

Advance

November 2023



SUNDAY SERVICES

Via ZOOM at uucblb.org/service –or– FB LIVE at facebook.com/UUCLB

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November 5, 2023 — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

Soul Matters Sunday: The Gift of Generosity

This year's Soul Matters overarching frame is The Gifts of Our Faith. We focus on ten beloved UU values and explore their potential to shape us and, in turn, shape the world. This month, we look at the value of Generosity. What does it mean to cultivate material generosity, and generosity of spirit? Our children and youth begin in our service for Time for All Ages, followed by a Core Curriculum session.

November 12, 2023 — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

Simple Gifts: Making Mindful Holidays Rev. Lissa Gundlach

As we enter into the holiday season, Rev. Lissa reflects on giving from the heart to shape meaningful, values-centered holidays for ourselves, friends and families. We'll introduce the "Guest at Your Table" program, the annual Unitarian Universalist Service Committee human rights fundraiser. Children and youth will participate in Faith in Action activities around Guest at Your Table and making snack bags for our homeless neighbors.

November 19, 2023 — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

My Dia, Your Chalice: A Shared Journey to Intersectional Justice with Guest Tahir Sharma (*Social Justice Sunday is moved to the third Sunday this month to accommodate the DeBenneville Trip.*)

As we celebrate Diwali, a days-long festival celebrated by a variety of different religions and cultures in South Asia, we welcome our beloved communities into our homes and sacred spaces to pray, rejoice, and brighten our lives. This is also a time to celebrate the achievement and renewal of justice as we choose courage in the midst of audacity and oppression. This talk will highlight stories and insights that call us to do more for the cause of mutually assured justice and abundance. We will also welcome in our newest members in a New Member Recognition Ceremony.

Tahir Sharma is an interfaith activist based in Southern California born to a Hindu father and a Sikh mother. He is the Regional Coordinator for North America at the United Religions Initiative, serving dozens of grassroots interfaith communities in their pursuit of peace, justice, and healing through program support and capacity building. Tahir also serves as an Interfaith Minister in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, a Board Member for Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus, and a member of the Racial Justice & Religion Collective at the Aspen Institute's Religion & Society Program.



November 26, 2023 — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

Time for a Little R&R...Repentance and Repair with Pastor Joshua Berg

Pastor Joshua Lewis Berg graduated from Meadville Lombard Unitarian Universalist Theological School and was ordained a UU minister in preliminary fellowship in 2022. He currently works as a chaplain resident at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. Joshua also regularly officiates cycle of life ceremonies and preaches at UU congregations in and around Southern California. Joshua lives in Burbank with his wife and two daughters



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TOWN HALL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 16

(Note: earlier date because of Thanksgiving)

7:00pm - 9:00pm via ZOOM

uucblb.org/meetings/thc

Meeting ID: 869 6720 0610

Passcode: 73209

JOIN THE CHOIR!

This is your invitation to come join the UUCLB choir! We are an all-inclusive choir, and a wonderful fit for all skill levels ranging from experienced to novice. We rehearse every Wednesday from 7:15-9:00 PM, and lead the music for UUCLB service around twice a month. See you there!

QUESTIONS?

We would love to hear from you at music.director@uucblb.org



The Fall Auction Boutique and Plant Sale is Open for Business!

Visit us on
Sundays, November 12 & 19

WHEN: In Person on Sundays November 12 and November 19

TIME: After worship 11:00am to 1:00pm

WHERE: On the UUCLB campus under the Structure

- Join us for holiday shopping at the Fall Auction Boutique live and in person!!!!
- Wonderful and marvelous plants to ponder for fall planting.
- Unique and distinctive gifts to consider for the holiday season.

In addition, visit:

The Exclusively Online **VIRTUAL** Fall Auction Boutique

WHEN: Live starting Sunday, November 12 and ending midnight November 19.

WHERE: Shop, Buy, and Donate virtually at uuclb.org/FallAuctionBoutique

TIME: The Exclusively Online Virtual Boutique will be *continuously accessible* from November 12 to midnight on November 20

Items available only at the Exclusively Online Virtual Fall Auction Boutique...

What you see online will not be available live. Don't miss out on unique and distinctive holiday gifts!!!

Virtual Auction Boutique shopping easy! If you registered last year you are ready to browse, make a bid and check out. If you are new to virtual shopping, the Boutique Team can assist you in registering, browsing, making a bid and checking out!

You can shop live and in person during the day and shop virtually at night!



Pick up of purchases or delivery will be arranged specifically for you.

- You can request to pick up your purchase after Sunday Worship on campus
- A drop off at your porch can be requested and delivered by our Boutique Team. If you think you live far afield, we will work something out.

