



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tuolumne County

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Sonora Service - Sunday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

In person at the Fellowship House and via Zoom
19632 Mono Way, Sonora

Standing In The Name Of . . . Part II

With Richard Close, Read by Jeff Klay

Richard Close will present Part II of UU American Unitarian history. While Part 1 ended with a Unitarian declaration to be non-creedal, in Part II we will see much more debate and turmoil before coming to the present. We will ask: how liberal can a religious institution go? And how did a major institution called Humanism emerge out of Unitarian ranks?

Richard has been an active member of UUFTC since 2006. He has written and delivered some 12 talks to our Fellowship, and on January 20, 2019, UUFTC awarded Richard a certificate of "Lecture Laureate" for his "outstanding presentations."

❖ As always on the third Sunday, we will enjoy a delicious potluck after the service. Please consider bringing something wonderful.



❖ AND, the choir will be singing.

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**Sonora Services: 1st & 3rd
Sundays**

**Douglas Flat Services: 2nd &
4th Sundays**

Douglas Flat Service: Sunday, April 28 10:30 a.m.

In Person at the Douglas Flat Schoolhouse,

1358 Main St., Douglas Flat

In Person Service

Spring Cleaning - bring work tools and gloves for cleaning the hall and weeding the grounds. Those unable to work can bring music to entertain the others. Bring some food to share.



More Douglas Flat satellite news: Ann Pestalozzi is hosting a Forbidden Book Club. It will be in the clubhouse at the Diggins in Murphys on the first Thursday of each month at 11am. The first banned book is "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou. The gate will be open. Guests are welcome.

Pledge Campaign 2024-2025 *Together We Thrive*

Dear Members and Friends,

Your financial support is an essential part of our congregation and each of us is vital to assuring the prosperity of our future.

Our UUFTC pledge drive continues. The Fellowship's yearly budget is based on the pledges we receive.

Activities and programs supported by the Fellowship:

- Sunday service speakers/music program and technical support for Zoomers.
- The Fellowship House and grounds – mortgage, utilities, and maintenance
- Social Justice Committee – actively working with the homeless & other projects
- Semi-annual retreats featuring wellness workshops
- Well-being and healthy living classes – Yoga, Tai Chi, Chi Gong
- And so much more



Thank you, Your Pledge Drive Committee



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
VIRTUAL GA • JUNE 20 - 23, 2024

Love Unites, Stories Ignite

“In a world filled with division and challenges, the theme for this year's General Assembly is a powerful reminder of the core principles that unite us as Unitarian Universalists.

Our faith has always been rooted in the power of storytelling, and this year we'll explore how our stories can ignite change, inspire compassion, and help us build a more just and equitable world, our understanding of one another, and the world around us.” – from the UUA GA website.

If you think the opportunity to be one of our delegates is a way you would like to support the Fellowship, please let Kathy Seaton or Bruce Winningham know.

If you would like to share in these experiences, you will have the opportunity to worship, learn and connect with others of like mind.

As one of our two General Assembly (GA) delegates, you'll be making our Fellowship's voice heard as you help make policy through the democratic process.

This year's GA is online from June 20 to June 23. This means no time-consuming travel. It's also an opportunity to participate in your pajamas. And as a bonus, the Fellowship will cover the delegates' registration fees.

For more information about GA, visit the UUA GA web site at (<https://www.uua.org/ga>).

A major fundraiser for the Fellowship is *The Grand Parking Lot Sale* on **Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th**. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, transporting items, setting up, pricing items, staffing the register, advertising, placing signs, and the eventual tear down. If you feel you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Jeff Klay for information on how you can get involved. bikehikejeff@gmail.com



Caring Committee/Team

The Caring Committee is looking for a few good people who care about our members and friends and would like to provide help where needed. This might include phone calls, visits and an occasional meal. If this sounds like something you would be willing to do, please get in touch with Lane Willey, our Care Team Chair. (209-770-1721 or lane_willey@yahoo.com). *Thank you for Caring*



Insertion

Murphys Creek Theatre, playing April 19-May 12. Friday and Saturday nights, Sunday matinees. All details can be found at www.murphyscreektheatre.org

A Play by Sarah Groustra INSERTION was the winner of B Street Theatre's 2022 New Comedies Festival.

Sally McClellan, a UUFTC member and well-known thespian is playing Gilda Tarrington, the author with a huge secret.

Maisie has finally landed an apprenticeship at the prestigious Red Key Publishing House, with the acclaimed fiction writer Gilda Tarrington assigned as her mentor. But posh, ancient Gilda has a secret: she's really the mind behind the famous pseudonym of an erotic paperback empire, and she believes Maisie has the potential to be her successor. Determined not to lose her first major writing opportunity, Maisie sets out to learn everything she can about sex in a series of hilarious, harrowing, and heartwarming escapades.



The Tuolumne Arts Alliance will host a show of **Patti Cherry (UUFTC Member)** and **Joy Willow's (UUFTC Friend)** art at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 47 N. Washington St., Sonora, April through the 3rd week of May. Reception Saturday, May 11th 5 -8 p.m (Second Saturday). For more detail go to [WaterRockTreeFlyer_download.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#).

