



Beacon on the Hill

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The mission of this church is to create loving community; inspire spiritual growth; and encourage lives of integrity, joy, and service.

From the Ministers

We really enjoyed our restorative weeks away driving across the country (and back again!) and visiting our families. We drove through many states, counties, cities and towns on our trip. It was a great way to take in the diversity of this country, its rural and urban beauty, its deserts, plains, mountains, and coastlines.

One thing those we met and visited around the country seemed to share was a sense of apprehension. People are struggling to make ends meet, mistrust our government, and are growing more and more worried about the climate crisis. Many seem to share hope for an end to gridlock with the upcoming elections, but also a sense that more is needed to address the challenges before us in these times.

We are excited to welcome the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA, to our pulpit on Sunday, September 29, when she will preach about “Living Our Faith Out Loud.” There has never been a time when living our faith in bold and visible ways has been more important than now, so we can think of no better message to begin our year of ministry together with you.

To that end, we hope to see many of you at the Solano Stroll on September 8 extending a warm welcome to our neighbors in Albany and Berkeley to head up the hill to visit us. We hope those looking to make a difference will join our Accompaniment Team who support the Cabezas family and help them navigate the immigration system. We hope to welcome even more people into a Chalice Circle (an opportunity to grow in friendship and deep personal reflection with a small group) this year. And we look forward to welcoming more newcomers, perhaps some who are reading these very words, considering whether to come try out our congregation on a Sunday morning. Like any other congregation, we are far from perfect, but we look forward to sharing the care, support, challenge, and inspiration we find by being part of this ongoing liberal religious community.

We are glad to be back in the swing of things here at UUCB, but we’re grateful for the space and time our vacation gave us to reflect on the moment in which we find ourselves. Because what we came to is this: faith communities like ours will be even more vital in the days to come. Because it is communities like UUCB where we are reminded that all of us are members of one human family, that beauty and joy and togetherness are just as important as protesting and resisting and organizing, and that each and every one of us has something precious to contribute to the work of dismantling systems of oppression and building a better world. Our children, and their children’s children, are depending on us.

In faith,

Revs. Christian and Kristin

Worship Services in September

Sanctuary, 11 am on Sundays

Theme for September: Work and Play

September 1: Better Together, Rev. Leela Sinha, guest preacher, Cynthia Asprodites, Worship Associate. In the United States we have spent lifetimes destroying our sense of connection. Disconnected from everyone, we are awash in a sea of poor substitutes for feeling alive. How can we honor the lessons and legacy of organizing, of connection, of knowing that what we cannot do alone, we can do together?

September 8: Creating Community, Rev. Kristin preaching, Karen Elliott, WA. So much of our lives are spent working and sleeping, so how we spend our time apart from work and home is important both for our well-being and to the fabric of our wider communities. On this day when many of our members will be representing our church at Albany and Berkeley's Solano Stroll, we will reflect on our role and impact as a "third place" in the lives of our members, friends, and beyond.

September 15: For What We Will, Rev. Christian preaching, Melissa Rosales, WA. The famous labor slogan calling for a fair workday should still ring in our ears today: Eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep, eight hours for what we will. We will explore what we are called to do in those precious moments: relax, spend time with our loved ones, change the world, all the above?

September 22: Play Power, Rev. Kristin preaching, Bob Adams, WA. Mr. Rogers famously taught that play is the work of childhood, but what about later in life? This week in worship we will leave work behind and tap into the power that play has to offer in the lives of people of all ages.

September 29: Living Our Faith Out Loud, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray preaching, Sarah Ward, WA. In the midst of these defining times, in the midst of tumult – societal, political and climate-related – Unitarian Universalism offers a powerful message of both compassion and interdependence. How can we live these values in bold, courageous ways that have the power to make a measurable difference today and for the future?

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray was elected President of the Unitarian Universalist Association on June 24, 2017.

Prior to her election, she served as Lead Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Arizona. Susan played a critical role in the long-term campaign to end the constitutional violations of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. She is a lifelong UU who grew up in the St. Louis area. She lives now in Cambridge, MA with her husband Brian and their son.

