



NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

September Theme: Work and Play

Sunday Services begin at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

September 1

Single service at 10:30 a.m.

"Folks That Play Together"

Revs. Axel & Elaine Gehrmann at campout
Katie Hamilton and Ann Johnson at church

It's the Big Sur Campout Weekend! You have two choices this Sunday. You can join Revs. Elaine & Axel and the other campers at the Santa Lucia Campground for a short multigenerational open-air worship service at the banks of the beautiful Big Sur River, or for those who choose not to make the trip to Big Sur, a similar service will be led by our Worship Associates at church. **This is our last single 10:30 a.m. summer Sunday service.**

September 8

"When Work is Play"

Rev. Axel Gehrmann & Sue Ellen Stringer

What is the difference between work and play? Some say the purpose of work is productivity, and play is purely for pleasure. Others say work is about making money, whereas play is about spending it. They often seem like opposites, or mutually exclusive. And yet, Mark Twain writes: "Work and play are words used to describe the same thing under differing conditions." Can work be play?

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September 15

"Level Playing Field"

Connections Fair at 11:15 a.m.

Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & Mary Kay Hamilton

A level playing field is one in which everyone has equal opportunities and no one has an unfair advantage. This morning at our 9:30 worship service, we will explore how level our church playing field is, and what we might do to make it even more so. At the 11:15 service time, we will have the opportunity to interact with current members of our many groups and committees, who are all valuable players on our various church teams. At this "Connections Fair Celebration" you are invited to mix and mingle with old and new members and friends, and learn more about ways that your gifts and talents might find matching rewarding opportunities. Please plan to join us for both the 9:30 worship service and the 11:15 celebration.

September 22

"Our Future Work"

Rev. Axel Gehrmann & Bob Sadler

We live in a rapidly changing world. Increasing globalization, technological innovation, economic fluctuations each play a part. The nature of work itself seems to be changing. Which abilities and insights do we need to acquire today, in order to keep up with the pace of innovation, and remain meaningfully engaged tomorrow?

September 29

"Life Balance: The Sense of the Sabbath"

Karen Brown & Katie Hamilton

How much time and energy do we owe to employers and to working for our principles? How do we take it easy when the work is too much? Karen Brown and Katie Hamilton reflect on balancing work and play.

Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

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

Quality nursery care is available at each service.



Ministers' Message

Rev. Elaine
Gehrmann

One of the excitements of moving to a new community is exploring the various amenities—restaurants, stores, library, parks. Axel and I are getting settled in our new home in Seaside and having fun discovering its many recreational offerings. I discovered a gentle exercise class and have taken the opportunity to join some of my fellow Seaside residents several mornings a week at the Oldemeyer Center.

I have been noticing how it is a little intimidating to go to a new place for the first time. I wasn't quite sure what to wear or where to go, and I was so appreciative of the 'regulars' who smiled and welcomed me and showed me where to get the weights and filled me in a little on the teacher, the class, and other opportunities to get involved.

As we work on expanding our outreach at UUCMP, and inviting more new people into our religious home, we could all benefit from remembering a time when we were the new-comer, and what others did to help us feel welcome and included. Keep an eye out for the visitors who might not know just where to go, or what to do — a smile and a friendly greeting can go a long way towards making someone feel more comfortable and increase the chance that they will come back again!

On a related note, we are continuing to explore the possibility of beginning the next phase of our long-term building expansion project, focusing on building a much larger sanctuary. The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Capital Cam-

paign Team to hire UU consultant Kay Crid-er, who will meet with a number of church leaders and teams on September 6-8, and will share her recommendations with us on Sunday, September 8, at approximately 12:30 pm, after the second [service](#). Please plan to be there to hear what she has gleaned about our potential next steps. (Please see page 5 for more information.)

And on September 15, in place of the second worship service at 11:15, we will hold our annual Connections Fair Celebration—a chance to discover all the wonderful groups and committees around the church, please plan to join us and find ways that you might get more involved!

See you in church!

Elaine





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!