We welcome your questions.

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2023

Greetings Friends!

As I reflect on the past month and the path ahead of us, the word that comes to mind is 'Gratitude'.

Our members & friends have leaned in to support the work of our congregation. Many have volunteered to help with religious education, which has a profound impact on inspiring the next generation of leaders & courageous thinkers.

We held a Board Listening Session on Oct 8th to discuss staff transitions, and the conversation morphed into a passionate discussion about our mission. There was a strong commitment to bring our message of Love & Freedom to the community beyond our walls. I recall this one member's comment that struck home for me: "People give when they feel apart of, are heard, and have a clear vision of what they are giving to." Our mission statement was adopted in 2004. The board hears the desire to clarify our mission and vision and are actively looking at the next steps to do that with a congregational wide formal process in 2024. In the meantime, please reach out to me or any board member to share your thoughts & ideas.

We encourage you to seek community & fellowship together in this month of harvest and gathering. One great way to do this is by heading to our UU Camp deBenneville Pines. UUCLB is joining UU Fullerton on Nov 10-12th. The online registration link is <https://bit.ly/48ZQsgm>. This camp is a wonderful place for our friends of all ages to connect and recharge. There are great Camps for Youth, Adults, and Families: Please check out their programs at www.uucamp.org

Thanks to all you do to make the world a better place.

In Peace,

Edie

Edie Mickey-Silveria





November 2023

MINISTER'S MISSIVE

with Rev. Lissa Anne Gundlach

Please Join Us for a Special Social Justice Forum

November 19, 2023

Noon to 1:30 in the Lounge

**“Supporting Trans Youth and Families:
Developing our Congregational Resources”**

with Ashton Phillips and Jerni

We will be discussing ways in which our congregation can support and assist transgender children and their families threatened by legislation that has been enacted in over 20 states restricting gender affirming healthcare and other basic human rights of these vulnerable people.

As many of you know, our trans and gender expansive community members are under attack and being criminalized in many US states right now. This is so serious that they fit the criteria to be designated as internally displaced people (IDPs) by the United Nations. The UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) and UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) are partnering directly with frontline trans-led organizing to create networks of safety and direct support for Beloveds who need to relocate, access healthcare across state lines, or stay as safe as possible where they are.

DONATE NOW

Because of safety and legal concerns for these trans organizers, we are prioritizing security over transparency right now, which is allowing us to move together in deep trust during these crucial, scary times. For that reason, if you are interested in donating, we ask that you give generously and without asking for detailed information about our partners. Please know, though, that all donations are moving directly into the hands of trans-led organizers and being used to support trans and non-binary people in accessing the resources and support they need to survive and thrive. Some of the most basic things these funds are being used for right now include:

Moving expenses for folks who are relocating: movers & transport, first & last month's rent deposits, apartment application fees, packing supplies, equipment and/or apparel required for starting new jobs, start-up money to purchase home basics after relocating

Healthcare costs for folks who need to travel across state lines: out-of-network healthcare costs, on-the-road food and gas costs, vehicle maintenance or repair costs, lodging where host homes are not available, survival grants for people who miss work or lose their jobs for medical travel-related reasons, childcare costs for people who need to ensure their kids are safe while they travel.

We are deeply grateful to First Parish Malden for serving as the fiscal sponsor for this work, and we encourage you to give as abundantly and courageously as you are able by visiting [this link](#) or go to <https://firstparishmalden.breezechms.com/give/online> and select “Give to Trans Fund” in the first drop down menu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

***INSPIRE & NURTURE ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH,
AND FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY IN THE SEARCH FOR PERSONAL TRUTHS,
*EMPOWER THEIR ACTIONS AND BELIEFS, AND
*FOSTER RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS
AS WELL AS THE WORLD AROUND THEM,
THROUGH RELIGIOUS LEARNING, SPIRITUAL PRACTICES, AND GROWTH.**

JOIN CONSULTANT APRIL ROSARIO AND REV. LISSA FOR A LISTENING SESSION-- SUNDAY, NOV. 5, 1 PM ON ZOOM

April Rosario is Director of Early Youth Resources at Soul Matters

Join us for a conversation with April Rosario on Sunday. She is available to help support our Religious Education program this fall as we reflect on our past, ask for the help we need, and explore the program's future. April, a UU for the past 8 years, is a Credentialed Religious Educator who serves First Parish Church in Taunton, MA, as their Director of Lifespan Faith Formation and Family Ministry. She also created a shared virtual RE program in response to COVID-19 between multiple churches, and will again be serving as this year's Young People's Program Director for two UU conferences on Star Island. She develops our Soul Matters middle school and coming-of-age programs. Please email Rev. Lissa for a direct connection with April.



