



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

June Theme: Migration and Immigration

Sunday Services begin at 10:30

July 7

**“Where Do We Come From, Who Are We, Where Are We Going?”**

**Rev. Dennis Hamilton & Mary Kay Hamilton**

What was once surmise now has been proven through genetics and archaeology. We evolved from earlier primates in Africa and spread over the entire earth. Understanding our roots gives us clues as to what we are. Now we all must decide where we want to go next. The planet awaits our decisions, our votes, our continued spiritual development. Rev. Dennis Hamilton is a retired UU minister who was senior minister at Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church in Carrollton, Texas, and interim minister at UUCMP.

July 14

**“Latin History and the Importance of Sanctuary”**

**Robert Sadler & Robin Jensen**

Cortes and his soldiers invaded Mexico in the early 1500’s in pursuit of gold. A hundred years later, only about 4% of the indigenous people had survived. They spoke neither English nor Spanish, the two major languages of the Americas. What’s it like for one of these indigenous people to immigrate to America? Worship Associates, Bob Sadler and Robin Jensen, will lead an exploration of the injustice left behind by Latin history and the importance of sanctuary by sharing the story of Yani Hernandez, who recently graduated from CSUMB and is barely protected by DACA from deportation.

July 21

**“God is Not God’s Name”**

**Rev. Steve Edington & Katie Hamilton**

The sermon title is also the title of a recently published book by Rev. Steve Edington. It traces his religious and spiritual journey (or migration) from an evangelical Baptist church to a forty-year career as a UU minister. This morning we’ll explore how we cultivate a relationship with that which we sense is greater than ourselves without getting too ensnared in religious language. It’s part of our human condition to look beyond ourselves for greater meaning or purpose in our lives. Religions have sought to deal with this condition—a condition we all encounter however “religious” or not we may consider ourselves to be. Rev. Edington is the Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, New Hampshire.

July 28

**“Immigrant Stories”**

**Laura Nagel, Altaira Hatton, Molly Lewis,  
Rev. Craig Scott, & Elizabeth Granado**

The most recent estimates of refugees in Monterey and San Benito Counties place the number at 48,000. Since voting to become a Sanctuary Congregation last spring, many of us have been doing what we can to improve their living conditions. In this service, we will share the stories we have heard along the way of the undocumented in our community, their hopes, and struggles.

## Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

is offered during the service for kids, preschool  
and older.

Quality nursery care is available.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Elaine  
Gehrman

This year's UU General Assembly featured poet Richard Blanco as the Ware Lecturer. This poem from his new book seems very fitting for our July theme of Migration/Immigration.

*Como Tú / Like You / Like Me*

{for the D.A.C.A DREAMers and all our nation's immigrants}  
. . . *my veins don't end in me but in the unanimous blood of those who struggle for life . . .*  
. . . *mis venas no terminan en mí sino en la sangre unánime de los que luchan por la vida . . .*  
—Roque Dalton, *Como tú*

*Como tú*, I question history's blur in my eyes each time I face a mirror. Like a mirror, I gaze into my palm a wrinkled map I still can't read, my lifeline an unnamed road I can't find, can't trace back to the fork in my parents' trek that cradled me here. *Como tú*, I woke up to this dream of a country I didn't choose, that didn't choose me—trapped in the nightmare of its hateful glares. *Como tú*, I'm also from the lakes and farms, waterfalls and prairies of another country I can't fully claim either. *Como tú*, I am either a mirage living among these faces and streets that raised me here, or I'm nothing, a memory forgotten by all I was taken from and can't return to again.

Like memory, at times I wish I could erase the music of my name in Spanish, at times I cherish it, and despise my other syllables clashing in English. *Como tú*, I want to speak of myself in two languages at once. Despite my tongues, no word defines me. Like words, I read my footprints like my past, erased by waves of circumstance, my future uncertain as wind. Like the wind, *como tú*, I carry songs,

howls, whispers, thunder's growl. Like thunder, I'm a foreign-borne cloud that's drifted here, I'm lightning, and the balm of rain. *Como tú*, our blood rains for the dirty thirst of this land. Like thirst, like hunger, we ache with the need to save ourselves, and our country from itself.

