**Upcoming Sunday Services**

**June 7: Gather the Spirit**
Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Worship Leader

Water is a great gift, and we in California are in the midst of a time of necessary reflection about how we use water, and who has access to it. This is a practical and an ethical spiritual question, and this summer the Sunday School will be studying "stewardship and water as critical at every level of being, from self to universe." In this inter-generational service, we will share with you the beginning of this spiritual and practical journey and introduce opportunities for community, connection, and service at a congregation-wide level.

**June 14: Science, Religion, and Post-Materialism**
Iarens imanyuel, Worship Leader

Unitarian Universalists may continue to lead theologically by helping to define the relationship between science and religion in an emerging post-materialist era. The Earth will play a fundamental mathematical role as historical home of the observers, undermining the philosophical dominance of physics and technology as the producers of material wealth.

**June 21: Father’s Day**
Douglas Chambers, Jeff Palmer, and Dan Cunningham, Worship

BFUU will celebrate Father’s Day by having three fathers from our congregation speak about how being a UU has enhanced and deepened their parenting and given them support and resources to have a fuller, richer life with their children and partners. As we are blessed with at least two musician fathers, they will play songs expressing their feelings about being a father.

**June 28: Pride Service**
Dominic Jeffries, Worship Leader

Sunday, June 28th is Pride Sunday in San Francisco. Our congregation is recognizing this by having speakers from our congregation talk about their experiences as LGBT, etc people. The service will be led by Dominic Jeffries, a trans man with a fluid sexual orientation. Our guest musician is Lauren Hotchkiss.
Dear BFUU Members and Friends,

We are in the midst of many changes. The Board of Trustees is dedicated to helping to stabilize and reorganize the affairs of the Fellowship, so that we can move forward.

The BFUU Board of Trustees wishes to assure you of the following facts:

1. Every single member of our current board is dedicated to ensuring a solid future for BFUU.
2. We love BFUU and appreciate our rich history.
3. Our ability to stand firm in the face of difficulty is one that our congregation was built on, which started with our unwillingness to give in to the House Un-American Activities Committee, and traces its roots and dedication to justice back as far as the Underground Railroad and beyond.
4. There have been times when our congregation has been less than transparent and open. We are dedicated to an environment of democracy, health, and wholeness, grounded by our principles and founded in our sources.

In the interest of transparency and clarity, the next section addresses the following:

First, we would like to confirm the minister’s resignation and the resignation of Susan Singh as Board President.

Second, we want to provide the results of the Emergency Board Meeting, including the Board of Trustee’s selection and appointment of trustee and officers to handle the vacancies created by Susan Singh’s resignation.

Third, we want to provide an idea of how we intend to move forward as your newly constituted Board of Trustees.

I. RESIGNATIONS OF REVEREND THERESA AND BOARD PRESIDENT SUSAN SINGH:

Reverend Theresa emailed notice of her resignation on Friday, May 1st. Her final day in the office was May 14th.

On Monday, May 4th, our Board of Trustees President Susan Singh resigned from the Board of Trustees and from BFUU membership. Her resignation was effective on that date.

II. EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015:

On Thursday, May 7th, vice president/acting president Pam Norton called an emergency BOT meeting to address the resignations of Reverend Theresa and BOT President Susan Singh. BFUU members and friends were invited to participate in an open comment session to express their hopes and fears about BFUU’s current position and transition. Thank you all for the amazing
turnout – over 25 BFUU members and friends attended. We are so very glad to be part of such a concerned and dedicated congregation and community. At this meeting, the BOT also conducted the selection and appointment of the offices of BOT president, vice president, and alternate. Minutes of that meeting will be available at our next Congregational Meeting, if not before.

Board of Trustee replacement/appointments:

Article VI, Section C of our bylaws requires that the Board of Trustees appoint a temporary replacement whenever there is a vacancy on the Board. During the emergency Board meeting, the Board also voted for president and vice-president positions in open session. During our executive session, the Board also selected a temporary replacement for Board alternate position, as one alternate was selected to take the vacated trustee position.

