

Sunday Services

May 5 – 10:30 a.m. What You Have Told Me About Your Hopes and Concerns – Rev. Joy Arkinson

Our interim minister will offer perspective on the congregation that she has gleaned from meeting with individuals, groups and committees, and from the series of House Meetings she facilitated from December through February. There will be an opportunity during the service for conversation on where HUUF is now and where it might be headed.

May 12 – 10:30 a.m. A Mother Looks at Ministry -- Rev. Joy Atkinson

On this Mother's Day, our interim minister will explore the dynamics of ministry in our UU congregations, as HUUF prepares to welcome a new minister in August. The service will also honor mothers and those who have filled a mothering role in our lives, and it will also spotlight the Caring Circle, which offers help for those in need within the congregation.

May 19 – 10:30 a.m. Active Peace and the Courage to Not Look Away -- Katie V. Wilson, MDiv.

We live in uncertain times: Environmental, social, and political crises are accelerating. Sometimes it feels saner and healthier to ignore the painful information we are exposed to daily. However, cutting off this information disables our natural capacity to respond fully and compassionately to the current situation. By not looking away from difficult emotions, we allow ourselves to learn from the full spectrum of our experience – grief and anger as well as gratitude and joy — thus increasing our capacity to actively create peace in ourselves, our communities, and the larger body of Earth. Katie V. Wilson graduated from Humboldt State in 2004 and from a Master of Divinity program at Harvard Divinity School in 2012. At Harvard, she concentrated on Buddhist ministry, infusing both her academic studies and her work as a chaplain with her lifelong feminist and ecological commitments. For the last two years, Katie has worked with activist and eco-philosopher Joanna Macy, creator of the powerful “Work That Reconnects” methodology which is the bedrock of this sermon.

May 26 – 10:30 a.m. Creating Peace Through Our Seven Principles – Shay MacKay

The seven principles of Unitarian Universalism are the backbone of our religious community and provide us with guidelines and inspiration by which to live loving, honest and responsible lives. At a very fundamental level, these principles call us to create peace – within ourselves, our communities and our world. How does each principle relate to this call for peace? How do these principles play out in everyday life and how can they guide us when conflict arises within our Fellowship community? Shay MacKay is a M.Div. student at Starr King School for the Ministry. She also works at HUUF as the administrative assistant and participates in many aspects of Fellowship life. For the past six months, Shay has facilitated group discussions and activities in which HUUF members and friends explored the theme of “Creating Peace;” and she will share many of the insights gained at these gatherings.