Social Justice Committee



The UUCMP Social Justice Committee represents the congregation's priorities on social justice issues in the public and private sectors, offering opportunities to move the world toward more justice and peace and to learn and change ourselves in the process. Committee members participate in a wide variety of local programs and activities. One of our largest commitments is working with Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) serving Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties in the areas of affordable housing, immigration, and mental health. We sponsor the selection of our monthly shared plate recipients, our church's Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Programs (I-HELP) for men and women, membership in the Peace Coalition of Monterey County, local LGBTQI events, and more. We welcome new committee members. Our next meeting is after the second service on October 6.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group Tuesday, September 3, 2:30—4:00 or 7:00—9:00 p.m. See page 14.

Anti-Racism Film Group Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m. See page 14.

Board of Trustees meets Wednesday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Buddhist Sangha is every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Community Choir meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Dances of Universal Peace is on Sunday, September 15, 5 p.m. See page 14.

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate are available on Sunday, September 15. See page 13.

Friday Night at the Movies is on September 13, 7 p.m. See page 9 for what's showing.

I-HELP for Men is Sundays, September 8 and 29, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

I-HELP for Women is Sunday, September 22, 4 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

Justice Choir meets Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m. See page 12.

Membership Committee meets Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, September 14, 8 a.m. See page 13.

Music Committee meets Monday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

NUUsletter deadline for the October issue is Monday, September 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

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

Social Justice will not meet in September.

Women's Discussion Group will meet on Thursdays, September 12 and 26, 2:00 p.m. See page 13 for details.

President's Corner — Page Galloway



“Put your faith in god, but tie up your horses.”

Hello Gentlepersons All,

I wanted to talk to you a bit today about security. Recently, I found out that my name and my association with this church has been used by an unknown person or persons to defraud people of money. I'm horrified and flabbergasted. The email using my name is president-board@presidency.com. I have no idea who this person is, but sadly, because I have a public presence as president of your Board of Trustees, my name and your good faith is being abused. Please, please, do not send money to this address, nor should you click on it or respond to it in any way. If you get something like this in your inbox and have questions contact the church's administrative office immediately. While we are in the middle of exploring our plans to complete the sanctuary for our church home, this sort of pernicious fraud is all the more damaging because it preys on our better natures: our desire to be responsible, generous, trusting, and giving. It preys on our wish to have good faith in others, and to trust in their good faith in us.

It shakes our sense of safety and security to see this kind of thing happen. Sadly, it isn't the only thing shaking our sense of safety and security. In recent weeks there have been even more mass shootings, this time targeting specifically Latinx people. In reading the news, I notice a couple of things about the manifesto of the Texas shooter particularly, beyond the hateful rhetoric it spews. It is about fear. It is about mistrust. It

is the ranting of a scared, angry person who lashed out in the most horrific way imaginable to assuage his fear, misnaming it strength, and worse yet, patriotic duty. He justified his conduct by claiming to be protecting what he loves. Sadly, he believed what he was doing was protecting what he loved, with horrifying and tragic result.

In both the email scam that has been targeting our church and in these horrible events there is a common thread: The worst elements in our society use our best instincts against us: How do we trust, how do we act in a world fraught with both physical peril and with untrustworthy scoundrels pretending to be good people, pretending to be people we know? I look back to my conversations with my great grandmother and remember her telling me “put your faith in god, but tie up your horses.” It is perhaps the best advice in this situation. Don't let the bad actions of others keep you from doing right in the world. Don't let it harden your heart, but let it burst you wide open. And ask questions. Ask lots of questions.

I suggest putting our faith into action: double down on social justice, double down on outreach, double down on engaging with people, with asking questions and paying careful attention to the answers. Depending on the answers you get, act accordingly. Meanwhile, if you get this email from the person using my good name and the good name of this church to get money from you and your instinct is to be generous and give to the church, you should do that. And ask a question or two of the administration office about where to send those funds.

As my great grandmother admonished, “tie up your horses.”

All the best,

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Next Steps Weekend September 6—8

Campaign consultant Kay Crider will be with us September 6-8, 2019. She will meet with our board and staff on Friday evening, and various committees and leaders on Saturday, to hear about our culture, concerns, and our hopes and priorities for moving forward with our building project. A core focus of the visit will be on identifying recommended next steps and practical information to help us successfully achieve our goal to build a new sanctuary for UUCMP!



On Sunday, September 8, after the second service, Kay will present her initial observations and recommendations to our entire congregation. All UUCMP members and friends are encouraged to attend. Come with your questions for Kay.

