UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, April 16, 2023
10:15 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements — **Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern**

The Judean Village starts today! In order to have plenty of time to learn the arts of this 1st century village–and of course, hear about the rabblerousing rabbi who has been coming through sharing radical teachings–religious-education-aged children begin their morning in the Til Evans Garden rather than the service. (Children under 5 have child care as always: Rooms 7 & 8 for infants and toddlers, Rooms 2 & 3 for preschoolers.) Children who prefer to stay with their grownups in the Main Hall are welcome, of course. This will be our schedule through May 7.

Circle Suppers are back! Would you like to make new connections while enjoying Supper and a conversation? Join a free, informal Circle Supper Potluck with 8 or so people, hosted at a UUCPA member's home. We especially want to include those of you who have recently joined or just discovered our church community. Click here to find a supper that's a good day and location for you, or if you have any questions.

75th Anniversary Campaign Update

Hurrah for the amazing and thoughtful generosity of our Congregation! The Annual Campaign, which keeps our doors open and pays our amazing Staff, has now exceeded the funding level beyond any other, as far back as our records go: $521K!

This is not easy, and we all are so very grateful to be in community together ~
Inflation is the reason the goal is $580K. We've all experienced it, and it continues to take an unusually deep bite into our normal expense budget.

We hope to have 100% participation from our Congregation, Members and Friends, at whatever level is comfortable for each of us. Tonight, Sunday April 16th, the Finance Committee meets to put the final touches on the budget it recommends to the Board at its Wednesday meeting. If you have not yet pledged, and are able to offer a pledge at any level, we are all grateful, and ask that you please do so by today at 5 p.m. All of us hope to weave the tapestry with strength, love and caring, which continues to give us this special environment, programs, and Congregation to fill our lives so richly full.

The easiest way to pledge, which lets Finance know fastest, is to e-mail: Pledge@UUCPA.org. Many thanks for your further consideration ~

We have backed off emphasis on the Capital Campaign given the urgency of closing the Annual Fund - keeping the doors open and the Staff going strong. We'll be back to you leading into the Congregation Annual Meeting ~ here's to seeing you then!

(P.S. There's a rumor about ice cream after that Annual Meeting…)

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Did you miss a service? Thanks to Steve Ludington and Heather Chen, the services are on YouTube (click here for UUCPA's videos), and thanks to Bill Hilton, audio of all sermons is all available on the UUCPA website, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify (click here for all past audio).

Today:

Coming of Age 10:15 am
Sunday School (Judean Village) for children and youth preK through grade 8 4/16 10:15 am, Til Evans Garden
OWL Grades 7-9 3:30 pm , UUCPA
Senior High Youth Group – SHYG 6:30 pm, UUCPA

This week:

Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 4/17 12 pm, UUCPA
Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting Monday, 4/17 7 pm
Sacred Text Reading Group Clint Smith, Wednesday, 4/19 12 pm
Sci-Fi / Fantasy Discussion Group Nnedi Okorafor's novella, Binti Wednesday, 4/19 7 pm
Adult Religious Education Committee Meeting Thursday, 4/20 12:30 pm
Saturday Meditation 4/22 9 am
Sacred Text Reading Group Shunryu Suzuki, Saturday, 4/22 4 pm
Parents' Night Out Saturday, 4/22 5 pm, UUCPA
Forum Accepting and understanding aging, Sunday, 4/23 9 am , Fireside Room
Coming of Age Sunday, 4/23 10:15 am
Sunday School for children and youth preK through grade 8 Sunday, 4/23 10:15 am , UUCPA
Sunday Service Dismantling, Rebuilding, Repairing, 4/23 10:15 am, UUCPA Main Hall & Online
4th Sunday Brunch 4/23 11:15 am , Patio
2023 Annual Meeting Sunday, 4/23 12 pm, UUCPA & Zoom: All are welcome. Members will vote on the congregational budget, the justice partners for the coming year, who will serve on the Board and Nominating Committee, whether to adopt the new mission statement, and other key issues. This is our democracy in action and our congregation at its best.
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Coming up:

Showing up for Trans Justice: A Welcoming Congregation Class Monday, 4/24 7:15 pm, Zoom
UUCPA 2-Class Series: My Spiritual Practice and its Impact on My Life Sunday, 4/30 11:45 am , Fireside Room

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Prelude *Andante, A. Vivaldi* **Thomas Shoebotham**

Chalice Lighting Erik Walker Wikstrom

Introduction to UUCPA's New Mission Statement **Matthew Rosin *for the Mission Task Force***

Centering Words **Amy Morgenstern**

Song *This Little Light of Mine,* No. 118 in the gray hymnal
African-American spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine…

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine…

Caring and Sharing

Recommitment & Affirmation

Song *One More Step,* No. 168 in the gray hymnal
words & music by Joyce Poley

One more step,
we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.

One more word,
we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone,
we'll say one more word.

One more prayer,
we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we'll say one more prayer.

One more song,
we will sing one more song,

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'til every song is sung by everyone,
we'll sing one more song.

Reading	Kwame Anthony Appiah	
Sermon	*The Virtue of Tolerance*	**Amy Morgenstern**
Offering	*Sarabande*, J. S. Bach	**Thomas Shoebotham**

You can give via credit card or Paypal at www.uucpa.org/connection/donate
or send the text message "uucpaoffering" to the number 44321.
For payments towards your annual pledge, use "uucpa20222023."

Thank you!

Song *Our Praise We Give,* No. 294 in the gray hymnal
music: John Coleman Adams; music: Percy Carter Buck

Our praise we give for harvests earned,
the fruits of labor garnered in;
but praise we more the soil unturned
from which the yield is yet to win.

Our praise we give for harbor's lee,
for moorings safe in waters still;
but more the leagues of open sea,
where favoring gales our canvas fill.

Our praise we give for journey's end,
the inn, all warmth and light and cheer; by
but more for length'ning roads that wend
through dust and heat and hilltops clear.

Chalice Extinguishing Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Postlude	*Bourree,* G. F. Handel	**Thomas Shoebotham**
Benediction		**All**

Go out into the world in peace
Be of good courage
Hold fast to what is good
Return no one evil for evil

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Strengthen the faint-hearted
Support the weak
Help the suffering
Rejoice in beauty
Speak love with word and deed
Honor all beings.

Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Special music: Thomas Shoebotham, cello and piano
Worship leader: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern,
parishmin@uucpa.org, (650) 494-0541 x26
Membership Engagement Coordinator: John Wright
Ushers & greeters: Mike McLaughlin, Jeralyn Moran, Kristi Iverson
Worship tech / online community creation: William Phelps, Tim Berry, Paul Kostka, Ann Zeise
The Mission Task Force is: Marilyn Austin, Brooke Bishara, Ed Haertel, and Matt Rosin, with thanks also to Chris Kan for his involvement until he moved out of the area. At the annual meeting on April 23, we will vote on the mission statement they have crafted:

We gather,
our different paths entwined,
to deepen our spiritual lives:
nourishing connection,
learning from each other,
caring for each other,
tending to our world.