ABOUT SOUL MATTERS THE GIFTS OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

This year's overarching frame is The Gifts of Our Faith. The Soul Matters program focuses on ten beloved UU values and explores their potential to shape us and, in turn, shape the world. This year we are going to be exploring all the different gifts our faith gives us and all the gifts being UU helps us give others. Each week offers meaningful, values based sessions filled with stories, experience-based learning activities, mindfulness practices, games, crafts, skits, creative practices, and more.

October: The Gift of Heritage

November: The Gift of Generosity

December: The Gift of Mystery

Contact the Religious Education Committee:

Members: Steve Sadders, Jayne Doolittle Swanson, Marti Salazar Harris

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NOVEMBER 2023 Social Justice Collection A New Way of Life



Susan Burton established A New Way of Life Reentry Project ANWOL 25 years ago after serving six terms in prison. From its humble beginnings as a single reentry home in South Los Angeles, ANWOL has expanded to 12 safe homes and has helped more than 1,600 formerly incarcerated women find shelter and safety. More than 4,000 individuals have had pathways to employment cleared thorough their pro bono legal team. Hundreds of women and mothers have returned to their communities to become college graduates, small business owners, lawyers, and community leaders. And perhaps most exciting of all, 31 partner organizations in 18 states and 4 countries are replicating their acclaimed reentry model.

ANWOL doesn't just provide safe housing and legal clinics. ANWOL also provides advocacy on behalf of formerly incarcerated people and leadership development for justice-involved women. They empower and build the leadership skills of formerly incarcerated people; they hire formerly incarcerated people; and they provide cutting-edge organizational leadership that promotes resources for disenfranchised people living in communities that have been marginalized.

For more information on ANWOL and Ms. Burton, see anewwayoflife.org. To see video testimonies of women ANWOL has helped, see <http://testif-i.com>.

You can support A New Way of Life Reentry Project up until the last Sunday of the month, by mail, text, or online. If by mail, note "Social Justice Collection" on your check, and send it to UUCLB, 5450 E. Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90808. Using Text-to-Give, to give \$25 for example, text the words "25 Special Collection" and the amount to 833-931-1845. To cover any convenience fees for the church, you can add the word "cover" (so "25 Special Collection \$25 cover") or simply text "Cover fees on" to cover fees on all text gifts. For online giving go to uucblb.org/give.



The Unitarian Universalist Association sponsors "Side with Love" a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression. All are welcome to join online. For the latest updates, explore the online webinars at <https://sidewithlove.org/>

Online Resources: Combating Fascisms
<https://sidewithlove.org/combating-fascisms>

November Skill Up: Faith Out Loud

SKILL UP & TRAININGS

November 19, 2023 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM ET Online

– National UUA President Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt invites us to remember "what symbols, messages, principles, or experiences are most central to [our] deep understanding of Unitarian Universalism." During this skill up, we will take time to discuss and practice articulating our theologies of justice-making with faith-centric language that can be used in outreach, public statements, petitions, letters, and more. Our Skill Ups are a monthly training series to help build organizing capacity across our congregations and communities. We are grounded in our UU calling to be lifelong learners and organizing traditions' call to share what we know for our movements to grow. Agenda includes embodied grounding and interactive training, followed by an optional Q&A Conversation from 5:30-6 ET.

Sign up Link

<https://secure.everyaction.com/Wtpn4U0y6Uill9XnR-hL9A2>



Join us on at the start of Native American Heritage Month journey with this Two-Spirit quote:

“Being Two-Spirited means you walk with both the male and female, and you acknowledge both that male and female spirit, and you thank them for the gift that they’ve given you.” - Charlotte Nolin

The LGBTQ+ Caucus welcomes Autumn and all things winter. November is National Native American Heritage Month let us celebrate Two-Spirit identities. November also brings Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Join us on Sunday, November 19th to honor Transgender lives lost during the past year.

Join us for our LGBTQ+ Caucus meeting on November 5, 2023 to contribute your suggestions for campus activities. Your participation will assist us in planning for the balance of 2023 and begin planning for 2024. We have added a survey link to help guide us moving forward.

Join us for movie night Friday, November 3, 2023, 6:00 pm in the lounge. Food, snacks and drinks will be provided. This activity is open to all. Share social time before and after while we watch the documentary “NYAD”.

LGBTQ+ Caucus Survey

(no personal information is collected. only survey responses.)

