

Sunday services

November 4 – 10:30 a.m. Finding Common Ground in the Election – Byrd Lochtie and Becky Simpson

Representatives from the League of Women Voters, Byrd Lochtie and Becky Simpson, will present unbiased information on the pros and cons of the ballot measures for the election. Following the service there will be a discussion on the measures; and Simpson will answer questions. This service continues our yearlong theme, Creating Peace, as we seek to understand the viewpoints of those in favor and those against the measures and to consciously look for bases of agreement. Three specific questions will be addressed: 1. To what extent can we understand the other's perspective or position? 2. What do we agree on? 3. How can we work together on what we agree on? It would be an achievement to agree to disagree in an informed and respectful atmosphere.

Byrd Lochtie has been a League member for 40 years. She is a consultant for nonprofit boards of directors in board development and strategic planning. She is on the Human Rights Commission and has been active in LatinoNet, a nonprofit organization that helps Spanish-speaking residents become more comfortable in our community. She has been active in Girl Scouts all her life. Becky Simpson has lived in McKinleyville for 40 years, and she is retired from her job at Safeway. She became a League volunteer to help accomplish her goal of educating the public on important issues.

November 11 – 10:30 a.m. Carrying the Baby and Plying the Pen: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton – Rev. Joy Atkinson

In this post-election day service near the 198th birthday of Unitarian foremother Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the sermon will focus on her life and contributions—especially her tireless work to secure the vote for women.

November 18 – 10:30 a.m. For All That Is Our Life – Rev. Joy Atkinson

There is much we can tally in our lives that we are grateful for. But is it possible to feel gratitude for the totality of what life presents to us—the struggles and hardships as well as the blessings and joy? The service will explore the dynamic of gratefulness in our lives.

November 25 – 10:30 a.m. Harvesting the Bounty: Right Relationship to Land and Community – Janet Czarnecki

Redwood Roots Farm sits on the ten-acre parcel adjoining the Fellowship. The upper five acres are reserved for an organic farm and the lower five acres remain undeveloped as a natural riparian habitat. For Janet, farming is a spiritual practice of living in right relationship with the communities of people, plants, soils and animals that give life to Redwood Roots Farm. The abundance of vegetables and flowers harvested for the farm stand and farm shares demonstrates her success. She will share her experiences in how she develops and strengthens those relationships. Janet is a grower with more than 25 years experience in community and small-scale organic agriculture. Her hands helped shape many community, educational and market gardens in Michigan and California.

