



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

January Theme: The Unexpected

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

January 5

“What Do You Expect?”

Rev. Axel Gehrmann & W.A. Sue Ellen Stringer

A new year is upon us, rife with possibilities. It is an auspicious time to take charge of our lives with a plethora of well-meaning resolutions, inspired by our hopes or fears. We aspire to change the world, beginning with ourselves. But what can we realistically hope to change? It is a question worth considering carefully. Our expectations may become self-fulfilling prophecies.

January 12

“Power to the People”

Rev. Elaine Gehrmann, Tim McManus & W. A. Katie Hamilton

This morning Rev. Elaine will dialogue with Tim McManus, Lead Organizer of COPA, (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action). COPA develops leaders in member institutions in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties so that together they can take action on the issues affecting their families. Rev. Elaine and Tim will discuss broad-based organizing, building power, our involvement in local efforts, and how we change ourselves as we change the world!

January 19

“Seeing Our Blind Spots”

Rev. Axel Gehrmann & W.A. Bob Sadler

When I was learning to drive a car, my driving instructor was at pains to point out that before changing lanes I should always turn my head to be sure there wasn't a car driving next to me. Looking in the rear-view mirror was not enough. Somewhere between my peripheral vision and the mirror's image was an area I couldn't see, and very easily forgot: a blind spot. Whether we seek to drive safely, to live wisely, or to fulfill Dr. King's dream, our best intentions are often not enough, unless we are mindful of our blind spots.

January 26

“How Do We Deal With the Unexpected”

Robin Jensen & W.A. Mary Kay Hamilton

Everyone's life has twists and turns in it. And we never know quite where we're going until we get there. How can we deal with life's events when they pop up so randomly and unannounced? Is there any way we can prepare for them in advance? Are they really unanticipated? This service will look at the unexpected, how we handle it, and how we can emerge from it stronger and more in tune with life.

### 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.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Elaine Gehrman

“And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.”

*--Rainer Maria Rilke*

Happy 2020!! It sounds like such a futuristic date, a year only in science fiction novels, with flying cars and terraforming Mars. But here it is, “full of things that have never been” . . . but will be, soon!

2020 will be an exciting time in the life of this congregation! Continuing our work on our Strategic Plan, beginning this month we will be getting your input on a new building expansion option, to increase our ability for more of us to worship together, and make further progress toward our long-term building plan. Please try to come to some of the many opportunities to hear more about these plans and how you can share your thoughts (see page 3).

As another part of our Strategic Plan, we will also be making efforts to be more intentionally inclusive, particularly of some marginalized identities, and we will be seeking your input and assistance. We will be looking in particular at how we can be more intentionally welcoming to three groups: GLBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and non-white cultures. Please keep an eye on your weekly e-newsletter beginning in February, for more information and opportunities for your input and feedback.

In expanding our outreach to the larger community, we are taking steps to increase our social media presence, improve our signage, and become more visible as a progressive religious presence, a “liberal beacon” in our county. Just as we all can consider ourselves as “welcomers” on Sunday mornings, we can also all be “advocates” or even “evangelizers” in the wider

community. There are still so many people who are not aware of our supportive, open-minded, loving community and who would benefit from joining us; please consider speaking about your religious community whenever the chance arises!

As always, there are many opportunities for you to become more involved at UUCMP, there are classes, covenant groups, committees, task forces, and more, who would love for you to join them! As the great Howard Thurman said, “Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

UUCMP is full of people who have come alive, who have many gifts to share, and who thrive on discussion, collaboration, and mutual support. We need you, and appreciate you, and look forward to more opportunities this year to interact with you in meaningful ways.

2020 is going to be a spectacular year in the life of our congregation; I can't wait!

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!

### Interim Expansion Cottage Meetings

Share your thoughts on the proposed expansion.

SUN 01/05 Concept presentation, at UUCMP: 10:30 AM (Fireplace Room) and 12:40 PM (Sanctuary)

WED 01/08 6:30 PM Seating for 8, at Lauren Keenan's house, near Rt 68, Salinas

SAT 01/11 11:00 AM Seating for 10, in the UUCMP Conference Room

FRI 01/17 2:00 PM Seating for 12, at Rev. Elaine Gehrman's house in Seaside

SAT 01/18 11:00 AM Seating for 12, at Peggy Hansen's house in Pacific Grove

WED 01/22 3:00 PM Seating for 12, at Konny Murray's house in Carmel Valley

SUN 01/26 Town Hall discussions, at UUCMP: 10:30 AM (Fireplace Room) and 12:40 PM (Sanctuary)

The meetings on January 5 and January 26 are open seating, so they do not require sign-up.