A detailed written report delivered within two weeks of the visit will contain congregational survey results, data analysis, techniques for successful campaigns, UUA and district/regional resources applicable for our congregation, and a timeline of recommendations customized for us.

Childcare will be provided during Kay's presentation after the second Sunday service.

Please make room in your schedule to participate so that we will get the most out of this endeavor. Thank you!

UUCMP Photo Directory Update

We have scheduled a photography day on September 24th with Lifetouch, the company we have worked with before, to update our photo directory. They will take individual and family portraits of all new to the church since our last directory 4 years ago. Each party will receive an 8"x10" portrait free of charge. This is open to all who fit into one of these categories and must sign up for a sitting time:



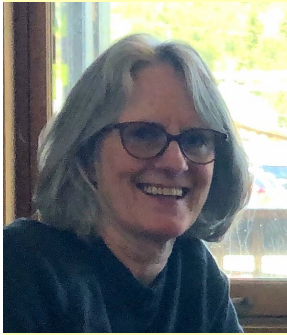
- ◆ Anyone who is not in our current directory either because they were *not available* when we last had portraits taken or is *new to the church*
- ◆ Any family that has had a *change in the number of family members, including pets*.

Please sign up at church in the Welcome Hall either before or after a service, where you will be able to receive more information. Those who will not be in town on the 24th are able to submit their own photograph to the church and will be included in the directory.

Lifetouch is now offering to photograph several generations together, and also to take portraits of different groups within a family if those arrangements are made when you sign up.

This is also an opportunity to update our contact information. A free directory will be printed for all friends and members of the church. We expect them to be delivered at some point in 2020.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



What Corey Learned Over the Summer

Thinking that summer would provide a slower pace with less to do, I enrolled myself in two online classes. For years, the UUA has offered specific classes for religious educators and, nowadays, they are often offered online. During July and August, I participated in *The Philosophy of Religious Education* and *Curriculum Planning*.

Thanks to technology, without leaving my desk I was able to meet with people from all across the country who hold jobs similar to mine. Each class met for five two-hour sessions. While I'm not a big fan of online meetings, these classes were surprisingly real and I experienced a sense of community with these colleagues. We had live discussions in virtual breakout rooms, we did group projects together, and we had long discussions in a UUA-hosted forum.

Despite my expectations, July and August were not nearly as quiet as I'd anticipated, and the two classes I took have gotten a little mixed up in my mind. Rather than try to outline what each class taught me, I'll use this space to share my general impressions.

Over the summer, I learned:

- “The congregation is the curriculum.” Everything we do at church is part of religious education. When children are listened to by adults and when they are integrated into the social life of our community, they are practicing our religion. When they are playing silly games or sharing joys & concerns with their classmates, they are practicing our religion together.

- What our children and youth will remember as adults is how they felt when at church; their feelings about the role of religion in their lives will be impacted by how they experience faith and spirituality now. Our programs for children and youth serve many purposes, but our primary goal isn't to teach children *about* religion, but to help them *experience* this religion.
- Creativity is key! Creativity is how our kids will solve the problems of tomorrow. Creativity is how we can take another church's R.E. plan and make it fit just right at UUCMP. Creativity is how we will grow our church and increase its impact in the world. Creativity -- in its many forms -- is itself a spiritual practice.

I'm excited by all the ideas I learned about this summer. I'm excited to expand my working definition of what religious education, or exploration, includes. I'm excited by all the potential I see to create new learning experiences. I'm excited by our association that has individuals planted in communities all across the continent, working to bring the best of religion to children, youth, and adults.

My gratitude for this particular church is very real for giving me the opportunity to serve in this position and to learn these mind-expanding things. Thank you!

— Corey Brunson
Director of Religious Exploration



Join Our Church!

Our church seeks to be a caring community and a welcoming place. We strive to deepen our religious lives and support the spiritual growth of all who join together here, working to build a better world beginning with ourselves.



If you find you are in sympathy with our principles and you are at least 16 years of age, then we invite you to sign our membership book.

There is no one single, right path to membership. But here are a few options: participate in worship and other events; and consider attending one of the two-session Orientations that are offered two or three times a year. Above all, familiarize yourself with our congregation.

