

Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento ~ Week of April 14 - 21, 2024

Sunday April 14

- 10:30am - Worship Service “Potluck Theology”**- Sanctuary Ministerial Intern Rosemary Dodd, preaching, with Rev. Roger, Worship Associate Courtney O’Neill, and *Stone Soup* enacted!
- 10:30am - Soul Kids - Contact: re@uuss.org for more info.**
- 10:30am - Junior High Youth Group (grades 6-8)** Contact: re@uuss.org
- 11:40am - Pledging for the 2024-25 budget.** Visit the Stewardship table for info, pledge forms & a treat!
- 11:45am - Newcomers Orientation & Tour** – meet at the Welcome Table (Childcare will continue till 1:00)
- **Justice & Equity conversation on hiatus until further notice.**

Monday April 15

- 10:00am - Lectio Divina poetry discussion with JoAnn Anglin.** Attend via Zoom at www.uuss.org/online. We will be back to our 1st & 3rd Monday schedule in March. All are welcome!

Tuesday April 16

- 10:00am - Ted’s Web Discussion Group** - Library. Political discussion group. In-person 1st & 3rd Tues. Online 2nd & 4th Tues. Contact: tedsweb@uuss.org for the Zoom link.
- 7:00pm - Theology on Tap** will be held at: Bike Dog, 915 Broadway Suite 20 next to Sellands & across the street from the original Sacramento Cemetery. More Parking at Target on Broadway/Riverside.
theologyontap@uuss.org

Wednesday April 17

- 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal – Fahs Room** All are welcome! For more info, contact anthony@uuss.org

Thursday April 18

- 9:30am - Keep Moving - Get Fit** Every Thursday - Covered Patio or Welcome Hall depending on weather. Sitting and standing exercises for seniors, with Shelley Burns, instructor. \$10 drop-in. adultenrichment@uuss.org

Sunday April 21

- 10:30am - All-ages Worship Service “Bowing to the Spirits of Nature: Let’s Visit a Shinto Shrine”**- Sanctuary Led by Rev. Dr. Roger Jones with Religious Education Coordinator Crystal Fountain, Ministerial Intern Rosemary Dodd, Worship Associates Celia Buckley and Andy Cramer.
- 10:30am - Soul Kids - Contact: re@uuss.org for more info.**
- 10:30am - Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12)** Contact: re@uuss.org
- 11:40am - Pledging for the 2024-25 budget.** Visit the Stewardship table for info, pledge forms & a treat!
- 12:00pm - Destroying Healthcare: Israel’s war on Gaza Hospitals.** Webinar in the Fahs Room. Flyers at Connections table. Snacks available. Letters to sign. UUJME sponsored. uujme@uuss.org

Staff and Minister Availability

Rev. Roger rjones@uuma.org Roger’s day off is Monday; study day is Friday. He is available for a pastoral appointment by phone or in person. **Pastoral Volunteers** are available for support by phone. Schedule an appointment with **Ministerial Intern Rosemary Dodd:** rosemary@uuss.org **Rev. Lucy is on sabbatical until June 1.**

Our office staff (office@uuss.org or 916-483-9283) are available to respond to your phone calls and emails weekdays 8:30-4:30. Religious Education Coordinator CrystalFountain@uuss.org. Pianist irina@uuss.org and Music Director anthony@uuss.org.

UU Coffee! Enjoy coffee created just for UUSS: Chalice Blend! Beans grown by women-owned cooperatives in Latin America, roasted by a cafe in Oakland. Fresh beans sold in the Sunday Bookstore or in the Office any weekday. \$15 a bag.

May Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 19, after church. We will be voting for church officers and approving next year’s budget. To do this we need enough members there to represent the congregation, so please plan to attend.

UUSS Birthdays-- Ministers & staff sign and send birthday cards to members & pledging friends if we have a date of birth (as well as to your children). Our new software gives a default of 1/2/2000 if there is not a known DOB. If you'd like a card on your real birthday, please send your info to elaine@uuss.org

Committed, Loving, Generous--Our pledge drive goes from April 7 to 21. If we achieve at least a 15% overall increase in commitments for the 2024-25 budget, UUSS can compensate our staff members generously and achieve the fair compensation guidelines urged by our denomination. Visit our Stewardship table after service to learn more, get a pledge form, or pledge [securely online](https://uuss.org/stewardship) at uuss.org/stewardship.

UUA Pacific Western Region Assembly-- Fri., April 19 6-9pm & Sat., April 20 9-4pm Online: THREADS THAT CONNECT, STORIES THAT INSPIRE. Keynote: Rev. Dr. Sofia Bettencourt, UUA President. Connect with fellow UUs in Denver. \$25-75 on a sliding scale. If interested, contact us soon! Jon Peterson at church or email Sally Wilkins at familypromise@uuss.org

Sandwich Brigade date for April is Wed., April 17. Please have your lunches to UUSS by 10am. Lunches should include: PBJ sandwich (in ziplock bag), a fruit (no apples, please), a granola bar or cookie and a bottle of water which may be packed separately. We need 5 more lunch makers; if you'd like to support this cause, please bring 10-15 lunches to UUSS at the above time. Contact: Sally Wilkins familypromise@uuss.org Thank you. To date we've provided 10,900 sandwiches. You're terrific.

Sunday Morning Programs at UUSS

Join us before the service at 9:30 AM at UUSS

- **First Sunday Labyrinth meditation - Meadow**
Next: May 5
- **Second Sunday** - Justice and Equity Orientation is on hiatus until further notice.
- **Third Sunday** - Qi Gong/Tai Chi Next: April 21 (Fahs Room)
- **Fourth Sunday** - Exploring UUism Next: April 28 (Fahs Room)

Our Community Partner for April NorCal Resist

Ways to Donate to the Shared Offering

- Text your amount to (916) 619-0903 (a first-time setup is required, but after that it's very easy)
- Online: Visit uuss.org/donate
- Credit card: Call the church office – (916) 483-9283
- Mail a check to UUSS, 2425 Sierra Blvd, Sac 95825

Coming Up

Afghan Dinner-Sunday, May 5, 6:00 pm--To benefit 30 parents and children from Afghanistan (supported by Refugee Support Team). The cooks among them will prepare a traditional Afghan meal to return our hospitality. Tickets \$30 or more per adult; \$5-\$10 per child/youth. Tickets or cash donations will help with legal asylum fees, rent, etc. Also seeking donations of summer clothes for 21 kids. Visit our Sunday table or email us: refugeesupport@uuss.org

People of Color Caucus Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays this spring: April 25 & May 23, 11:00 -12:30pm in person (Fahs Room) May 9 from 6 to 7:30 pm on Zoom

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Our May community Partner, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is holding their annual walk-a-thon, NAMIWalks, on May 4 starting at Land Park to raise funds for the local NAMI chapter. Sign up in the Welcome Hall on April 21 and 28 to walk with Team UUSS.

All-Ages Camp at Camp Norge in the Sierra

June 28 - 30, 2024 Save the dates! camp@uuss.org

Registration is now open! See the Weekly Message email for the registration link as well as cost and other information!