

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

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March 2023



Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM* *reading this offline? please email worshiponline@bfuu.org for link*

March 5: Sacred Tree Stories from Around the World

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Join Rabbi Lynn for stories about sacred trees and our spiritual connection to the earth.



March 12: Celebrating Women: Embracing Gender Equity

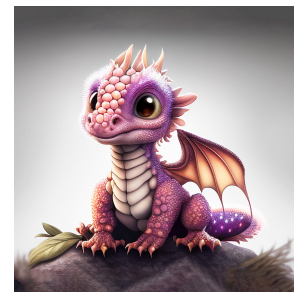
Rev. Jojo V. Gabuya (they/them)

March 8 has been designated as the International Women's Day since 1977 when the United Nations called on all the world's countries to adopt and choose any day of the year to celebrate women's achievements and increase visibility, and create a gender equal, diverse, equitable, and inclusive world. Yet, bias, discrimination, and sexism still exist in workplaces, including churches.

March 19: Fairytales and Fables: Imagination Is Our Heritage

Rev. Dr. Caroline Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles observes the week of World Folktales and Fables and how these tales deepen our understanding of human needs and accomplishments.



March 26: To Nurture and to Serve the Neighborhood; The Life and Legacy of the Rev. Mr. Fred Rogers

Rev. Ben Meyers (he/him)

IN PERSON Service, BFUU Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar Street

March 20, 2023 will mark the 95th anniversary of the birth of Fred McFeely Rogers, who died 20 years ago (2/27/23) and whose life and pioneering ministry shaped and guided the lives of millions of people, young and old. His words, songs and story continue to touch and inspire. Come be lifted and affirmed as we revisit the lessons of 'Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.'

Please see [page 3](#) for our Minister/Speaker bios.



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Personnel Committee
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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
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Margaret Hurlbert, Convener
Worship Services Committee
Melissa R, WSC Liaison
Jeff Palmer, WSC Chair/Convener

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President's Corner

Happy Spring everyone!

We have been meeting in person on Sundays once a month, and I just wanted everyone to know that we will begin meeting in person two Sundays each month beginning in April.

Take care,

Margaret Hurlbert
President, BFUU Board of Trustees



BFUU Worship Service Team



Worship Service Team February 19, 2023

top row: Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles, Steve, Frances;

2nd row: Margaret, Lawrance, Ardis;

3rd row: Melissa, Barbara

Worship Service Leaders March 2023

March 5: Sacred Tree Stories from Around the World

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.

March 12: Celebrating Women: Embracing Gender Equity

Rev. Jojo V. Gabuya (they/them)

Rev. Jojo V. Gabuya is a Filipinx non-binary jackleg preacher, climate reality leader, and interfaith minister. They are building bridges across differences, as a member of the Interfaith America Bridging the Gap Cohort.

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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.

March 26: To Nurture and to Serve the Neighborhood; The Life and Legacy of the Rev. Mr. Fred Rogers

Rev. Ben Meyers (he/him)

The Rev. Ben Meyers has been a UU minister since 1995 and served as minister of BFUU from 2009 to 2013. He is currently a Hospice Chaplain for Bridge Home Hospice and lives in Oakland, near Lake Merritt and his adorable grandchild, with whom he shares the wisdom, wit and whimsy of Mr. Rogers.

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

meets as needed

contact [Caring Committee](#)

Committee on Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Jinky Gardner](#)

Finance

Meets as needed

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Hospitality

meets as needed

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Membership

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Meets as needed

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Poetry

Meets as needed

contact [Frances Hillyard](#)

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 Friday at 1:30 PM

contact [Worship Services](#)

Community Voices



Happy Birthday!
Jean Lieber

Living Longer Small Group!

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? As the pandemic fades, Americans are living longer in good health. For men, the average life expectancy is 77, and it's 81 for women, but the 10 oldest living Americans are 112 to 115 years old! Reverend Dr. Carrie Knowles is forming a small group concerned with "Living Longer—the Blessings and Challenges of Aging." The group will meet in person at the BFUU building for six sessions to be scheduled in the late afternoon on alternate Tuesdays.

