Upcoming Sunday Services

September 3: Water Communion  
*Rev. Elena Rose Vera, Worship Leader*

The waters of the world cycle through spring and cloud, river and sea, lake and dew, through living creatures and our own bodies. Join Rev. Elena Rose Vera as we celebrate the Unitarian Universalist tradition of Water Communion, where we bring together the waters of our own lives as tributaries to a great shared reservoir of community. Please feel welcome to bring a vessel of water from somewhere you have visited or that is of personal significance to you.

*Please note also that Rev. Elena will meet with visitors and prospective members of BFUU in the lobby after the service, from 12:15 to 1:15PM.*

September 10: Helpers and Heroes: the Sept. 11th Legacy  
*Holly Harwood, Lay Worship Leader*

During a disaster, a time when most people are frozen in shock, the helpers and heroes jump into action. Where does their courage come from? In the aftermath of terrorism, how do we turn our grief and rage into effective action for peace? How do we keep from hating? How do we heal? We will explore these questions as we remember the heroes and helpers of Sept. 11th.

September 17: Spiritual Sentence  
*Rev. Marsh Agobert, Worship Leader*

What is sentience? It was once thought, in the western world at least, to be the dividing line between humans and all other living creatures (save God, for those who accepted that possibility). Are WE the only sentient beings on earth? Is there even one more species that is sentient in our galaxy, or perhaps in the vastness of The Universe? Are WE sentient? Do you care? If you’re curious, show up for this. If you’re not the least bit curious...well, maybe there’s a good reason for that too.

September 24: *Claire Eustace, Guest Worship Leader*

We all benefit from play! Some of us recovering or still serious people need tools to help us integrate more play into our daily lives. This participatory service will include forms learned through InterPlay workshops. InterPlay is an affirmative movement and storytelling modality that helps integrate body, mind, and spirit. Practicing InterPlay forms is one way to counter stress and cynicism so that we can be strong warriors for peace.
We Welcome You. Are you an early bird? Come for early coffee and socializing, and help us prepare the Hall for worship. Mingle afterwards and visit the Welcome Table to sign cards, volunteer a dish for Second Sunday Potluck, and see what’s coming up in the life of our Fellowship. Or just say hello! We’re always happy to see you -- newcomers, old-timers, and everyone in between!

We Need You. We welcome donations of snacks and finger foods on Sunday, as well as heartier dishes for Second Sunday potluck. (Next Potluck is Sept. 10.) Remember to include a list of ingredients so all may enjoy safely. We often need extra hands in the kitchen: setting out goodies, and retrieving stray cups as we’re winding down, are just a couple of ways to pitch in.

We Need Each Other Most of All. A warm greeting means a lot. Talk to people. It’s good to be together.

Have questions or want to talk? See Elinor Roberts or Kathy Riehle after the service.

BFUU Board of Trustees - Officers

The BFUU Board of Trustees elected officers for FY 2017-2018 comprise:

**Doug Chambers** will continue as President.
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**Elayne Ryder** will continue as Vice President.
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**Judith Granada-Dewey** (Alt) will continue as Treasurer.
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Jeff Palmer continues as Board Member
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Elinor Roberts (Alt) continues as Board Member (Alt)
BOTElinor@bfuu.org.

Soon, we will have Board of Trustees info on the website!
Notes from the Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam

Hi everyone, what a great time we had Friday night the 11th of August at out Jam session. We had a record turn out of 19 music lovers. Participants consisted of several of our regulars, which we are always happy to see, as well as some long time friends of Doug’s from his school days in Massachusetts, how fun!

Members of our fast growing Ukulele Club joined us, we went around the circle taking turns and, as we did this, everyone else joined in to play along. It was great. We not only had music, but a few poets were present and shared their poetry with the group.

Of course our wonderful Christine Dickson prepared fantastic dishes to be shared by all.

If you missed this event please join us in September on the 8th.

Be happy, smile and play some music!

