

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

December 2022



Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM*

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December 4: The Season of Illumination and Rededication

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Rabbi Lynn will share stories about the return of the light.

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.



December 11: Cindy Sheehan Returns to BFUU Where She Found Her Power



photo: Elvert Barnes 2019

Cindy Sheehan (she/her)

We are honored that [Cindy Sheehan](#) will speak at BFUU. The first time that she spoke publicly after her son was killed in Iraq, she had not planned to speak because she was grieving. Invited by the Social Justice Committee, she attended our service to support another Gold Star Mother whose words moved Cindy to speak impromptu. There was not a dry eye in the house! Retired attorney and

long-term BFUU leader, Gene Sharee, was pictured on the news with a tear rolling down his deeply wrinkled cheek. Cindy learned the power of her voice and ran with it. What happened next? We are excited to hear her extraordinary, passionate story. Don't miss it!

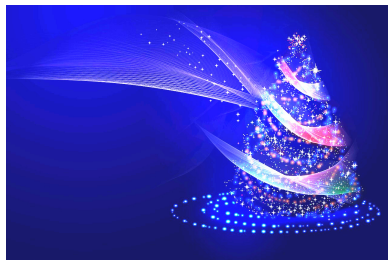
December 18: The Holy Work of Sacred Social Change

Rev. jojo v. gabuya (they/them)

****IN PERSON Service, BFUU Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar Street****

The midterm elections are over. But the Holy Work of Sacred Social Change in this country is still a work in progress. How can we All bring our acts together, to accomplish this **Holy Work...**?

Rev. jojo v. gabuya is a Filipinx non-binary jackleg preacher, climate reality leader, and interfaith minister. They are part of the Bridging the Gap Cohort of Interfaith America, which has been building bridges/crossing lines of difference on campuses around this country.



December 25: Merry Christmas to All!

Rev. Dr. Caroline Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles will celebrate this holiday with stories and songs that are our heritage and brighten our Days of Christmas. May we reach out to families, neighbors, friends and strangers to strengthen our connections in the community in the coming new year.

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.



BFUU Transitions

Clergy & Staff

Reverend Dr. Carrie Knowles, *Minister*
Reverend Tom McAninley, *Community Minister*
Lynn/Luna Orlando, *Recording Secretary*
Susan Macke, *Office Administrator*
Venée Call-Ferrer, *Event Space Coordinator*
Ed Keating, *Facilities Manager*
Shae Jewell, *Sexton*

Board of Trustees

Margaret Hurlbert, *President*
Mike Gardner, *Vice President*
Ben Burch, *Treasurer/Secretary*
Jean Marie Stine
Phoebe Sorgen
Gene Herman (Alternate)
Steve Ogden (Alternate)

Committees

Aesthetics (Subcommittee of B&G)
Chair currently vacant
Building & Grounds Committee
Abbot Foote, Co-Chair
Ben Burch, Co-Chair
Caring Community
Chair currently vacant
Committee on Ministry
Jinky Gardner, Chair
Finance Committee
Ben Burch, Co-Chair
Abbot Foote, Co-Chair
Hospitality Committee
Chair currently vacant
Membership Committee
Jeff Palmer, Convener/Chair
Music Committee
Margaret Hurlbert, Chair
Nominating Committee
Virginia Hollins-Davidson, Chair
Personnel Committee
Ben Burch, Convener/Chair
Poetry Committee
Frances Hillyard, Chair
Gene Herman, Poet Laureate
Religious Education (RE) Committee
Chair currently vacant
Social Justice Committee (SJC)
Co-Chairs Phoebe Sorgen and
Gene Herman
SJM Task Force (Subcom of SJC)
Margaret Hurlbert, Convener
Worship Services Committee
Melissa R, WSC Liaison

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Welcome Venée Call-Ferrer! **Venée Call-Ferrer has joined BFUU as Event Space Coordinator.**

Venée brings a wealth of knowledge to BFUU, having recent administrative experience at First Unitarian Church of Oakland, program coordination at an environmental organization, and operations, facilities, and administrative management at a chiropractic office.

Like Deborah before her, Venée also brings the balance of a creative and artistic perspective to the position. She has acted in film/TV/Web productions and held principal and lead roles in theaters and troupes.

As Event Space Coordinator, Venée is the administrator of building use, handles facility management (including supervising our Sexton Shae Jewell) and will promote the use of BFUU spaces. She is the primary contact for building issues as they affect rentals. (Susan is gladly switching to back-up only.)

As she had promised, Deborah came out of retirement to train Venée, in order to make the transition as smooth as possible. (Thank you!) Susan helped with the latest updates in process and room users since BFUU reopened for returning users in July, and to the public in August. There are a lot of people to get to know and a lot of processes and details, but Venée is quickly becoming versed in all things BFUU.

The Event Space Coordinator position has shifted to hybrid in-office and work-from-home and the schedule is currently in flux.

You can reach Venée via email to rooms@bfuu.org and via phone at 510-841-4824 ext 3 (voice only) or 510-275-4219 (voice/text.)

