

# DIALOGUE

*Inspired by our UU principles, we are a vibrant, intentionally diverse congregation that models and promotes both locally and globally: love, spiritual growth, service, right relations, and sustainable living.*



## “Religious Diversity at UUFSD”

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# Rev Ellie's Corner



Beloved members and friends at UUFSD,

What an incredible year it has been! As a congregation, we've done a huge amount of work on the future of our beloved community. We launched and completed a whole phase of our capital campaign to make our parking lot accessible to emergency vehicles (a precondition for renovating our amphitheater). Our hope is that construction will begin in October or November. The renovation of our administration building is nearing completion as well.

We also underwent a visioning journey, where we shared stories that exemplified the core values of UUFSD. The board did incredible work to distill those values into a drafted mission statement, and next year, we look forward to diving deeper into that draft so that together we can determine our mission and tangible goals as a community. We also discussed the Unitarian Universalist Association's drafted bylaws change at length, led by our wonderful Article II task force. Our community voted against the drafted change, and although I personally was disappointed with the outcome, I could not be more proud of our community for the compassionate and love filled process that we embodied to get there.

As we look into the new year, my hope is that we can focus more on cultivating leadership and nourishing our community. I am so excited for the opportunities ahead. Thank you for a wonderful year, and I will see you all again in August.

Blessings and Love,

Rev. Ellie Kilpatrick (she/her)

# Our Values In Action

**Stick with our Principles and Sources? Or move to new Values and Covenants? That is the question. May 5, 2024**



Article II of the UUA bylaws contains the core of our faith—our "Principles" and "Sources". A dramatic revision to Article II will be voted on this June at the UUA General Assembly. The revision replaces our "Principles" with "Values and Covenant"—Interdependence, Equity, Justice, Generosity, Pluralism, and Transformation, with specific Covenants to action for each Value. Our Six "Sources" are eliminated and replaced by a paragraph about "Inspiration."



On May 5, after the service, Rich MacDonald ("YES" to revision) and Mark Tuller ("NO") faced off in an epic battle of reasons and rhetoric! After the debate the congregation began a confidential voting process that will ultimately determine if our UUFSD delegates to GA will vote for or against the revision. The voting process was open through May, and we encouraged every member to cast their vote.

There were three ways to vote.

1. After Sunday Service each week in May at the ballot box
2. Mail in ballots: On the paper write YES if you want the changes to Article II approved. Write NO if you oppose the changes. You may also just write ABSTAIN.
3. Send an email with your vote to ArticleII@UUFSD.org and we will act as your proxy.

**The results:** UUFSD has spoken. Our vote on support for the UUA article 2 revision proposal is complete. 50% of our members submitted a ballot. Of those:

56 voted no, do not change article 2 at this time

23 voted yes, use the new submitted text

9 abstained

The UUFSD delegates will vote at GA against changing Article 2.



# Our Values In Action

## Fill a Belly - An Opportunity to Get Involved - April, May and June 2024



Fill A Belly is a program of the Social Justice Action Homeless Project. Once a month, we serve the meals and then serve ourselves, as we join and interact with our guests. We encourage UUFSD members and friends and UUFSD social groups and committees to sign up. Our Fellowship serves a dinner every 4th Thursday of each month, with the exception of November and December, when we serve on the 3rd Thursday of those months. **Look for sign ups in the core area every month.**

In April, the Sacred Circle facilitated by Linda Pratt along with other UUFSD members and friends provided an abundant meal to approximately 40 guests. In May and June, we served over 45 guests.

We also encourage members and friends to bring clothing, shoes, backpacks and other accessories for distribution.

**Thank you to our participants for April, May & June:** Linda Pratt, Michele Fergoda, Kathleen Dewhurst, Jon Strauss, Mike Worthen, Dorie, Linda Luisi and Ted Foster, Greg Brown, Betsy Gilpin, Norma Showalter, Beth Cormier, Donna Gerhauser, Louise Garrett, Beth Cormier, Sara Ohara, Kenneth Kales, Julia Darling, Marty Vogel, Nancy McCharen & Dave Bellama, Livia Walsh & Irv Himelblau, Bill Paxton, Mary & Vic Dooghe, Nancy Ronig and Greg Trigeiro



## Sacred Space - Safe Space, Sunday, April 21



**Members laying the foundation to Founders Hall**

The weekend of April 20-21, 2024 brought a sense of healing, wholeness, and transformation. The auction/party brought people together in person for a fun and fruitful evening. Many volunteers made it possible, and folks who haven't been seen at the Fellowship for a while returned to be part of the community. The Sunday sermon was a powerful restatement of the Passover story in the context of the horror of Gaza, and a call to remember that we were all strangers once and our home needs to be open to everyone. There was great attendance at the Forum on the Future of the Fellowship.

