



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

June Theme: Influences

Sunday Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

June 2

**“Influence, Confluence and Mellifluence”**  
Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & Camille Hatton

For this delightful Music Sunday, we will trace the dynamic interactions of musical teachers and students, beginning with St. Saens, through Fauré, Boulanger, Effinger, and Stroepe, with our own UUCMP choir and guest vocalists. You won't want to miss this!

June 9

**“Who Do You Think You Are?”**  
Rev. Axel Gehrmann & Amy Carlson

Every Sunday morning we say: we welcome people of any age, race, class, religious or sexual orientation, gender identity or political view. We celebrate our differences. But what makes us different? Are we products of nature, or of how we were nurtured? Are we shaped more by genetic mutations or social affiliations? More by professional associations or family relations? And are we really more different than we are the same?

June 16

**“Whatever Happened to Class?”**  
Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & Karen Brown

In this interactive service we will try to uncover some of our conscious and subconscious thinking about class. This important topic is often shied away from or denied altogether, and yet it certainly influences many of our current social structures and issues and aspirations. Come explore this fascinating and important reality with us.

### Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

is offered during the service for kids, preschool and older. Quality nursery care is available.

June 23

**“Peaks and Troughs”**  
Bob Sadler & Chris Kage

Joseph Bodoracco, a professor at Harvard Business School, pointed out that our behaviors and values are largely shaped during defining moments, the peaks and troughs, of our lives. Is he right? Do the peaks and troughs we experience become intense lessons that, over time, determine a lot about how we behave and what we believe? If we took the time to explore how those peaks and troughs have shaped us, could we alter or strengthen our values and behaviors more easily? If we shared the stories of our peaks and troughs with others, could we develop better relationships faster? Worship Associate, Chris Kage, and Worship Leader, Bob Sadler, will lead us in an exploration of how we are influenced by our experiences.

June 30

**“I’m From . . .”**  
Katie Hamilton & Robin Jensen

We all have a story. Our story defines our past, and who we are today. If we choose, it can also define our future. We will share our stories, their pains and joys, their impact and influence. And we will look at how we can use them to change the future and make a better tomorrow for ourselves and others.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Axel  
Gehrman

Summer is coming! For the school-aged among us, this may mean welcome weeks of vacation. For others, summer may be a time for travel, visits with family and friends, or perhaps seasonal outdoor activities. For all of us, the long days and short nights will have some subtle impact on our state of mind and spirit.

Around the church it means we are shifting to our summer worship schedule: one Sunday service only at 10:30 a.m., which is also the time for our children's summer religious exploration program, from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend.

The beginning of summer also marks the end of a church year. Our programs and activities are aligned to a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30. Our Annual Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> - the reports written, the officers elected, and the budget approved – was part of our yearly cycle. I don't know how closely you follow such church organizational matters, but let me tell you: they provide the institutional backbone for all the important initiatives and activities that take place here, year in and year out.

And this has been a great year! Whether in music or worship, whether religious exploration or social justice, whether pastoral care or community building, whether stewardship or strategic planning – we have been incredibly busy and successful! Here is a big THANK YOU to all our hard-working volunteers and staff members, thanks to whom this church truly is making a meaningful difference in the lives of countless people on the Peninsula and beyond!

In the larger UU movement, June is also the month of our annual General Assembly (GA). From June 19-23, thousands of delegates from UU

congregations across the country will be meeting up in Spokane, Washington, for worship and celebration, organizing and activism, education and discussion of the most pressing current issues of concern to Unitarian Universalists. (Please see page 6 for a schedule of GA events which will be live-streamed, and which you can watch via computer/internet from the comfort of your home.)

For your ministers, summer is a time for rest and renewal. We will be driving to Spokane to attend GA, and then be on vacation/study leave through July, beginning with visits to family members in Oregon. (The church office will know how to reach us in case of emergencies.) We will be back at church in early August.

Summer is coming! What does this mean for you? Do you have treasured seasonal rituals or routines? Will you be connecting with friends and family? How is your spirit affected by the movements of earth, sun and stars? There is deep meaning in all of these things.