Regular Committee Meetings

Aesthetics(Subcom. of B&G) 1st Wednesday at noon in the Benjy Room
Buildings & Grounds Meets once per month, contact Ben Burch
Caring 4th Sunday at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Committee on Ministry Meets as needed, contact Abbot Foote
Finance 3rd Thursday at 4:30 PM in the Fireside Room
Hospitality, 4th Sunday at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Membership 4th Sunday at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
Music 1st Sunday 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
Poetry Committee Meets as needed contact Holly Harwood

Social Justice 1st & 3rd Sunday 12:30 PM in the Preschool Room
Sunday Svc 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Preschool Kitchen
Transition Berkeley Presents: Open Meeting & Discussion

**“REPORTING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD”**

**SHARING WISDOM AND SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TRANSITION BERKELEY - JOIN US!**

*Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 PM refreshments, 7 PM program, in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.*

**Transition Berkeley** member **Bonnie Boruki**, will share insights from the US National Gathering in St. Paul, MN on approaches from different Transition Towns.

**Transition Movement founder Rob Hopkins** highlights the successes of the movement in his address to the conference.

**Standing Rock leaders Phyllis Young** and **Pearl Means** share inspiration via video.

**Berkeley Transition Steering Committee** member **Ayako Nagano** will report on the Transition work she witnessed going on in Cambridge, England this summer, while on sabbatical with her family. With a clearer view of what the Transition Movement can be around the world, we’ll invite everyone to envision what they would like the future of Transition Berkeley to be and how they can be part of it. What new films would you like to see, what projects can we get involved with, how can we best influence our local government, businesses and organizations? Let’s tap into the collective genius of ordinary people working together.

This event is sponsored by: Transition Berkeley and BFUU SJC. Email: info@transitionberkeley.com

Suggested Donation: $5-20 to cover event costs. No one turned away for lack of funds!

Bring: A healthy vegetarian snack to share at 6:30 pm if you like!

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**Hardly Strictly Acoustic Jam**

*Friday, September 8 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall—1924 Cedar St.*

Join us for BFUU’s new jam session format. Come sit in our circle, share music, songs, poetry, excerpts from your new book, jokes and stories. We welcome all entertainers and entertainees to fill the Hall with performance, connection and appreciations for all forms of art.

Suggested donations of $5 – $20

No one turned away for lack of funds! Volunteers appreciated!

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**Conscientious Projector for the 99% Presents A Special Film**

*Thursday, September 14 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.*

Our social justice committee stalwarts have a great idea for a film and speaker and are trying to make it happen! Hopefully, it will be finalized by the time you read this. Please check [www.bfuu.org/events](http://www.bfuu.org/events)

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**Ordination of Tom McAninley**

*Saturday, September 23 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM – BFUU Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.*

Ordinations are a milestone marking the culmination of a faith journey that an individual and a congregation have taken together. Tom McAninley, his mentors, family, fellow political activists, and longtime friends will join The Berkeley Fellowship Of Unitarian Universalists in joyfully celebrating Tom's ordination to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. A social hour featuring food and fellowship will follow.
A Night for the Buffalo: Buffalo Field Campaign
Friday, September 29 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall—1924 Cedar St.
Marking 2 decades of front line action for the wild buffalo, the Buffalo Field Campaign 2017 Roadshow is coming to the Bay Area with a special 20th anniversary presentation. Co-founder Mike Mease brings engaging stories and films straight from the field, in the land of the buffalo, with music by Native American fluitist Mignon Geli and special guests.
This event benefits the Buffalo Field Campaign.
Sliding scale at the door—no one turned away for lack of funds.
Sponsored by BFUU, Earth First! and the Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters
Info: 510-548-3113; bach@headwaterspreserve.org; buffalofieldcampaign.org
The mission of the Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC) is to stop the harassment and slaughter of Yellowstone’s last wild buffalo herds; protect the natural habitat of wild, free-roaming buffalo and other native wildlife; and work with all people—especially Indigenous Nations—to honor and protect the sacredness of the wild buffalo.

Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events

T’ai Chi & Qi Gong with Gene Herman - No class on Labor Day Mon 9/4
Mondays, 4-5 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.
Wednesdays, 3-4 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.
This practice improves health and well-being at any age.

BFUU Choir Practice and Neighborhood Sing!
Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Preschool Kitchen – 1606 Bonita Ave.
We learn songs and arrangements (7-8pm), then sing those songs and others informally together (8-8:30pm). Join us for either or both parts of the evening! Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Elders Circle
Tuesday, September 5 at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.
The BFUU Elders Circle meets at 11:00 AM on first Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall.

Orientation for Newcomers
First Sundays at 12:15 PM (after service) in the lobby of Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.
The Rev. Elena Rose Vera conducts an orientation for newcomers after service on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall lobby. All are welcome, whether or not you are considering membership.

BFUU Second Sundays Potluck*
Sunday, September 10 after service (12:30 PM) in Fellowship Hall– 1924 Cedar St.
Come one, come all! Whether you have a dish to share* or not, we invite you to join us as we break bread in the spirit of loving community. If you can, please help us set up tables and chairs before and put them away afterward. In between, join in the bounty provided by members and friends. Members, friends, neighbors, and the wider community are welcome!
*If you bring a dish, please also bring a printed list of all ingredients so those with allergies, interactions and dietary restrictions can enjoy the dishes they can eat and avoid those they can’t eat.
Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events, continued

BFUU Writers Groups
1-Sunday, September 10 at 12:30 PM in the Preschool Room – 1606 Bonita Ave. no animals
2-Sunday, September 24 at 12:30 PM in the Preschool Room – 1606 Bonita Ave. service animals

Wheelchair accessible. Beginners welcome! Group 1 (2nd Sundays) is for those who are allergic to animals, and/or don’t need to bring service dogs. Group 2 (4th Sundays) allows service animals. We include all levels and genres. After a 7-minute writing exercise, we write for an agreed-upon period of time. Then we read our work aloud and give each other positive feedback.

BFUU Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Other Community Events held at BFUU

Women & Song, a women’s singing group
Directed by Deborah “DJ” Hamouris
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30pm, Preschool Kitchen, 1606 Bonita Ave.
$20-$10, sliding scale

Women & Song are looking for a few good women to sing & laugh with us! At each rehearsal we learn traditional and contemporary songs & rounds, including some originals. Women & Song have been meeting regularly for over a decade and welcome new singers. If you can hold your own on a round or maybe read a bit of music, you’re welcome!

Reserve your space! 510/910-2574 or deborahj@dhamouris.com

UU Wider Community Events

The Justice Council and Young Adults of First Unitarian Church in Oakland invite you to a film showing on Tuesday September 12th at 8PM in Wendte Hall (685 14th St. Oakland.)

Indivisible: Love Knows No Borders is an award winning feature-length documentary film about the people at the heart of our nation’s immigration debate and the fight to reunite families separated by deportation.

Donation requested. No one turned away! RSVP: oakland-indivisible.eventbrite.com

You are welcome to attend just the movie. We also encourage you to consider joining us for any part of the evening’s activities:

6pm: Community Dinner: Taco Tuesday! Optional: bring a side to share.
6:45: A simple and soulful worship service.
7:30: Black Lives Matter vigil led by Pastor Jacqueline on the front patio.
7:45: Our guest speaker will say a few words before the movie.
8pm: INDIVISIBLE: Love Knows No Borders

For questions or more information, please contact Helen Duffy: helenmarieduffy@gmail.com or Michelle Ma: m.michelle.ma@gmail.com
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### Monday September 4 Labor Day
**BFUU Office CLOSED**
No BFUU Qigong/T'ai Chi Class
Spiritual Growth and Social Justice in the Heart of Berkeley

Building character, enriching spirits, promoting community, and serving humankind through spiritual growth and social action.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT COMMUNICATOR: September 20
Please email newsletter@bfuu.org with submissions.

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