BFUU Transitions

Board Transitions

In early November, Kathy Riehle resigned as Board President and Board member, Stephanie Doucette resigned as Board Vice President and Board member, and Sharon Hwang Colligan removed herself as Recording Secretary.

Margaret Hurlbert was appointed Board member, and elected Board President.

Phoebe Sorgen was appointed Board member (from Alternate.)

Steve Ogden was appointed Board Alternate (to replace Phoebe.)

Mike Gardner was elected Board Vice President.

Ben Burch will resume as acting Board Treasurer.

Lynn “Luna” Orlando’s has agreed to extend as Recording Secretary.

Thanks to Kathy, Stephanie, Doug, and Sharon for the good work they have done in support of BFUU. Thanks to continuing Board members Jean Marie and Gene (Alternate) for their continued engaged support and to Margaret, Phoebe, Steve, Mike, Ben, and Luna for stepping up to the needs of the congregation in a big way!

Committee Transitions

Kathy Riehle, Doug Chambers, and Sharon have resigned as Chairs of several committees. If you would like to join any of these committees, or to become a Chair of one or more of them, please let the Board know: board@bfuu.org. If you have questions about what these committees do, feel free to either contact a member of the committee or ask one of the Board members.

Caring: Gene has offered to join the Caring Committee and send out cards. Caring invites members to join.

Committee on Ministry (COM): Simone has offered to join COM.

Hospitality: Hospitality needs help in organizing food for special occasions and invites members to join.

Membership: Welcome Convener/Chair Jeff Palmer. Membership invites members to join.

Personnel: Welcome Convener/Chair Ben Burch. Thanks also to Mike Gardner for taking on employee supervision.

Worship Services (WSC): Thanks to Melissa for taking on the role of WSC Liaison to the Board. WSC invites members to join.



Community Voices



Happy Birthday!

*Ardys DeLu
Derek Holiday
Carole Holtz
Cynthia Johnson
Lawrance Phillips*



Worship Service Team November 6, 2022

top: Phoebe, Frances, Barbara, Margaret; 2nd row: Steve, Lawrance, Luna, Andy; 3rd row: Melissa, Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, Eva, Jennifer Lisa; 4th row: Tom

New Small Group Forming!

Reverend Dr. Carrie Knowles is interested in forming a small group concerned with “Living Longer—the Blessings and Challenges of Aging.” The group would meet in person at the BFUU building as the new year approaches. As the pandemic fades, Americans are living longer in good health. For men, the average life expectancy is 77—it’s 81 for women. On the other hand, the 10 oldest living Americans are 112 to 115 years old. Are you interested in weighing the actions and plans, the ups and downs for our lives as we face the prospect of living longer than we once imagined?

Our group would meet for six sessions to be scheduled in the late afternoon on alternate Tuesdays.

If you would consider joining this group, please contact Rev. Dr. Carrie at revcarrie@bfuu.org and we can set a time to discuss your interests and concerns.

Regular Committee Meetings (via Zoom through Shelter In Place)

Aesthetics (subcom. of B&G)

Meets as needed

contact [Aesthetics Committee](#)

Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Meets once per month,

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Caring

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Caring Committee](#)

Committee on Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Jinky Gardner](#)

Finance

Meets as needed

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Hospitality

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Hospitality](#)

Membership

4th Sunday at 12:30 PM

contact [Membership](#)

Music

2nd Monday 2:00 PM

contact [Margaret Hurlbert](#)

Nominating

meets as needed

contact [Virginia Hollins-Davidson](#)

Personnel

even months 3rd Thursdays 2:30 PM

Contact [Personnel Committee](#)

Poetry

Meets as needed

contact [Frances Hillyard](#)

Religious Education

Meets as needed

contact [RE Committee](#)

Social Justice Ministry

1st Sunday 12:30 PM

contact [Margaret Hurlbert](#)

Social Justice (SJC)

3rd Sunday noonish - after service

contact [Phoebe and Gene](#)

Worship Services

1st Friday at 1:30 PM

contact [Worship Services](#)

Poetry Corner

SETTINGS

Grapes at rest in baskets,
spilling from bowls, tipped from plates,
dusty with sunlight,

citrus rinds curled over table edge,
standing in their own reflections on plates
otherwise immaculate,

