



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tuolumne County

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UUFTC Coffee Hour

Check in and see how your UU friends are doing on Thursday morning Coffee Hour. 10:00 a.m. by way of Zoom.

Download the Zoom app so you will be ready. You will receive an email invitation and just click on the link in it.



Sonora Service - 10 am, Sunday, June 19th In person at the Fellowship House or via zoom

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What Lives Within Us with Charlotte Cramer



Join Charlotte for an exploration of white supremacy...and how it lives within us. This concept is a weight to so many—it is massive, destructive and overwhelming, especially when it plays out on the world stage in shocking and horrific ways. But how does it influence our lives in the small ways, and where does it live? What is at the

core of uprooting white supremacy for good...and is that even possible? Let us explore and discover, together, a new sense of hope in our individual ability to bring about beloved change in this world.

Ms. Cramer is in her third and final year at Starr King School for the Ministry. She is currently attending The Chaplaincy Institute for her Chaplaincy certification and ordination as an Interfaith Minister, and is also seeking ordination with the Sacred Wells Congregation, a pagan religious institution. Charlotte grew up Unitarian Universalist, and has wanted to be a minister since the age of 16. She has spent the past four years living in spiritual communities in California and Costa Rica, learning about different forms of mysticism, ritual, and divine connection. Charlotte currently serves on the Family Ministry Team at the

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

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, and is an intern for The Street Chaplaincy, an interfaith program in San Rafael that provides spiritual care and support for the homeless population of Marin. In her free time, Charlotte practices Jiu Jitsu, yoga and meditation, and spends time at her beautiful home in Point Reyes Station, CA, where she lives with two dogs and two dear friends.

Potlucks Are Back

Following the service and the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 19th we will once again be sharing our favorite dishes. It's been a long time since we have been able to resume this favorite addition to our services. Please note that we will be having potlucks on the 3rd Sundays of each month.



UUFTC Annual Congregational Meeting

The UUFTC Annual Congregational Meeting is coming up on **June 19th** after the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Board and Nominating Committee members and to approve the annual budget for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Information about the slate of officers and the proposed budget has been sent via email and by the US Postal Service for those with no email to all voting members. It is important that we have a quorum of voting members at this meeting so please make it a priority to attend. Your attendance is vital to the governance of this congregation.

Juneteenth – June 19th

Juneteenth^[c] is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.^{[7][8]} Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas,^[9] which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery.



Douglas Flat Service – Sunday, **June 26**, 10:30 am

In person at the Douglas Flat Schoolhouse

1358 Main St, Douglas Flat

John Calderwood, Historian, will describe the history of the 12-year Reconstruction after the American Civil War, including the participation of black people in the government of the South before the compromise of 1876, resulting in the election of Hayes to the Presidency and the removal of Union Troops.

Keep our chalice burning brightly and donate to your Fellowship

*Log on to our website: www.uuftc.org (so 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)*



Mother Lode Food Project –

Green Bag donations have been coming in since the inspiring talk by Tristan Kaiser, Mother Lode Food Project Coordinator. The Sonora Service on **June 19 will be the last date to drop off your donations at the Fellowship House.**

Paul at ATCAA sent along a few reminders: "*we are not accepting past date foods, open items, or food items that are not marked for individual sale (i.e. has the nutrition info and the product manufacture info). These are both needed to alert recipients of possible food allergies and, also in the event there is a product recall.*"

Highly desired items are canned veggies & fruits, nutritious cereals, proteins (such as canned meats & legumes). Pasta sauce in a glass jar will be accepted, but cans are preferred. When asked about baby formula, Paul suggested that it be left on the store shelf where it would be more readily accessible to those in need.

Remember, if you don't have a "green bag" at home, we accept donations in any bag or box you have!

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, mail your check to:

ATCAA- PO Box 1307, Jamestown CA 95327

Payable to ATCAA Memo: MLFP Donation

THANK YOU for helping our neighbors in need! Your bag lady, Wendy

No Guilt Book Club – Thursday, **July 14th** at 2:00

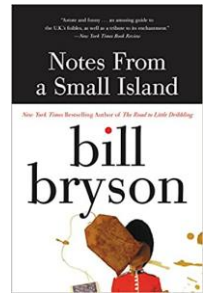
Notes From a Small Island by Bill Bryson

Chosen by Janet Telford who will lead the discussion

Meeting at the Fellowship House

New York Times bestseller Bill Bryson's irreverent and hilarious journey through the beloved island nation he called home for two decades. From Downing Street to Loch Ness, this is a delightful look at the United Kingdom.

Before New York Times bestselling author Bill Bryson wrote *The Road to Little Dribbling*, he took this delightfully irreverent jaunt around the unparalleled floating nation of Great Britain, which has produced zebra crossings, Shakespeare, Twiggie Winkie's Farm, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Titsey.



Board Meeting Highlights from June 5, 2022

- Safety guard rails will be installed along the ramp in front of the Fellowship House (FsH).
- Facilities Manager, Dodie Harte will be doing an energy audit of the FsH.
- Yard and Bake sale on May 20 & 21 was a success, our net receipts will more than cover our budget deficit.
- We have two members attending the annual UUA General Assembly at the end of June in Oregon: Ann Leonard will be attending in person and Cheryl Giles will attend on line.
- Program Chair (Kathleen Malloy) reported that we have services planned through July.
- With a new laptop coming our way we will soon be able show slides and videos during services in addition to zooming the services for folks unable to attend in person.



There will only be one July Newsletter, coming to you around the middle of the month. The newsletter editor will be on vacation.

The Power of Covenant

By Janet Telford

The Centered Leadership class facilitated by Leslie Latour started meeting in January 2022 and finished in April. Towards the end of the class Leslie happened upon a publication from the UUA called *Unlocking the Power of Covenant*; it proved to be a powerful tool as the group discussed our “next steps”.

We agreed on presenting a service about covenant to the Fellowship. We repeatedly asked ourselves what our purpose was in offering our insights to the Fellowship. We agreed that we wanted to share our excitement about the power of covenant, to educate the Fellowship about the importance of covenant, and encourage members and friends to participate in “next steps”. The Sunday service on June 5 was titled “Putting the “We” in UU”. We hoped to convey the concept of UUs moving away from individuality towards a covenanting body AND that the covenant is alive – it is relevant to our everyday lives to be reevaluated regularly and changed as needed.

For “next steps”, at the end of the service, we asked members and friends to complete a brief survey asking who would like to:

- participate in further congregational discussions re the covenant
- participate in a focus group for further discussions and feedback re the covenant

We went on to ask if there was something that resonated with each person in today’s service and offered an opportunity for further comments.

We now have a nucleus group that is interested in taking the “next steps”: further discussions and feedback about covenant. We encourage any others interested in participating to contact Janet Telford, Leslie Latour or Cathy Scott. After UUFTC’s annual meeting on June 19, we will begin those next steps. Stay tuned – and thank you for your participation!



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UUFTC Gallery

Sonora Service on Covenant – June 5, 2022



Cathy Scott on UU history and covenant



Janet Telford – Covenant as a living document



Bruce Winningham on the value of a living covenant for UUFTC



Leslie Latour – Covenant in Action

Congregation giving feedback on service





Marilyn and Linda hiking at Fraser Flat in May



The No Guilt Book Club discussing *The Lost Apothecary* on June 9th at the Fellowship House



An artistic rendition of the Hope sign that will be a temporary fixture to the side of the Fellowship House, coming soon. *Save those bottle, jar, drug caps etc. (metal or plastic) for the sign. Bring them to the Fellowship House.*

"I HOPE someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one." John Lennon