The Columbia College Community Chorus with orchestra - Spring Concert led by Dr. Daryl Hollinger



The Columbia College Community Chorus with orchestra, led by Dr. Daryl Hollinger, presents its annual Spring Concert in the sanctuary of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. 13880 Joshua Way in Sonora. There will be two performances the last weekend of April at 3p.m. on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28.

Our own Marguerite Close and Jeff Klay are featured as soloists in the program, along with several other UUFTC members and friends singing in the chorus - they would love to see you in the audience!

This concert features Schubert's lyrical *Mass in G* for mixed chorus, chamber orchestra and soloists, a work which demonstrates the young composer's maturity. The second half of the program will include three exciting and joyous Psalm settings by Dr. Hollinger, in addition to three songs he wrote collaborating with a local poet. The concert continues with the ever-popular singalong, concluding with American spirituals and music for film and theater.

Tickets are \$20 presale (\$25 at the door), and free for age 18 and under (must reserve a seat), and may be purchased on the Columbia College website: gocolumbia.edu. Questions? Call Donna Elias at 209-533-1532 for more information.



*Keep our chalice burning brightly and
donate to your Fellowship*

**Log on to our website: www.uuftc.org (easy and quick) **

Mail your offering to: PO Box 3116, Sonora, CA 95370

**Have your bank send regular payments to the UUFTC account
(ask our treasurer Kathy Seaton if you need help with this) **

Fellowship Members & Friends Skills and Talents

We have so much talent in our congregation please consider supporting them in their endeavors. If you would like to mention your business, classes you teach or anything else that you feel would be of value or interest to congregation members please email me. lindaldu@comcast.net .

- ❖ **Lauren Campana** NP, Integrative Health Specialist, www.Laurencampana.com, Mountainherbalssonora@gmail.com, Tai chi instructor
- ❖ **Jenn Salazar**: Yard work, clearing, hauling and more. (209) 206-3216. References: Marilyn Waggoner.
- ❖ **Patti Cherry**: a well-known local artist, has a newsletter to talk about art, as well as share her own art and art activities. patticherry970@send.mailchimpapp.com
- ❖ **Sandy Banzet**: Compassionate Pet Sitting. sandybanzet@yahoo.com or (209) 591-3256. References: Linda DuTemple
- ❖ **Suzanne Hennessy** leads a low-impact dance exercise class called Zumba Gold. The gold part refers to those of us who are seniors! 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. 4 S. Forest Rd. (across from the fairgrounds entrance) Sonora. For seniors, classes are \$6 each. Suzanne's number is (209) 559-1481, email her at sdhennessy30@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Peter Winters**: Artisan working in wood. Now showing at Aloft Gallery in Sonora. PeterHWinters@gmail.com or (831) 239-8327
- ❖ **Linda DuTemple** is a *Mary Kay* distributor and consultant. See her for your skin care & makeup. lindaldu@comcast.net or www.marykay.com/lindadutemple

Other Notable Dates

Ladies' Lunch Bunch – **April 18, 11:30** at *El Arroyo Cantina and Mexican Kitchen* at 126 So. Washington St., Sonora. For menu go to [El Arroyo - Food Menu \(elarroyorestaurantarlington.com\)](http://elarroyorestaurantarlington.com).



And before you go, some good news

A new women's sports bar is scheduled to open in Long Beach in the next few months, part of a growing network of sports bars in the country that primarily show women's sports, the LAist reports.

The bar, called Watch Me, is the passion project of Jax Diener and her wife, Emme Eddy, who say they have dreamed for years about opening a bar that has an inclusive environment and shows women's sporting events.

The bar will feature food options for all dietary restrictions and already has partnerships lined up with local teams, including the Los Angeles women's soccer team, Angel City F.C., and the women's basketball team, L.A. Sparks. It will also, of course, have games around the clock to satisfy Southern California's die-hard women's sports fans.





UUFTC meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in Sonora and the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Douglas Flat.

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<https://www.uua.org/pacific-western> UU World Magazine/ www.uuworld.org ; UUFTC Calendar/ www.uufc.org/calendar

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**Board Members: Bruce Winningham, President; Cathy Scott, Vice-President;
Dodie Harte, Secretary; Kathy Seaton, Treasurer; Larry Beil and Ann Leonard,
members at large**

UUFTC Gallery

A reminder to folks to send photos of your travels, adventures, new pets, hobbies, life events, etc. for the Gallery. People love to see them and it helps us stay connected.

The UUFTC service on April 7, *Standing In The Name Of . . . Part I*
by Richard Close, read by Jeff Klay



Sandy Banzet lighting the Chalice



Dave Ingram playing *Fanfare for the Common Man*



Jeff Klay presenting Richard Close's *UU History Part I*



Richard Close



**Donna Elias accompanying
Congregation in singing
*If I Had a Hammer***



**Linda DuTemple
Lighting candles for
*Joys and Sorrows***



**Janet Telford sharing why
she feels it is important
to support the
Fellowship financially**



**Kathleen Malloy
closing the service with
inspiring words to take
us out in to this divided
world**



Hanging out and Visiting after service