### *About This Poem*

*"In September 2017, President Trump's administration decided to repeal D.A.C.A. (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), the policy that allowed children brought to the United States illegally to receive deferred action from deportation. I began to contemplate their circumstances in light of my own. Having arrived here in my mother's arms when I was only forty-five days old, I wasn't a legal citizen of any country until I was 17-years old. Luckily, I was at least a documented immigrant. But what if I had not been? What if I had to live with the fear and threat of being deported to Cuba, my parents' homeland, which I knew only through my cultural imagination? These reflections inspired this poem, from my new book *How to Love a Country*, written to stand in solidarity with the plight of all D.A.C.A. children as brethren who belong to two countries, yet none; who are caught in the crossfire of politics and the crosshairs of bigotry without any legal right to have a say in the determination of their destinies."*

—Richard Blanco

See you in church!

*Elaine*

Revs. Elaine & Axel are on vacation during July. The church office will be able to contact them in case of emergencies.



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!

**The 2019 Monterey Peninsula Pride Parade & Celebration** will be held on Saturday, July 20,



at 11 a.m. at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey. Join us to march, to staff the table afterward, and/or to

sing with our newly formed Justice Choir. For more information, please contact Karen Brown or Rev. Elaine.

**Leadership Development & Nominating Committee**



Rev. Elaine Gehrman, Jon Czarnecki, Susan Hocesvar, Gretchen Hausmann (chair of Leadership), Lauren Keenan, Paul Jessen

Their role is to help the UUCMP foster leadership skills and recruit individuals within the congregation who can share the responsibilities that will move UUCMP forward in fulfillment of its mission.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS**

**Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group** is on break for July.

**Board of Trustees** does not meet in July.

**Buddhist Sangha** is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. See page 11.

**Community Choir** is on break for July, and will resume in August. See page 9.

**Dances of Universal Peace** is Sunday, July 21, 5-7 p.m. See page 11.

**Equal Exchange** Coffee and Chocolate are available on Sunday, July 21. See page 10.

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

**I-HELP for Men** is Sunday, July 14, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**I-HELP for Women** is Sunday, July 28, 4 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**Justice Choir** will attend the Monterey Peninsula Pride March on July 20. See article to the left.

**Membership Committee** does not meet in July.

**Men's Breakfast** is Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m. See page 10.

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

**NUUletter deadline** for the August issue is Tuesday, July 16.

**Program Council** is not meeting in July.

**Sing Along** is Wednesday, July 10, 6 -7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. See page 9 for details.

**Social Justice** will not meet in July.

**Women's Discussion Group** will be on break for the month of July.

## President's Corner — Page Galloway

### I Get By With a Little Help from My Friends.



For a first message, I was unsure about what to write. So, I decided I would tell you about my recent life.

I got sick recently. So, what does that have to do with anything? I'll tell you, if you have

the patience, trust me, there's a point to the story. Stick with me for a bit, okay? Good. Here we go.

So, as I said, I got sick. At first, I thought this was not a big deal; just a little summer bug treatable with a little rest and some tea. Nope. I was *really* sick. I spent about ten days in bed trying to recover. It was, in a word, horrible. Worse, I'm a dreadful patient. I'm overconfident that nothing is really wrong, and that if I just keep acting like nothing is wrong then that will be true. Talk about magical thinking. It doesn't work. Viruses and bacteria are wholly immune to positive intention. In short, I was really sick, and down for the count. Worse, I was having a hard time caring for myself. I needed help.

I was lucky. My brother came to the fore and took care of me. He brought me soup, water, tea, popsicles, and, my favorite, goldfish crackers. More importantly he was there for me. Just there. Being sick is a lonely experience. It's isolating, a bit scary, and made worse because not only do you want to just crawl into your cave and hibernate, but when you are awake, no one wants to be around you. It's lonely, and it's depressing. I got through it all with a little help from my friends. I got phone calls, the solid reliable care of my brother, my partner's regular texts and calls, even my mom called me. My co-workers communicated with me. I wasn't alone. And that's the point of all of this: I wasn't alone. And neither are you.

We're lucky, in this faith community, we have each other to turn to for support, care, and nurturing. We have like-minded people to share our happiness with, our worries when we have them, and even in the smallest of ways we support each other. We get by with a little help from our friends. That's one of the things that is special about being part of this community, and it is part of what I think we need to bring more into the world at large. And we do. We have so many organizations within the congregation that focus on being there to help: from the projects that COPA is involved in, to Justice Choir, to the pastoral work of our friends and ministers, and beyond.

So many people go through life feeling a bit like I did when I was sick: isolated, alone, and trying to push through without support from friends. I think that the awareness that we aren't alone, that all of us get by with a little help from our friends is key to how we move forward together in developing our church home and helping it grow.