Good Neighbor for September (sharing our offerings)

Organization: East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

Since 1982, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant has offered sanctuary, assistance, advocacy and legal advice to those escaping war, political prosecution, exploitation and other expressions of violence. Refugee rights are under attack right now, and there are many people who need basic assistance and legal advice, but no one is turned away for lack of funds from East Bay Sanctuary Covenant. Our offerings today will help this organization in its vital work with vulnerable communities including gender-based and domestic violence, LGBTQ individuals, people with HIV/AIDS, and unaccompanied children.

Personal Theology

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:45 am, September to May, Fireside Room.

September 1: Bill Garrett, retired Professor of Philosophy and Religion, has taught at JFK University, San Francisco State, Fromm institute, CIIS and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. ***The Enemy of the People.***

September 8: No session: UUCB members are encouraged to participate in UUCB's parade contingent and booth at the Solano Stroll.

September 15: Rev. Christian Schmidt, co-minister of the UU Church of Berkeley since 2016, will explore the intersection of religion, the public sphere, and government in ***Church/State/Politics.*** As campaigns begin (already!) to ramp up for the 2020 elections, many of us are concerned about politics. Longstanding law has required religious organizations to be careful about how they interact with the elections process, but it's never been more important for us to engage it. We'll talk about how we can engage politics and why we must!

September 22: James O'Hara is a former math instructor, massage instructor, dream worker, and a Brother in a Catholic religious order for 30 years. He is the author of a book about his experiences living in India and Nepal for seven years, where he came to question his vows and beliefs and left the Brotherhood and the Church. Jim is currently writing a second book and will talk about the topic of his book: ***Accidental Soul Work.***

September 29: Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson, Minister Emeritus, UU Church of Studio City; writer and teacher; research scholar at Starr King; UUCB member. Rev. Atkinson will discuss ***Living Agnostically.***

Humanist Connections

Sundays, 12:30 pm, Safir Room

September 1:	Fame	Ray Nelson
September 8:	Short topics provided by the group and pulled from a hat; October topic selection	
September 15:	Depression, suicide rates	Dennis Monthei
September 22:	Democratic candidate discussion	Ray Westergard
September 29:	Reparations	Sandy Nixon

Format (most weeks): A 10- to 15-minute presentation followed by moderated, timed discussion and a potluck at 2 pm (bring a dish to share or donate \$5).

Humanist Connections explores human flourishing and the transcendent in the absence of the super-natural. Our discussion topics include issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, evolution, the nature of the universe, love, the capacities of the brain, free will, the latest scientific research and discoveries, and other topics of interest. We include humanists, agnostics, devout atheists, freethinkers, religious naturalists, interested theists, everyone. Your ideas and participation are welcome.

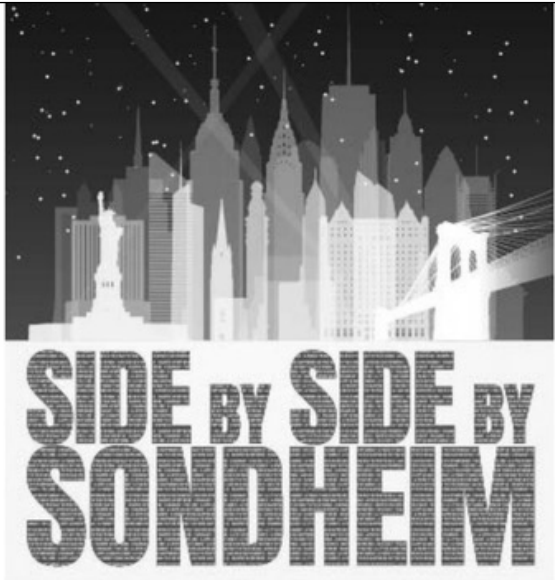
Special Events

Sunday, September 8, 9 am – Solano Stroll, UUCB All-Church Parade (see page 7)