Sign-up sheets will be on a table in the Welcome Hall after each Sunday service. You can also email a sign-up request to Steve Johnson: [jhnsn@att.net](mailto:jhnsn@att.net).

Cottage Meeting specifics will be sent to respective registrants one week before each meeting. If all seats for your preferred Cottage Meeting have been filled, or if none of these dates and times are amenable, please add your name and contact information to the list "Interested in Another Date/Time." If there is enough interest, we will add other occasions so you can convey your perspective.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group** Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m. See page 12.

**Anti-Racism Film Group** Thursday, January 16, 7 p.m. See page 12.

**Board of Trustees** meets Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Community Choir** meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. No choir on January 2.

**Dances of Universal Peace** is on Sunday, January 19, 5 p.m. See page 12.

**Equal Exchange** Coffee and Chocolate are available on Sunday, January 19. See page 11.

**Friday Night at the Movies** is on January 10, 7 p.m. See page 9 for what's showing.

**I-HELP for Men** is Sunday, January 12, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**I-HELP for Women** is Sunday, January 26, 4 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

**Membership Committee** meets Wednesday, January 8, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Men's Breakfast** is Saturday, January 11, 8 a.m. See page 11.

**Music Committee** meets Tuesday, January 7, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

**NUUsletter deadline** for the January issue is Thursday, January 16.

**Program Council** is Tuesday, January 7, 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, January 15, 6 – 7 p.m. in the RE wing. See page 10 for details.

**Social Justice** meets Sunday, January 5, 12:45 p.m., in the Fireplace Room.

**Women's Discussion Group** will meet on Thursday, January 9 and 23, 2:00 p.m. See page 11 for details.

## President's Corner — Page Galloway



### On Light and Togetherness

Hello again, Gentlepersons,

As we reach the longest night of the year and we celebrate our various winter traditions, be they Christmas, Hanukkah, Yule, Solstice, Kwanza, or even Festivus (for the rest of us), there are two core similarities to all: a celebration of light and a celebration of togetherness and gathering. Whether your tradition stems from the ancient Roman customs during Saturnalia of giving gifts, or the old tradition of burning a yule log through the longest night of the year to herald the return of the sun, or a commemoration of the blessed oil to light a lamp, or to cherish deep, core, cultural values, or just wear ugly sweaters and drink too much eggnog, we do them together with those we love.

My family traditions have evolved over the years. I put up a yule tree every year, garlanded with lights and copious amounts of ornaments, mostly involving forest or circus animals, and mostly made of wood, cloth, or glass. My family, knowing my obsession with animals, often gives me a new ornament each year. Last year I got a lobster and Marvel superhero, Rocket the Raccoon. They both hang proudly on my tree this year. Every year I hide the pickle ornament on my tree and wrap a special gift. On Christmas Eve we hunt for the pickle ornament, and whoever finds it first wins the special gift . . . usually a game we will all play that evening. The rules of the pickle quest include that anyone attending can move the pickle. There is therefore no guarantee that it will be where I origi-

nally hid it, thus I get to play. My house, my traditions, my rules. Seems fair. We watch our favorite movies, including Terry Pratchett's *The Hogfather*, a funny and surprisingly deep exploration of the nature of tradition, mythology, and belief. Next, it's *A Christmas Story* or *It's a Wonderful Life* as a chaser to be enjoyed with one's favorite holiday beverages, savory pies, and an insane amount of cookies. My Swedish Mormor would probably shake her head ruefully in the knowledge that I didn't make the requisite seven different kinds of cookies, but, she would appreciate the lussekatter. We usually open one gift on Christmas Eve, and save the rest for Christmas breakfast, along with holiday stockings guarded over by the Julbock. These are the traditions that frame this holiday for me, whether we are all getting along or not, we all find ways to connect and cherish each other together.

So, in this season of loving and giving I hope that you are enjoying your cherished holiday traditions of light, love, and togetherness. In that spirit, I note that we are moving forward in our goal of building the beloved community both physically and metaphorically. In the new year, toward our goal of all being able to worship together we will be holding a series of cottage conversations and town halls to discuss the alternative proposals on how to expand our space. I encourage you to attend and learn more, ask questions, and see how our overall vision can take shape.

Meanwhile, celebrate with those you love. Give what you can to those in need. Hold your friends and family close, and keep your heart open and love will surely fall in.