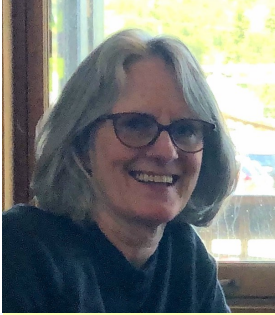
It's a big world out there, and all of us need each other to be at our best. So, in advance, I thank you as we embark on our journey together this year in working to help our church and our faith community grow. I look forward to working with you all in reaching out a hand in friendship not just within our congregation, but outside in the larger world, letting it know that we are here, as friends to help each other get by with a little help.

That, and we have goldfish crackers.

All the best,

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# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



One of the greatest things about our religious exploration program at UUCMP is the opportunity it creates for children and youth to build real relationships with adults in the congregation. Aside from just feeling good, however, we can demonstrate why this is important.

Frankly stated, UUs have a terrible “retention rate” compared to other religions! If the Unitarian Universalist faith is to grow to a fuller potential, increasing the impact it can have on the wider world, we must do all we can to encourage our children to stay with us as adults. Research has shown that, after parental influence, the second most important factor in determining whether our children will continue in the UU fold as adults is the sense of connection they have to their whole congregation.

Generally, I think we do an excellent job of nurturing bonds among and between our kids. Typically, a group of teens who experience OWL together in middle school (OWL = Our Whole Lives, our comprehensive human sexuality course) will enthusiastically embrace a Coming-of-Age (COA) class in early high school where they refine their own beliefs and learn in greater depth about our UU faith. After that, their years in a high-school youth class provide great support and comradery during what can be some fairly stressful, action-packed years.

I can speak from personal experience, however, that feeling tightly connected to one’s peers in church isn’t enough to connect one to the church as an institution. My older son did “Sunday School” religiously all through the early grades. He participated in OWL while in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, did COA in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and enthusiastically attended Sunday-morning meetings of a church YRUU group (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) until high school graduation. He loved his peers, had great experiences on week-long youth trips, and generally soaked up all the church had to offer. If you asked him then or now, however, he would say he isn’t really a church goer. His experience in UU youth activities was completely separate, in his mind, from his concept of church for adults.

I listen to the youth at UUCMP today and I hear a

similar attitude. They are here every Sunday to be with each other. They have formed life-long friendships with each other. But church? That’s not really the point.

Teens will be teens and their attraction to spending time with each other can be a mighty force. There are things we can do, however, to encourage their sense of connection without detracting from their peer-group bonding.

The first, is to find enthusiastic UU adults in the congregation who will spend time with them.

Right now, we really need more qualified adults to commit to Sunday mornings with our youth.

What makes one qualified?

- An interest in hearing the viewpoints of teens with an open mind
- An understanding that you are there to facilitate their learning, not to lecture
- An ability to enjoy their quirky senses of humor and occasionally goofy behavior
- A maturity level that enables them to trust you
- A willingness to complete our on-line youth-protection training course

If you think you might qualify to do this important work, please contact me at your earliest convenience. We offer training and support to help you. You would be part of a team of teachers who coordinate your schedules so as to not over-burden you. If you aren’t sure you can make the commitment, at least talk to me so that we can consider what we in La Leche League used to call “Mom-Sized Jobs” – ways you can help that fit into the actual life you are living.

I will admit to a bias, but there is no “church work” more important than connecting to our future as a movement. This is your chance . . .

— Corey Brunson  
Director of Religious Exploration

# 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

## 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. Below is the list of "adoptees:"



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. The piano is currently in the shop undergoing its transformation.



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.

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 newly refurbished piano

**230 Strings @ \$20**

**88 Keys @ \$100**

**3 Pedals @ \$500**



Thanks for all that you do!

Harry Nagel, Treasurer



## 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, JULY 12, 7:00 P.M.**  
**~ THE LIVES OF OTHERS~**

This 2006 arthouse drama/thriller, directed by Florian Henckel Van Donnersmarck takes place in 1983 East Berlin. Dedicated Stasi officer Gerd Wiesler, doubting that a famous playwright is loyal to the Communist Party, receives approval to spy on the man and his actress-lover Christa-Maria. Wiesler becomes unexpectedly sympathetic to the couple, then faces conflicting loyalties when his superior takes a liking to Christa-Maria and orders Wiesler to get the playwright out of the way. It won the 2007 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film and won many top international awards.

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!