Whether we remain close to home, or travel far away, I hope the weeks ahead will provide us each with ever-new energy and inspiration, and thus guidance and sustenance for all our endeavors to come.

See you in church!

*Axel*



We currently have four Chalice Circles (Covenant Groups or Small Group Ministries) providing a way to get to know others while exploring issues of UU importance in a comfortable setting. Contact Rev, Axel or Sharon Miller about joining an existing one or facilitating a new one---materials and mentoring available!

### Worship Associates



Bob Sadler, Chris Kage, Ann Johnson, Corey Brunson  
 Sue Ellen Stringer, Karen Brown, Katie Hamilton (chair), Mary Kay Hamilton  
 Rev. Axel Gehrmann, Rev Elaine Gehrmann

**You, too,** could be a part of this vital team of congregants who support Sunday services and sometimes provide leadership of the services as well. If you are interested, please speak to the ministers.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group**, Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.

**Board of Trustees** meets Wednesday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m.

**Buddhist Sangha** is every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Community Choir** meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. through June 13.

**Dances of Universal Peace** is Sunday, June 16, 5-7 p.m. See page 13.

**Equal Exchange** Coffee and Chocolate are available on Sunday, June 16. See page 12.

**Friday Night at the Movies** is on June 12, 7 p.m. See page 9 for what's showing.

**I-HELP for Men** is Sundays, June 9 and 30, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**I-HELP for Women** is Sunday, June 23, 4 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**Justice Choir** meets Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m. See page 11.

**Membership Committee** meets Wednesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Men's Breakfast** is Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. See page 12.

**Music Committee** does not meet in June.

**NUU'sletter deadline** for the June issue is Sunday, June 16.

**Program Council** is every first Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., at UUCMP or via Zoom. For Zoom information contact Lauren Keenan [programcouncil@uucmp.org](mailto:programcouncil@uucmp.org)

**Sing Along** is Wednesday, June 12, 6-7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. See page 11 for details.

**Social Justice** meets Sunday, June 2, 11:45 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

**Women's Discussion Group** will meet on Thursdays, June 13 and 27, at 2:00 p.m. See page 12 for details.

# President's Corner: Don's Den

## Closing Don's Den

Term limits are a curse! But wait; I am ready for transition. At the start of our first board retreat at Lauren Keenan's house, the icebreaker asked each of us for a one-word description of our current self; my word was transition.

I am so proud that Mary Beard asked me to consider being on the board. I am proud that Lauren Keenan chose me to be her vice president. I recall vividly when Page agreed to be my vice president, because I rejoiced, "She said yes!" Recent past presidents since we have been members include Paul Jessen, Brian Jacobson, Lauren Keenan, and now Page Galloway. These are all super-smart, great people with great skills and talent. UUCMP is so fortunate to have such dedicated church members.

Our board has matured over the past three years, blessed by the wisdom and guidance provided by our ministers. For them we have the search committee to thank. We also are grateful for the "Big Gift" received this year, that contributed to their new compensation package and helped them to qualify for and relocate to a new home last month. We gratefully welcome Jon Czarnecki and Kent Weinstein as new board members. Who is next in our community to step-up? Who is bold enough to help Page?

And so now I say goodbye to the board as I term out. I know the board is in good hands. And now I get to be on the nominating committee. Of course, I'm not sure what that means yet . . . but I know new adventures await.

Our Strategic Plan is moving forward. The city of Seattle uses a diversity team to review their annual budget to make certain that bias both explicit and implicit are addressed. They ask, "Who are we excluding?" An interesting component of the UUCMP Strategic Plan is the role of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee it established. Like the Seattle team, our committee is already hard at work reviewing board policies (the Census) and recommending critical changes to improve their sensitivity and equity. This committee is dedicated to exploring these kinds of bias within our congregation. As our Strategic Plan works towards making our congregation more diverse, think

of it in these terms, "When and where do we exclude folks?" To that end, the board has strengthened its relationship with the Membership Committee. In one way or another, each member of this congregation is a member of the Membership Committee. We all own it. Working toward a measurable result we are asking everyone to take the time to complete the Census. The board has created a survey that will help us describe ourselves now and it will be re-taken a few years from now to measure our growth trends. It takes a few minutes to complete because we have made our best effort to **not** exclude anyone! Compassion, diversity, inclusion, welcoming; they all must fit together. The board understands this.