Lisa Shaffer gave an update on all we've accomplished in the last 10 years since we began the process of upgrading our campus and announced that we are ready to proceed with the next phase in September if we have the financial commitment of the congregation. This will bring needed safety, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements that are requirements before we can finish the task and enhance the amphitheater with accessible walkways and ramps, a new kiosk, and restrooms.

# Our Values In Action



Tricia Smith, who was 9 years old when her parents helped start UUFSD, recounted some of the history of this “can-do” congregation, including the decision to start with an amphitheater, since “it never rains on Sundays” according to her mother, Dorothea Smith. Tricia teared up remembering how important this congregation has been to her family, and how her UU values have been passed on to her children and grandchildren.



Caroline DeMar described her feeling of being in a cathedral when she sits in our amphitheater. She was the donor who started us on a campus renovation program more than 10 years ago. She has made generous donations and implored us to finally get the job done.

Finally, Jon Host shared the story of his uncle, who committed suicide because he did not fit the expectations of his family and society’s rules. This led Jon’s father to ensure that his children would grow up in an accepting, inclusive community at First UU in San Diego where his uncle’s name is on the memorial wall. Jon is passing this on to his young family as members of UUFSD.

Lisa reminded us that we are a “can-do” congregation and we can get this done. Check out the latest updates at the “Sacred Space, Safe Space” web page at <https://uufsd.org/giving/capital-campaign-2024/>

## We’ve come a long way! In the last 10 years ...

**From dirt parking lot to permeable pavement- RE Classrooms upgraded and made safe - Kitchen remodeled to remove mold and improve functionality and safety - Existing bathrooms expanded - Founders Hall east end extension; folding wall; screens - Administration building total do-over (Phase 1) - New concrete entry stairs - FEMA safety improvements - Bridge renovation**

### Before



### After

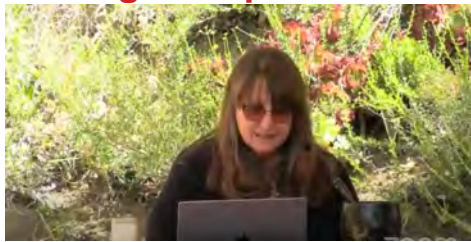


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# Our Values in Action

## Uniting in Hope for Climate Harmony - Sunday, April 28 - Service & Luncheon



Janis Selby Jones, is an educator, artist, and activist who advocates for common-sense single-use plastic reduction policies across San Diego County was the main speaker for the Sunday service. As a teacher-consultant with the San Diego Area Writing Project, Janis is involved in climate change lesson development at both the local and state levels, and she supports K-8 teachers as they infuse environmental literacy across the curriculum. Janis is also a [Surfrider Foundation](#) volunteer and a Rise Above Plastics committee co-lead for the San Diego Chapter.



Niels Lund, is an avid advocate for the protection of the environment and our common home that we call Planet. As a musician, composer and song writer, Niels felt the urge to write songs about the climate crisis we live in. Niels brings awareness about climate change and environmental protection through his music. Niels performed “My Love For The Planet,” and “It’s Time For Action” songs he composed.



Inspired by the desire for the well-being of the planet and all living creatures (including ourselves), these plant-based whole food potlucks are having record participation. Plus, they are healthy with a great variety of culinary textures and flavors.

## UUFSD Palestine-Israel Justice Group



### Seeking justice, equality and dignity for the people in Palestine and Israel

We’ve created a UUFSD Palestine-Israel Justice Group as a program of our Social Justice in Action (SJA).

**We seek:** A just peace in Palestine-Israel that reflects our UU values of respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every human being and justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

**We commit:** To work within the UUFSD community, to educate and mobilize our members and friends to recognize and counter inequality and injustice in Palestine-Israel and to support our allies in the San Diego area’s justice and anti-oppression communities.