## July Shared Plate Recipient *Immigration Task Force of Monterey County*

The **Immigration Task Force of Monterey County** is a group of concerned individuals and organizations who share the belief that our Constitution guarantees specific inalienable rights to everyone living on U.S. soil, regardless of documentation status. It is conservatively estimated that over 65,000 undocumented persons live in Monterey County, as well as family members who may be documented -- but live under constant pressure due to current immigration policies.

We seek to build a strong community coalition, based on mutual respect, dedicated to ensuring that all immigrants may live here in peace and without fear. We inform local immigrant families of their legal rights, help them prepare for possible detention by ICE, connect them with legal resources, and help defend against violation of their rights. In 2018, we directly served about 2,300 persons.

### Our ongoing initiatives include:

- Maintaining a Rapid Response Network for Monterey County
- Sponsoring “Know Your Rights” sessions with local attorneys

- Printing & distributing over 100,000 "Hotline" & "Know Your Rights" cards
- Offering Child Safety Plan workshops in Spanish and English
- Designing post-detention support for the spouses & children left behind

**Website:** [www.itfmontereycounty.org](http://www.itfmontereycounty.org)  
(available, but partially under renovation)

### Donations:

**Immigration Task Force** is a fiscally sponsored program of the Action Council of Monterey County, a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit corporation – tax ID [77-0357101](https://www.irs.gov/efile/efile-lookup).  
(Rick Baldwin, Treasurer)

Checks should be made out to:  
Action Council of Monterey County but in the memo line, please note: Immigration Task Force

*Thank you for your generous donations!*

## Anti-Racism Book and Movie Selection for the Upcoming Year Potlucks!

Please join *Whites for Racial Equity* and the Unitarian Universalist Church for **two potluck gatherings** to select next year's books and movies for our ongoing monthly discussions. We'll meet on **Tuesday, August 6**, from 6-8:30pm to select **books** and on Thursday, **August 15**, from 6-8:30pm to select **movies**. Please bring your nominations and a dish to share!

Questions? Speak to Rev. Elaine or JT Mason.





## Musical Offerings



Our new UU justice focused choir will meet at the Monterey Pride event at 11 a.m. on **July 20th at the Custom House Plaza** in Monterey. We will sing a variety of old and new social justice songs to support the wider community. The songs are easy to learn, memorize, and love forever. For more information,



please contact either Camille, Rev. Elaine, or Karen Brown. We hope to see you there!

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 Fireside Room**. This month, we will meet on **July 10th**. 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 the services.



If you want to join Shawn in bringing this kind of music to the service, he is starting the WhUU are UU band back up in the fall. We have a couple of participants, but are in need of a drummer, bassist, and more vocalists in order to start the group. Contact either myself or Shawn for more information.



Our Adult Community Choir finished up the year with an amazing Music Sunday on June 2nd and a farewell to our Intern Minister, Amy Carlson, on June 9th. This month, the choir is on break. We will resume our season with a sight-read fest on **August 1st** and **regular rehearsals on August 8th**. This choir is open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike, to explore singing together. In August, we will prepare for two Sunday services per month and a special Music Sunday in December.

In addition, our children's choir is also on vacation. We will resume the group on **August 4th**. In August, we will focus on basic rhythms, meters, and pattern identification. In addition, we will prepare a special song for October. Our children's choir is designed for children grades K-5; however, I am flexible if a child wants to participate and is not in that age range. Our children explore a variety of simple musical concepts, vocal techniques, and engagement with service music.

Finally, if you have other ways you wish to contribute to the music here at UUCMP, just let me know.

— Camille Hatton

## Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, July 13,  
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, **except during July**, which is our annual vacation.

When our sessions resume in August, we will meet from **2-3:30 p.m.** in the Fireplace Room.

—Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE JULY 21



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will be available for purchase after the **July 21st** service. 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 fill out the WA form in our foyer, or speak to 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 LE booklet lists classes and events here at UUCMP. If you have ideas or suggestions for new classes for groups or the fall term, please contact the LE committee.

Carol Greenstreet is LE Committee Chair.

### Buddhist Sangha - The Eightfold Path

All are welcome to attend our Buddhist Sangha, Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Sangha is a support group for the ongoing exploration and practice of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, the essential teachings of Buddhism. Each week we meet to meditate and to hear a recorded dharma talk by respected teachers like Jack Kornfield, Thich Nhat Hahn, the Dalai Lama, Tara Brach, Pema Chodron and others from various Buddhist traditions. We have a brief check-in to share how our “practice” is going, how our lives may be changed through study, meditation and daily practice. If you know nothing about Buddhism, there is still plenty to unlearn on your way to an unburdened life.