We are also charging forward with the Capital Campaign team. Lesson #1 is that there is work to do. At our second meeting May 22, we took 90 minutes to discuss the past and the future. We have researched the records from the past and have invited past members of the Capital Campaign Team to share their thoughts with us. We will stand on their shoulders. We have received a proposal from the same team that assisted UUCMP in our last campaign. We are looking at the future. We are looking at a menu of options that we can afford. We seem to think we are 18 months away from a clear, practical picture. But if we don't start now, we will be 18-months away 18 months from now. We appreciate everyone's patience as we knit these pieces together.

Thank you to everyone for your collective support of the board and for me as its president. It is a life changing opportunity that a person only knows by doing. We are just now beginning to transform our world as we know it. Let's keep doing. Doing is what UUs do.

With love, justice, and peace in my heart, I say thank you to everyone. I'm so lucky and fortunate to be a part of UUCMP. Transition is growth done gracefully! Please stay in touch!



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## A Note from the Intern

Amy Carlson

Transitions are never easy. They can be downright unsettling as we move from a known situation into the unknown. Always in a transition, as William Bridges says in his book *Transitions*, there's an ending, a time of disorientation, and then a new beginning. Bridges states that to move on to the new beginning we have to let go of the old. We have to acknowledge the ending.

My time here at UUCMP is coming to an end. My last day will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. It's hard to believe that ten months have come and gone so fast. As I transition to the next steps in my ministerial journey I want to make sure and take the time to acknowledge this ending. I am most grateful for UUCMP for giving me this internship opportunity. I have so much love in my heart for this community. I have felt nothing but warmth and welcome from this congregation since the first day I arrived.

I am especially grateful to those caring folks who served on my intern committee and welcomed me from the very beginning: Susan Hovevar, Phil Hawthorne, Lauren Keenan, Konny Murray, and Michah Forstein. I appreciate their hard work, steady presence, and insightful feedback more than they know. And I am forever grateful to Rev. Elaine Gehrmann for serving as my intern supervisor. Her guidance, wisdom, and caring presence have been a true gift.

As I look back at my time here I feel gratitude for the opportunity to practice the different ministerial arts. I've been able to practice skills in

the areas of worship and rites of passage, pastoral care, spiritual development, church administration, and faith in the public square. And as I discern which ministerial path I will take, I know the skills and learnings I've acquired here will serve me well in the future.

This church is really an amazing place. I have had the immense privilege of seeing it from all different angles. It is a healthy place, a thriving place, and one that is primed to grow. This community is blessed with so many gifts. Let us count the ways!

- A dedicated, hardworking board of trustees
- A robust and talented music program
- A dynamic and growing religious exploration program
- Financial health thanks to the hard work of the finance committee and stewardship committee
- A nurturing environment thanks to the efforts of the caring network, pastoral associates, and chalice circles
- Many ways to learn through worship programming and life enrichment classes
- Concern for the wider world and the power to put UU values into action through the work of the social justice committee and involvement with COPA

And I could list many more things! As Rev. Axel likes to say, "There is a lot going on here. A lot of people are doing a lot of good work." It has been a blessing to join in the good work of this church if even for a short period of time. Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives. I end by offering you this Gaelic benediction:

- Deep peace of the running wave to you.
- Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
- Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
- Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
- Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

Warmly,  
Amy



## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Watch the UU General Assembly Spokane, WA, June 19 to 23

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. You can find more information about GA at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

The following events are being live-streamed, and can be viewed via computer with internet access:

#### Wednesday, June 19

- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Welcoming Celebration

#### Thursday, June 20

- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Worship, Opening, Framing
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Service of the Living Tradition

#### Friday, June 21

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Worshipful Start
- 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. General Session I
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Synergy Bridging Worship
- 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ware Lecture: Richard Blanco

#### Saturday, June 22

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Worshipful Start
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. General Session II
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

#### Sunday, June 23

- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE WITH THE MINISTERS

Friday, June 7, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m

Would you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and the opportunity to chat with the ministers, as well as a few other members and friends of UUCMP? If so, be sure to join our First Friday Coffee. Revs. Elaine and Axel will host a gathering for members and friends in the Canterbury Room of Canterbury Woods, 651 Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove. Whether you are a resident there, or live elsewhere, please join us for a hot beverage and friendly conversation.



## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



On Sunday, May 12, a handful of people took an hour out of their busy weekends to talk about religious exploration at UUCMP. Reverend Elaine Gehrmann, ministerial intern Amy Carlson, and I eagerly listened to their ideas and concerns about how R.E. is done and how it might be done better.

One of the main themes of the discussion turned out to be a desire to see more children participating in our religious exploration programming. Since growing the congregation is also a main theme of our church as a whole, this definitely seemed like a worthy topic to explore.

As a group, we discussed why it seems hard to bring in new families. Why are some of our friends reluctant to even visit? Part of the reason might be one word many of us have a complicated relationship with: church. Our friends who might very much benefit from a community like ours think they already know what a church is and that they don't need it. But many of them don't actually know what our church is! How do we demonstrate that we're not like those other churches when so much of our tradition, our format, our very culture is similar? How do we welcome them with open arms if they are reluctant to step foot in our building?

According to a recent report by the Pew Research Center, a full third of the adults termed as "millennials" (born in 1981-1996 and now of prime age to have children in religious exploration) are religiously unaffiliated, a startling increase over baby boomers (17%) and Gen-Xers (23%). All religions struggle to attract families when a declining share of adults are interested, not just Unitarian Universalism. But looking at the reasons millennials are increasingly unaffiliated might offer some encouragement for us. While religious doubt abounds, our friends who aren't interested in church are "nones" for a variety of reasons. Some are atheists or agnostics, but some just don't like the behaviors or policies of churches they have known. The most common reason "nones" give for not affiliating with any religion, however, is that they "question a lot of religious teachings." Well, come on down and bring your children, too! We just

might be your people!

I had a friend who reluctantly came to see our son perform in a UU Christmas pageant just because he was being a nice friend, but sitting in that pew nearly gave him a stroke. (And the Christmas pageant starring a live Baby Jesus and Fletcher Brunson as the Angel Gabriel was not the way to open his atheist heart to what that UU community had to offer.)

So, maybe the trick is to get families in the door for less threatening activities so that they can slowly figure out who we are before trying out a worship service. One parent in our meeting suggested a discussion group about ethical parenting for agnostics and atheists, held at our UU "Education Center." On R.E. Sunday, Dennis Hickman told the story of bringing his sons to UUCMP for middle-school OWL. While they were in class, he looked around and, before the OWL term was finished, became a member. I had friends who wound up belonging to a little Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, mainly because they went to La Leche League meetings there every month and had the opportunity to see all the wonderful things that particular church was doing in the world.

At the tail end of our May 12 discussion about religious exploration, it was suggested that regular social events that are fun for kids and parents might make it easier for us to invite families we know to church. They may not come for a worship service, but maybe they will come to game night.

All we can do is try. And keep putting out the invitations.

— Corey Brunson

Director of Religious Exploration



**Announcing First Friday Game Night!**

**Starting June 7, 2019,**

**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**UUCMP Fireplace Room**

**A variety of table-top games will be available for most ages.**

# ART NEWS

May 29 to July 29

*Held by a Horse*

Mary Aiu



My imagery reflects my ideals about beauty and emotional connections, and horses are my favorite sources for inspiration. I am a spectator in their world, awaiting the moment to capture the splendor of the unbridled horse in motion, their interactions among the herd, or their relationships within the human world. Whether running freely or under-saddle, through my lens I witness the equine spirit: powerful, noble, yet willing to please. Sometimes that capture is enough, though other times, I create a Photomontage that sets the stage to a world with no boundaries. My artistic intent is to evoke a feeling that takes the viewer along for the ride with this magnificent animal, to combine a moment born in my imagination that is inspired by their being.

