



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tuolumne County

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UUFTC Newsletter *the Catalyst* Second March 2024 Edition

Sonora Service - Sunday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

In person at the Fellowship House and via Zoom

19632 Mono Way, Sonora

Eternal Return with Kathleen Malloy

Tis' the season again, a turning of the Earth, and Jesus is still not the reason for the season.

Winter is turning into Spring, the hills are green, turkeys are strutting around like Burlesque Fan Dancers, and soon children will delight in finding colorful eggs and candy, delivered by a rabbit. And on it goes, round and round. Beginnings and endings. An Eternal Return.

Join us on Sunday, March 17th for a hop down the bunny trail as we look at Saints and Sinners, Groundhog Day... (wait that was last month??!) and the season of rebirth, light and Eternal Return.

Time present and time past

Are both perhaps present in time future,

And time future contained in time past.

If all time is eternally present

All time is unredeemable.

What might have been is an abstraction

Remaining a perpetual possibility

Only in a world of speculation.

What might have been and what has been

Point to one end, which is always present.

T.S. Eliot

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Sonora Services: 1st & 3rd

Sundays

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4th Sundays

- ❖ Another tasty potluck this Sunday, the last one was amazing. Can we match it? Please bring a favorite dish you would like to share: a main dish, salad or dessert.



Douglas Flat Service: Sunday, **March 24, 10:30 a.m.**
In Person at the Douglas Flat Schoolhouse,
1358 Main St., Douglas Flat
In Person Service



Pledge Campaign 2024-2025 *Together We Thrive*
From Kathleen Malloy

I am proud that our Fellowship is a Beacon of Liberal Religion in the Mother Lode. With the addition of our beautiful Fellowship House and the end of Covid we have regained our footing and our getting more and more visible in the community through acts of social justice, community education and events. Our voices of reason and compassion are needed, our perspectives considered in this world, this country, and this area of our state. We fund what we value. What do you value? In which directions do your thoughts, energies, time and money go? As our Fellowship continues to flourish, we need your help. Our Pledge drive has begun. If you believe in the Principles and Values of this community, you are invited to make your pledge today. In addition to monetary pledges, we need the talents of everyone to *Shine Brightly*.



Dear Members and Friends,

Our UUFTC pledge drive has begun. The Fellowship's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 and the yearly budget is based on the pledges we receive.

Activities and programs supported by the Fellowship:

- Sunday service speakers/music program, technical support for Zoom etc.
- Outreach programs – inviting others into our space; encouraging gatherings of like-minded people as well as gatherings of people with diverse views
- Well-being and healthy living classes – Yoga, Tai Chi, Chi Gong
- Library and No Guilt Book Club
- Social Justice Committee – working with the homeless and others
- Semi-annual retreats featuring wellness workshops
- And let's not forget the Fellowship House and grounds – mortgage, utilities, and maintenance

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

You will receive a pledge card in the mail this week. If you are able, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible, so next year's budget can be established before our annual meeting.

Thank you, Your Pledge Drive Committee



* Cathy Scott * Jim Willey * Mike Strange *

* Joanne Rovno * Peggy Day *

* Anne Berner-Calderwood *

Other Dates to Note

No Guilt Book Club – March 14th, 2:00 at the Fellowship House
Ladies' Lunch Bunch – March 21, 11:30 at The Smoke in Jamestown



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 would like to share in these experiences, consider participating as a delegate representing the Fellowship. You'll 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 democratic process.

One of the Business Agenda items is voting on the adoption of the proposed revision to Article II of the UUA Bylaws. Four amendments to the proposed revision reached the support threshold to be brought to final agenda for voting.

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>).

If you're convinced 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.



Caring Committee/Team

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



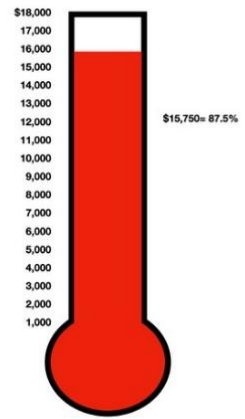


A major fundraiser for the Fellowship could be The *Grand Yard Sale* targeted to happen **Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th**. Volunteers are needed to help with planning, transporting items, setting up, pricing items, staffing the register, advertising, placing signs, and the eventual tear down. If 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

HVAC Capital Fund Drive

Our new HVAC units are allowing us to always have comfortable temperatures in the Fellowship House. We are still shy of our goal, at 87.5% or \$15,750, of the \$18,000 needed to repay the generous donors who lent us the money to purchase our new system. A ***BIG THANK YOU*** to all the generous folks who have donated so far - we're getting close!