— Namaste, Rev. Dennis Hamilton

### 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.

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

### Anti-Racism Book Group

First Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. (On break during July)

### Anti-Racism Film Group

Third Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Fireplace Room (On break during July)

### 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. We are on vacation in July. 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. Contact Rev. Dennis Hamilton. See article to the right.

### 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

## UUCMP Census Results

Thanks to all 129 of you who completed the recent UUCMP census. You may find the results [here](#).



## Grapevine



**Mary Esther Glover Beard** was born on a farm in Tulare County on October 10, 1927. In 1909 Mary's grandfather had bought a "half section," 320 acres of land, for a farm, and moved there from Los Angeles with his family. Mary's father Charlie was 7 years old at the time. Charlie had five

brothers and five sisters. There is still a well-attended Glover Family Reunion Picnic on the farm every year. Mary is one of 25 first cousins. She had two younger brothers, Jimmy and Clyde. Her mother was disabled by muscular dystrophy, and Mary had a large part in caring for Clyde who was born when she was ten. Clyde always said he felt that he had two mothers, one being Mary.

Mary attended Prairie Center Grammar School, walking or riding her bicycle the two miles to the three-room schoolhouse, which covered first through eighth grades. She attended high school at Strathmore. They attended Church of the Brethren, similar to Quakers. Mary was active in their youth group. Mary's first summer job was to fix meals for her uncle's four-man crew. They needed to spray the orange trees in the cool of the morning; so, making breakfast and packing lunch was at 4 a.m. with dinner at 4 p.m.

Mary Esther Glover earned a BA and a teaching credential from La Verne College in 1949. Her roommate for three years was her friend Mary Velta Glover, though they are not related. Mary met Paul Beard, in college. They were married right after graduation. They both taught in Mendota in Fresno County for three years. Mary first taught fourth grade, with up to with forty students during cotton season. Then she taught first grade for two years. They then moved to La Honda in San Mateo County, and she taught Kindergarten, holding classes in their home with five Kindergartners until the school building was finished. She taught two years of K/1 combination classes.

The couple moved to Monterey in 1955, buying the house in which Mary still lives. Paul had a job selling dried butterflies and other insects to schools for studying. Paul was hired to teach fifth grade at Monte Vista School, and then later taught at Marshall School and the alternative school. They had two sons, Kim, who was born in 1956, and Keith, who was born in 1958. They became acquainted with the Unitarians when Paul taught Sunday School, but were not very active at first. They

met Peg and Doug Chandler through a co-op food buying club run by volunteers out of people's homes. They eventually got a prefab storage shed for the club and Mary became the manager. The main supplier was Associated Cooperatives (AC) in Richmond. Mary served six years on the Board of AC and represented AC on the nominating committee of Mutual Service Insurance Company in Minneapolis.

Mary and Paul Beard became close friends with Bruce McNeil as fellow new teachers in Mendota. Bruce became director of Camp Unalayee in 1954 on the Ben Lomond site of the Quaker Friend's Camp. Both the Beards and friend Marsh Pitman knew of this venture to bring camping experience to 10 – 16-year-old children from diverse backgrounds. Paul and Marsh were involved in Ben Lomond before a 640-acre section was found in Trinity County wilderness. The McNeil, Beard, and Pitman families were together in 1960 at the new location where campers were trucked in 5 miles along a rough logging road. (Now, a new route allows the kids to walk to camp while duffle is trucked.) They live in small groups and cook over open fires. Mary took over coordinating menus, food ordering, and distribution to cooking groups for 7 years after 1960.

Paul retired in 1979, but then the marriage broke up. Mary then studied accounting at MPC. She worked part-time as bookkeeper for Chandler Vocational Services. She worked 17 years as receptionist for Walker and Reed. Mary was a friend of the church for years. Later she joined and became involved in various committees such as Finance and was treasurer of the first phase of the Capital Campaign. She joined the Board and was president for one year. Mary would get together with Marsh and Carol Pitman and friends for summer trips to Tioga Pass Resort.

Carol Pitman died in January of 2006, and Mary and Marsh married on May 19, 2007. They are both less active in committee work at UUCMP but are still faithful attendees at services and functions and are active supporters.