God Jul och Gott Nytt År !

All the best,  
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## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



I was pondering the idea of the Faith Rocket theme, *The Unexpected*, recently and my mind went to this coming summer and fall. Two of my three children are graduating from high school, and will go off to college, possibly in different states. Many questions began to swirl around in my head.

What does this mean to me as a mother? How will I react? How will I handle the separation? What will life be like with just one child at home?

While it is expected that they will move on to new stages in life, it's more of the absence of them in my home and everyday life that I struggle with. Of course, children growing up is not unexpected in the slightest. We all know it is happening on a daily and hourly basis. It happens faster than we realize. Expect this. Know this. And don't take the little moments in time for granted. I suppose my new year's resolutions are to find time to spend with my growing children, and to cherish the little things in life. Change happens all too quickly. I do not want to look back at the end of the year and see myself on my iPad and my kids all in separate rooms all over the house on their own screens.

Sure, it's inevitable in this day and age, but maybe I can reduce this a bit.

There are so many ways to spend time together! My family recently gathered together around the table and made a gingerbread village, and everyone in my family helped with my first Multigenerational service. I also enjoyed spending time with my entire family at our last Game Night! We will all go to see Estella in concert on her cello and partake in a cross-country car trip with the 5 of us and a cat in just a few days.

These are the experiences in life that make such wonderful memories. Love the music lessons instead of thinking it's just another task to be checked off the list. Have conversations about current events and interesting science news instead of relying on the screens to entertain in the car. Go to our multigenerational events like Game Night (the next one is January 3). Volunteer in the RE classrooms (hint, hint). Go for walks, picnics, hikes, have beach days, etc.

Children grow up. Faster than we think. Cherish them, love them, hold them close, and have a wonderful new year.

Thank you,  
Erin Forstein

Acting Director of Religious Exploration



Most congregants are aware of the serious health challenges Jean Mansfield has endured over the last several months, beginning with surgery for uterine cancer at the end of June. People in the congregation stepped forward and provided meals, visits, and medical appointment rides as needed. Jean sends her thanks. "Upon reflection of the past few months I am humbled by the Caring Network of our church. I am grateful to Carol Collin who orga-

nized rides and food deliveries. To those who responded, I am so happy that you did. Each of you not only gave me rides but also encouragement that I will succeed in being cured. Those who offered food also gave me friendship. What wonderful gifts you have given me. Thank you one and all! Now that I am cured of cancer, I will soon be able to participate as a member of the Caring Network and the pastoral team. I look forward to it. And finally, I will be giving a special donation to our church in thanks for all you have given me."



## **NURTURING COMMUNITY: THE ANNUAL OPERATING FUND DRIVE IS COMING OUR WAY**

This year's theme for our annual operating fund canvass is *Nurturing Community*; at the end of January you'll be receiving a letter detailing the process. What does nurturing community mean to you? How do you feel about being part of the UUCMP community?

The members of the Stewardship Committee recently discussed what being a part of UUCMP means to them. Here are some of their comments:

Lynne Powers: I have found a sounding board where I can express feelings and be listened to as well. I can be myself and have great conversations about things that matter to me.

Fran Gaver: What's not to love – I've found a place of acceptance to be who I am – whatever that may be.

Harry Nagel: I often say we are all nuts here and that means I fit right in

Carol Collin: When I first came to UUCMP I was delighted to find a place where I could live my own concept of religion and to be accepted for just who I am. I love the sense of community and caring in this place.

Judy Lind: UUCMP is my soul – it is part of me – in me.

Konny Murray: I originally came here because I was attracted to the message of love and caring. I stay to get continually fed with that message and to then go out into the world and broadcast that this can be a solution for all of us.

How do you feel? Why is this place important to you? Please let us know. You'll be contacted by a steward after you receive your pledging packet in late January. Let your steward know how you feel!

— Your Stewardship Committee

### **Shared Plate Recipients for 2020**

These non-profit groups will be the shared plate recipients for 2020.

Breakthrough for Men	Palenke Art
Center for Farmworker Families	Rice Plus
Gathering for Women	Sacred Rok
International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women	Starr King School for the Ministry
Monterey Peninsula Pride	UU College of Social Justice
NAACP of Monterey County	Voices of Monterey Bay

# BREAKTHROUGH

MEN'S COMMUNITY

## January Shared Plate Recipient Breakthrough for Men

In 2019, 60 men completed the 26-week Breakthrough workshop and another 16 men began the workshop in November. More than half of these men were unable to pledge the \$1,400 we ask. Thanks to the charitable donations we receive each year, we do not turn anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay. We also encourage men to pledge high and take as long as they need to fulfill their pledge with modest monthly payments. There are men who completed the workshop in 2016 who are still making small monthly payments to fulfill their pledge. We could not afford this kind of flexibility without the charitable contributions we receive from our community, which includes nearly \$40,000 a year from alumni association contributions.