Sunday, September 15, 7 pm – Mist Tree Moon Circle. Come celebrate the Autumn Equinox. Bring flowers and items for the altar. “Cakes and ale for the Queen of Heaven” follows the ritual. *Contact: Stephanie Ann Blythe (510) 530-1099; steph62850@yahoo.com*

Friday, Sept. 27, Saturday, Sept. 28, 7:30 pm and Sunday, Sept. 29, 1 pm and 4 pm – Fundraiser! *Side by Side by Sondheim*

The musical revue *Side by Side by Sondheim* is full of great songs by one of the greatest writers for the musical stage of our time. From touching and tender, to brilliantly witty, to effervescent, Stephen Sondheim captures the heart of the human experience in songs like “Send in the Clowns,” “Everyone Says Don’t,” “A Weekend in the Country,” and “Anyone Can Whistle.” This is a fundraiser for the UUCB general fund and needs your participation, since the congregation voted to double the music fundraising goal in this year’s budget! Please plan to attend and help spread the word.



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4 Performances Only
 Friday, September 27, 2019-7:30 p.m.
 Saturday Sep 28-7:30 p.m.
 Sunday Sep 29-1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Tickets at the Door
 or Brown Paper Tickets
 UUCB 1 Lawson Rd Kensington, CA
www.uucb.org

Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 am–3 pm – Annual Freestone Barbecue Picnic. Stop by the Freestone table on Sundays to sign up, request a ride, or learn more about the Freestone Retreat property and the picnic. The address is 10635 Barnett Valley Road, Sebastopol.

Family Ministry

Catherine Boyle

Hello! It is my joy to be serving as the new Acting Director of Family Ministry here at UUCB. I look forward to meeting you and your family and learning about what UUCB means to you. We in the congregation are in an exploratory season of intergenerational faith development and growth as we experiment with new ways of learning about and living our faith. Instead of having religious education classes nearly every Sunday, they will usually happen two times a month. Here is the schedule for September:

Sept. 1: Childcare only (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 8: Choose between multi-generational worship and Solano Stroll

Sept. 15 and 22: R.E. classes after Time for All Ages part of the worship service

Sept. 29: Children (and adults who wish to join them) will have Celebration Chapel in the Fireside Room after Time for All Ages

My office door (at the back of the main building) is open, and I am available for appointments. I can be reached at family.ministry@uucb.org or 510-525-0302, ext. 307.

I hope to see you around on Sundays, and on second Saturdays for **Parents' Night Out**: UUCB provides an evening of free childcare for parents to go out together, once a month from September through May. Before stepping out, we share a brief time together to explore our UU Principles in relation to our parenting.

Community Ministry

Sue Magidson

September is a time of beginnings – new school year, new church year, activities restarting that may have gone dormant during the summer. For Jews, September is often the beginning of a new year. Rosh Hashanah literally means the head of the year.

In preparation for a new year, observant Jews spend the seven weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah taking a moral inventory, focusing particularly on our relationships – where we've lost touch with someone who matters to us, where we've said or done something (or not said or not done something) that we now regret. Jewish practice has us reflect on our past year, acknowledge the places where we fell short, and do what we can to make amends.

Judaism is grounded in the reality that we all miss the mark from time to time, that making mistakes is part of being human, and that we can return to our better selves again and again. Some of you may know the song "Return Again," #1011 in our teal hymnal. It was written by a rabbi for this time of introspection and action, this time of returning.

Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul.

Return to who you are, return to what you are,
return to where you are born and reborn again.

Are there any new beginnings in your life? How might you prepare for them? What helps you to return to your better self, to the self you yearn to be, when you have missed the mark?

From the Board of Trustees

Virginia Silver-Rimbach

As my term as BOT member draws to a close, I have been reflecting on how much change our congregation has undergone over the past six years. We have dealt with our hard past of ministerial misconduct, the retirement of our longtime ministers, multiple interim and permanent religious education directors, having an interim minister, and finally calling our current fabulous ministers. We are now grappling with the future of our church and our financial difficulties. Through all of this change, I have never felt like we couldn't get through it.