**We support:** The right of both Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace, freedom, security and dignity. We want our country to play a positive peacemaking role and help ensure that human rights abuses cease for the benefit of all living in the region.

For more information contact Livia Walsh or Irv Himelblau at: [PalestineIsraelJustice@uufsd.org](mailto:PalestineIsraelJustice@uufsd.org)

# Spring Fair and Auction

## Spring Fair & Auction, Saturday, April 20



The Spring Fair and Auction was a great success thanks to the many people who pulled together to make it happen: from planning that began last fall through decorating, making and serving food, auctioneering, and entertaining us with songs of the day.



Someone mentioned the TV shows that feature amateur performers competing for “Fame and Fortune” We were trying to put more variety and fun into the event, and it occurred to Greg Brown that UUFSD could have a competition to showcase some of our talented members. Gregg came up with some rules and simple requirements, all quite open ended. He made some suggestions for subjects to write about, some kind of “jokey.” The result turned out to be a **UUFSD Songwriting Challenge**.

Many of you heard the performances during the Live Auction. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful spirit, and the creative risk the authors took to entertain everyone.



Greg Phillips sang CELEBRATION accompanied by energetic backup instrumental music taken (chopped up and re-arranged) from the song, “Kabaseke” by the Ugandan politician, singer and actor Bobi Wine.

Cheryl Close wrote the words and music to WOODS, a song of heartfelt concern for the environment. Susan Hahm performed it with gentle feeling, accompanying herself on the guitar.



Mark Tuller’s contribution was WE ARE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND, sung to a melody from Gilbert and Sullivan’s “The Pirates of Penzance” operetta. Mark Tuller and Alisa Guralnick sang the lyrics, with Cathy Leach-Phillips, Greg Phillips and Greg Brown singing the chorus. They are famous now – UUFSD celebrities! Maybe there will be another challenge next year. Let us know if you’re feeling creative.

Here’s a shout out and big thank you to Rich Macdonald, Andi MacLeod, Christie Turner, Betsy Gilpin, Louise Garrett, Rose Riedel, Elizabeth Michel, Greg Brown, Wenda Alvarez, Trent Ulm, Charlotte Ulm, Cathy Leach Phillips, Greg Phillips, Jan Berlin, Cheryl Close, Donna Gerhauser, Stuart Gaiber, Linda Luisi, Ted Foster, Sheryl Goto, Julia Darling, Greg Trigeiro, Susan Coombs, Karen Eckhart, Kay Plasterer, Patricia Cofre-Stone, Kathryn Sturch, Ross McKendrick, Ron Demuth, Linda Platt, Norma Showalter, Maria Moodie, Barbara Walker, Caitlin McClune, Ed Lam, Susan Hahm, Mark Tuller, and Alisa Guralnick.



# Music at UUFSD

## Singalong with Music Director Steve Milloy, Sunday, April 28, 2024



Approximately 25 members and friends gathered for this sing along. This was an auction item for UUFSD. We sang a variety of songs from the Great American Song Book. Do-Re-Mi, She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain, You Are My Sunshine, Oh What A Beautiful Mornin', Edelweiss, Over the Rainbow, Take Me Home, Country Roads, What the World Needs Now, You've Got a Friend, Brown Eyed Girl, Imagine and This Land Is Your Land. There was a lot of joy in the room- and every time we ask the congregation about the things they love, 'singing together' is always in the top 5.

## Sunday, May 19, 2024 Music Sunday: Make a Joyful Noise

From our Gathering Hymn, "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" to our Postlude "Never Again," this was an extraordinary day of great music and song. The choir sang "They'll Know We Are UUs By Our Love," "There Is A Balm in Gilead," "We Are Here" and we were treated to Rosephanye Powells arrangement of "Non Nobis Nomine." We heard "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" with Chuck Hahm on tenor saxophone, Cathy Leach Philips on persuasion and Steve Milloy on piano. And a rousing rendition of "Old Time Religion," a traditional Gospel song, with new versions by Dave Bellama, who performed on Banjo.