Capital Fund Drive **Goal: \$18,000**



Fellowship Members & Friends Skills and Talents

We have so much talent in our congregation that sometimes I feel I am surrounded by renaissance people. 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.

- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Jenn Salazar**: Yard work, clearing, hauling and more. (209) 206-3216. References: Wendy Archer & Marilyn Waggoner.
- ❖ **Suzanne Hennessy** leads a low-impact dance exercise class called Zumba Gold. The gold part refers to we who are seniors! We meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a

medium intensity aerobic workout. 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



*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) **

UU 101 Class

For many people Unitarian Universalism is a complete unknown...a Uniwhat?? For most others it's a complete mystery ~ a conundrum. How can a "religion" have no creed or dogma? How can a Buddhist worship next to a Pagan, next to a Jew, next to a Christian, next to a person who prays to a different God, or no God, or no prayer?? Unitarian Universalism is not for sissies.

Join us on **March 19th from 3-5** at the Fellowship House for a brief overview of Unitarian Universalism.

Please email me at kathleenmalloy5050@gmail.com with any specific questions you're interested in, and to let us know you'll be attending.

Your Board of Trustees is considering requiring this class in the future before people can become members. But for now, this is an opportunity for new members, people new to Unitarian Universalism and those who just wish to brush up on their UU.





*Kudos to Wendy Archer for our new magnetic name tags and the beautiful racks that she made to hold them.
Thank you, Wendy*

Amy Ada Haratani, A UUFTC Founding Member

Amy Ada Haratani, one of the few remaining UUFTC founders, died this week. She and husband Joe Haratani lived long and rich lives and were fixtures in our community and at UUFTC. There is a great article in the March 9 Union Democrat. It can be read online at <https://uniondemocrat.pressreader.com/the-union-democrat> - select the 'March 9' edition to find it. A Celebration of Life for Amy Ada will be held on March 23 in conjunction with a tribute to Joe, whose memorial was postponed due to the pandemic, at the Resilience Center, 18241 Bay Ave., Tuolumne. It will begin at 2 p.m. with a presentation of "Pebbles in the Pond" which includes a story of their lives. The remembrance for Amy and Joe will begin at 2:45 p.m.

The congregation owes much gratitude to Amy Ada and Joe for the work they did in establishing our Fellowship. And we send heartfelt sympathies to their family in this time of sorrow.



March is Women's History Month



Friday, March 1, 2024

Meet the 5 iconic women being honored on new quarters in 2024

The accomplishments of Celia Cruz, Pauli Murray, Patsy Takemoto Mink, Mary Edwards Walker, and Zitkala-Ša are as diverse as America itself.

Since its debut in 2022, the U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters Program has issued special quarters each year featuring women who shaped the country. Past honorees include writer Maya Angelou, astronaut [Sally Ride](#), and actor Anna May Wong.

In 2024, the program will issue new quarters honoring five women: Pauli Murray, Patsy Takemoto Mink, Mary Edwards Walker, Celia Cruz, and Zitkala-Ša. These women's accomplishments were as diverse as America itself. They were activists, authors, physicians, and politicians. Yet, one common purpose united their work: They broke down the barriers that tried to limit what they could do.



This image shows the American Women Quarters Program's new coins minted in 2024. The other side of each coin will maintain a likeness of George Washington.

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For more about these courageous women go to: [Meet the 5 iconic women being honored on new quarters in 2024 \(nationalgeographic.com\)](#)



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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 March 3rd was canceled due to weather therefore our Gallery pictures are limited for lack of submissions ☹️ However, here are a couple that were sent in.

Marilyn Waggoner and Linda DuTemple on the trail again



Amid the Manzanita blossoms