Our BFUU Board of Trustees is now constituted as such:

Pam Norton, President  Lis Schultz-Allen, Trustee
Doug Chambers, Vice President  Syl Scherzer, Alternate
Ben Burch, Treasurer  Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Alternate
Holly Harwood, Recording Secretary and Trustee

III. MOVING FORWARD

Changes in the new fiscal year:

Ben Burch’s term as board member will end on June 30th. When the new BOT is constituted in July 2015, the board will appoint a new treasurer.

Rocky Morrison, who was elected as trustee to the Board at our annual congregational meeting and whose term would have begun in July 2015, has communicated that he will take a break from congregational life, though he and his husband, Dan Tussey, remain members of BFUU.

Permanent replacements for board vacancies:

According to Article VI, Section C, all mid-term replacement appointments “shall extend only to the next Congregational meeting, whichever comes first, Annual, Semi-Annual or Special. At that time the appointee or other nominees selected by the Nominating Committee may stand for election to the unexpired portion of the term.”

The Board will determine when and if to call a special congregational meeting for the congregation as a whole to vote on the vacated positions of trustee and alternate, which are currently temporarily filled until a congregational vote. Discussion of that topic will be on the agenda of our next Board meeting on Thursday, May 28th.

In faith and love,

Your BFUU Board of Trustees

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**Community Voices**

**Singing on the Journey**

“So high you can’t get over it
So low you can’t get under it
So wide you can’t get around it
You must come in at the door”

Words of wisdom in the old songs sung by people together in groups in communities singing truth seeking solace on the shared journey through life to a better world they see though they may never get there said Martin Luther King

The vision of that world is a force more powerful than the might of armies the possession of property the wealth of a few

The vision, the dream of that world keeps people together on the path of life as they gather in communities of many faiths sing together in the search for meaning for strength, for the journey towards a world where no one will go hungry and there will be food and water and blessed rest on the long, winding road of life.

**Marianne Robinson**

**Social Justice Action Report**

April 29 2015 is International Solidarity Day for Gaza.

On that day, I took a BART ride into San Francisco, for the 4 p.m. action at the Israeli Consulate. I arrived for what seemed an underwhelming action; the crowd number about 40 people. We were actually outnumbered by San Francisco Police Department.

Pro-Israel demonstrators were again conspicuous by their absence.

Jewish Voice for Peace was the main group present. A couple of clergymen from unknown denominations were present; one of whom was wearing his collar and stole. Some of us had signs or banners. Also present was a lone Vietnam era Navy veteran representing Veterans for Peace, carrying the dove banner.

This action was more like a silent vigil, though we did receive honks of support from passing drivers.

**Seon O'Neill**

**Climate Change**

Fossil fuels propelling ships, planes, etc. cause climate change or “global warming,” right? Using local products would use less fuel as it takes less to convey them to the East Bay. Examples: something shipped from Vermont uses more fuel than something shipped from Mendocino, something shipped from Chile uses more fuel than something shipped from Gilroy.

**Ardys DeLu**
The Fellowship Hall (1924 Cedar St) is accessible by a ramp on the Bonita Avenue side of the Hall. The Preschool Room is only reservable by BFUU groups and is accessible on the ground level of our Religious Education Building (1606 Bonita Ave). At this time the Connie Barbour, Fireside, and Benjy Rooms on the second floor of our Religious Education Building (1606 Bonita Ave) are not wheelchair accessible.

Screening the Green Film Series: “Your Environmental Road Trip”
Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.

Wondering what else you can do to save water besides collecting it in the shower? Saving water helps save energy too! Rising Sun Energy Center will offer a short presentation to talk about the Energy Upgrade California program, and share energy- and water-saving tips you can use in your home. You will also learn about free services, rebates, and incentives available to homeowners and renters who take action to save water and energy. Bring your questions!

Then sit back and armchair travel along with three curious folks as they search for sustainable solutions across the United States in the light-hearted documentary, “Your Environmental Road Trip (Y.E.R.T.)”

Please bring plastic-free snacks to share if you’d like to. This event is co-sponsored by Transition Berkeley, BFUU’s Social Justice Committee and Rising Sun Energy.

