violence and mass incarceration among young people of color. Pastor Mike helps connect, train and support millennials, faith leaders, and religious institutions working on racial justice. Tickets: <https://sacact.brownpapertickets.com>

Pastor Mike: www.sacact.org/events/2019fundraiser
Carpool: meet at the big tomato at the Davis Co-op.

April 10: YIIN dinner *Welcoming & Celebrating our Immigrant Neighbors*, April 10, 5:30pm, Vets Memorial Ctr, \$40, <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ca--davis/yiin/>

April 14: after 2nd service: Rev. Neal Anderson speaks about border trip opportunities

May 20: Immigrant Day at the Capitol

May 31/June 1: CA UU Justice Ministry training (at UUCD)

Dates TBD: Support AB 540 Center with baked goods

Tasks TBD: Davis Family Reunification Project

To find out more contact stefh2002@yahoo.com.

Delegates & Scholarships: If you are a Member and are interested in being a delegate for UUCD at UUA General Assembly or Pacific Western Regional Assembly, please submit a paragraph detailing your interest, ASAP. The board will vote on delegates on Monday, April 8 at the board meeting. There may also be opportunities for partial scholarships. Please email your request to serve to [Walt Fulde wfulde@gmail.com](mailto:wfulde@gmail.com)

UUA General Assembly, June 19-23, Spokane, WA. Worship, witness, learn, connect, make policy. Anyone may attend. 100+ programs. Registration, Housing & Financial Aid Open March 1: www.uua.org/ga

UU Regional Assembly, Date and location TBA.

Caring Corner ♦ Pastoral Connection: 530-341-3490, minister on-call, care@uudavis.org

Mary MacDonnell is recovering from knee surgery. Cards: 1351 San Clemente Way, Sac, CA 95831

Pat Moore-Pickett & Steve Burns' stepdaughter, Hayes, was admitted to the ICU for blood clots in both lungs. She's moving to care at home after a week in skilled nursing. She is improving, and healing thoughts are appreciated as she still has much recovery to do.

Neil Rutger celebrated his 85th birthday!

Lorraine Visher joyfully announces the arrival of grandchild, Byron David Kroha. Mom, Sierra Visher Kroha, dad, Bryce, and sister are adjusting and thrilled.

Carlana Wike has stitches and bruising after a fall. She'll return when she feels presentable. She sends love and needs only our anticipation of her return.

Sue Saum's home in the Glacier Circle Senior Community (developed by UUCD Members) is for sale: 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 story, power lift chair. Reduced price: \$500K. —Claire Black-Slotton, 530-304-2351

Thank You for Your Generosity!



\$523,027 Pledged so far.

Goal: \$545,000

183 Pledges so far.

Goal: 210 Households

What is the UUCD Board doing? As the Board looked at plans for UUCD's future, we realized that many of the goals identified by our strategic planning effort in 2015 were completed or are actively being pursued through our current programming. These include multigenerational activities, including worship; vibrant social justice work and more variety in worship. Many of these changes happened because of the increased ministry available when we hired a second full-time minister.

One goal we saw as not fully addressed was "growth and outreach." Last fall, the Board hosted two World Café events exploring what outreach and growth might look like for UUCD. 44 congregants joined us to eagerly share their ideas with the Board. When the Board reviewed notes from all of the conversations, we identified three themes: attract new people, retain them, and deepen connections among both new and long-time members. At our January retreat, the Board decided that "deepening connections within our community" will be our Vision of Ministry for 2019-2020.

What is a Vision of Ministry? The staff of the congregation does much church management and the clergy oversee our church programming. Part of the Board's work is to know the congregation deeply and to vision not only what we believe is best for us now, but also for the congregation in the future. To do visioning, the Board will take time to learn from resources within our church and outside the congregation, too. The results from the World Café will also be a part of the information used throughout our process.

We're starting by assessing how well the Board knows every area of congregational life. Next, we find out about successful programs happening here or planned. Board meetings are on second Tuesdays, 7-9pm, in the library. All are welcome. The monthly Board packet is available via a link you can obtain by emailing office@uudavis.org. Any Board Member can answer questions: Walt Fulde, Barbara Clutter, Karen Klussendorf, Odessa MacLean, Liz Garman, Claudia Utts-Smith, Tamara Range.

Other Voice Poetry Series presents Brad Buchanan and Stuart Canton, March 15, 7:30pm, UU library. Open mic. Host, James Lee Jobe.

Brad Buchanan is Professor Emeritus of English at Sacramento State University. His poetry, fiction, and scholarly articles have appeared in nearly 200 journals, and he published two previous book-length collections of poetry: *The Miracle Shirker* (2005) and *Swimming the Mirror: Poems for My Daughter* (2008), as well as two academic books. His third book of poetry, *The Scars, Aligned* (A Cancer Narrative), is new from Finishing Line Press. He co-facilitates a writing workshop run through the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center and works as a volunteer with the Society for the Blind in Sacramento. He was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma in February 2015, and underwent a stem cell transplant in 2016, which involved temporary vision loss and a slow recovery. He is currently in remission.

Stuart Livingston Canton is the president of The Sacramento Poetry Center and Editor of their online publication, *Poetry Now*. He won a Bazzanella Award at Sacramento State where he became involved with surrealism and ecopoetics. He has been published locally in *Brevities*, *The American River Review*, and "WTF!?" among others. His chapbook, *A Field Guide For The Coming Extinction* was recently published by Little M Press. He enjoys cooking almost as much as writing, and owns barely more literature than cookbooks.

Bike Campaign Job, Internship, Volunteer Openings: Bike Garage, Woodland. Job: Bike Mechanic. Internship: 9-12 month program; resume builder; our interns have gotten jobs at JUMP, UCD, State of CA. www.TheBikeCampaign.com

Volunteer April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 30 & May 2, 1:10-2:50p, Dingle Elementary. We'll fit bike helmets, pump tires, lube chains, teach 2nd graders the rules of the road and how to ride 2-wheelers. Training provided. Contact (530) 753-1125 or funmaria@sbcglobal.net

SpiritRest is a facilitated five-day silent retreat for Unitarian Universalists and other spiritual seekers. Our 2019 gathering will be July 21-26 in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Retreatants meet with a spiritual director for a half hour each day. www.spiritrestretreat.com