One thing the BOT members are always striving for is respect for each other, especially when we disagree. I love that we have time for laughter after very tough discussions, to help cleanse the air in the room and enable us to move forward to the next item on the agenda.

I'm not going to lie, it's been tough at times, and I often take at least an hour to unwind after meetings, but I feel good about the decisions we have made, and the passion we all feel for the future of the church. We have been trying to be more diverse and are always asking our nominating committee to stretch to find members that represent different cohorts of our congregation. Having diversity helps create access to more of our congregation. One small example around access: When I started, the election activities, Meet the Candidates and the Election meetings, were always falling on 3-day weekends. People without kids in school or in jobs that give those holidays see it as just another weekend, whereas someone like me, a parent of a school-age child and a person that lives for those holidays, considers those weekends sacred. Knowing that most of the kids in my son's grade would be away those weekends spurred me to speak up and state that if we want the input of families, we need to respect their times as well, and 3-day weekends are important. It's probably silly, to a lot of you reading, but it was important to several families that had never voted in a BOT election before because they had always been away.

The nominating committee is working on gathering new candidates. I hope if you are called you will say yes, and if you've thought for even a moment about being on the BOT, that you raise your hand.

Coordinating Team Notes

Tess Snook O'Riva, Executive Director

After two months here at UUCB, I continue to be amazed by the hard work and dedication of staff and members. The outpouring of support when one of our own needs help inspires and humbles me. I personally have felt welcomed and supported for all the work I'm doing as well.

As we continue our efforts to repair and replace outdated systems and items throughout UUCB, we are simultaneously implementing two major initiatives to increase revenue. The Rental and Special Event Marketing Plans are moving forward in concert with the Music Committee and many others. Marin Fischer has been working diligently to get the word out about our first big music event, Side by Side by Sondheim, on September 27-29, while Jim Gasperini has devoted many hours to streamlining our calendaring process to allow for increased external rentals.

We are so grateful to the volunteers who helped during the work party and at other times to clean up our landscaping in compliance with fire hazard abatement rules: Don Klose, Don Wollwage, Richard Hanway, Floyd Sam, Joanne Wile, Jim Gasperini, Bob Adams, and Brian O'Riva. In addition, Dave Roberts donated two days of work by his own landscape workers.

I would like to give a special thanks to Ann Harlow, who has been diligently working to find homes for all the furniture and supplies no longer used by UUCB. She has reached out to area UU congregations to see if they have any use for the desks, filing cabinets, and other unused things, but we still have more! If you know of an organization that could use office furniture, please contact Ann at annharlow@pacbell.net or me at ED@uucb.org.

Are you interested in knowing of ways, big or small, that you could help our church function? Check in with me, Catherine Boyle, Ann Harlow or Lonnie Moseley and we will try to help you find your niche.

The Coordinating Team meets on first and third Thursdays from 10 am to 12 noon. If you're interested in attending, please contact Tess to verify meeting time and place. Questions for the CT? Email ED@uucb.org.

SOLANO STROLL: Sunday, September 8

Come join the fun! At the Solano Stroll, UUCB marches in the annual Parade and helps our local community celebrate its diversity and vibrancy. The Stroll is one of the largest street fairs in the country, attracting over 250,000 visitors annually. The street teems with art, dance, music and abundant food choices. It is a great place to meet our East Bay neighbors and to share our enthusiasm for UUCB.

The Parade starts at 10 am. Many of us wear bright colors along with our yellow "Love" t-shirts, carry banners and placards that proclaim our UU values, make a spontaneous kazoo band, and sing one of our favorite anthems, "Let justice roll, like a mighty stream." We show our children and youth how enthusiastically the crowd cheers our messages of compassion and resistance.