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Mary Aiu is a fine art photographer who spends her time pursuing beautiful horses from around the world. Her work is noted for its ethereal feel, blending photographic components that often result in a painterly quality of the horse in motion. She has been described as one who can share the sensual beauty and depth of spirit in horses within her work.

Mary resides in Suisun Valley, California, and the Monterey Peninsula. She holds a BFA from the California College of the Arts and is a member of the Image Makers of Monterey. Her work has been featured in *LensWork* and *Black & White* magazines, and she was a guest lecturer at the Monterey Museum of Art. Her work has been exhibited in numerous exhibits including the Triton Museum, Center for Photographic Art, Texas Photographic Society, and a juror's award at the 2018 CA State Fair.

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The Comments Book is now in the Welcome Hall just outside the sanctuary doors.

-Peggy Olsen

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR OUR INTERN – JUNE 9

Amy Carlson's internship at UUCMP is, sadly for us, coming to an end on June 15. We will fete her with strawberries and nibbles and say our farewells after worship on June 9, the last Sunday she will be with us.

We've been blessed with her sunny, compassionate presence since last August. She has participated in committees, given sermons, acted as a worship associate, taught two ALE classes, helped with RE, volunteered at fundraisers, visited house bound congregants, and otherwise shared her calm spirit and willing nature with us.

Members of the Intern Committee, will be at a table on Sundays to accept donations toward farewell gifts for Amy. There is a sign-up sheet for you to promise to bring some cookies for the gathering.

There will also be colorful sheets of paper for you to express your memories and comments about Amy. Photos welcome! We'll put them in a notebook and present them to her at our celebration, along with other farewell gifts.

Our wish is to honor Amy in the multiple ways she has served us. Let's send her off well on her continuing journey.

— Intern Committee



## Talk to Us!

Have you noticed the new Committee on Ministry bulletin board hanging in the entry hall? If not, please take a look, especially if you:

- Are curious by nature
- Have a suggestion or idea that you would like the church to consider
- Want to thank a congregant, UUCMP friend, or staff person for something he or she has done

The Committee on Ministry will review any new posting and will pass it along to the appropriate person or committee. Any outcome(s) of the suggestion, idea, or thank you will be posted on the bulletin board as quickly as possible.

Only YOU can help us become all that we can be!



## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 7:00 P.M.  
~ LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE ~

This internationally popular arthouse drama/romance was directed by Alfonso Arau and is based on the best selling novel by Laura Esquivel. Tita, the youngest daughter in her family, is forbidden to marry her true love, Pedro. Tradition dictates that Tita must care for her mother, Pedro weds her older sister, Rosaura, though he still loves Tita. The situation creates much tension in the family, and Tita's powerful emotions begin to surface in fantastical ways through her cooking. As the years pass, unusual circumstances test the enduring love of Pedro and Tita.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. It's free. Family and friends are welcome. Refreshments available for a small fee. See you at the movies!



# COASTAL KIDS HOME CARE

## June Shared Plate Recipient Coastal Kids Home Care

Coastal Kids Home Care is California's only non-profit pediatric home health agency, improving the quality of life for children healing from injury, short-term illness, coping with chronic conditions or developmental delays, and those facing a terminal illness and end-of-life. The staff provides in-home nursing, specialized therapies, social services and bereavement counseling to support the whole family.

A revolutionary idea, the agency was co-founded by Margy Mayfield in June of 2005. Coastal Kids brings high-quality, compassionate home care to children with serious or life-limiting illness at a very low cost to families and community healthcare dollars. Children living with serious illness want to simply be home, thriving when they can sleep in their own beds, eat their favorite foods and spend time with friends and family. Many pediatric programs have faced quotas and cut-backs, affecting the quality of care that children received. Coastal Kids Home Care annually cares for 650 medically frag-

ile infants and children (ages 0-21 years) with illness and disability, from Monterey, Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties. The agency is the only specialized provider of pediatric palliative and end-of-life care in these communities. Coastal Kids has remained true to Margy's pioneering idea – to offer exceptional healthcare to children and support to parents in the comfort of home.