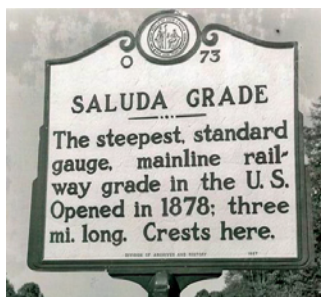


# Music at UUFSD

## More of Less a Singalong with Stories - Sunday June 2



In an event from the UUFSD Auction catalog of 2023, Greg Phillips and Cathy Leach-Phillips led a group in song on June 2, 2024. We dreamt with a little girl who loves trains, hurdled down the Saluda Grade in North Carolina, and sang about the Underground Railroad. We talked about the various workers who made railway travel possible, and sang favorite songs like Elizabeth Cotton's Freight Train, The Midnight Special, The City of New Orleans and Gentle on my Mind. We even talked and sang about a favorite ghost at the Hotel del Coronado. Betsy Gilpin provided a yummy lunch to support all the virtual travelers!



# Give Me That Old Time Religion

After Dave Bellama performed his energetic song at the Spring to Life Fair, people started asking about the lyrics.

**CHORUS**  
 Give me that old time religion,  
 Give me that old time religion,  
 Give me that old time religion,

For completeness, Here are the original verses:

1. It was good for the Hebrew children
2. It was good for Paul & Silas
3. It was tried in the den o' lions
4. It was tried in a fiery furnace

**And Dave's additional UU-friendly verses are:**

We'll do Small Groups with the  
 Druids  
 Oh, they drink fermented fluids  
 Waltzing naked through the woo-ids  
 And that's good enough for me.

We'll sing hymns with old Zeus  
 His harmony's kinda loose  
 And his bass sounds like a moose  
 And that's good enough for me

They gave the Baptists Alabama  
 And the Quakers Pennsylvania  
 Well, we got Transylvania  
 And that's good enough for me.

We'll light the chalice with  
 Aphrodite  
 Her sermons they are mighty  
 And they say she wears no nightie  
 Well, that's good enough for me.

We'll do yoga with the Buddha  
 There is no god that's cuter  
 Comes in brass, bronze or pewter  
 And that's good enough for me

Some want heaven when they die  
 Or to come back as a butterfly  
 I wanna a potluck dinner in the sky  
 That's good enough for me

We'll invite the great god Pan  
 They say his fortune's grand  
 He's gonna join our capital plan  
 And that's good enough for me



# Religious Diversity at UUFSD

## Unitarian Universalism - The Religion - Rev. Ellie



Unitarian Universalism is a unique faith in the spiritual landscape because rather than organizing around a creed or theology, we organize around covenanting to journey together while we seek to embody our eight principles. This means that our umbrella is incredibly expansive with regard to what people within our church believe about spirituality, and how they practice it. We are a living tradition, which means that revelation of a spiritual nature (whether you define that as scientific revelation, divine, or experiential) is ongoing. We are an ever evolving faith.

Even though we have currently codified six sources of inspiration for our faith, in practice, the sources that we Unitarian Universalists draw from are infinite. The thread that makes our individual sources so expansive is that more than anything else, the

sacred text that we live by is our lives and our experiences. Because as individuals and as communities, we are inspired by so much, but all of it is related to how we experience it - both the mundane and the sacred. And in many cases, the mundane as sacred.

One of my favorite Unitarian Universalist traditions, that a lot of our churches engage in, is a worship service that is inspired by a Mary Oliver poem - "The summer day." The last line of her poem is "tell me, what is it that you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" And a representative of every single age group shares a 2-5 minute response. What life has looked like and what hopes still await. The aim is for every decade to be represented from 0 to 10, all the way to the 80s or 90s. It obviously varies based on the church's demographics, but most of the time there are 8 or 9 different people speaking about their stories and their deepest yearnings. And in many ways this is the greatest display of what is sacred to us because our "sacred texts" are within our people. It's Mary Oliver, **and** it's how Mary Oliver reflects unique beauty in each person who reads her poetry. It's Jesus' beatitudes **and** it's the action and service they inspire.

Below you will hear from members of the congregation and how they uniquely experience Unitarian Universalism, and the sources that they draw upon. My hope is that you find joy in learning about the breadth and diversity of our faith, and in learning more about some of our beloved members. May these articles inspire you to consider your sources for inspiration as well. The one thing that we all agree upon is that every person is beloved and worthy in our faith. May that always inspire you to be your truest self.



