

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 8, 2019

Officer of the Day: John Jaffray  
Listening Devices: Dan Reid

**SHARE THE OFFERING:** *Borders and Beyond Family Fund* supports UUCSR's Borders and Beyond Ministry which provides faithful accompaniment to asylum-seeking families. It helps families cover necessities such as legal and medical bills and additional costs associated with resettling in this area.

**UU PARENTING GROUP:** Beginning **September 10**, join us for this six-session group that meets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month. Led by psychologist, Dr. Barbara Kezur, the group is a supportive environment that explores parenting as Unitarian Universalists. Each participating family partners with another family to provide a meal for the group. Meals begin at 5:15 pm and the group runs from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free childcare is provided during group time. Please RSVP to Jen Freese at [dre@uusantarosa.org](mailto:dre@uusantarosa.org).

**ECODESK:** UU plant lovers and experts, stop by our table at the Sanctuary entrance after services to get inspired for fall planting. In September, the Montgomerys, plant lovers and habitat experts, are sharing their knowledge, urgency and inspiration: What we must do, what we can do, by planting our yards with climate and species survival in mind. Learn about relationships between planting and the larger eco-needs, benefits of native plants over drought tolerant plants, and backyard habitat creation. With games and quizzes for the young at heart. Also, we will take your old batteries for recycling. Bring to EcoDesk on Sundays, or drop off in bucket by front door during the week. Ask us about UUCSR's trash cans without liners. Or in which container to discard plates, cups, tissues (all cups in garbage, not recycle or compost!).

**CUUPS MEETING TUESDAY:** As John Muir said: *Society speaks and all men listen, mountains speak and wise men listen.* Are you listening? We are too. Join us Tuesday, **September 10**, from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Founders Room. For more information: [CUUPS@uusantarosa.org](mailto:CUUPS@uusantarosa.org) See you there. Blessed Be!

**CLIMATE HOPE TALK: Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 pm, after 11:00 Service. Come to hear Elaine Wellin, Ph.D. and Chair of Advocates for Social Justice (A4SJ) give a talk updating and expanding our understandings of Climate Change. The talk is based on work with Al Gore's global Climate Reality Project, with local perspectives from prominent climate scientist, Dr. Carl Mears. Elaine teaches Environmental Sociology at Sonoma State University. Renee Valentino will discuss our informative Eco-Desk project appearing weekly each Sunday.

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Rev. Chris' West County Theology Class** based on the UUA curriculum ***Faith like a River: Themes from UU History*** continues **Wednesdays, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No sign up necessary. Classes are held at the Common Room, Two Acre Wood, 680 Robinson Rd., Sebastopol. ***Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*** is a series that will examine pre-Judeo Christian cultures that may have worshiped the female as divine. The concepts of equality and reverence for the female in a religious setting are eye opening to many participants. (**Saturdays, 9/21-2/15**, 2- 4 p.m.). Another special September offering: ***Music and Meaning in the Movies***, taught by **Alan Bell**, shows how music actually creates meaning in a film. **Mondays, 9/30-11/4**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Sign up for classes at the RE table.**

**SAVE THE DATE/TIME: September 14**, 12 noon - 3:00 p.m., for the Women Together Annual Potluck Garden Party at Elaine Wellin's home.

**UU SATURDAY SAUNTERS:** Next walk is **September 14**. Bodega Bay: Pinnacle Gulch Trail. Out and back to a sandy beach south of Duran. Total distance less than 3 miles, mostly flat, some shady places on the trail, caves to find, flowers blooming along the trail, waves to watch. Dogs welcome on leash! Car pool starts in Cotati at the Park and Ride, 8600 Hwy 116, just west of the 101 Freeway at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, snacks, wind-friendly layers. Return about 1:00 pm. To sign up or get info, contact Gretchen P..

**SPIRIT MOVES, BODY MOVES – RESILIENCY IN ELDERHOOD:** Join us on the **first and third Wednesdays** from 1:00-2:00 (next session **September 18**) in the Founders Room. "Every experience I've had in my life is a resource in my body." Anna Halprin

**OLD AGE IS NOT FOR SISSIES:** This group for women who have already reached their 80th birthday is held in the Green Room on the **2nd and 4th Monday morning of each month** at 10:30 a.m. .We usually have an attendance of about 16, which should be too many, but we are all good listeners! Phyllis Clement.

**SILENT DRAWING AND WRITING MEDITATION GROUP:** Let your creative juices flow! **Friday afternoons** from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Board Room. Bring your supplies and ideas for two hours of peaceful connection with your muse. For more information contact Judy Hutchinson.

**.OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:** Our UU office volunteers are inviting you to join our team. Your time and energy is wanted and needed! There are a few **Friday AM** slots ready for you! Contact Bertha Jean, desk coordinator.

**THE UU UPDATE:** UUCSR monthly newsletter: Submissions for the following month are due **by noon the Monday which follows the 3rd Sunday**. Send to [newsletter@uusantarosa.org](mailto:newsletter@uusantarosa.org). Submissions for **October** newsletter are due by **12 pm Monday, September 16**.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORDER OF SERVICE INFORMATION** deadline is Wednesday at noon. Send to [announcements@uusantarosa.org](mailto:announcements@uusantarosa.org). WE HAVE ONLY 1 PAGE FOR ALL SO PLEASE BE BRIEF!