Coastal Kids was founded based on the idea that children deserve high-quality home health care and that this service could be offered with very low overhead. Although the majority of the agency's patients are from families living at or below the poverty line, Coastal Kids Home Care has never turned a child or family away for inability to pay. Thanks to their grants, event sponsorships, private donations, and tireless hours from staff, Coastal Kids has provided more than 50,000 in-home visits to 7,500 children.

**Please give generously to support this worthy organization.**

### Help Save Our Piano!!

Our 100-year old Steinway piano needs work. This piano has been with us for many years, but if we want it to serve us for many more years it needs some refurbishing. The work will cost about \$25,000. The good news is that, thanks to a generous bequest by Jane Crotser's mother, we have \$10,000 in hand. The rest is simple: we would like each and every member and friend to "adopt" one or more of the parts that make our piano sound so well especially at the hands of our wonderful pianist, Lucy Faridany. To the right is the list of "adoptees:"

As a special incentive, each and every adoptive "parent" will be invited to the fabulous reception and concert we will have next year inaugurating our new-



**230 Strings @ \$20**

**88 Keys @ \$100**

**3 Pedals @ \$500**

**1 Frame @ \$1,000**

ly refurbished piano with music provided by our own Lucy. Look for a date as soon as we have a better idea when the work will be completed.



To donate, send a check to UUCMP with word "Piano" and your

"adoptive" part(s) in the memo line by June 30. We are looking forward to many more years of beautiful music.



Thanks for all that you do!

Harry Nagel, Treasurer

**Write a check today! THANK YOU!**

## Musical Offerings



This month we continue to make a joyful noise throughout the music department. We want you to join us for the journey.

Currently, the Adult Community Choir will meet **every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Sanctuary until June 13**. We will then break for the summer until August 8. This choir is open to everyone, members and non-members alike, to explore singing together. We are currently preparing for the special Music Sunday on June 2.

If you want to have fun with folk songs and popular tunes, come check out our Monthly Sing Along with Shawn Kraut! We are scheduled to meet **every 2nd Wednesday each month from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room**. This month, we will meet on **June 12**. This group is open to anyone with any instrument to play or sing along. You can bring music or use the music other people bring. Shawn also helps guitar and ukulele players develop their skills at any level. This group does not perform in services.

Our children's choir will go on break until after Labor Day.

In addition, we have a new Social Justice choir, which will meet monthly and will gather to sing at marches, protests, and other gatherings. Details are in the article on this page. Participants will meet again on Tuesday, June 11.

We are also restarting the *WhUU Are UU Band*. Please see the article to the right for more information. If you would like to join, you may talk to Shawn Kraut. Please see the article to the right for more information.

If you have any other ways you wish to contribute to the music department when we convene again in August, please feel free to contact me! We would love to have your involvement in this fun program.

— Camille Hatton



### Care about Social Justice and like to sing?

**Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary**

The newly formed Justice Choir will continue to meet on a monthly basis. We are using the Justice Choir songbook as well as other song sources, learning songs that can be used in a variety of settings. We recently sang with demonstrators at the *Stop Abortion Bans* rally at Window on the Bay on May 21. In the future, we hope to partner with other local organizations to bring singing into the movement, or mobilize “pop-up” style to lead group singing at marches, rallies, state buildings, vigils, or anywhere a marginalized sector might need a bigger voice.

Join us and lend your voice!

More info at [www.justicechoir.org](http://www.justicechoir.org). Questions? Speak with Camille Hatton or Rev. Elaine.

### Join Together with the WhUU Are UU Band

We are reviving the *WhUU Are UU Band* at UUCMP. Do you have an instrument you would like to play? Guitar, bass, drums, cajón, ukulele, banjo, keyboards? Let us know! We anticipate weekly rehearsals, and about one new song per month. Contact Shawn Kraut to express interest.



## Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, June 8,  
8:00 a.m.



