

THE BFUU COMMUNICATOR

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists

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September 2023



Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM

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

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September 3: The Need to Belong

Rev. Ben Meyers (he/him)

The Rev. Ben Meyers will bring us fresh meanings to the word 'belonging,' which holds together the two fundamental aspects of life: *Being and Longing*.

September 10: Peace Tales from Islamic Tradition

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (she/her)

Encounter mystical tales and peacebuilding encounters from the world of Islam. Enjoy moving meditation, dance and stories of unity and joy. Rabbi Lynn has spent a life time working with Muslim communities around the world and in the United States and is co-founder of the Muslim Jewish Peacewalk. She will also share some beautiful passages from the Qur'an.



September 17: Genome: the Autobiography of a Species

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Carrie Knowles shares an exhilarating study of our 23 human chromosomes that lets us see how nature and nurture combine to make us human.



September 24: In the Spirit of Aloha

Patrick Landeza (he/him)

The word "aloha" takes on many meanings, but the most important meaning is "unconditional love."

Through stories and songs, Patrick shares the power of aloha and how its meaning brings us closer to one another and to the universe.



Uke Jam after service at 12:30 in the Courtyard



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



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Music Committee
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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, Chair

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President's Corner

Hello fellow congregants,

In the last month, our Fellowship has gone through a few changes. We have a new kitchen floor, and a new fridge. Our solar has been powering almost all electricity for both buildings, and our budget is doing well, with room rentals increasing.

We started all hybrid services in August, and have been improving our Zoom sound, thanks to Steve Ogden!

Our Outreach task force has met twice, and is in the planning stages for several activities, including a college-aged group, a cooking club, art, dance and music nights, and a history club. Go BFUU!

Margaret Hurlbert
President, BFUU Board of Trustees

Shared Plate Partner

for the month of September 2023:

Consortium News

Founded in 1995, Consortium News was the first investigative news outlet based on the internet. Founder Robert Parry was one of the reporters who exposed the Iran-Contra scandal in the 1980s. He was distressed by the silliness and propaganda that came to pervade the U.S. press and feared that the decline of truthful journalism would result in disasters due to the public being inadequately informed. BFUU is proud that Consortium News chose our Hall for events including Parry's inspiring memorial. Non-partisan, independent, and without any corporate funding, Consortium News continues to produce groundbreaking journalism on many of the most significant issues including national security, foreign policy, politics and the environment.

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

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. 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.

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.

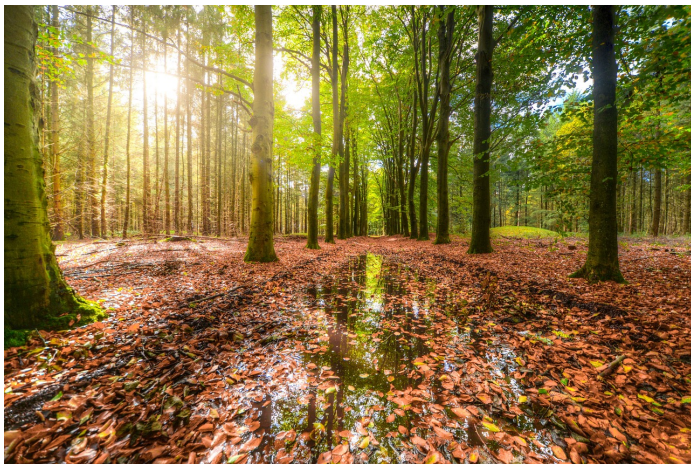
Patrick Kahakauwila Kamaholelani Landeza (he/him)

Patrick Kahakauwila Kamaholelani Landeza is an award-winning Hawaiian musician. Born and raised on the “island of Berkeley” to Hawai’i born parents, Landeza is considered by many the bridge between all things Hawai’i and the mainland. He is the Executive Director of HIC Lifestyle (Hawaiian Island Creation), Community Liaison/Cultural Advisor for Trader Vic’s Worldwide and sits on numerous other boards. Patrick is in his 29th year in education and although he is no longer in the classroom, he still continues to impact the students at Moreau Catholic High School where he is the Community Outreach/Auxiliary Programs Coordinator. Landeza is a former high school campus minister and responsible for creating music ministry programs that continue to thrive to this day. A liturgical composer, Landeza’s music is still used today for young adult liturgies. Patrick has five children with his wife Jennifer and currently lives in San Lorenzo, Ca.

Poetry Corner

Oh brilliant twinkling tree
 Never ever has one seen
 Such exciting electric scenery
 In the redwoods where we be.
 (Reflection of sun on wind blown
 leaves dripping wet with dew as
 seen across creek from back deck
 home in redwood grove.)

Poppa green gene
 aka Gene B. Herman
 BFUU Poet laureate



Community Voices



Happy Birthday!

Betsy Nachman

Phoebe Sorgen

Cheryl White

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.

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

contact [Caring Committee](#)

Committee on Ministry

meets as needed

contact [Jinky Gardner](#)

Finance

Meets as needed

contact [Ben and Abbot](#)

Hospitality

meets as needed

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Membership

meets as needed

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Music

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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](#)

Upcoming Events



BFUU Monthly Open Mic – 2nd Fridays



BFUU OPEN MIC

Friday September 8 - 7:00 PM

Featured Artist: Trevor Michaels

Trevor Michaels grew up in LA. He got the folk music bug early, and listened to everything, especially Bob Dylan and blues singers like Brownie McGee, Jesse Fuller, Big Bill Bronzy, and Leadbelly. When he moved to Berkeley, he was able to meet idols like Jesse Fuller and KC Douglas, and even play host to some of the Berkeley folk festival musicians! He lived in Texas for a year and met even more blues people. Along the way, he picked up the jazz bug and most recently played some "Covidcella" outdoor concerts with Billies Bounce.

Host: Dave Welsh

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

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

BFUU Meetings & Events

Special Events

BFUU Open Mic on 2nd Friday 9/8 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall

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

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 9/28 at 3:00 PM

BFUU BOT meetings are open to all!

Caring Committee Meeting with Ministers on 3rd Tuesday 9/19 at 11 AM

Please contact Rev. Carrie at revcarrie@bfuu.org

Committee on Ministry Meeting 1st Thursday 9/7 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 9/17 after service (noonish)

Please contact Phoebe at sjc@bfuu.org

Wisdom Circle 1st Tuesday 9/5 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 9/7 at 5:00 PM

Please contact worshipservices@bfuu.org

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

Fellowship Calendar September 2023

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

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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September 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Please email office@bfuu.org with submissions.

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