Suggested Donation $5 - $20. No one turned away for lack of funds.

No Nukes: Shut Diablo Canyon! Update - Harvey Wasserman
Sunday June 7, 7 - 9 PM in the Connie Barbour Room– 1606 Bonita Ave.

Harvey Wasserman returns to the Bay Area with an update on shutting Diablo Canyon, California's last nuclear plant, situated near 13 earthquake faults and in a tsunami zone! PG&E is operating the plant in violation of California and federal regulations, putting us all in danger.

Come find out the latest in the campaign to shut Diablo, transition to solar, and join with the anti-fracking movement to make California clean and green.

Refreshments, video and music: Vic Sadot's video "No Nuke Blues, Fukushima Update" and sing-along to "Solartopia." Suggested donations of $5 – $10 are welcome.

Healing the Next Generation in the Middle East: The Syrian Refugee Crisis Today and Tomorrow
Tuesday, June 9 at 6 PM reception, 7 PM speaker/presentation in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.

An opportunity for those interested to learn first-hand the true size and depth of the humanitarian crisis of millions of Syrian refugees in the Middle East. Learn what is being done on-the-ground to provide direct emergency health care services to help tens of thousands of refugees heal from the trauma of over 4 years of violence and war, and what is needed to continue and expand this life-saving work. Steve Olweean, Director of Common Bond Institute and President of the International Humanistic Psychology Association, will share the first-hand experience in Jordan since 2013. Details on the trauma training program and disaster field clinics can be found at: www.cbiworld.org/home/training/shc/ - or contact at: SOlweean@aol.com. Suggested donations of $5 – $10 are welcome.
**Featured BFUU Events**

**Conscientious Projector Film Series: “The Vanishing City”**
*Thursday, June 11 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.*

The Vanishing City (3:33) Trailer for the movie uploaded on Feb 21, 2010 at The Vanishing City YouTube Channel. This movie tells the story of the many struggles for neighborhood communities against "urban renewal" displacement by the collusion of corporate and city planners. The story is told through the eyes of tenants, city planners, business owners, scholars, and politicians, The Vanishing City exposes the real politic behind the alarming disappearance of New York’s beloved neighborhoods, the truth about its finance-dominated economy, and the myth of inevitable change. Artfully documented through interviews, hearings, demonstrations, and archival footage, the film takes a sober look at the city’s luxury policies and high-end development, the power role of the elite, and accusations of corruption surrounding land use and rezoning. The film also links New York trends to other global cities where multinational corporations continue to victimize the middle and working classes.

Suggested Donation $5 - $20. No one turned away for lack of funds.

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**BFUU Open Mic with Featured Artist Scott Clark**
*Friday, June 12 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall—1924 Cedar St.*

Join us for BFUU’s monthly Open Mic night! First come, first choice of 10-minute slots, available all evening or until the slots fill up. Featured Artist(s) perform around 8:30 PM.

Scott Clark started singing and playing for fun as a teenager in response to the folk songs he was hearing. He did some busking while traveling around Europe in the mid-sixties. Scott is drawn to ballads and love songs, which make up the majority of his repertoire. He says, “Music keeps me sane so I play at a lot of jams around the Bay Area for fun. When you play music, you have to be fully present to create a good song. Being fully present is a central goal in my life, and music is a way of "practicing" presence.”

Host for the Evening: Dan Cunningham. Dan Cunningham has been working as a blues and rock singer since the early 70’s, and in the process has become an accomplished guitarist. Rooted in the blues and old-school R&B, Dan has branched out in recent years into other musical genres, namely jazz standards, urban folk, and classic rock. Dan is a talented vocalist who carries traces of his many musical influences in his still-powerful tenor. His musical home is the blues, and you’ll hear that in everything he sings.

Suggested donations of $5 – $20 will support the work of the Social Justice Committee. No one turned away for lack of funds! Volunteers appreciated!
Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events

T’ai Chi & Qi Gong with Gene Herman

*Mondays, 4-5 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.*
*Wednesdays, 4-5 PM in the Connie Barbour Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.*

This practice improves health and well-being at any age.