NEW THIS YEAR

- **YELLOW:** This year's announced Parade theme color. When we assemble for the parade, we will have yellow materials you could use to decorate a stroller, tricycle, wagon, or yourself.
- **CARPOOL** from UUCB: Meet up in the UUCB parking lot at 9 am to share rides to the Parade lineup. Make new friends, while reducing the parking challenges near Solano.
- **MAKE YOUR OWN PLACARDS:** Between now and September 8, look for the placard-making station in the Atrium on Sundays. Design your own and/or help someone else make a sign to carry in the Parade.
- **Extended CHILDCARE** hours: Parents can enjoy the Stroll knowing that their little ones are being looked after at the church.

This is one of four All-Church events sponsored by the Program Council. We encourage all members to participate. On that day, those people who choose to attend our regular UUCB Sunday service will find a cozy welcome. Please contact a Program Council member with questions or to sign up to help:

Social Justice	Beth Jerde	510 918-4336	bjerde55@hotmail.com
Music/Art	Gail Simpson	510 452-2910	simpsondrg@earthlink.net
Adult RE	Lonnie Moseley	510 388-1444	lonniemoseley@hotmail.com
Family Ministry	Suzette Duggan	510 910-5567	sja072013@gmail.com

Behind the Scenes

Tess Snook O’Riva, Executive Director

Forms, processes, policies, and procedures . . . Doesn’t that sound like fun?

While not the most exciting part of my work, it’s important to have consistent, well-communicated policies to be an efficient organization. We’ve also heard from many members that they would like to be supportive of staff, but aren’t sure how. So we decided to write a monthly article in the Beacon so more people know what’s happening . . . Behind the Scenes.

Our first topic is space. You need meeting and event space, some rooms need repairs, and outside rentals are increasing. Even if a room is free, it may have already been set up for the next scheduled reservation, and staff would have to do double work to reset it, assuming they knew it had been changed. This has made advance room reservation critical!

Another advantage of advance room reservations is setup. Staff can set up tables, chairs and A/V equipment if known in advance. It is imperative to allow time to test any A/V setup.

Please make sure to use the standard forms for any room reservations or setup requests, otherwise you could end up being “bumped” or having unexpected A/V problems! All forms are available in the Admin Office Lobby.

Blue Sheet – Calendar Request Form: Use this form to get on the calendar!

Green Sheet – Room Support Request Form: This form is for furniture & A/V setup needs.

Yellow Sheet – Facilities Service Request Form: Did something break or you noticed something that needs to be fixed? Use this form.

If you have any questions or need to change an existing reservation, please email Lissa, lissamarda@uucb.org. Thank you for your help in supporting our staff working in support of UUCB and its mission. Comments and suggestions for future articles can be sent to ED@uucb.org.

Membership

Lonnie Moseley

Sunday, September 22, 12:30–2 pm – Becoming a Member of UUCB, Ministers’ Office. If you are feeling UUCB to be your spiritual home, or you would like more information about what it means to be a Member of UUCB, we invite you to this meeting over a light lunch. There will be an opportunity to share your spiritual journey with others, including a minister and other members. You will learn about the benefits and responsibilities of membership and how UUCB lives out its commitment to your spiritual growth and its commitment to taking care of the community. Please join us. Contact: Lonnie Moseley, 510-655-1444 or email membership@uucb.org.

We won’t be able to have our usual Fifth Sunday Potluck to welcome new members on September 29 because of the Sondheim performances that day. Watch for a rescheduled potluck lunch later in the fall.

Chalice Circles

It is that time again to consider whether you or a friend might like to sign up and participate in a Chalice Circle!

Chalice Circles are open to adults of all ages and with any length of affiliation with UUCB. Especially welcome are those who are considering UUCB as their spiritual home. You do not have to be a church member to join! Couples may join a Circle together or singly. Although most Circles are randomly grouped, a few Circles will gather around a common theme or interest. Each Circle saves an empty chair to welcome a new member. Those who join a Circle during the year will be welcomed in such a way as to become easily integrated.

Circles are facilitated by UUCB members who are interested in engaging with this kind of work, and who have either facilitated before, or have taken the Facilitator training. Most Chalice Circles begin meeting in October, and finish at the end of May.