<https://forms.gle/5EgWqGmDwFxfZpys9>

For more info and to join our mailing list email lgbtq.chair@uucbl.org ASAP

*Lifting up our voices, Living our authentic lives, Sharing our Queer selves,
We are stronger together In Queer Space*



**Action
Alerts:
Your
Voice
Matters!**

Take action on your issue! Click on any link below:

Flyers

Anti-Poverty (Snap)
Democracy
Dream Act
SCOTUS Ethics
Strong Farm Bill
Voting Rights Act

Join fellow UUs and

Send a Letter to Legislators

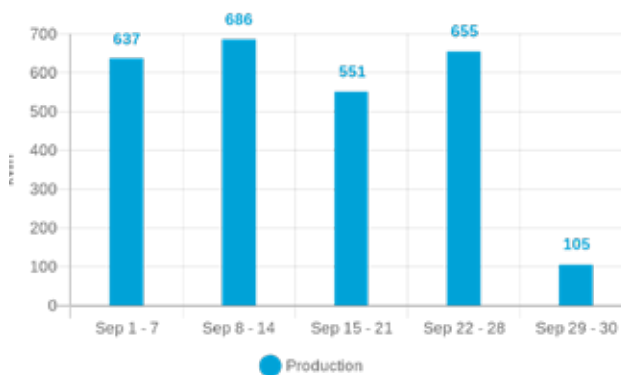
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bit.ly/DreamAct2023
bit.ly/Scotus_Ethics
bit.ly/StrongFarmBill
bit.ly/VRAA2023

UUSJ Contact: Patricia.Marr.29@gmail.com

Flyers are located in Members Only Drive (Social Justice/UUSJ/Action Alerts Folder).

Monthly Energy Production Report for UUCLB September 2023

UUCLB uses ENPHASE Equipment to measure our solar energy production. ENPHASE Energy equipment maximizes our solar energy production and keeps us informed about our solar panel system. Our monthly energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.



Energy Produced
2.6 MWh

UUCLB CO² Reduction
1.91 tons

Year-to-Date Production
26 MWh



SACReD
Spiritual Alliance of Communities
for Reproductive Dignity

TRAIN FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ADVOCACY FACILITATOR

Be aware of the opportunity to Train for Reproductive Justice Advocacy Facilitator – UUCLB Adult Faith Development. If you attend, please email Kathy Adams at katole@uucbl.org.

Curriculum Facilitator Training - Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity

SACReD is an alliance of organizers, religious leaders, academics, and congregations advancing the cause of reproductive justice through congregations.

Join facilitators Rev. Kentina Washington-Leapheart and Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams for a virtual Train-the-Trainer on the SACReD Curriculum.

This 7-session curriculum is for congregations and communities seeking to explore and deepen their commitments to faith-based reproductive dignity for all. Learn about each session of the curriculum and how you can lead your congregation through courageous conversations weaving together our faith and reproductive stories. This training is geared toward congregational leaders (clergy and laity) who help shape the educational formation within congregations. Once you have completed this training, you will be able to guide your congregation through the curriculum and SACReD Congregations designation process.

The SACReD Curriculum Training content is the same for each session, so you only need to attend one of the scheduled trainings:

Wednesday, November 15

1pm - 5pm ET / 12pm - 4pm CT / 11am - 3pm MT / 10am - 2pm PT

Tuesday, December 5

11am - 3pm ET / 10am - 2pm CT / 9am - 1pm MT / 8am - 12pm PT

Register Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIqo3JskBVnOEj3I98aAisFSG-Vch3QI3uyqZ_6Csrivz5GQ/viewform



DENOMINATION NEWS

Important Denomination Dates

FOR MORE details about these denominational assemblies, and for information about other denomination events, be sure to sign up for our church's weekly announcements here: <https://www.uuclb.org/news/newsletter-signup/>

April 19-20 '24

Regional Assembly for the Pacific Western Region

This biennial event offers UUs from 13 states plus a tiny tip of Texas the opportunity to gather in an inspirational, radically inclusive, beyond-the-congregation UU community, with special speakers, workshops, small groups, worship and social time. The 2024 RA will be held online and in-person at the First Universalist Church of Denver. Learn more about this vibrant congregation and its facilities here. Information later at uua.org/pacific-western.

April 26-28 '24

Pacific Southwest Service Area Assembly and Camp de Benneville Pines Annual Meeting and PSWSA Youth Con

This will be the second annual assembly of the PSWSA, offering an assortment of workshops, a special keynote speaker, worship, song and a chance to meet, socialize, with, and compare experiences with UUs from Arizona, Southern Nevada, and Southern California. The 2024 assembly will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, CA. Information will be made available at uucamp.org.

June 20-23 '24

General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Association. Participants worship, witness, and learn together, and connect and set policy for the Association through democratic processes. The 2024 GA will be all-virtual, and programed into four days, rather than five. More details, along with registration will be available this fall at uua.org/ga.