# Religious Diversity at UUFSD

## I am a Buddhist Unitarian Universalist by Christie Turner



I was a Unitarian before I was a Buddhist. After losing the religion of my childhood over disagreements regarding Vietnam and civil rights, I had been adrift. Troubled, as many are today, over the state of the world, I happened to go to a Unitarian (before the merger) About Your Sexuality Training, hoping to improve my skills as a therapist for teen girls. I remember at that workshop, 50 years ago, thinking, oh, so here are my people. I was so comfortable with the openness and critical thinking that was being encouraged. Still, I had rather chaotic emotions and wanted to understand my mind.

This led me to try meditation. I soon heard that it was helpful to have a teacher and I began to search. In 1986 our family moved to California and soon joined UUFSD. In those early days the parents were running the RE program. My activity at the fellowship centered around our kids. At the same time I began to attend retreats and a weekly Tibetan Buddhist meditation group. The two paths were parallel. I wrote an eight week Buddhist curriculum for our kids that included a trip to Deer Park, the monastery of Thich Nhat Hanh in eastern Escondido. That was memorable as the children were welcomed to sit in front of this great master and he gave them a mindfulness lesson by slowly peeling a tangerine and having them take time to smell and fully taste it before consuming. It was a special day.

Then about thirty years ago we began having weekly meditation at UUFSD. At first we met in homes because Founders Hall and Palmer Library were being built. We have met continuously ever since. Our Friday morning group meets every week and transitioned into a Zoom group during Covid. Now we are a hybrid group with some members joining from Tennessee, West Virginia, and Oregon and some in the hall. There are usually 14-18 of us. The leadership is shared and we strive together to make manifest the teachings of the Buddha.

For me, the UU part of my religion is about ethical action in the world and support for young people and families. Buddhism is about training the mind and developing universal compassion. There has never been any conflict between these two for me. They dovetail nicely. UUs speak about unconditional love and Buddhist training is about finding the tools and energy to practice this kind of love. I find this invaluable as the challenges of aging become more evident. I am so grateful for a community of all ages striving together to make a better world and I am so grateful to my teacher, Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche, and the many other members of our sangha (or Buddhist community) for the privilege of studying, contemplating, and practicing together.



# Religious Diversity at UUFSD

## I am an Atheist Unitarian Universalist by Mark Tuller



I'm an atheist, but it's not my favorite term because it's negative. Atheism is about not believing in God, not believing in miracles, and not believing there's a parallel supernatural world. Those are good things not to believe in, but "atheism" completely omits the *positives* I prefer to focus on—living a virtuous life, being an honorable person, and finding ways to improve the world. That's why my preferred term is "humanist." Humanists have a long history of searching for ethical answers to moral questions without a middleman holding a sacred text, and choosing to explore the world as it actually is, with science, reason, and evidence, instead of dogma.

Humanism has many roots, including Renaissance humanism, which focused on studying classical texts, and the modern "humanities," which include huge domains of literature, history, art, and philosophy. The spirit of rational thinking bloomed during the period of intellectual upheaval known as the Age of Enlightenment. The Alexander Pope couplet from 1735 gives a sense of this: "Know then thyself, presume not God to scan; The proper study of Mankind is Man."

The modern humanist movement is nearly 100 years old. The American Humanist Association was formed around then and in 1933 was published the Humanist Manifesto, which, incidentally, was instigated and signed by many Unitarian ministers. We're now on the 3rd revision of the Humanist Manifesto and it sounds a lot like our UU principles and sources, including the phrase "We are committed to treating each person as having inherent worth and dignity." Our fifth source recaps the humanist roots of UUism.

Atheist is an epithet in our sanctimonious, fake-religion society, where modern Pharisees mouth pieties while acting out of hate. For someone to say openly they don't believe in God or supernatural beings pretty much disqualifies them from politics and makes them the butt of culture-war scorn. Yet, as Richard Dawkins said, "We are all atheists about most of the gods that humanity has ever believed in. Some of us just go one god further."

All humanists are atheists, but not all atheists are humanists. Atheism doesn't have the element of faith that humanism does. Yes, faith. Against all evidence and experience, I have faith that every person has inherent worth and dignity. I have endless faith that improvement is always possible, that people can be better, and that, although evil does exist, knowledge is progressive and can always be turned toward good.

So take a look at atheism, for sure, but also look at its more positive, up-beat cousins, and find secular humanism, religious humanism, moral philosophy, and the quest since ancient times to live a decent, loving life.