Escalating Inequality -- Addressing the Issue

*Tuesday June 2 and Tuesday June 16, 5 PM in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.*

Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall: with set-up from 5 to 5:15 PM; pot luck from 5:15 to 6 PM. Study/working groups from 6-8 PM…which gives us plenty of time to arrive home before dark.

Elders Circle

*Tuesday June 2, 11 AM in Fellowship Hall–1924 Cedar St.*
The BFUU Elders’ Circle meets at 11:00 AM on First Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall.

BFUU SpiritUUal Contemporaries

*Thursday June 4, 7 PM in the Benjy Room–1606 Bonita Ave.*

SpiritUUal Contemporaries at BFUU, an open covenant group for self-defined middle adults, welcomes those who would like to experience open covenant small-group worship. Please contact Nanci Armstrong-Temple, fraggle94@gmail for more information.

Wind Song West Cafe

*Friday June 5, Noon in the Fireside Room—1606 Bonita Ave.*

Join us to share music, poetry, and discussion

Suggested donations of $5 – $10 are welcome.

Exploring Unitarian Universalism

*Sunday June 7 “Social Justice”, Sunday June 14 “Membership” noon lunch, class starts at 12:30 in the Connie Barbour Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.*

Exploring Unitarian Universalism is a series of six 90-minute workshops addressing important themes in Unitarian Universalist Congregational life. The June classes finish up the series. We’ll enjoy a light vegetarian lunch at noon, class begins at 12:30.

BFUU Second Sundays Potluck

*Sunday June 14, after service (around 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 to join us.
Recurring/Ongoing BFUU Events

Pub Theology
Friday June 19, 7:00 PM at Au Coquelet (2000 University Ave., Berkeley)

BFUU’s young adult group meets monthly at Au Coquelet. Please contact Lincoln Statler lincolnstatler@gmail.com for more information.

BFUU Board Meeting
Thursday June 25, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Wordswell Writing Workshop
Sunday June 28, 12:30 PM in the Fireside Room – 1606 Bonita Ave.

Have you written before? Or always wanted to write more? This group will support and encourage you to write.
Suggested donation per class: BFUU pledging members $5, non-members $10. Half of the money goes to BFUU and half to Wordswell, a non-profit for writing.

Other Community Events held at BFUU

Jazz in the Neighborhood: Pamela Rose Quartet
Friday, June 19, 8-10 PM in Fellowship Hall – 1924 Cedar St.

Jazz in the Neighborhood is proud to present the Pamela Rose Quartet, with Pamela Rose on vocals, joined by some of her fabulous Wild Women players Tammy Hall on piano, Ruth Davies on bass, special guest Allison Miller on drums. Pamela Rose will be bringing her favorite blend of jazz, blues and original music to the stage. Pamela Rose is a San Francisco jazz and blues vocalist who thrills audiences locally and internationally with her swinging, soulful style. Rose is that rare breed of entertainer who connects solidly with her audience by always delivering a personal and unforgettable musical experience.

General Admission $20 / Students $5  http://jazzintheneighborhood.org/
Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pamela-rose-and-a-few-wild-women-tickets-17022051414

Katrina's Dreamers
Enrollment open now for classes June 15 - August 13, 2015

Katrina Dreamer’s innovative summer classes help students get ahead in the new school year, manage stress, and gain confidence. She combines engaging instruction, mindfulness, and experiential exercises and offers classes in writing or surviving transition years for students off to middle school, high school, or college. Classes start at $250. Sessions offered 6/15 through 8/13.

To learn more/sign up: katrina@katrinadreamer.com  510-761-8047  www.katrinadreamer.com
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**UU General Assembly is coming up June 24-28 in Portland Oregon! The theme for 2015 is “Building a New Way.”** [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

**BFUU Food Survey:** To better serve the congregation, the Hospitality Committee would like to know your dietary needs. This survey will help us plan meals and refreshments. Hard copies will be available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings and in the office. The survey is completely anonymous.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRVB266](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NRVB266)
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