

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

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January 2024



Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM

BFUU Fellowship Hall 1924 Cedar St, Berkeley CA & on Zoom

except as noted

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worshiponline@bfuu.org for link

January 7: The Liberating Love of Universalism



Rev. Ben Meyers (he/him)

Universalism's beginnings were a call to greater love amid times of repression and fear. Today, we are still called to liberate love within us and to let it out into the world. To do so will probably need to love in ways not called upon us before....How will respond to the call of Liberating Love in these times?

January 14: Sumud and Sulha - Explore Steadfastness and Conflict Transformation in the Palestinian Tradition

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Sumud and Sulha are two components of Palestinian spiritual traditions which gives people strength to endure and transform their communities. Learn the history and text of these two important nonviolent approaches to Palestinian life that can enhance our own capacities for peacemaking.



January 21: Centered in the Storm

Rev. Dr. Sue Magidson (she/her)

What helps you remain centered in times of turbulence? When do you seek out upheaval or perhaps initiate it? In today's service, we'll explore what can help us return to our center as we engage with all that life brings.

January 28: Truth and Consequences: Is What We See What We Know?

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles reviews the ways in which our everyday language parts from the reality that surrounds us and lives within us.



Please see [page 2](#) for our shared plate partner information and [page 3](#) for Minister/Speaker bios.



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Gene Herman
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Margaret Hurlbert, Convener
Worship Services Committee
Melissa R, Chair

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President's Corner

Happy New Year everyone! We have made it through our first full year of meeting in person. Now that our Zoom sound problems have been solved, thanks to a lot of hard work from Steve Ogden, Jeff Palmer, and Andy Jamieson, things are looking good. We have started our Cooking Club, which has been a fun new experience, and have had a few gatherings at which we enjoyed the results of the club. We will be continuing to start new clubs and activities in the new year.

Welcome to our new Office Coordinator, Anders Renee! He is already doing an excellent job, along with Sharon Knight, our Rooms coordinator.

Take care,

Margaret Hurlbert
Board President

January Shared Plate Partner

Road to Recovery

<https://www.theroadtorecovery.org.il/>

We are an Israeli Association of volunteers who drive Palestinian patients - primarily children - from checkpoints in the West Bank and Gaza for life-saving treatments in Israeli hospitals. The Association also helps with the purchase of medical equipment in special cases and organizes vacations and special 'Fun-Day' outings for patients and their families. The heart of our Association is our 1,200 volunteers who are reaching out every day to those in need, providing an opportunity for healing through one simple gesture – Driving!

If you'd like to contribute to the collection plate you can do so directly via **PayPal**, by sending a check payable to "BFUU", 1606 Bonita Ave, Berkeley CA 94709, or by contributing on **our website**. Note that BFUU sends the share payments in the month after the plate share. If you'd like the shared plate partner to receive your donation more quickly, please donate directly to them via the link in the description above. Note that donations made directly to other organizations are not tracked by BFUU.

Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Ben Meyers (he/him)

Rev. Ben Meyers is a resident of Oakland, and serves as a Hospice Chaplain and Spiritual Care Provider for Bridge Home Hospice patients and their families in Alameda County. His ministry spans 28 years: half of that time as a parish minister and half as a social justice/community minister. He is the proud father of two sons and loves spending as much time as possible with his two-year old grandson. His passion is working with faith-based communities throughout the country to accelerate the adoption of clean energy—especially solar—as a moral imperative.

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Lynn Gottlieb is Rabbi Emerita of the Congregation Nahalat Shalom in Albuquerque, NM. Now a resident of Berkeley, CA, Rabbi Lynn engages in multifaith, intergenerational and multicultural organizing in solidarity with racial, indigenous, gender justice and Palestinian liberation struggles as she teaches joyful spirituality, storytelling, ceremony, and ritual arts.

Rev. Dr. Sue Magidson (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Sue Magidson serves as the Spiritual Care Coordinator and Chaplain at San Leandro Hospital, part of Alameda County Health. She is also an Affiliated Community Minister at the UU Church of Berkeley, her spiritual home for 25+ years. Sue has lived in Berkeley for 35 years, where she delights in the people, neighborhoods, natural beauty, and food (especially the Farmers Markets where she is a regular).

Rev. Dr. Caroline Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles describes herself as a recovering psychologist and recovering attorney, who graduated from Starr King in 2011 and was ordained to UU ministry in 2013. Along with providing pastoral care at BFUU and preaching at Bay Area churches as a guest speaker, she writes poetry, short stories, and is working on a memoir.

Upcoming Events



BFUU OPEN MIC



**Berkeley Fellowship Monthly Open Mic
Now, 3rd Fridays**

Friday January 19 at 7:00 PM

**Musicians, Poets, Magicians, Comedians, Storytellers, etc.
Sign-ups begin 6:30. Perform or just come to enjoy! Show time 7pm**

Host: Evelie Delfino S  les Posch

Song writer, multi-instrumentalist, sound healer with the voice of an angel!

<https://evelie-sings.mystrikingly.com/>

Featured Artist: Rev. Kevin Alan Mann

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann is a Queer Unitarian Universalist whose parents immigrated from the Philippines. Kevin centers people from the margins to foster solidarity towards the Beloved Community.

BFUU legendary Fellowship Hall

1924 Cedar Street (at Bonita Ave)

One block east of MLK Way, Wheelchair Access on Bonita

Windows open for covid safety so DRESS mindfully!

Stay home if you think you might be contagious.