## I am a Catholic Unitarian Universalist by Linda Pratt



My father died in 2003, and after the evening service, my family came over to my home for dinner. We sat at the table, my sister and me, our children, and her grandchildren, and we all folded our hands and said our prayer. “Bless us, oh Lord, for these, Thy gifts, for which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.” It was a significant moment for me.

As I heard us all say those words, I realized that the tradition of saying our prayer, being said in unison by three generations, was why I would always call myself a Catholic. It is

also the memories that are evoked each time I step inside a church. I would sit quietly with my parents, listen to the priest, we would stand up and sit down multiple times, my mom and dad would harmonize on some of the songs, and it was there that I learned that I am part of something much bigger and miraculous. My parents were not the kind of Catholics who knew all the ins and outs of the religion, we never got into the dogma, and they openly disagreed with some of the church edicts, such as abortion. I would say that my mom would have fit right in with Unitarians.

We never believed that being a Christian was the only way to live. We were “social Catholics”, and embraced the traditions of the holidays, such as midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, and celebrations after a baptism, communion and confirmation. I remember going to “confession”, where you were to tell your sins to a priest, and they could forgive them after the requisite penance. As a child, my penance was typically saying ten “Our Father” prayers and ten “Hail Mary” prayers. However, as I got older, I had more meaningful conversations with priests in that confessional, such as contemplating the nature of heaven, and what it means to be a good person.

Luckily, the priests I experienced were all kind and helpful. I raised my two sons in the church, and I taught in the religious education program for 12 years. Fun fact, I am a “certified catechist”, which was the result of a year-long program that I completed. I know that the Church has many flaws, and there are things that the men in charge have done that are truly deplorable. That is ultimately the reason that I eventually stopped attending.

Also, my husband, John, would have never agreed to attend a Catholic Church. Spirituality is an important aspect of my life, and I wanted a church where he and I would both feel comfortable. During my first visit to UUFSD, I knew that this was a place where I would not have “give up” my Catholic heritage, and instead, I would be able to expand and incorporate knowledge from other beliefs. As the 4<sup>th</sup> Principle reminds us, “This privilege calls us not to be isolated and self-centered, believing that our single perspective trumps all others, but rather to be humble, to be open to the great mysteries of truth and meaning that life offers.”



# UUFSD Leadership Council

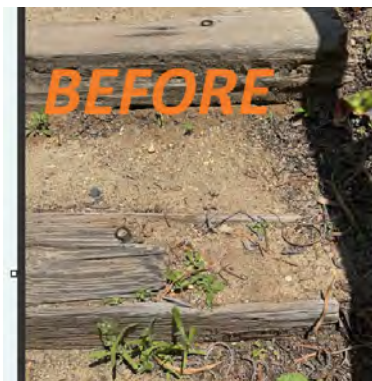


The UUFSD Board of Directors has approved the creation of a Leadership Council. The purpose of the UUFSD Council is to establish better communication among UUFSD committees, groups and the congregation as a whole. The Council, at the recommendation of Rev Ellie, formed Clusters, each consisting of one or more committees/groups. Each cluster has an identified representative. The Council will assist in identifying areas of Cluster interactions and encourage program/project communication and collaboration. The intention is to support the Fellowship’s mission and vision.

The Cluster Representatives will communicate with their respective cluster members to identify opportunities, concerns or issues for Council discussion and action.

- Administration: Representative: Angie Knappenberger
- Site Maintenance/Improvements: Representative: Jon Luft
- Financial: Representative: Kathryn Sturch
- Worship: Representative: Livia Walsh
- Communications: Representative: Richard Madonald
- Pastoral Care: Representative: Barbara Walker
- Social Justice Action: Representative: Irv Himmelblau
- Fun and Fellowship: Representative Linda Luisi
- Spiritual Groups: Representative: Linda Pratt

## Building and Grounds



**Before**



**During**



**After**

Chris Faller, Marty Vogel and Ed Mlaker were at the site to replace the stair tread at the Pine Cone classroom

# UUFSD Palestine-Israel Justice Group

Seeking justice, equality and dignity for the people in Palestine and Israel We've created a UUFSD Palestine-Israel Justice Group as a program of our Social Justice in Action (SJA) Committee. Listed below are some projects taking place on and off UUFSD campus, and with the support of partner organizations.