Then fill out a Membership Form, which you can find at our Welcome Table in the lobby or in the church office. The form asks for your contact information and provides some information about UUCMP's purpose. After you return the completed form to the church office, you will be contacted by one of the ministers, or someone from our Membership Committee, to set up a time for you to receive additional information about the church, share your thoughts about church involvement, and sign the Book.

Joining the church entitles you to vote at congregational meetings, at which we adopt budgets, elect officers, and direct the course of church programming. Above and beyond that, membership is a personal and public expression of your support of this religious community, the ideals it stands for, and the work it does.

Please join us!

- Revs. Elaine & Axel Gehrman

Pastoral Associates Team: Reaching Out

I haven't had an illness for over a year. My doctor says not to worry. Everybody gets sick eventually, and I will too. I take comfort, not in the fact that I seem healthy, but in knowing I belong to a caring church community that will be there for me when I do get sick. All of us need a caring community in which to thrive. And that is why we have the Caring Network (thank you Carol Collin) and the Pastoral Associates Team.



Our Pastoral Associates Team has been calling through the membership list. If you have not been called yet, expect a friendly call soon. If we missed you, and you would like to chat, please call one of us. If you are in need or know someone who needs a call, please let us know. The Pastoral Associates Team meets regularly for training and to review the list of members who have special needs. We also visit hospitals and other care facilities as needed. Our visits and conversations are always confidential and discreet.

On our team at present are Meredith Harrill, Karen Judkins, Jean Mansfield, Darold Skerritt, me, Rev. Dennis Hamilton, and our leader, Rev. Axel Gehrman. And whether you know it or not, you are also a part of the Caring Network. We all will need some care eventually. And we each can offer our services to comfort those in need.

Good health and peace to you all,
Rev. Dennis

ART NEWS

Three Women Artists

July 31 to September 30

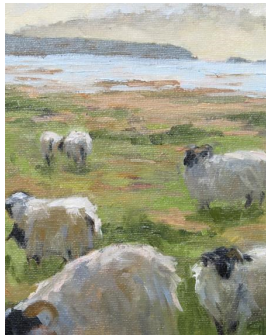
Bobbie Belvel loves to paint in oils although her primary focus has been as a pastellist. She received an art degree from UC Santa Cruz, and is a signature member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast.

She says of her work: "Art has always been my calling . . . "The medium of pastel fascinates me, with its rich colors and the tactile experience I get from it . . . I pursue plein air and studio oil painting with a new passion. Plein air painting involves the moment, the time and the living air around which the painting is created. Studio painting provides the time to make decisions and create on a larger scale, without chasing the light."

More of her work can be seen at bobbiebelvel.com



Sibyl Johnson is a fourth generation Californian who spent summers exploring the mountains and beaches around Monterey Bay and in the Sierras. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in education and fine art, and with a master's degree spent thirty years as a teacher. Her goal to paint full time was finally realized when she retired and returned to live in her family's original Carmel cottage (with a new studio).



She says, "Nature and movement inspire me. Like other artists who paint from life, I am concerned with light as it falls on objects. Shadows however are more interesting to me for they hold mystery and richer color."

Sibyl, along with Bobbie and Cindy, are members of the California Art Club and the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association (MBPAPA).

Her work can also be seen at sibyljohnson.com and at the Carmel Valley Art Association.

Cindy Wilbur, a graduate of the University of the Pacific, has loved art as far back as she can remember. She started out painting mostly portraits and figures, but after having a home on the central coast, her love of painting the landscape began, as well as her love of painting outdoors.

She says of her work, "My work is most known for its impressionistic or "painterly" style, favoring serene, pictorial landscapes. I prefer to suggest, rather than render, simplifying large shapes of color and value, leaving the details to the viewer. My goal is to convey my feelings through my heart and brush in hopes that the viewer will gain the same sense of spirit that inspired me."

Cindy's work can be seen at cindywilbur.com, Nancy Dodds Gallery, and at Ed Montgomery Fine Art.