Planning far ahead

The 2025 GA will be multi-platform, taking place in Baltimore and online.

For more details about these events, and for information about other denomination events, be sure to sign up for our church's weekly announcements here: <https://www.uuclb.org/news/newsletter-signup/>

One More Item

The Disaster Fund needs your help!



Disaster Relief Fund

The UUA stands with its congregations and is ready to provide assistance to help congregations and their communities recover in the aftermath of disasters.

This calendar year has been an eventful year for our UU congregations impacted by hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters.. The UUA's Disaster Relief Fund is in place to help channel donations from individuals and congregations to our UU congregations needing help in the wake of disasters, particularly to those unable to access other funding sources. Often, Disaster Relief Fund Grants are the first to roll into a congregation, allowing them the immediate resources needed to protect their people and their buildings. Some congregations return their grants when they discover that their insurance or other sources pays for their needs!

During its 7 years of existence the Fund has given more than \$1.5 million in grants, more than \$275,000 of that this year alone. Today the Fund is at its lowest (\$50,000) since its beginning. While it is seeking special funding from congregations, it will also happily accept contributions from individuals.

Please consider joining efforts to rescue UU congregations by donating to the Disaster Relief Fund. Information on donating is on the UUA website: <https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/disaster-response>



Unitarian Universalist
Church of Long Beach

Membership

Please Join our Next “Starting Point” Class

**Sunday, November 5, 2023,
11:30 am
in the Lounge**

- share your personal religious journey.
- discover the church's many programs & activities.
- meet other prospective members.
- learn about some of the church's statements of philosophy such as our Principles, Bond of Fellowship, Congregational Covenant, and Mission Statement.
- learn more about the next steps.
- learn how you can support UUCLB.
- be invited to become a member.

For more info, see our webpage at
<https://www.uuclb.org/connect/become-a-member/>

Or email: Membership@uuclb.org

Will you be attending via ZOOM?
Please let us know so that we can
welcome you virtually.
email: membership@uuclb.org

Meeting ID: 921 8298 5381
Passcode: 704679

Or paste the link into your browser:
<https://zoom.us/j/92182985381?pwd=dDJeTidC9QVnN5dUNxVUsxVEJnUT09>



For more info, see our webpage at
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Or email: Membership@uuclb.org



**Saturday, November 11,
2023**

9:00am to 1:00pm

Join Us for the **UUCLB Facilities WORK PARTY!**

The Facilities Committee invites you to the monthly UUCLB Work Party. This is an event where volunteers of all ages gather to maintain our campus and make minor repairs. Show up any time during the party to do just one task or many tasks.

The Facilities Committee prepares and posts a list of tasks that need to be done. These include recurring tasks and those requested by the staff or committees or congregants. Tasks that are not completed will be on the list for the next work party. Following are the types of tasks on the list.

Gardening – It's summer and things are growing. Weeding is always needed and some plants need trimming.

Cleaning – Every cleaning chore you do at home is needed at UUCLB. Stains on the patio and walkways are cleaned as needed.

Checking and replacing – Replacing lights and air filters are always on the list.

Maintenance – We fix, modify and assemble things where volunteers have the needed skills.

**Please Join Us at the Work Party on the
Second Saturday of each Month**



Please Join Us on
Membership Sunday
 at UUCLB
Sunday, November 19, 2023
 Wylder Hall

**Meet in the Lounge at 9:40am
 for Membership Sunday**

**A Celebration for
 All New Members to UUCLB**

A celebration for all new members to UUCLB.

Gather, officially sign the UUCLB Member Book,
 receive your UU pin, meet other new members
 of the congregation, enjoy the service, the gardens
 and fellowship with others while
 enjoying celebratory refreshments.

RSVP is requested to membership@uuclb.org
 by Sunday, November 13 with a short bio to share

*We Look Forward
 To Seeing You!*



Indoor masking is no longer required, but encouraged. Following our
 guidelines of Inclusion, Consent, Care and Covenant, please take the
 indoor and outdoor precautions that are best for you and your families.

Outdoor seating is still available for Sunday services.

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 562-597-8445

**TOWN HALL
 COUNCIL
 MEETING**



Thursday, November 16

(Note: earlier date because of Thanksgiving)

7:00pm - 9:00pm

via ZOOM

uuclb.org/meetings/thc

Meeting ID: 869 6720 0610

Passcode: 732091

This is the place to learn what's going on at UUCLB!

- Committees & Task Forces – share what you're doing!
- Newcomers – meet fellow congregants & get to know the workings and processes of UUCLB!
- Fellowship Opportunities for ALL!

