Sundays in July

Weekly services are in-person and online every Sunday at 10:00 AM. For information on how to attend, please turn to the last page.

Sunday, July 3
Rev. Julia Hamilton
“Volcanic Rage”
The overturning of Roe v. Wade is not just about the loss of an individual’s right to choose an abortion, but it is a blow to the larger work of collective liberation for which we strive. Where do we go from here? How do we channel our rage into transformative justice?

Sunday, July 10
The General Assembly Worship Team
“Already and Not Yet”
On Sunday, June 26, thousands of Unitarian Universalists gathered for the worship service at the close of our 2022 General Assembly in Portland. Because of the miracle of modern technology, we can share this service with you! Join the USSB Worship Team as they present a compelling sermon from the Rev. Gretchen Haley with music by Lea Morris, Adam Podd, and the GA Choir (can you spot our own DRE, Charla Bregante, singing in the choir?)

Sunday, July 17
The Anti-Racism Commission (ARC)
“Beloved Community: The Original Blessing”
The USSB Anti-Racism Commission invites you to a joyous exploration of our lifelong journey towards the Beloved Community.

Sunday, July 24
Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn & the USSB Worship Team
“Opening to Joy”
Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn, minister at Chalice Unitarian Universalist Church in Conejo Valley, will share with us practices that inspire joy in our lives, to counterbalance the hard times in which we live. This service is part of the summer collaboration with our nearby cluster of UU congregations, and will be both on video (Rev. Nica) and in-person (USSB Worship Team).

Sunday, July 31
Anna DiStefano, Deb Karoff, John Altman & Linda Beers
“The Borders of Compassion”
Last spring, members of our congregation joined the Santa Barbara Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance on a trip across the border to Mexicali, to bring supplies to the La Cobina migrant shelter. Join us to hear from our travelers about how this work has impacted them, and how our congregation can continue to build relationships of compassion and solidarity with the migrant community.

NOTE: The Rev. Julia Hamilton will be away on vacation and study leave during the month of July. Our Pastoral Care Team is here for you during this time, along with support from the Rev. Kristen Rohm, a UU chaplain with Hospice of Santa Barbara. Please email the Care Team if you need support: USSBcareteam@gmail.com.
It's the Summer Fashion Fling!

Women of all ages from USSB are invited to the ultimate Girl Friend Night!

Come shop racks of donated consignment–quality clothing, jewelry, shoes, purses, and accessories. The Fashion Fling is a time for women to eat goodies, drink wine, and tell each other how great we look! Prices will be nominal and proceeds will be donated to the Society.

The Fling will start Saturday, July 9 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM in Jefferson Hall. The next morning, July 10, the hall will be open to nearby churches and neighbors from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Pop-up Choir

Have you ever wanted to jump up and sing on stage? Or have you ever wanted to join a choir but weren’t sure if it was right for you? Then you should join us this summer for our Pop-Up Choir!

No need to read music or attend an evening rehearsal. On the morning of the service you want to sing in, arrive at 8:45 AM. We'll sing through our songs and you'll be ready to impress our congregation with your beautiful voice!

To join us, we do require singers to be fully vaccinated and wearing either an N95, KN95, or singer’s mask. Please join us any Sunday between July 10 and September 4.

At USSB, we'd like to teach the world to sing! Let us strive to begin that endeavor within our own community. Namaste.

Matthew Griset, Music Director

Got Soap?

Would you and your dog (or just YOU) like to join the Laundry Team of Showers of Blessing? We have a new shower site near Milpas Street, and other of our daily sites have grown so that we need several more volunteers. The request is that once a month you will pick up two laundry baskets of used towels and cleaning cloths, launder them in your home, and return them to one of the daily shower sites. Please let me know if you can join our team. And thanks to all UU’s for donating to the Showers of Blessing at June’s Sunday services.

Sally Hamilton,
Showers of Blessing SB Board Member
Children’s RE begins in the sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM. Following our Time For All Ages, children join RE staff and volunteers for activities in Jefferson Courtyard.

July 3 Gak & Goop with Christina
July 8 RE Family Summer Picnic at Goleta Beach
July 10 Makerspace Sunday
July 17 Drumming Circle with John Altman & friends
July 24 Sing Along with Charla & Chuck
July 31 Soccer with Dillon
August 7 Greeting Card Creations with Sally Hamilton
August 12 RE Family Summer Picnic & Pool Party at Charla’s!
August 14 Janmashtami, a Hindu celebration of Krishna’s Birthday, with Janey
August 21 Cardboard Arcade Makerspace
August 28 Cardboard Arcade Makerspace
September 4 Cardboard Arcade Makerspace
September 9–11 RE Youth & Family Camping Trip at Lopez Lake
September 18 Multigenerational Ingathering Service and RE Family Carnival & Arcade

Our USSB Youth Group is open to teens entering 8th–12th grade this summer. Dates, times, and locations vary. Contact Charla for information about joining. Here’s what we’re up to this summer:

July 8, 5:30–8:00 pm RE Family Summer Picnic at Goleta Beach
July 31, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM Bagels & Big Questions
August 5, 7:00–10:00 PM Teen Movie Night at USSB
August 7, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM Croquet at Julie Lopp’s house
August 12, 5:30–8:00 PM RE Family Summer Picnic & Pool Party!
August 14, 11:30 AM–3:00 PM Ventura thrift store shopping
August TBD Parent-coordinated activity
August 21, 10:00–11:15 AM Cardboard Arcade building with CRE kids
August 27 Pacific Pride Festival
August 28, 10:00–11:15 AM Cardboard Arcade building with CRE kids
September 4, 10:00–11:15 AM Cardboard Arcade building with CRE kids
September 9–11 Youth & Family Camp out at Lopez Lake
September 18, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM Ingathering & RE Registration Carnival

In Faith,
Charla Bregante
Director of Religious Education
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The 8th Principle As Currently Proposed to UUA

Our congregation is debating the adoption of the proposed 8th Principle. Here is the wording:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

When the board of trustees was discussing having our congregation adopt the 8th Principle, there were a number of voices (mine included) that had some reservations about the wording. Basically, “we support the idea, but why is it such a mouthful?” As someone who was at first skeptical about the wording, I wanted to offer my interpretation for those who also found it a bit hard to understand what the 8th Principle means.

To “covenant” is to form a contract or pledge between parties, or in this case between the various congregations of the UUA.

“Journeying toward spiritual wholeness” is a process to heal all members of society from the spiritual damage wrought by centuries of white supremacy in our country.

Per the 8th Principle UU website, “Beloved Community happens when people of diverse racial, ethnic, educational, class, gender, abilities, sexual orientation backgrounds/identities come together in an interdependent relationship of love, mutual respect, and care that seeks to realize justice within the community and in the broader world.” [source: https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/what-is-beloved-community]

“Accountably dismantle racism” means that UUs will work toward identifying and changing racist systems within our society, our congregation, and ourselves. We covenant to hold ourselves accountable to people of color within our congregation and our society.

After many conversations and much reflection, I have come to accept the wording as is. Perhaps the most important reason is that, as one minister put it, “the current wording was written by African-American leadership and allies in the UUA and endorsed by Black Lives of UU (BLUU) and Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUMM)” [source: https://uucod.org/8th-principle-2022-02-18]. I hope that you all join me in supporting adoption of the 8th Principle, and continuing our journey toward spiritual wholeness.

Kyle Stewart, member
USSB board of trustees
Book Event
Warmth

Eco-Faith Santa Barbara presents a conversation with author Daniel Sherrell via Zoom on July 12 at noon. His new book *Warmth* is a different kind of book about climate change: not what it is or how we solve it, but how it feels to imagine a future—and a family—under its weight. In a fiercely personal account written from inside the climate movement, Sherrell lays bare how the crisis is transforming our relationships to time, to hope, and to each other. At once a memoir, a love letter, and an electric work of criticism, *Warmth* goes to the heart of the defining question of our time: how do we go on in a world that may not?

A Zoom link will be sent to you upon registration. The first ten people who register and join the event will receive a free copy of *Warmth*.

Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/warmth-dansherrell-author-tickets-249025621337

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July Outreach Offering
Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California (UUJMCA)

The Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California (UUJMCA) seeks to develop skills of civic engagement and faith-rooted organizing so that UUs across California can educate, organize, and advocate for public policies that:

- uphold the worth and dignity of every person,
- further justice, equity, and compassion in human relations,
- ensure use of the democratic process,
- protect religious freedom, and
- promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence.

UUJMCA justice initiatives are shaped by and rooted in UU member feedback, and you will note a few additions to the current list of priorities:

- Abolition
- Environmental Justice
- Economic Justice
- Healthcare Access
- Immigrant Justice
- Queer Rights
- Racial Justice
- Voting Rights
- Women’s Rights

Visit the UUJMCA www.uujmca.org for more information about priority initiatives, opportunities for learning and engagement, and youth community-building. And please give generously this month; contributions to the UUJMCA directly support UU faith in action.
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The office is open on Sunday mornings and is available by phone and email from Monday to Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Email ussb@ussb.org, or call (805) 965-4583.

Deadline for the August issue is Monday, July 25.
Email: Kaleidoscope@ussb.org

Sunday services in-person and online at 10:00 AM
Watch our livestream on Zoom and Facebook or use your phone to dial in and hear the service live.

To listen to the service on your phone, call 1-669-900-6833 and then enter the Sunday services meeting ID: 960 036 8223#

You may call in starting five minutes before the service begins.

Zoom and Facebook links are sent out in the Friday email, in a special Sunday morning email, and are always available on our website, at www.ussb.org/worship/zoom.

Contact our office at ussb@ussb.org if you’d like to be added to our email list.

Can’t be with us when we’re live Sunday morning? We archive every service video on our YouTube channel and on our website at www.ussb.org/worship/archive.