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

-Peggy Olsen

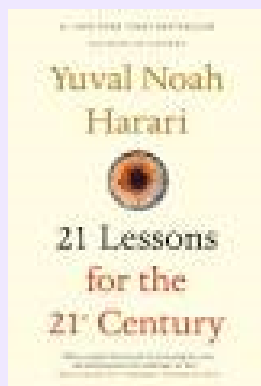
Book Discussion on *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*

Dates: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Fireplace Room

Are nations and religions still relevant? Why is liberal democracy in crisis? How do we deal with the epidemic of fake news? What should we teach our children?



Bestselling author Yuval Noah Harari's *21 Lessons for the 21st Century* is a probing investigation into today's most urgent issues as we move into the uncharted territory of the future. An excerpt about

the book: "As technology advances faster than our understanding of it, hacking becomes a tactic of war, and the world feels more polarized than ever, Harari addresses the challenge of navigating life in the face of constant and disorienting change and raises important questions we need to ask ourselves in order to survive."

Rev. Axel will be leading an 8-session discussion of *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*, exploring how Harari's ideas and insights are relevant for our lives. Sessions will provide opportunities for large and small group discussion, as well as individual writing and reflection. Please acquire the book and read Chapters One and Two for our first meeting. Please contact Rev. Axel (minister@uucmp.org) if you have questions or plan to attend.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per session

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE WITH THE MINISTERS

Friday, September 6, 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.



FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 7:00 P.M.

~ HAIRSPRAY~

This 1988 American dance comedy, written and directed by John Waters, takes place in 1960s Baltimore, when Tracy Turnblad, an overweight teen, auditions for a spot on a popular teen dance show, she beats out the spiteful Amber von Tussle, winning over Amber's boyfriend in the process. After meeting some black students at her school, Tracy begins to push for more racial integration on the dance show. This gets her into trouble on many sides, especially with Amber's pushy parents.

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!

COME JOIN THE FUN!



ALL CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, AT 5:30 PM

ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME

MEET NEW PEOPLE AND RENEW FRIENDSHIPS

BRING A DISH THAT SERVES 4-6 PEOPLE

*SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 4*

SPONSORED BY THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM
DIRECT QUESTIONS TO membership@uucmp.org

Grand Piano News!

Our beloved grand piano is still undergoing its major overhaul, which will still take a couple more months. We thought folks would like to see some photos of the progress so far.





September Shared Plate Recipient

League of United Latin American Citizens

Domingo Garcia, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) national president, is working on behalf of all Americans as we all struggle to make sense of the Trump administration policies.

LULAC'S constitution places emphasis on the role of education. "We believe that education is the foundation for the cultural growth and development of this nation and that we are obligated to promote, protect and assure the right of our people to an education that is in accordance with the best American educational principles and standards . . ."

LULAC is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and is chartered under the laws of each state in which it operates. In our District XII of CA several counties are represented. Our district has two councils that have built an enviable track record in raising funds for scholarships in partnership with

LULAC National Scholarship Fund.

Education enables all of us to make a major difference in life. LULAC scholarships are making the difference in the Latinx community. A scholarship from the Hebrew Technical Institute in New York City made a major difference in my life. We too can make a difference by demonstrating our strong support for Latinx educational efforts.

Join us in this annual effort. Representatives from the local LULAC Councils will be present to answer your questions.

— William A. Meléndez, EdD

Thank you for your generous donations!

UUCMP SHARED OFFERING NEWS

You are generous and we are making a difference! We have raised over \$8500 so far this year for our Shared Offering recipients.

In January we raised \$1301.50 for the Housing Resource Center.

In February we gave \$824.25 to Access Monterey Peninsula (AMP).

In March we donated \$1091 to Rainbow Speakers/Epicenter.

In April we contributed \$1537 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).

In May we gave \$1052.50 to the Youth Arts Collective (YAC).

In June we raised \$1007.50 for Coastal Kids Homecare.

And in July we donated \$1842.52 to the Immigration Task Force Monterey.

We regularly receive thank yous from these organizations for our support. Thanks to your generosity, they are better able to serve the needs of our community and our world, and they know that UUCMP is full of compassionate, caring, justice-seeking people who support their efforts. Thank you!

Musical Offerings



. . . And cheerfully together we can tidy up place. Well, we can at least bring music to this place with your help. We have so many ways to explore music in our community, and we are made stronger when more people participate. So hum a merry tune and consider how you may be involved this month.