** Go to the Town Hall Council folder in the Members
 Only Google drive for information about agenda
 items**

On the Agenda

- Oct/Nov Board Actions & Updates
- Committee Updates – what should the Board & Congregation know?
 — Please submit information by Nov. 9 so
 participants can study the issues before the meeting.

Open Discussion

Board listening:
 What's going well? What needs improvement?

Minutes from the Sept. 28 THC meeting are available
 in the Town Hall Council folder on the Members Only
 Google drive.

Questions or to place an item on the agenda. Contact
 Jan Goodwin at: jan.goodwin@uuclb.org

SAVE THE DATE
for the
SOCIAL JUSTICE
FORUM
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

after Sunday Service
 11:45 to 1:00pm

Please join us for
 Social Action News and updates
 and to recognize the
 Transgender Day of Remembrance

For more information contact
 Kathy Adams katole@uucbl.org
 Patricia Chen patriciachill88@gmail.com



Writers of all ages, skill, and experience levels
 are welcome to join us in a supportive and
 affirmative environment.

Sunday, November 26

11:30 AM - 1:00-ish PM
UUCLB Lounge

WRITE TO SOME, ALL, OR NONE OF THE PROMPT

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Your Adult Faith Development Team Requests

UUA Common Read Facilitators
Discussion Facilitators
Arts and Crafts Leaders
Event Planners, Helpers and Hosts
Event Videographers and Photographers
Event Summary Writers

To Support Upcoming Programming
 Contact Kathy Adams & Michael Lyde at
afd.chair@uucbl.org for more information



ATHEIST /
FREE THINKERS
GROUP

First & Third Mondays: 2:30pm
 Join Us in the Lounge or via ZOOM
 For ZOOM link
 please go to uucbl.org/calendar

If you want to find out why we don't believe,
 join us in discussion or give us your argument!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

atheist@uucbl.org



UUCLB joins UU Fullerton at **Camp deBenneville Pines** **November 10-12, 2024**

Join fellow UU Fullerton and your Long Beach UU's for fun & rest in the mountains. Enjoy heated cabins, hot showers, hot meals, arts and crafts, puzzles, music, worship, and NATURE. We will arrive Friday evening November 10 and depart Sunday afternoon November 12.

Camp de Benneville Pines operates as an independent non-profit. It is supported by the 50 + member congregations of the Pacific Southwest Service Area of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Generations of Southwest UUs have been nurtured by Camp. See uucamp.org for more information.

Look for sign-up information on Sunday's after services. Questions? Email debenneville@uucb.org.



Make a Tribute!

Make a Memorial Tribute in memory of, or to say "Thank You" to someone for a gift, a good deed, a job well done, or just to tell someone "You are special!"

You can make your Tribute by check or use tithe.ly. Checks should be made out to UUCLB and marked "Tribute To (insert name here)". Or for tithe.ly text-to-give, text the words "Tribute for (insert name here)" and the amount to 833-931-1845. If making a tribute by check, drop your check off at the church office on Sunday or mail to: UUCLB, 5450 E Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90815

Your Tribute will be posted on the bulletin board and will appear in the weekly announcement.

Let's Gather 

In Ventura for...

**UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST
SERVICE AREA ASSEMBLY**

**Promoting Justice:
Amplifying Voices**

at the Intersections of Race, Class & Environment

+ Camp de Benneville Pines business meeting
+ Youth Con

 *April 26-28, 2024*

In the tradition of the beloved PSWD annual assembly, this event is sponsored by Camp de Benneville Pines & hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura with support from their neighbors at Chalice UU.

?s about Assembly contact Janet director@uucamp.org

Let's Gather... 

