List of possible field trips for Purple class in 2013/2014:

(1) UU Fellowship of Sunnyvale

http://www.uufs.org/

Why go: Another UU congregation close to us, with a different feel to it. (We could also go to the Redwood City UU church, but some of the Sunnyvale middle school kids will be joining our OWL class in January, so this might be a chance to meet them.)

(2) St. Herman of Alaska Russian Orthodox

www.saintherman.org 161 N. Murphy, Sunnyvale

Why go: Orthodox Christians are a third big branch of Christians, different from Protestants and Catholics. So services are different from other Christian services we've seen. It's really beautiful, lots of chanting, icons on the walls, etc. St. Herman's services are in English, not Russian, which is good.

(3) Ananda Church of Self Realization

www.anandapaloalto.org 2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306

Why go: Different from anything else we've visited. It's based on Hinduism, they trace back to a Hindu teacher, Yogananda. Yoga is a part of what they do.

(4) Unity Church

www.unitypaloalto.org Middlefield Rd., PA

Why go: A combination of Christianity and "New Thought," Unity uses insights from all world religions, sort of like Unitarian Universalists, but they still consider themselves Christian.

(5) Sunnvvale Hindu Temple

sunnyvale-hindutemple.org
20 Persian Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Why go: A traditional Hindu temple, with lots of deities, so we'd get to see many different Hindu gods and goddesses (some Hindu temples have only one or two). There's someone in UUCPA who knows about Hinduism, and who might be able to go with us.

(6) Mosque on San Antonio Rd., Palo Alto

www.anjuman-e-jamali.com

Looks like they're not open yet, so we might not be able to go. We will do more research and see what we can find out. If this doesn't work out, there's also an active group in San Mateo.

(7) Stanford Memorial Church

www.stanford.edu/group/religiouslife/cgi-bin/wordpress/memorial-church

Why go: Worth visiting because the building is *incredible*. In addition to that, they make a point of welcoming many very different kinds of religions. The minister, Scotty McLennan, is affiliated with UUCPA and is a nice guy — plus he's kind of famous, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scotty_McLennan

(8) First Tongan United Methodist

www.firstpaloalto.com/tongan.shtml Palo Alto

Why go: The singing and dancing are supposed to be really good. It's a pretty standard Christian church in terms of what they believe, but the worship style is very different, very influenced by Tongan culture.

(9) Gudwara Sahib (Sikh)

fremontgurdwara.org 300 Guwara Rd., Fremont

Why go: Sikh services are famous because there is always a free lunch provided afterwards. Part of their religion is to serve good vegetarian food to anyone who needs a meal. The service includes a lot of singing.

(10) Emek Beracha (Orthodox Jewish)

www.emekberacha.org Palo Alto

Why go: Emek Beracha gets good Yelp reviews. It's Orthodox Jewish, but it's supposed to have a modern feel to it, and supposed to be pretty hip.