*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)*

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## COPA Works to Bring YIMBYs to Monterey City Planning Commission Members Testify on Behalf of Affordable Housing Proposal, by Laura Nagel

Elizabeth Granado and I testified before the Monterey City Planning Commission on Tuesday, May 28, and when we asked the COPA delegation of 14 to stand, we outnumbered the NIMBY's (Not In My Back Yard coalition) from the local neighborhood. The proposed redevelopment for 2200 North Fremont in Monterey will replace a night club and liquor store on the corner of Fremont and Airport Road. The commission voted that evening to approve it by a 4 to 1 vote. Despite this approval and the earlier unanimous approval of the Architectural Review Committee, the Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association may yet appeal the decision to the City Council, although the matter is not on the agenda at this time. Under the proposal there will be forty new housing units, eight of which will be set aside for very low-income families in perpetuity, thus adding to the city's inventory of affordable housing stock.

**COPA Training on Research Action Meetings.** On June 17th, COPA offered training on how to meet with public officials in what they term a research action. The training was held at San Pablo Church in Seaside attended by over 50 COPA members from Central Coast cities including Santa Cruz, Aptos, Watsonville, Salinas, and Soledad, as well as the Monterey Peninsula.

Elizabeth and I had recently organized a research action meeting in Monterey with council member Tyller Williamson prior to the public hearing. This training was important because IAF, the parent organization of COPA, in the past has been famous for holding elected officials' "feet to the fire." When I belonged to another IAF organization as a member of the UU Church in Fort Worth, TX, I remember being uncomfortable with that approach. However, the IAF has changed since then. Ernie Cortez, the co-director of the Southwest Region of IAF, of which COPA is a part, changed the structure to emphasize relationships. Now "Relational" has been added to COPA's name, Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action. The emphasis on relationships is stressed throughout the organization from individual members to public officials. Although there is a difference between those meetings in that those with public officials are structured through an agenda and are attended by at least two COPA members because it is a "public relationship." The core idea, however, is the same in that you are more likely to gain cooperation with individuals with whom you have a relationship.

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Proposed Commercial and Residential Development at 2200 North Fremont Street, Monterey

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Before Elizabeth and I testified before the Planning Commission, we, along with Jan Lindenthal, the chair of the Monterey County COPA Housing Task Force, had met with Tyller to discuss the North Fremont redevelopment proposal. We made the appointment as COPA leaders, set an agenda before the meeting and met prior to the meeting to discuss our respective parts. Elizabeth was to tell her story, as she recounted to you in last month's newsletter, I was to introduce our work in COPA, and Jan was to ask specific questions about the project. At the end of the meeting, I felt that we had formed a working relationship with Tyller, who is new to the council, but who campaigned for affordable housing in Monterey. He also has a history with COPA having told his housing story at the housing civic academy last spring. He himself had been homeless in Monterey while he was an employee of the Naval Postgraduate School.

UUCMP's Core Team has been working closely with the Monterey County Housing Task Force because the member congregations on the Peninsula identified affordable housing as their number one priority. You may be asking if COPA works in areas other than housing. The answer is yes. In addition, COPA's priorities are health



care, mental health services, and immigration reform. However, COPA operates across three counties of the Central Coast: Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey, and there are not task forces in all areas for all counties. The Housing Task Force, however, has been operating for several years in Monterey County. As you may know, we recently had a very successful Housing Civic Academy on April 14 in Seaside that was attended by over 200 people from our five Peninsula COPA organizations: St. Mary's By the Sea Episcopal in Pacific Grove, Unity in Monterey, San Pablo Episcopal and St. Francis Catholic Churches in Seaside, and UUCMP in Carmel. All our work together has been done bilingually as was the academy itself and thus we built new relationships across the Peninsula. Since the civic academy, we have worked to plan our next actions. In addition to following through at City Council with 2200 North Fremont, the greatest need as expressed by San Pablo and St. Francis members is for a *Civic Academy on Renters' Rights and Remedies*. Stay tuned for information on this. The next Housing Task Force Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m. at San Pablo, 1092 Noche Buena Street in Seaside. Please join us then if you want to get involved in this exciting work. Contact us for more information at [ij@uucmp.org](mailto:ij@uucmp.org).

## Biennial Justice Summit & Camp — Camp de Benneville Pines

UU Justice Ministry of California (UUJMCA) is excited to announce the biennial Justice Summit at Camp de Benneville Pines will take place from Sunday, August 4th through Thursday, August 8th.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for all our congregations to collaborate in a reflective and spiritual setting and to build more effective social justice ministries together. We are excited about the program being developed by the new executive director, Rev. Ranwa Hammamy and we look forward to seeing members of your congregation this August.

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