**PSWSA
YOUTH
CON**

8-12th grade



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

In Ventura

**04
26-28
24**



*Registration opens in February 2024
?s about Con contact Marianne cm@uucamp.org

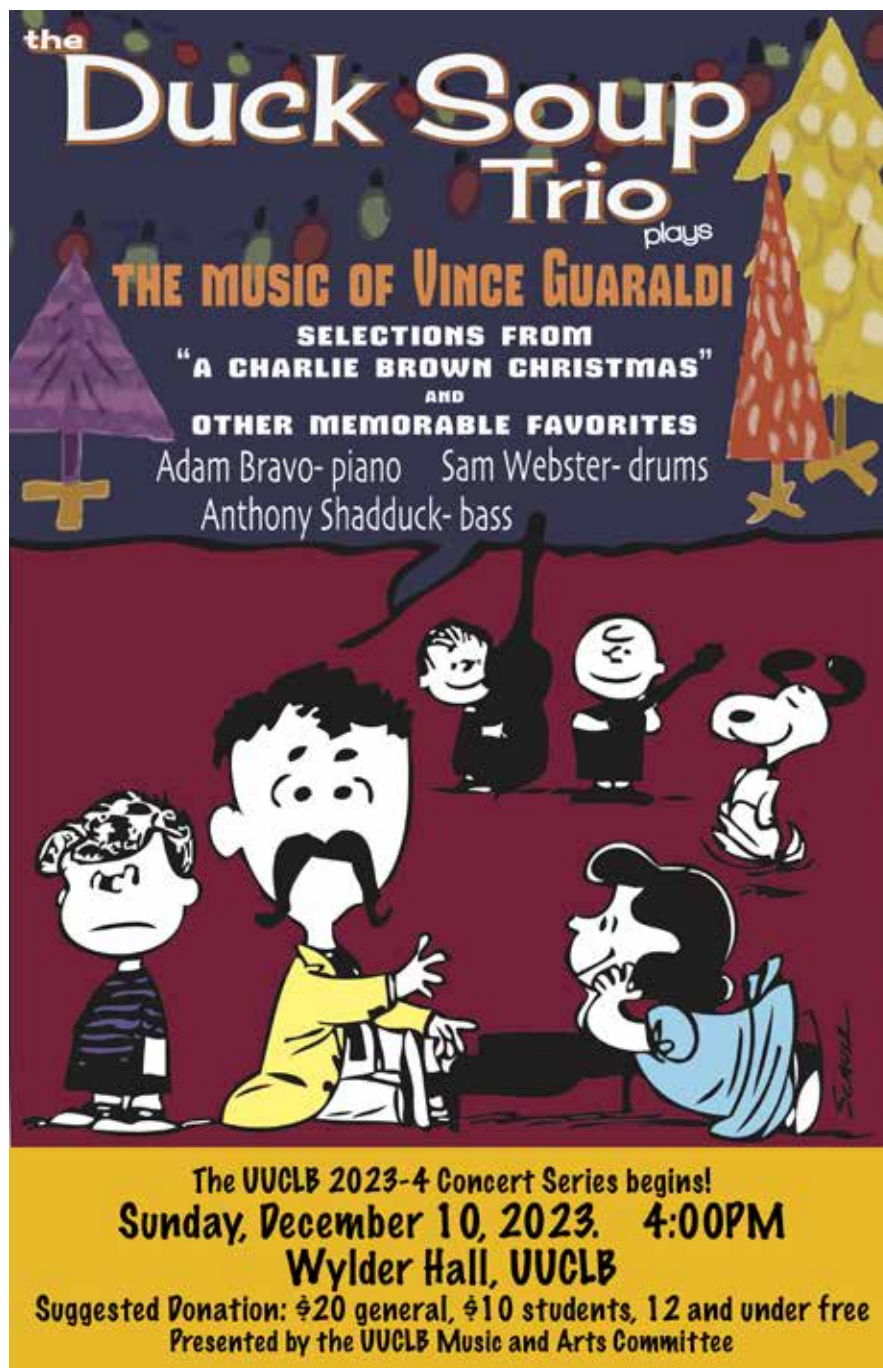
UUCLB '23-24 Concert Series #1

**We're kicking off our UUCLB '23-24 Concert Series early this year!
We have a holiday jazz program sure to delight**

On Sunday, December 10 at 4PM, Wylder Hall will play host to the Duck Soup Trio, a piano/bass/drums ensemble paying tribute to the great Vince Guaraldi (pianist and composer of "Cast Your Fate to the Wind", "Linus and Lucy", and many others). With the season in mind, they'll be playing Guaraldi's songs from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and other favorites.

Suggested donation: \$20 general, \$10 students, 12 and under free.

Presented by your Music and Arts Committee
For more information, email us at musicandarts@UUCLB.ORG



The poster features a dark blue background with three stylized Christmas trees in purple, yellow, and red. The title "the Duck Soup Trio" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "plays" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. The main text "THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI" is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below that, "SELECTIONS FROM 'A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS' AND OTHER MEMORABLE FAVORITES" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The names of the performers are listed: "Adam Bravo- piano Sam Webster- drums" and "Anthony Shadduck- bass". The bottom half of the poster features a cartoon illustration of Peanuts characters: Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Snoopy, and Woodstock. Charlie Brown is in the center, looking up. Linus is to his left, holding his blanket. Lucy is to his right, looking up. Snoopy is on the far right, looking up. Woodstock is on the far left, looking up. The background of the illustration is a solid red color.