All men are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast Group. Please let Marsh Pitman ([marshpitman@gmail.com](mailto:marshpitman@gmail.com)) know if you will attend so we can plan for enough food. Come as early as 7:30 a.m. if you want to help.

## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of the Monterey Peninsula

We welcome all women to our twice monthly meetings—the second and fourth Thursdays.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Susan Hillier will lead our discussion of "Downsizing Space, Possessions and Life Trajectory."

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Diana Martinetto will lead our discussion of "Why Are We Still So Fat?"

Please join us from **2-3:30 p.m.** in the Fireplace Room.

—Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE JUNE 16



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will be available after the service on June 16. Support sustainable farmer coops and UUCMP at the same time! Cash and checks accepted.

Contact: Janet Shing



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WORSHIP ASSOCIATES!

We need talented, dedicated UUs who want to contribute to the quality of our worship services. Worship Associates support all Sunday services and sometimes provide leadership at those services as well. If you think you'd like to try your hand at this vital part of church life, please speak to one of the ministers.

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAYS in the Order of Service or Welcome and Announcements from the pulpit are due by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

ARTICLES for THE WEEKLY NEWS email are due by noon, Tuesdays.

## Life Enrichment

The Spring Life Enrichment booklets have been published. Check out all the great groups and activities.

Contact Carol Greenstreet, who is the LE Committee Chair.

## There will be a Celebration of Life Service

In honor of

**Douglas Stuart Chandler**



**Saturday, June 15, 2 p.m.**

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

### Anti-Racism Book Group

First Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

### Anti-Racism Film Group

Third Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.  
in the Fireplace Room

### Men's Group Breakfast

Second Saturdays, 8 a.m.  
Contact: Marsh Pitman

### Women's Discussion Group

Second and fourth Thursdays, 2 –3:30 p.m. Contact: Nancy Baker Jacobs

### T'ai Chi Chih Wednesdays

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Contact: Ruth Smith or Jim Eagle

**Sangha** continues on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Friday Night at the Movies is second

Fridays, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Contact: John Freeman

### Dances of Universal Peace

Third Sundays, 5-7 p.m. in the sanctuary

Contact: Barbara Bullock-Wilson

## THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA

Welcoming all, we worship together with loving hearts and open minds, promoting peace, equality, and respect for the Earth. Questioning, reflecting, learning, leading ... we change ourselves as we change the world.

## Questions and Answers on UUism

Would you like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this church? Please join our informal Q&A session, designed to answer your questions, whatever they may be.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 2, at 11:45 a.m. following the worship service, in the Conference Room. Please speak with Revs. Axel or Elaine for more information.

## Grapevine



**Douglas Stuart Chandler**, a longtime member of UUCMP, died on April 26, 2019, at the age of 94. Doug was born on April 5, 1925, in Evanston, Illinois, the second of four sons. The family moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1938 when his

father took a job with First National Bank in that city. He attended high school in University City, on to Washington University, and then the Officers Training Program in the Navy. He met Peggy Kidwell when he was fifteen and she thirteen, and they became best friends. By the time he had returned from Navy service in May of 1946, the friendship has blossomed into romance; they were married on December 28, 1946.

At first they lived in one room in an apartment in St. Louis; there was little housing available with men coming home from the service. The couple moved to Chicago for a year, then to Seattle, Washington, where Doug began a four year apprenticeship as a carpenter. He worked as lead carpenter from 1953 to 1956, becoming a foreman in 1956. Doug and Peggy started their family in 1953 when they adopted their daughter Judy. In 1955 they were blessed with the arrival of their daughter Joan. Their two daughters, Judy and Joan, were born in Seattle. The family moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1956 to be closer to Peggy's parents and two younger sisters. Their son, Doug Jr., was born in 1957.

They lived in a variety of houses in the area, including a place in Carmel Knolls that Doug designed and built. Doug wanted to try something different, so he earned his real estate license in 1976. But it did not prove to be a good move for him, so he returned to the role of being a general contractor, to which he felt better suited. He remodeled and built a number of structures on the Peninsula, did property management, home inspections, and was the volunteer coordinator for construction for the very first phase of what is now UUCMP. He was one of the people who helped to clear the land and build the UUCMP

buildings.

