

Sunday services

October 7 - 10:30 a.m. The Art of Spiritual Activism – Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams

Our Unitarian Universalist Living Tradition calls us to active engagement with our faith and the world. Rev. Adams will explore the spiritual practices that can help us become practical mystics in the 21st century. Rev. Adams is the director of Congregational Development for the Pacific Central District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. She is committed to serving Unitarian Universalism and its congregations by supporting efforts to strengthen and grow vital religious communities and youth and young adult ministries, and by providing support for religious professionals and lay leaders. She is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and was ordained by the Mt. Diablo UU Church. She joined the PCD staff in August 2009.

October 14 – 10:30 a.m. World Peace, One Conversation at a Time – Amy Scolari and staff

Amy Scolari and other staff members from US Servas will talk about the group's mission to foster a more peaceful world, its history and its meaning for each of them personally. Founded by Bob Lutweiler, US Servas is an international, nonprofit peace-focused organization based in Arcata. It has contributed to peace on both a local and international level for 60 years.

October 21 – 10:30 a.m. Let it Begin Within Me – Marnie Singer, M.Div.

Starting with Martin Buber's I and Thou, Marnie Singer, M. Div., will invite us to consider that having an I-Thou relationship with oneself is essential for peace. Marnie is a ministerial candidate with broad experience as a UU. She has been a member of seven UU churches around the country, most recently the First Unitarian Church of San Jose. She felt called to the Starr King School for the Ministry and completed her chaplain residency at Stanford Hospital. UU women may remember Marnie from her involvement in Women & Religion in the late 1990s.

October 28 – 10:30 a.m. Encountering the Shadow – Rev. Joy Atkinson

We Unitarian Universalists have long rejected the idea of hell and a literal devil figure, but what might the “devil” in human experience symbolize? Our new interim minister, the Rev. Joy Atkinson, will explore aspects of good and evil in human experience. We will also observe Day of the Dead traditions of Central and South America with a decorated altar, an *ofrenda*, to which you are invited to bring pictures of loved ones who have died. Children of all ages, and adults too if they like, are invited to come in Halloween costumes.

Rev. Atkinson graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry. She has served as a UU minister for several congregations, including HUUF from 1973-1974. She returns to us from her most recent position, that of interim minister for the UU congregation in Tucson, Ariz.