BYO potluck refreshments (optional)

Suggested donation \$10-\$20 No one turned away. Volunteers needed!

Sponsored by BFUU Social Justice Committee www.BFUU.org

To get low volume Social Justice announcements/alerts, email: bfuusjev-subscribe@lists.riseup.net

We hope you'll join us for

Freestyle Friday

a weekly freestyle dance in the BFUU Fellowship Hall

***Friday nights, 7:30 to 10pm**

There's no instruction. Our dancing DJs play a wide range of music to get you moving – world, funk, blues, pop, electronic, oldies, and more.

Requested donation \$20, but no one turned away for lack of funds.

Some work-exchange is available.

*All Fridays except Open Mic nights and holidays

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Community Voices



Happy Birthday!

Jinky Gardner

Elinor Roberts

Shirley Taylor

Marge Turngren

Pastoral Care/Small Group

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles' in-person office hours **in the BFUU Office** are **Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.**

Please note that Rev. Carrie will be in the BFUU Office, but we are not allowed to use the restrooms on the ground floor of the RE building while New School is in session.

She also hosts a small group, "Living Longer" on Zoom. For an appointment or to find out more, email Rev Carrie revcarrie@bfuu.org.

A message from Karen Dewald about the glasses donation drive for the Lion's Club:

Thank you to everyone who donated glasses to our drive benefiting the Lions' Club! If you have glasses to donate or know anyone who might need help affording them, please feel free to contact me at (510) 549-1487 and I'll steer you in the right direction. Thanks for your support and Happy New Year!



FREE warmies!

Ardys has free pillows, blankets, and comforters! Please call her at 510-388-5460 or email adfireddeer@sonic.net to arrange pick up.

Regular Committee Meetings

Aesthetics (subcom. of B&G)

Meets as needed

contact [Aesthetics Committee](#)

Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Meets once per month,

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Caring

meets as needed

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Committee on Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Jinky Gardner](#)

Finance

Meets as needed

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Hospitality

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Meets as needed

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Religious Education

Meets as needed

contact [RE Committee](#)

Social Justice Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Margaret Hurlbert](#)

Social Justice (SJC)

3rd Sunday noonish - after service

contact [Phoebe and Gene](#)

Worship Services

1st Thursday at 5:00 PM

contact [Worship Services](#)

Weekly Meetings

BFUU Choir Practice on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

Choir members practice songs for worship service and fun!

Please contact Margaret at muscom@bfuu.org

Rev. Dr. Carrie Office Hours on Tuesdays 1:00 -5:00 PM in BFUU office

Email Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles at revcarrie@bfuu.org to schedule an appointment.

Worship Service on Sundays at 10:30 AM

All are welcome to attend Worship Service!

Please contact worshipservices@bfuu.org for committee information.

Monthly Meetings

Board of Trustees Meeting 3rd Thursday 1/25 at 3:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Board meeting on 3rd Thursday due to holidays. BFUU BOT meetings are open to all!

Caring Committee Meeting with Ministers on 3rd Tuesday 1/16 at 11 AM

Please contact Rev. Carrie at revcarrie@bfuu.org

Committee on Ministry Meeting 1st Thursday 1/4 at 2:00 PM

This committee is a communication channel between the ministers and the community.

Please contact Jinky at COM@bfuu.org

Elders Circle - please see Wisdom Circle below

Social Justice Committee Meeting 3rd Sunday 1/21 after service (noonish)

Please contact Phoebe at sjc@bfuu.org

Wisdom Circle 1st Tuesday 1/2 at 11:00 AM


Come one, come all! Join us for lively conversation. We may even solve some of the world's problems... or not. We'll have fun trying.

Worship Service Committee Meeting 1st Thursday 1/4 at 5:00 PM

Please contact worshipservices@bfuu.org

some committees meet as needed - please see full committee list on [page 5](#)

Fellowship Calendar January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 11:00 am Wisdom Circle ^{*1} 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours [*] 7:00 pm Choir Practice ^{*1}	3	4 2:00 pm COM Meeting [*] 5:00 pm WSC Meeting [*]	5 7:30 pm Freestyle Friday [*]	6
7 10:30 am - FH+Z Worship Service ^{*1}	8	9 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours [*] 7:00 pm Choir Practice ^{*1}	10	11	12 7:30 pm Freestyle Friday [*]	13
14 10:30 am - FH+Z Worship Service ^{*1}	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Caring meeting with ministers [*] 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours [*] 7:00 pm Choir Practice ^{*1}	17 Communicator deadline	18 ¹	19 7:00 pm BFUU Open Mic [*]	20
21 10:30 am - FH+Z Worship Service ^{*1} Noonish - after service SJC Meeting	22	23 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours [*] 7:00 pm Choir Practice ^{*1}	24	25 3 pm BFUU Board of Trustees Mtg [*]	26 7:30 pm Freestyle Friday [*]	27
28 10:30 am - FH+Z Worship Service ^{*1}	29	30	31			

Please Plan Ahead:

Direct links to meetings/registration have ¹ after the link.

Other links send an email to the convener – please allow time for a reply.

If you have questions, please email office@bfuu.org or call the office at 510-841-4824 ext. 1.

* Fellowship event ¹meeting link

Spiritual Growth and Social Justice in the Heart of Berkeley

Building character, enriching spirits, promoting community, and serving humankind through spiritual growth and social action.

BFUU OFFICE by appointment - we are working from home

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY COMMUNICATOR:

January 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Please email office@bfuu.org with submissions.

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