UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:30 a.m.

🦇🎃🦇"Halloween 4 All"🦇🎃🦇

To have your joys and sorrows shared aloud, please fill out a card found at the Welcome Table in the entrance lobby, the small table toward the front-right of the Main Hall, or the altar. A silent candle on the altar is always welcome too. If you're online, later you'll be prompted on when to input your message in the chat box.

UUCPA Mission Statement

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.

Welcome — **David Puryear**

Events Today:
4th Sunday Brunch: Sunday 10/25, 11:15 am, Patio
Halloween Parade: Sunday 10/25, 11:30 am
ALJ- Buddhism: The Eight-Fold Path: Sunday 10/25, 11:45 am, Fireside Room
Starting Point: A Group for Newcomers: Sunday 10/25, 12:00 pm, Room 6
Younger Adult Group: Sunday 10/25. 12:00 pm, Room 10
Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing: Sunday 10/25, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room

This Week:
Board of Trustees meeting: Monday, 10/26 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Resonant Reading: Wednesday 10/28, 12:00 pm, Online
Choir Practice: Thursday 10/29, 7:00 pm, Main Hall
Saturday Meditation: Saturday 10/31, 9:00 am, Online
Resonant Reading: Saturday 10/31, 4:00 pm, Online

Selected Upcoming Events:
UUCPA Annual Auction: Saturday 11/14, 5:30 pm, Main Hall & Online
UUCPA Annual Holiday Bake Sale: Sunday 12/6, 10:00 am, Main Hall Lobby

Prelude — **Paul Kostka Band**

Opening Words — **Rev. Cat Boyle**

Chalice Lighting — *Twilight Zone* by Rod Serling — **Greg Becker, Rev. Cat Boyle**

Song — *Gathered Here*, No. 389 in the gray hymnal (sing 3x)

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Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.

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Spirit, draw near.

Into the Haunted Woods		**Beth Nord**
Witching Woods Meditation		**Beth Nord & Rev. Cat Boyle**
Spine-tingling Storytime	*The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams, illustrated by Megan Lloyd.	**Rev. Cat Boyle**
Song	Come Come Whoever You Are, No. 188 in the gray hymnal Words: Adapt. From Rumi, 1207-1273 Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, 1963-	

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

Caring and Sharing		
Anthem	*Breaths* (Barnwell; text by Diop)	**UUCPA Choir**
Spiderweb Ritual		**All**
Offering		**Paul Kostka Band**

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Thank you!

Announcements	**David Puryear**
One Last Howl	**Paul Kostka Band**
Chalice Extinguishing	**All**
Introduction to Costume Parade	**Rev. Cat Boyle, Greg Becker**
Costume Parade	

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Greeting and Treating Time

Worship: Greg Becker, Beth Nord, Edie Keating, Grace Bhudhikanok
Music Director: Bruce Olstad **Pianist:** Veronika Agranov-Dafoe
Special Music: Paul Koska band; David Hansen - Guitar and concertina Ernest Kinsolving - Fiddle Paul Kostka - Penny whistle and button accordion, Sue Lindner - Mandolin
Social Justice Partner of the Month: Pathwise, https://www.pathwise.org/
Worship tech and online community creation: Allie Becker, Tim Berry, Heather Chen, Paul Kostka, Stephen Ludington, Kevin Ma, Jesse Schwab.

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Auction News—The Auction needs YOU!

Now more than ever, let's celebrate our foundational belief in the interconnectedness of life by joining together to make our 2026 Auction a huge success.
Connect with others and meet new people when you sign up as an Auction party volunteer. To sign up, come to the Auction table on the patio after the service or go to Auction Volunteer Sign up 2026 Online - Google Sheets.
It's time to dream up a fabulous party, event, activity, service, or homemade delicacy to donate to the UUCPA Live and Silent Auction catalog. Add it to the Auction catalog by going to UUCPA 2026 Auction (provided by Auctria). Questions? Come to the Auction table on the patio.

Some ideas for Auction donations:

* A weekend at a family cabin

* A food event (high tea, brunch, themed dinner, cheese tasting)

* A game night (poker, trivia, charades)

* An activity (a bike ride, baking workshop, walking tour, sing-along)

* A service (gardening advice, tool sharpening)

* Homemade goodies (bread, cookies, dessert, jam)

* A gift certificate to a favorite restaurant, store, or service

See you at the Auction party on Saturday, November 14, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. for tasty food, live music, and fun for all ages (including the Balloon Lady, who will be filling your requests for her creative balloon designs).

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