Our Adult Community Choir is open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike, to explore singing together. As an ensemble, we prepare special music for two Sunday services per month and a special Music Sunday in December. We meet **every Thursday from 7-9 p. m. in the Sanctuary.**

In our Children's Choir we will focus on basic notation and note reading in the treble clef this month. In addition, we will prepare a special song for mid-September. 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. We meet **every Sunday after the 1st service until 11 a.m. in the RE Wing.**



Our new UU justice focused choir will meet on **Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.** 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 me or Rev. Elaine.

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 **September 11th.** 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 service.

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 we are in need of a drummer, bassist, and more vocalists in order to start the group. Contact either Shawn or me for more information.

Finally, if you have other ways you wish to contribute to the music here at UUCMP, just let me know. Music lifts the heart and soul. May we remember when hearts are high the time will fly, so whistle while you work.

— Camille Hatton



Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, September 14
8:00 a.m.



All men are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast Group. Please let Marsh Pitman (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 September 12th, Nancy Baker Jacobs will lead our discussion of "Loneliness in Our Later Years."

On September 26th, Wanda Sue Parrott will lead our discussion of "Homeless Women on the Monterey Peninsula."

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

—Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 15th



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will be available for purchase between the services on **September 15th**. 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 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 Fall Life Enrichment booklets have been published. Check out all the great groups and activities.

Contact Carol Greenstreet, who is the LE Committee Chair.

Don't Miss the 2019 UUCMP Connections Fair!

Sunday September 15, 11:15 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. worship service)



Looking for ways to deepen your involvement at UUCMP, meet new people, and use your gifts meaningfully? Ever wonder what our church groups and committees do and how you might participate?

This will be the day to find out!

Our program committees and other church groups are on hand at tables on September 15 instead of the second service. Talk to members of each group to find out what they do, who the members are, and how you might contribute.

Bring your ideas and suggestions and share them! Come make connections with friends old and new!

Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

Anti-Racism Book Group First Tuesdays, two sessions: 2:30—4:00 or 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room

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. Contact: Rev. Dennis Hamilton

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.

Super Flea Family Market

The UUCMP Super Flea rummage sale will be Friday and Saturday April 17 — 18, 2020, with setup Tuesday through Thursday, April 13-16. Start setting aside your best items. For more information, please contact Mibs McCarthy.





Farewell to Jane Britton

The Britton family has chartered a boat that can accommodate up to 48 passengers to take passengers a short distance off Lover's Point to scatter Jane's cremains as per her wish.

The scheduled departure time and date are 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, Jane's birthday. If you wish to join us, please rsvp to her brother Jon at jonbritton@att.net or 408-829-9506.

Details from the company include: Trips depart from Monterey Bay Whale Watch Center, located at the end of Fisherman's Wharf, Wharf #1, on the right-hand side. Please check in a half hour before the departure time.

You can park in the main Fisherman's Wharf parking lot, next to the marina. Follow the signs. It is a ticketed gate and you will pay when you leave.

Dress warmly, since it is always cooler on the ocean than it is on land. Long pants with jacket, closed soft-sole shoes, and layers of clothing are best.

They do not go out if the seas are extreme or there if is a storm. However, they will be on the ocean and there is often a swell and or wind chop. Seasick medication is recommended as a precaution if you have little boating experience.

This will be a special time to remember Jane as her cremains are united with the ocean that she loved.

This is a sharing, caring congregation, providing community, caring, and help for all those in need and celebrating with them in times of joy. It is moving that folks are willing to provide meals, rides, companionship, and visits to those who need help. However, something has happened in the last few weeks that causes concern for people. I have received two scam emails, one purporting to be from Rev. Axel and one from Page Galloway. Each message had a fake email address and a request for help. Page has written about this subject in her column on page 4. These emails did not originate from either Axel or Page, and their email accounts were not hacked. They were sent by a person or persons who know something about their public profiles and wanted to tug on the recipient's natural desire to be of help. In addition, another fake email has been sent stating that the sender is in jeopardy and asking the recipient for money.

If you receive such an email, please do not respond. Forward the suspicious email to the office, admin@uucmp.org. If you think somebody may really be in danger, please check with them or someone who knows them by phone instead of sending money.