The family lived in many of the places Doug would remodel and then flip, moving 22 times in their marriage before they wound up in 1964 in the house on Mar Vista Drive. At this point, Peggy was ready to stay put! They lived the remainder their lives in their home on Mar Vista Drive.

Upon retiring from general contracting he went into home inspection, a good job for someone with his experience with building construction. He was at one point chair of the Architectural Review Committee for the city of Monterey and also chair of the Planning Commission. He joined the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Housing Committee. Doug's activities at UUCMP included giving advice on the physical plant, chairing the Board, singing in the choir, and chairing the Facilities Committee. Doug was once an avid fisherman, taking his boat to many lakes near and distant. One of the most exciting trips was one to Mexico with a group of fishermen to catch mahi-mahi.

The family would take outings to Lake Pillsbury where they would rent cabins and go fishing and swimming. They had many wonderful trips with their children and grandchildren. In retirement, Doug and Peggy both enjoyed reading, eating out with friends, and visiting with their three children, their six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Doug and Peggy were married for seventy years and both had been major contributors to the construction, maintenance, and welfare of the church and the congregation for many years. They will be missed.

There will be a Celebration of Life service in Doug's honor on Saturday, June 15, at 2 p.m. at UUCMP.

*Grapevine is one project of the Caring Network, a group whose mission is to increase and strengthen the sense of community at UUCMP. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or has something to share, please contact the steering committee at [caringnetwork@uucmp.org](mailto:caringnetwork@uucmp.org)*

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## UUCMP Participates in COPA Delegates Assembly



For the past year and more, UUCMP has participated actively with COPA, a local grass-roots community organization that focuses on housing, immigration and health care issues in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. (COPA stands for Community Organizing for Relational Power in Action; it is a local chapter of the Industrial Areas Foundation, IAF).

At the Delegates Assembly held on Saturday, May 19, UUCMP was represented by congregants Elizabeth Granado and Rev. Craig Scott. Present were representatives of 28 member institutions of COPA including various houses of worship, labor unions, and civic organizations.

Elizabeth spoke movingly about her participation in the Housing Civic Academy that COPA hosted recently in Seaside where 200 community members and public officials were present, including 17 members of UUCMP, and our ministers. She says, “I participated in the house meeting leader training in Monterey. At the training I volunteered to lead a practice group session in order to get more comfortable leading a group. I was nervous because I knew people were going to open up about their personal stories, and I would also have to share my story regarding housing. That meant I had to be open and vulnerable in order to help facilitate trust in the group. But because of the training I was able to encourage my group members from within the community where I live to share and connect about their struggles and lives.



Elizabeth Granado

“I was happy and honored to be someone to bring community members together who are concerned about the same things as I am. Like many others I had my own experience with housing after moving from Texas to California two years ago. I felt lucky to find one apartment for my dog Ella and me. However, before my year lease was up I received a notice that I had 60 days to move out of my apartment because of new ownership and rent increases. I was lucky to be able to connect with a lawyer at church. She talked me through my lease and informed me that I could not be asked to move out according to my lease agreement. I talked to the apartment management and they told me I could stay but that I was more than likely going to get another notice when my year was up.

“So I searched for a place to live and found a room for rent in Prunedale. It was not a good fit because I now had to commute to my job as a teacher at MPUSD in Seaside. I worked really hard and with the help of my dad and a realtor from church I was able to buy a small house for Ella and me in Seaside. I know there are many who do not have some of the privileges I have because I see it every day.”

At the Delegates Assembly, Craig was able to let the assembled groups know that UUCMP, at our recent congregational meeting, voted to dedicate 1% of our budget for the next fiscal year as our COPA dues. This is an important step for UUCMP in increasing our commitment to community organizing for social justice locally. News of our recent vote was welcomed warmly by the assembled delegates.

For more information on COPA and UUCMP, and to find out how to become involved, contact the COPA Core Team at [ij@uucmp.org](mailto:ij@uucmp.org).

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