## Upcoming events of the UUFSD PIJG

### Letter writing Campaign to State Senator Catherine Blakespear

For a "NO" vote on Senate Bills. 1277 and 1287. Both bills would restrict or impose requirements on student's right to assemble for protests, or any restrictions of speech that criticizes Israel's conduct.

### Beyt Tikkun

A Synagogue Without Walls  
Embracing Spirituality & Social Transformation

*Beyt Tikkun* is so excited to partner with Science and Nonduality (SAND) to help promote the release of the powerful new documentary film "WHERE OLIVE TREES WEEP." Please register <https://whereolivetreesweep.com/?affiliate=rabbicat> to watch the film.

Please register <https://whereolivetreesweep.com/?affiliate=rabbicat> to watch the film. By using this link, *Beyt Tikkun* will receive 50% of all the money raised. To register to join us for the conversation and Q&A with Ashira, <https://www.beyttikkun.org/2024/06/15/film-preview-where-the-olive-trees-weep-no-one-is-free-until-we-are-all-free/>



### Movie & Discussion *Israelism* by Erin Axelman and Sam Eilertsen

Join our Palestine-Israel Justice Group to watch and discuss [this powerful 2023 documentary](#) that has become all-too-relevant since the outbreak of war in Israel/Palestine. *Israelism* explores American Judaism's relationship with Israel and young Jews' rejection of Israel's systemic brutality toward Palestinians.

Our conversation will be led by a friend of UUFSD, **Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh**, who is a Jewish UU. We'll explore our own responses to the film and explore what Jewish and Unitarian Universalist values call us to do in response to the catastrophic situation in Israel-Palestine.

**When:** Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 4 to 6:30 pm

**Where:** UUFSD Founders Hall

**Light refreshments will be served.**



### Movie & Discussion *1948: Creation & Catastrophe*

Through riveting and moving personal recollections of both Palestinians and Israelis, *1948: Creation and Catastrophe* reveals the shocking events of the most pivotal year in the most controversial conflict in the world. It tells the story of the establishment of Israel as seen through the eyes of the people who lived it. It is simply not possible to make sense of what is happening in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict today without an understanding of 1948. This documentary

was the last chance for many of its Israeli and Palestinian characters to narrate their first-hand accounts of the creation of a state and the expulsion of a nation.

**When:** Date to be determined (August 2024)

**Where:** UUFSD Founders Hall

**A discussion with Rev Ellie Kilpatrick will follow the movie.**

# July Events

## All Fellowship Campout – July 4th to 7th, 2024 Horse Heaven group site “Hollyhock”



Relax and enjoy nature, just one hour away from San Diego. Camping with a beautiful and serene view of a spectacular meadow. There are hikes from camp for all levels, mountain bikes are good too.

Saturday night, we have a communal “Cazuela” (stew); fun around the campfire: smores, songs, skits, jokes, dances, poetry, juggling, storytelling, etc.

Bring appetizers to share and your favorite drink.

Kids enjoy climbing trees, water games, playing ball, and hide & seek.

UU Young Adults (ages 18-25) attend camping for Free with a reservation. Come and join the fun for all three nights or simply visit for the day. Campsite has vault toilets, potable water, and picnic tables.

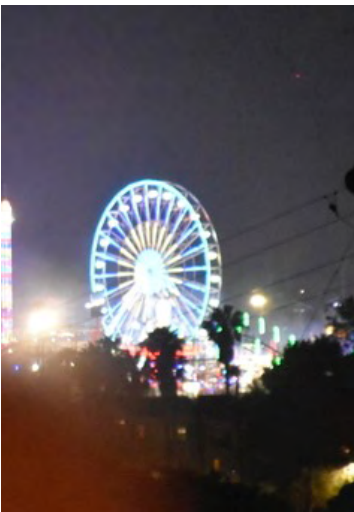
Advance payment rates: \$60/family, \$40/individual, \$25 day trippers

Space is limited, please reserve early.

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## UUFSD 4th of July Celebration



The Fourth of July is a big day for fireworks, cookouts and parades. So, let’s come together in the Core area, cook, eat and watch the fireworks with friends and family.

Bring your lawn chair, (your favorite beverage, if you want), a sweater or jacket, (it gets cool as the sun goes down) a dish to share and some excitement. Hot dogs and hamburgers, (Meat, Vegan, Vegetarian and some gluten free buns), soft drinks, chips and some desserts will be provided.

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