In addition, if you get a call and the caller says, "This is XX from YY company on a recorded line. Can you hear me okay?" do NOT say yes. Your "yes" response will be recorded and you will find yourself with a bill for goods you never ordered. They will confirm your consent with the "yes" response.

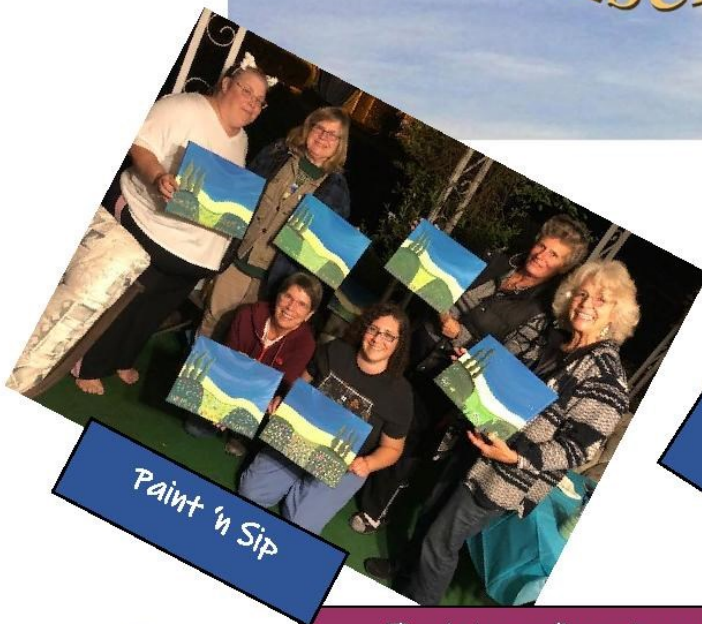
Kudos on being helpful and caring, but please be careful!

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

SERVICES AUCTION 2019

SATURDAY, OCT 19TH

ESCAPE TO OZ



Paint 'n Sip



Farmer's Market & Lunch

Register online at uucmp.org and record your donations. Please donate by September 22nd.

Programming for children and youth ages four and older.

Come dressed as your favorite Wizard of Oz character.



Jam & Chutney



Handmade Quilt from Lauren



Road Rally 2018

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Calling All Committees Please Sign Up for I-HELP for Women!

This summer an ad hoc committee formed to re-shape I-HELP, the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program, to invite broader church participation in this program through our committees and other groups at church. The proposal was approved by the Social Justice Committee and the Program Council and the ad hoc committee has written to all church committee chairs asking their committees to assume responsibility for an I-HELP meal once a year. **I-HELP for Women is on the fourth Sunday of the month.**

Over the summer, the Ad Hoc group has worked to inventory our supplies, to write up the [Guide-lines and Procedures](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mM3uDjM2Jk8aDR8qOK3w_OsToqZU_qY0/view?usp=sharing) https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mM3uDjM2Jk8aDR8qOK3w_OsToqZU_qY0/view?usp=sharing for making and serving the



meal, and to set up a church account on Meal-Train, an online app that helps organize potluck meals.

Please be the first committee to select your preferred months. Encourage your committee to be the first to pick three most suitable months.

Please send us your top three months when your committee would be available to do this: September 2019 through August 2020. There are already several committees that have agreed to participate (Nov, Dec and Jan are taken). If you have any questions, please email Lee Hulquist, staff at I-HELP and a UUCMP member, who has agreed to be the contact person for the program. You can email her at ihelpwomen@uucmp.org.

We hope you will view this as part of our church ministry. Band together with another group if you're committee's small. UUCMP was one of the first churches on the Peninsula to do I-HELP; let's keep up the tradition.

The ad hoc committee: Be Astengo, Lee Hulquist, Ann Jacobson, Lauren Keenan, Mibs McCarthy, Laura Nagel, and Kerry Sissem



Upcoming Events for COPA, Communities Organized for Relational POWER in ACTION



The COPA Housing Task Force of Monterey County will be meeting on Monday, September 16th, at 7 p.m. at San Pablo Episcopal Church in Seaside to plan the next Housing Civic

Academy on Renters' Rights. All are welcome!

Please also mark your calendars for the annual COPA Retreat on Saturday, Oct 12th – the time and place are to be determined.

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