Charitable donations make up almost two thirds of our \$250,000 budget, so they are very important. The Breakthrough workshop requires a large venue to convene the workshop because of the many breakout rooms we use for small group work. Our budget includes line items for rent and utilities totaling more than \$70,000 per year. The small group work is crucial to what we do and we are very proud that each year we have from 35 to 50 graduates who volunteer 26 weeks of their lives to help new participants make their way through the workshop.

The men who complete the workshop change their lives in powerful ways. Here are some of the things men have said:

“Breakthrough has saved my life. The way I lived my life before Breakthrough is unrecognizable compared to the love in my life now.

“Breakthrough saved my marriage. In the past I expected all my emotional needs (which I wasn't even able to articulate) to be met by wife/partner . . . now my life is so full with loving relationships with my Break-

through brothers, I'm able to come together with my wife/partner in a more joyous and life-affirming way. I'm not so needy.”

“Breakthrough helped me through a very painful divorce. Being in touch with my feelings has allowed me to heal. I have supportive friends to turn to when I need someone who will listen and not try to fix me.”

“Breakthrough saved my relationship with my kids. I am a much better listener. The time I spent in the workshop understanding what didn't work in my own childhood has made me much more appreciative of my children.”

Breakthrough not only changes the lives of the men who take the workshop, the ripple effects touch the lives of their families, friends, places of work and their communities.

The 26-week workshop is just a beginning. We build community at Breakthrough. We now offer coed workshops with graduates of the Break-Free workshop for women, classes for couples and workshops open to the general public as well.



Breakthrough gathering

# ART NEWS

ART NEWS  
SEASCAPES (MOSTLY)  
OIL PAINTINGS BY THOMAS HAWLEY  
December 12 through January 26



Thomas Hart Hawley's oil paintings of our coastline in all seasons and times of day is our new exhibit.

A recently retired Carmel estate planning attorney, Thomas Hawley lives in Carmel Valley where he, along with his wife, Marijke, ran a small vineyard and winery. Raised on an apricot farm in Los Altos Hills, he attended Palo Alto Unitarian Church from kindergarten to when he left home for college in the east. After going to Wesleyan and Stanford Universities and Sanford law school, he became an attorney in Carmel.

Hawley's love for the early California impressionists drew him to oil painting fifteen years ago and since then he has won numerous juried awards in art competitions. He has studied for over 10 years with Guido Frick, a German Expressionist, and has been guided by his admiration for such California artists as S.C. Yuan, William Ritschel, Joseph Raphael, and Armin Hansen.



Hawley says, "When my daughters were young, we spent many happy hours on the Carmel beach. Our greatest joy was to go at night during the winter storms that back then seemed to roar in every few days. It is from this experience that I developed my passion for painting seascapes, often stormy, depicting the grandeur of nature juxtaposed with the smallness and relative isolation of man . . .

Art is (or should be), at least in part, an exploration of the artist's subconscious. This exploration can only take place if the artist is willing to abdicate, to some extent, control over the process of creation so as to let an element of the irrational or the unintended inform the work. The sea, with its ever-changing colors, shapes and contrasts, gives the artist the freedom to ignore artistic convention thus allowing for the unexpected to happen."

Hawley's work can also be seen at the Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation on Cannery Row, the Carmel Valley Art Association in the village, Artisan Gallery in Santa Cruz and online at [www.thoshawleyart.com](http://www.thoshawleyart.com).

He has generously offered to donate fifty percent of any sales to the church.

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

-Peggy Olsen

## Book Discussion on *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*

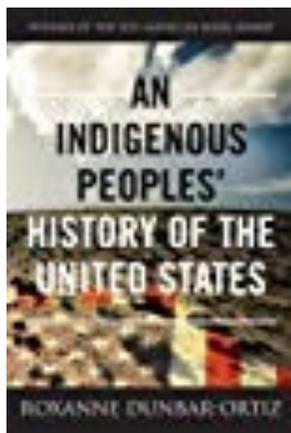
Dates: 3 Tuesdays, January 28, February 11, and Feb. 25

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

Location: Fireplace Room

Rev. Elaine will lead a three session book discussion on the 2019-2020 UUA Common

Read -- *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. This book is the first history of the United States told



from the perspective of indigenous peoples. Elaine will also discuss *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese.

Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them. And as Dunbar-Ortiz reveals, this policy was praised in popular culture, through writers like James Fenimore Cooper and Walt Whitman, and in the highest offices of government and the military.

Suggested donation: \$5 per session

## FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE WITH THE MINISTERS

Friday, January 3, 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, JANUARY 10, 7:00 P.M.

~ THE BAND'S VISIT ~

This 2007 comedy-drama from Israel, France, and the U.S. is directed and written by Eran Kolirin. "*The Band's Visit* is both a clever, subtle slice-of-life comedy, and poignant cross-cultural exploration."

The eight Egyptian musicians who comprise the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra arrive by mistake in a small town in Israel's Negev Desert. Their booking set for a different city, and with no transportation out of the town or any hotels to stay at, the band settles at a restaurant owned by Dina (Ronit Elkabetz), who offers them lodging. Overcoming ethnic barriers, the Egyptians find diversion and companionship with the Israelis through a pervading undercurrent of shared melancholy.

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!

# Musical Offerings



**Let us take a cup of kindness yet for creating music together.**

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. This month we are starting the new year with new music! We will resume rehearsals on the *second* Thursday, January 9th. Thereafter we meet **every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

Our Children's Choir we will continue exploring solfege this month. Our children's choir is de-



signed 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 first service until 11 a.m. in the RE Wing.**

If you want to have fun with folk songs and popular tunes, come check out our monthly Sing

Along with Shawn Kraut! We typically meet every second Wednesday each month from 6 – 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room; how-

ever, this month we will meet on January 15, 6 - 7 p.m. in the RE wing. 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.

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 again! 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.

“Without music to decorate it, time is just a bunch of boring production deadlines or dates by which bills must be paid.” — Frank Zappa

— Camille Hatton



## Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, January 11,  
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

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

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Jane Bell will lead a discussion of "Forgiveness."

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Star Reiersen will lead a discussion of "Things You're Passionate About."

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

— Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will be available for purchase between the services on **January 19**. 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 Winter Life Enrichment booklets were published in late December. Check out all the great groups, classes, and activities.

Contact Carol Greenstreet, who is the LE Committee Chair.

## 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, January 5, at 12:30 p.m. following the second worship service, in the Conference Room. Please speak with Revs. Axel or Elaine for more information.

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

**Anti-Racism Book Group** First Tuesdays, 7-9 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

**Buddhist 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 set-up Tuesday through Thursday, April 13-16. Start setting aside your best items. For more information, please contact Mibs McCarthy.

# STEINWAY CELEBRATION!

A magical concert to celebrate UUCMP's newly refurbished Steinway.  
Saturday, January 25, 3 p.m.



Lucy Faridany

Featuring the incomparable Lucy Faridany on the piano, cellist Linda Mehrabian, and sopranos Patty Pai and Jody Lee.



Linda Mehrabian



Patty Pai



Jody Lee

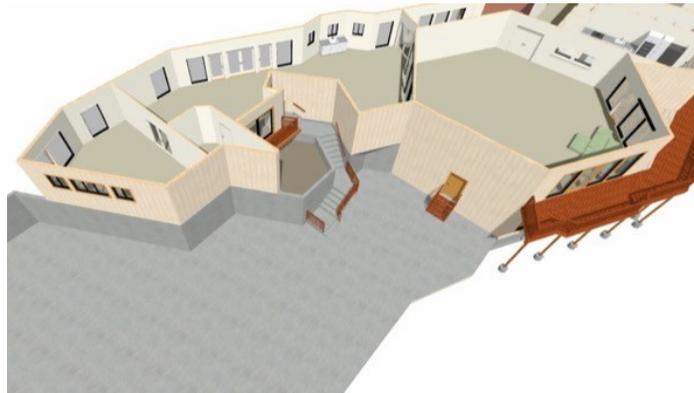
Tickets available at [uucmp.org](http://uucmp.org), Bookmark Music in PG, or at the door. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students, children under 12 free with accompanying adult,

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula  
490 Aguajito Road, Carmel

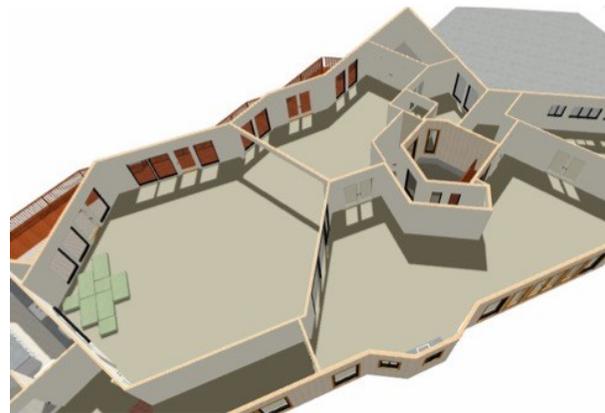
## AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT . . .

The flash of inspiration is easy to recognize, and we can thank UUCMP member and architect Ken Turgen for this one.

Last month, we posed the question, “How shall we proceed with the concrete slab?” As an alternative to the Sanctuary First concept presented by the Building Options Committee last September, please consider an Interim Expansion, which would change this:



To something like this:



The new concept would expand the seating area for Sunday services, provide an elevator between the upper and lower levels, and still build toward our long-term plan for the church.

In January, we will have a series of meetings to let you hear more about the Interim Expansion idea in comparison to Sanctuary First, ask questions, and offer advice to the committee. Between open-seating events at UUCMP (Concept Presentations on Sunday January 5, and Town Hall discussions on Sunday January 26) there will be Cottage Meeting chats in members’ homes. We are intentionally keeping Cottage Meeting groups small - the schedule and sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board and, on Sundays, at a table in the Welcome Hall. (Please see page 3 for scheduled times and locations.) Please attend, and let us know what you think!

Questions? Contact Steve Johnson, Building Options Committee Chair ([jhnsn@att.net](mailto:jhnsn@att.net), 831-402-7601) or Rev. Elaine Gehrmann ([minister@uucmp.org](mailto:minister@uucmp.org), 831-624-7404).

# SOCIAL JUSTICE



## COPA DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Moss Landing Marine Lab, 8272 Moss Landing Road

At this meeting of all COPA core teams, we will:

- Report on our winter organizing work on
  - Relational Meetings
  - The Sustaining Investors Campaign
  - Local Action
- Ratify a 2020 Organizing Strategy
- Reflect together and deepen relationships
- Receive training from the COPA Organizing Staff

*Please RSVP through the Delegates Assembly link at [copaiaf.org/delegates\\_assembly](http://copaiaf.org/delegates_assembly) or by calling Rosa Vitela (831) 728-3210.*

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**COPA ACTION—Calling all Seaside Residents  
To Support Local Tenants' Rights Ordinance  
Seaside City Council this Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
440 Harcourt Ave, Seaside, CA 93955**

Seaside Residents, COPA is asking us to turn out to the Seaside City Council meeting Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m. to support creation of a local tenants' rights ordinance that will establish a rental registry in Seaside, mandatory mediation, and a Rental Review Board through which the city will offer landlord/tenant mediation to resolve disputes. COPA has been working with the city of Seaside for some time to create such an ordinance, which is one outgrowth of the COPA Housing Civic Academy held in Seaside last spring that so many of us attended. We appreciate your support for this important measure. For additional information contact Laura Nagel of the COPA Core Team at [lj@uucmp.org](mailto:lj@uucmp.org).

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**Note for Sunday Service on January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Rev. Elaine in dialogue with Tim McManus, Lead Organizer of COPA.**

UUCMP is one of 28 organizational members of COPA in the region. After first and second services, Tim will lead training on house meetings, a community organizing tool. We hope you will stay for this interesting process in which we will dialogue about issues that we face in our personal and family lives and what actions we can do together to make things better. We will do a shortened, 30-minute version after the early service, and a 45-minute version after the second service that includes additional training and a mock version.

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**The Social Justice Committee is currently organizing for two January events.  
[The Women's Day March \(January 18\)](#)      [Martin Luther King Day March \(January 20\)](#)**

In addition to participating in the marches, we would like to staff a UU Information table at both of these events. Please let us know if you are interested in being the contact person for either of these events. The primary responsibilities will be collecting the names of those who are participating and reminding them beforehand. In addition they will need to find a way to transport to the event a table, chairs, banners, materials and the canopy. Other participants will help with set-up and take-down of the canopy, staffing the table, etc. Dennis Hickman, Social Justice chair will assist you in getting started (as well as do a shift at the UU Information table). Dennis Hickman [sj@uucmp.org](mailto:sj@uucmp.org)

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