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Sunday, December 10, 2023. 4:00PM
Wylder Hall, UUCLB
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On Recruiting the “Nones” to the Unitarian Denomination by Joan DaVanzo

Let's first define the social problems facing us. We are engaged in a struggle between groups who believe in a stereotypical self (fundamentalist religion and MAGA Republicans) as opposed to those who believe in the introspective self (liberal religions and the LGBTQ+ community).

Let's give this issue some historical perspective. This struggle begins in the late 19th Century when Sigmund Freud suggested there was an unconscious depth to the mind. His observations were followed by WWI and its assertion that political and social domination was most important. After WWI there was a blossoming of interest in psychology. The Bloomerg authors gave us stream of consciousness literary works and even ordinary people on the street were intrigued by the idea that there was another, hidden self within. The Weimar Republic arose in Germany which anticipated the leveling of sexual, racial, and LGBTQ+ barriers, but it was quickly overthrown by Hitler's authoritarian rule. In the USA after the bout with authoritarianism that was McCarthyism; women's lib, the civil rights movement and finally the gay rights movement got underway. So what we are facing now is the authoritarian backlash against all of that.

Now the “nones” are both spiritual and not church members.

Since they are spiritual, it's likely the bulk of them would come to us if we make the right appeal.

What are the values that might appeal to the “nones”? The three values that the far right is against: honesty, fairness, and justice.

There is no honesty greater than the honesty behind science. We need sermons by Peter Hotez about the science behind vaccine creation. We need scientists to explain the scientific acceptance of gayness and the science behind trans.

The fairness of negotiated contracts is important for all our lives. We need sermons from contract negotiators and union officials.

Finally, we need sermons from liberal judges. We all need to know how our justice system will deal with violence, gun control, and inequity in our lives.

We can't do this as a single congregation. A single congregation would be overwhelmed. We have to work as a united Unitarian Denomination and welcome in other liberal denominations as they choose. I believe this would attract the “nones” because they long to see action on these critical issues. Now through this strategy they would see issues presented for the first time in a religious setting with all the musical, poetic, and affirmation of caring that our liberal church can provide.

On Stock Appreciation: We have met the enemy and it is US! just as Walt Kelly predicted by Joan DaVanzo

The influence of the private and public (CalPERS) investment sector, which invests in stocks is our country's greatest weakness because stock appreciation undermines our ability to sustain good paying jobs and even threatens to destroy Capitalism itself.

Investors big and small, you and I, CalPERS; all the churches, mosques, synagogues, temples in the USA; all the charities in the United States; all the nonprofits such as the Center for Skeptical Inquiry, John Oliver Productions, likely the Foundation for Freedom from Religion; all US universities from sea to shining sea and finally many individuals, governments, universities and social groups abroad invest in stocks that appreciate. That appreciation is what gives us members of the investment community income from our investments.

Stocks appreciate when overhead is reduced. In industry the greatest overhead expense is wages. So a corporation that pays its workers less tends to please the investment community, big and small, you and I, CalPERS; all the churches, mosques, synagogues, temples in the USA; all the charities in the United States; all the nonprofits such as the Center for Skeptical Inquiry, John Oliver Productions, likely the Foundation for Freedom from Religion; all US universities from sea to shining sea and finally many individuals, governments, universities and social groups abroad invest in stocks that appreciate.

So all our stock investment plans are for appreciation and against good wages.

The other way that stocks appreciate is through mergers and

acquisitions. This tends to create giant corporations that can defie any group that tries to influence them, such as unions and government. Wall Street supports this accretion of corporate power in place of small firms that compete with one another and deliver quality goods and services to the consumer.

So Wall Street is against Capitalism, as well.

Over the years since private investment became popular, investors, big and small, you and I, CalPERS; all the churches, mosques, synagogues, temples in the USA; all the charities in the United States; all the nonprofits such as the Center for Skeptical Inquiry, John Oliver Productions, likely the Foundation for Freedom from Religion; all US universities from sea to shining sea and finally many individuals, governments, universities and social groups abroad invest in stocks that appreciate; have created this corporate monster that destroys Capitalism and good wages for us all.

It's simply not enough to divest in petroleum stocks. You need to know when you are feasting on the appreciation of your stocks, you are drinking the blood of working people and dining on the social and political bodies of the United States of America. You are bending all American Institutions to the will of the almighty Wall Street that you, as members of the investment community have created.

Maybe it's time to invest in muni bonds, the ones that built the Aquarium of the Pacific, and fixes school buildings and potholes?

Is it time for you to revise your will or trust, or maybe to develop one for the first time?



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Coming Soon!

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Duck Soup Trio

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Performers soon to be announced

MARCH 3, 2024

Performers soon to be announced

APRIL 4, 2024

Performers soon to be announced

MAY 5, 2024

Mark Sullivan Piano Concert

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