rot marks on oranges,
worm holed apples, misshapen peaches,
bitten figs,

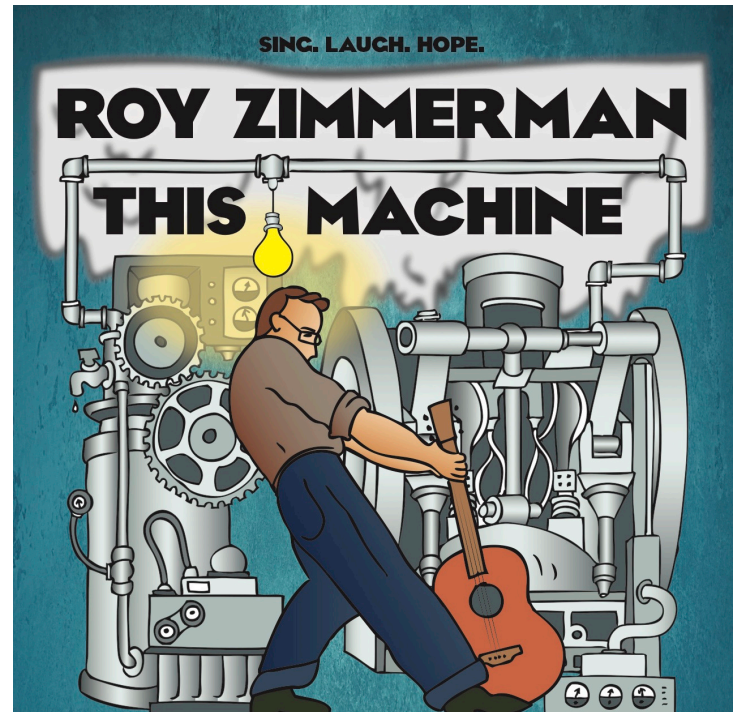
red wine puddles, crumbling sweets,
none eats but the artist,
whose time stales and sags.

I am the artist at my table.
grapes pears apples peaches plums
roll beneath my hands. The goblet's full.

Above created form
bends worm-creating light.

Frances Hillyard

Upcoming Events



Sunday December 4, 2022

Roy Zimmerman: This Machine

BFUU Fellowship Hall
1924 Cedar Street Berkeley CA

\$25 or pay what you can

No one is turned away for lack of funds! Volunteers appreciated!

Sponsored by BFUU Social Justice Committee
<http://www.bfuu.org/social-justice>

Subscribe to the BFUU Social Justice Committee's
"Rise Up List"! Send an email to:
bfuusjev-subscribe@lists.riseup.net

Save the Date!

BFUU Open Mic

January 13, 2023 at 7 PM

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Featured Artist: Evelie Delfino Sâles Posch *Evelie Delfino Sâles Posch is a sacred song singer/writer; recording artist; drummer and more!* <https://evelie-sings.mystrikingly.com/>

Host: Dave Welsh *Dave "Redd" Welsh is a labor and blues pianist/singer* <http://www.reddwelsh.com/>

Fellowship Hall 1924 Cedar Street (at Bonita Ave)

Suggested donations of \$10 – \$20 will benefit the BFUU & help cover expenses.

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BFUU Online Meetings (mostly alphabetical)

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's small groups ended in July, but new groups may begin in October.

Email Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles at revcarrie@bfuu.org and let her know of your interest.

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 12/18 at 3:00 PM - *NOTE DAY CHANGE for holidays*

BFUU BOT meetings are open to all!

Caring Committee Meeting with Ministers on 3rd Tuesday 12/20 at 11 AM

Please contact Rev. Carrie at revcarrie@bfuu.org

Note that Caring Committee also meets with Hospitality and Membership on 4th Sundays.

Committee on Ministry Meeting 1st Thursday 12/1 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

Hospitality, Membership, and Caring Committees Meetings

4th Sunday 12/25 at 12:30 PM.

Please contact caring@bfuu.org

Music Committee Meeting 1st Monday 12/5 at 2:00 PM

Questions? Please contact Margaret at muscom@bfuu.org

Personnel Committee Meeting

3rd Thursday on odd months - no meeting this month

Please contact Ben at personnel@bfuu.org

Social Justice Committee Meeting 3rd Sunday 12/18 after service (noonish)

Please contact Phoebe at sjc@bfuu.org

Social Justice Ministry Meeting *is on hiatus*

Wisdom Circle 1st Tuesday 12/6 at 11:00 AM


Come one, come all who are young at heart! Age does not matter! Join us for snacks and lively conversation. We may even solve some of the worlds problems... or not. We'll have fun trying.

Worship Service Committee Meeting 1st Friday 12/2 at 1:30 PM

Please contact worshipservices@bfuu.org

****some committees meet as needed - please see committee meeting list on page 3****

Fellowship Calendar December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Roy Zimmerman Sunday December 4 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall 				1 2:00 pm COM Meeting*	2	3
4 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ 7:00 pm Roy Zimmerman This Machine*	5 2:00 pm MusCom Meeting*	6 11:00 am Elders Circle * ¹ 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	7	8	9	10
11 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	12	13 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	14	15 3 pm BFUU Board of Trustees Mtg * ¹ Note - Board Mtg is on 3 rd Thursday this month!	16	17
18 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ Noonish - after service SJC Meeting * ¹	19	20 Caring meeting with ministers * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹ Communicator Deadline	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ 12:30 pm HMC-Hospitality. Membership and Caring-Cttees Mtgs * ¹	26	27 Reflection & Connection * 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	28	29	30	31

**BFUU In-Person
Worship Service**
 Sunday December 18
 at 10:30 AM
 in Fellowship Hall



Please Plan Ahead: Direct links to meetings/registration have ¹ after the link. The remaining links send an email to the meeting organizer – please allow a few days 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 CLOSED - We are working from home

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR JANUARY COMMUNICATOR:

December 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Please email newsletter@bfuu.org with submissions.

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