If you want to join this group, please email revcarrie@bfuu.org.

Help Wanted - IT Support

BFUU is starting the search again for an IT professional to work on contract just a few hours/as needed/as available to support the technical aspects of our networks, computers and peripherals, phones, email, website, etc.

If you have recommendations, please contact office@bfuu.org, 510-841-4824 (phone), or 510-984-1564 (text).

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles Office Hours

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles holds in-person office hours **in the BFUU Office on 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.

Appointments can be "drop-in," but also can be requested by email to revcarrie@bfuu.org.

Poetry Corner

Landscape of a Journey

Stand on a hill in silence.

A last trail of sunlight
shapes darkening skies,
east and west one circle,
energies endlessly entwined.

You have been restless. The day slows.
Leaning alders print the busy creeks
with shadows of autumn leaves;
cool profusions of stars polish your heart.

The eyes of an owl,
soft brush of its wings,
praise your arrival
in this place of peace.

Frances Hillyard

BFUU Monthly Open Mic



Berkeley Fellowship Monthly Open Mic
2nd Fridays



BFUU OPEN MIC

Fri March 10 - 7:00 PM

Musicians, Poets, Magicians, Comedians, all Performers:

Sign-ups begin 6:30 pm for ten 10 minute spots. Show time 7pm



Featured Artist: **Marianne Barlow**

Marianne Barlow is a singer-songwriter, music teacher and artistic director of Women Making Music retreats (womamu.org). She lives in Oakland with her partner, two tiny dogs, and too many Lego bricks.
<https://sites.google.com/view/marianne-barlow-organic-music/about>

Host: **Marcie Boyd**

singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, teacher, activist, and longtime PMN member - sings with Occupella and the LaPeña Chorus
<https://peoplesmusic.org/Sys/PublicProfile/49461067/4386840>

BFUU legendary Fellowship Hall

1924 Cedar Street (at Bonita Ave)

One block east of MLK Way, Wheelchair Access on Bonita Ave

Windows open for covid safety so DRESS in very WARM LAYERS!

Stay home if you think you might be contagious.

BYO potluck refreshments (optional)

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



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To get low volume Social Justice announcements/alerts, email:

bfuusjev-subscribe@lists.riseup.net

BFUU Events and Meetings

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 4th Thursday 3/24 at 3:00 PM

BFUU BOT meetings are open to all!

Caring Committee Meeting with Ministers on 3rd Tuesday 3/21 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 3/2 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 3/19 after service (noonish)

Please contact Phoebe at sjc@bfuu.org

Social Justice Ministry Meeting *is on hiatus*

Wisdom Circle 1st Tuesday 3/7 at 11:00 AM


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

Worship Service Committee Meeting 1st Friday 3/3 at 1:30 PM

Please contact worshipservices@bfuu.org

****some committees meet as needed - please see full committee list on [page 4](#)****

Fellowship Calendar March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BFUU Open Mic Friday March 10 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall 			1	2 2:00 pm COM Meeting*	3	4
5 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	6	7 11:00 am Elders Circle * ¹ 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours* 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	8	9	10 7:00 pm BFUU Open Mic*	11
12 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	13	14 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹ 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours*	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹ Noonish - after service SJC Meeting * ¹	20 Communicator Deadline	21 Caring meeting with ministers * 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours* 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	22	23 3 pm BFUU Board of Trustees Mtg * ¹	24	25
26 10:30 am Worship Service * ¹	27	28 1:00 pm Rev. Carrie office hours* 7:00 pm Choir Practice * ¹	BFUU In-Person Worship Service Sunday March 26 at 10:30 AM in BFUU Fellowship Hall - 1924 Cedar St. masks required - dress warmly - open windows			

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 by appointment - we are working from home

BFUU OFFICE STAFF

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR APRIL COMMUNICATOR:

March 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Please email newsletter@bfuu.org with submissions.

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