



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tuolumne County

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Sonora Service - Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.

In person at the Fellowship House and via Zoom

19632 Mono Way, Sonora

The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tuolumne County

With Elena Linehan

Elena Linehan will be sharing information on the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement in Tuolumne County. In California, women were given the right to vote before Women's Suffrage became the law of the land all across America. Hear about the vital role rural counties played in getting the right to vote passed. And people might be surprised to hear about the brief visit to Tuolumne by the leaders of the movement – Susan B. Anthony and Elisabeth Cady Stanton.

Elena came to town in 1986 to serve as Project Manager for the Main Street Program – a downtown revitalization program. She retired after a career working for non-profit organizations including the American Cancer Society, the Girls Scouts, Mother Lode Job Training and ATCAA. She was raised in a family that values music and laughter. She fills her time as a toy maker and making music.



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Sonora Services: 1st & 3rd Sundays

Douglas Flat Services: 2nd & 4th Sundays

❖ **The UUFTC Board of Trustees will meet directly after the service. All are welcome to attend.**

Douglas Flat Service: Sunday, May 12 10:30 a.m.

In Person at the Douglas Flat Schoolhouse,

1358 Main St., Douglas Flat

In Person Service

We will take time to reflect on the role motherhood plays in our lives. Please bring a photo or memento of your mother.

*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.*



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

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.

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

Love Unites, Stories Ignite

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

"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.



YARD SALE

A major fundraiser for the Fellowship is *The Grand Parking Lot Sale* on **Friday May 3rd, 8 am-5 pm and Saturday May 4th, 8 am-3 pm**. 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

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 \(mcusercontent.com\)](#).



*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.

- ❖ **Hoyt Cory** "Yoga for Every Body" - stretching the mind-body connection. Monday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 10:15. By donation. hoytcory@aol.com : 209-768-6788
- ❖ **Laureen Campana** NP, Integrative Health Specialist, www.Laureencampana.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., Sonora (across from the fairgrounds entrance). 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

Amani utupe na ustawi

Our last service included the above song by our choir. Larry Marum, who previously lived in Kenya for several years, brings us the translation of this beautiful piece.

The Swahili title of this song: *Amani utupe na ustawi*, has been ringing in my head all this week. At first, I tried to give it a simple translation. *Amani* is peace, as in harmony and tranquility: among people, in relationships, and within ourselves. An American psychologist friend working in Kenya named his counselling clinic *Amani*.

Amani is different from *salaama*, another Swahili word for peace, as in a greeting – “go in peace” or *lala salaama* -- “sleep peacefully”.

My Swahili is not that great, so I consulted with our Kenyan grandson, Julius, a university student in Nairobi, for some context.

Utupe na ustawi describes the characteristics of this peace.

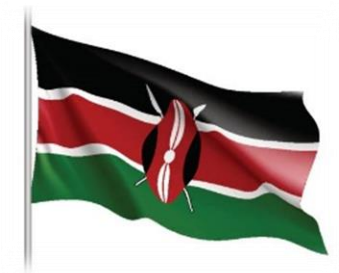
Mtu is a “human being”. *Utu* is “humanity”, so *utupe* in this context describes a quality of peace among people and across divisions that emphasizes humanity, justice and stability – think of a strong boat providing stability in a storm.

Ustawi is “wellbeing” and also conveys “endurance”, “strength” and “courage” – think of those Kenyan marathon runners.

Midweek, I realized this is the perfect song and prayer for these divisive times and a reflection of our UU principles. Listen to the English words of the song to provide context: on our weary journey, this dark, rocky road and uncertain path, grant us peace and courage, peace in ourselves and among people, peace that recognizes our core human values, peace that is robust, that has strength and unshakeable endurance.



Say the words with me: *Amani --- Utupe ---na Ustawi*



Other Notable Dates

- ❖ **May 9th** - The *No Guilt Book Club* will discuss *The Ragged Edge of Night* by Olivia Hawker. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 in the Fellowship House.

For fans of *All the Light We Cannot See*, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, and *The Nightingale* comes an emotionally gripping, beautifully written historical novel about extraordinary hope, redemption, and one man's search for light during the darkest times of World War II.

Germany, 1942. Franciscan friar Anton Starzmann is stripped of his place in the world when his school is seized by the Nazis. He relocates to a small German hamlet to wed Elisabeth Herter, a widow who seeks a marriage—in name only—to a man who can help raise her three children. Anton seeks something too—atonement for failing to protect his young students from the wrath of the Nazis. But neither he nor Elisabeth expects their lives to be shaken once again by the inescapable rumble of war.

- ❖ **May 16** - *Ladies' Lunch Bunch* – meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30. This month we dine at the West Wind Bar & Grill at the Teleli Golf Course. 17566 Lime Kiln Rd., Sonora. To see the menu go to [teleli-lunch-menu-11.2023.pdf \(brightspotcdn.com\)](#).





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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 April 21, *Standing In The Name Of . . . Part II*
by Richard Close, read by Marguerite Close



Welcoming Words by
Cathy Scott



Covenant & Land
Acknowledgement
by Patricia Horsthuis



Chalice Lighting – Marilyn
Waggoner



< Janet Telford leading the
Congregation & choir in song



> Wendy Archer providing us
with financial inspiration



Richard & Marguerite Close
Standing in the Name ofPart II



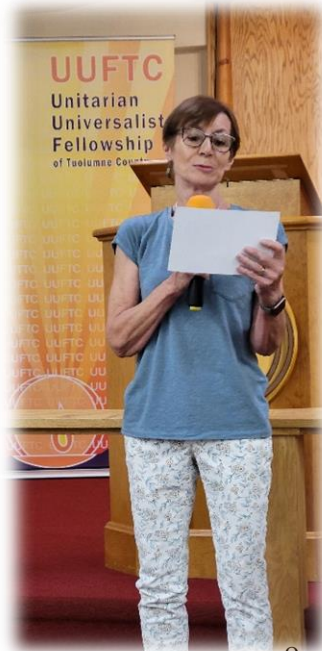
Congregation Responding



Larry Marum



Tom Spiritbringer



Suzanne Hennessy with Closing Words

New UUFTC Members



Suzanne Hennessy



Kathleen & Michael Griffith

Ann Knight & her dad Dave Jenkins on a morning walk at Dragoon Gulch