On September Sundays, we will staff a table out in the Atrium with members of the Chalice team, ready to assist with signups and answer questions. More information about Chalice Circles is also available on the UUCB website at <https://uucb.org/learning/adult-programs/small-group-ministry>.

Our Registrar this year is Lisa Maynard (lbmaynard3@me.com), with Lenore Ralston (ralston@berkeley.edu) as back-up.

Music Matters - I Feel Like Singing

Stephen Sondheim writes songs that go to the heart of the human condition. The words and music speak directly to us of longing, of joy, strength and tenderness. They explore relationships with compassion and wry humor, looking deep to find meaningful truths. Side by Side by Sondheim, the delightful, exuberant, often profound, and frequently funny collection of his songs, comes to UUCB the last weekend of the month, Friday through Sunday, September 27-29; four performances only. Featuring brilliant singers from UUCB and the College of San Mateo, with special two-piano arrangements, there's a great deal of fun to be had throughout the show.

"I Feel Like Singing" is a song Melissa Rosales wrote, and we sang in a service one time. She talked about how it came to be and the emotion it emerged from. We will use that title for a new meeting at UUCB for those who feel like singing in a group once in a while. For one hour on the third Thursday of the month, whoever would like to is invited to come to the sanctuary to sing songs. You don't need to read music, you don't need to sound beautiful, this is just a chance to share music-making with some other people. 7 pm on the third Thursday of every month beginning with September 19.

We have a new event this year, so new it doesn't even have a name yet. The Youth and Children's Choir will be featured in an afternoon of music festivities on Sunday, December 8, at 1 pm. This will also raise money for the church's general fund.

Yours in harmony,

Bryan

Social Justice Council

Norie Clarke

At the SJC July potluck, Lonnie Moseley gave out the congregational donations collected for our graduating high school seniors: Nicholas “Rota” Maynard and Sophia Acker.

At our August potluck meeting we honored Beth Jerde for her two years of work and leadership as the Social Justice Council co-chair.

We are working on the following:

Congregational Sponsored Projects: **Youth Spirit Artworks**, working with Habitat for Humanity, will hold two tiny house builds in August and more in September. The SJC will be contributing to the workers’ lunch for a September build as well as hands-on building. Sign up at our table to hammer a nail, pick up the bent ones, or feed those who do. It is lots of fun and a great meet-up with our faith-based and secular communities. Our **Climate Justice Project** will be holding an Environmental Justice Workshop using the Pachamama Alliance Workshop Model on November 9, 2019. Sign up to learn how we can work to save our planet. Time is running out! (<https://connect.pachamama.org/group/76/event/awakening-dreamer>) (Students for Climate Action are holding a strike at Sproul Plaza, 9/20/19.).

Confronting Oppression: Literature, Film & Drama Contingent

Lee Olivier and Jonathan Hofeld led a moving discussion of *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It was a selection that, sadly, could not have been more appropriate at this time of rising white nationalism and unrest in our country and the world. Camille Parker, LFDC Chair, asked for a sentence from those present for the recap:

“After a week of racist mass shootings it was good to be with people trying to have hope and love in their hearts.” –Candace Capogrossi

“I want to express my deepest thanks for the group causing me to read this book. . . . It is tremendously important research laid out in a clear way, with such a personal context of the writer’s perspective and history as to make it an extraordinary experience.” –Christina Creveling

“I found the discussion of Coates’ book to be incredibly frank, challenging and heartfelt. As one of three African Americans in the meeting of 15 people, I felt heard, held, and safe enough to express feelings of disbelief and despair about Coates’ research on the systematic policies of racism created by our country, specifically designed to prevent the well-being of people of color.” –Lonnie Moseley

“I was happy we read *Learning to Be White* first, as it laid the groundwork for (almost) understanding the emphasis on the fiction of race, and what Coates labels our current system of ‘Pigmentocracy.’” –Camille Parker

For September 1st, we will read *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersection of Race, Class, and the Environment*, chosen by the UUA as our common read. All are welcome to join us!

The Solano Stroll is a major community event that UUCB has participated in for a number of years. In recent years, the SJC has had our own table in the booth and we play a major part in promoting our church to the East Bay community. Please contact Sheldon Jones (sejones1950@gmail.com) and sign up for a time to staff the Social Justice Council table and represent the Church in the lively 10:00 parade down Solano Avenue.

Buildings & Grounds

Larry Nagel

We had another very successful work party on Saturday, August 17. Many thanks to Patrick Cullinane, the O'Riva gang (Tess, Brian, Madison, and Morgan Hall-Cottrell), Don Klose, the Schmidt gang (Reverend Christian, Mathew, CJ, and Sam), Phil Maynard, and Marta Tobey, and a special thanks to Lynne Cahoon for making us breakfast even without any gas for the stoves! We were able to attend to overdue gardening activities.

We continue to work with Tess O'Riva in finding a short-term repair for the Sanctuary furnace and to repair the main gas supply line for the campus, which was shut down by PG&E after their inspection revealed a hole in the line.

We have in hand the necessary plans for removing the 40 trees and the plans are under review by Contra Costa County. If all goes as planned, we will award the bid in September and remove the trees in October.

The newly formed A/V Team, led by Michael DeWitt, held its first meeting on August 11 and is off to a good start. If you're interested, contact Michael at 415-350-1151 or mdewitt@pacbell.net.

If any of these projects fits your interests and your skills, we would love to have you on our team. Please contact Larry Nagel at 510-558-0842 or lwn@att.net. Or, just drop in at the Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting, the first Thursday of every month at 4 pm in the Fireside Room.

Partner Church Committee

Stephanie Ann Blythe

This month's report is shorter than usual as your itinerant reporter is currently at her brother's mountain cabin enjoying some kayaking and short hikes. That said, we are starting a new church year and that brings time to renew our Transylvanian Partner Church connections.

UUCB's chapter dues to the Partner Church Council are a little overdue. The regular congregation membership is \$200 per year. We would like to move up to the supporting congregation membership which is \$600 annually. Perhaps we can do that as UUCB's finances improve. Or perhaps some donations from people like you might get us to the supporting level.

We are ready to send money to Homoródújfalú from our village education fund. Supporting the village's students remains a high priority. Again, it's your donations that provide this assistance to the students. We'll be asking Rev. Attila for a list of this year's students. Then maybe through Facebook or other social media, we'll try to learn more about the students and what they're studying.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month in the Music Room. We start at 12:15 (or after you've had a chance to visit the snack table). We'd love to see you there on September 8. In the meantime, contact me or Anne at steph62850@yahoo.com or annegt1@sbcglobal.net.



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley Covenant of Right Relations

- We covenant to build a religious community guided by love and sustained by respectful relationships.
- Believing that building healthy relationships is a spiritual practice, we aim to listen appreciatively, speak with care, express gratitude, honor our differences, and assume good intentions.
- We endeavor to communicate directly, honestly, and compassionately, particularly when we are in conflict.
- When we hurt one another, we will try to forgive, make amends, and reconnect in a spirit of love.
- In celebration of the common purpose that unites us, we will do our best to abide by this covenant.

MEMBERSHIP in this Unitarian Universalist congregation is open to all who see this church as their religious home and the principles for which the church stands as their own. People who wish to join participate in a “pathways to membership” session, sign the membership book, and commit to supporting this church through participation and financially. To become a member, please contact our Membership Co-Chairs, Lonnie Moseley or Paul Hudson (membership@uucb.org), or speak with one of the co-ministers.

NEWSLETTER ITEM SUBMISSIONS: Submit announcements and articles by email to beacon@uucb.org. Due to limited space, we do not publish announcements for events occurring outside the church community. **The deadline for submissions** is the 15th of the month. **Questions?** Please email beacon@uucb.org. (Beacon is compiled by Kathleen Baumgardner and edited by Ann Harlow.)

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Email list for families: Email family.ministry@uucb.org

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