



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

February Theme: Thresholds

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

**February 2**

**“Breaking Down Barriers”**

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W.A. Karen Brown**

Our mission statement begins, “Welcoming all . . .” which is certainly a goal to which we aspire. Our Inclusion Task Force is working on ways we can make sure we are living up to our stated intentions, and this month we are focusing on accessibility. As we consider our monthly worship theme of “Thresholds” we will look at how we might further widen, deepen, and broaden our access to more fully welcome “all.”

**February 9**

**“Nurturing Our Stages of Faith”**

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W. A. Erin Forstein**

(One service at 9:30 a.m. followed by Canvass Kick-off Luncheon at 11 a.m.)

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul said, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.” We all know that children think differently than adults, and it makes sense that our contemplations about faith change as we grow older. How does our UU congregation serve as a nurturing community to help us to better navigate all our life stages of thought and belief?

**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.

**February 16**

**“Are You Listening?”**

**Rev. Axel Gehrmann & W.A. Warren Finch**

“Information explosion” is one way our current overabundance of news, entertainment, and social media has been described. Thanks to technological advances, we have access to an incredible array of information sources. But rather than becoming appropriately informed about pertinent issues, we may find ourselves overwhelmed by a cacophony of competing voices. Amidst the deafening din, our political divisions seem to be growing deeper. We may hear many troubling things. And yet to gain understanding, we need to learn how to truly listen.

**February 23**

**“In the Light of This Unlikely World”**

**Rev. Kathleen McTigue & W.A. Katie Hamilton**

We are living in troubled times, both at home and far afield, as stark barriers defining “us” and “them” are fortified and championed. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed or helpless, at the same time that we feel compelled to *do something*. Our faith offers the wisdom that can keep us centered and sane, inviting us to live at the intersection of spiritual grounding and justice activism. Rev. McTigue is the director of the UU College of Social Justice.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Axel Gehrman

Some people say, “God is dead,” and that organized religion is a relic of some bygone era. But I respectfully disagree.

Sure, there are ideas about God that I think are outdated (a white, bearded man in the clouds leaps to mind). And there are religious organizations that strike me as dogmatic and oppressive, and don't reflect my vision of love and justice. But this doesn't mean the religious enterprise is irrelevant. Just the opposite!

In this day and age - more than ever - we need a vital religious vision that helps us navigate the moral challenges and existential dilemmas of our times. And we need vibrant religious communities that provide a place of inspiration and support, as we strive to integrate the personal and the political, the social and the spiritual dimensions of our lives.

We need a place for “questioning, reflecting, learning, leading . . .” where we strive to change ourselves as we change the world. We need a place where we can join together with loving hearts and open minds, to promote peace, equality, and respect for the Earth. UUCMP is such a place.

UUCMP is a place where people of all ages, with a wide variety of insights and experiences, can share their lives - good times and bad, times of hurt and of healing – and find real religious community. Together we both deliberate and discover the meaning of our lives: our deepest convictions and our highest ideals. And each in our own ways, we strive to put them into practice.

That's why we join for worship and fellowship, for discussions and demonstrations. That's why we provide shelter for the homeless, and make

meals for the hungry. That's why we work on committees and task forces. That's why we visit the lonely, and guide our youngsters in their religious explorations. UUCMP provides a multitude of opportunities for involvement and engagement, opportunities - large and small - to put our ideals into action.

I firmly believe and adamantly support everything UUCMP stands for and works toward. That's why I support this church.

In the days ahead, you will be invited to think about why you support UUCMP, and how you can do so financially. This church depends on the generous financial support of its members and friends to thrive.

The members of our Stewardship Committee (Carol Collin, Fran Gaver, Judy Lind, Konny Murray, Harry Nagel, Lynn Powers) have been working hard to organize this year's canvass: a concerted effort to reach out to all our members and friends, and invite them to make a financial commitment – a pledge - for our next fiscal year. The completed pledge cards you return provide the basis for UUCMP's operating budget. This year's theme is “**Nurturing Community.**” (Please see page 6 for more information, and watch for a letter you may receive in the USPS mail.)

UUCMP is a very special place, which has made a real difference in the lives of countless people within our congregation and beyond. Please join me in helping ensure that our religious community continues to fulfill its crucial mission and vision for years to come.

See you in church!

*Axel*



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

## 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 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 Gehrmann

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group** Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m. See page 12.

**Anti-Racism Film Group** Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m. See page 12.

**Board of Trustees** meets Wednesday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Community Choir** meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Dances of Universal Peace** is on Sunday, February 16, 5 p.m. See page 12.

**Equal Exchange** Coffee and Chocolate are available on Sunday, February 16. See page 11.

**Friday Night at the Movies** is on February 14, 7 p.m. See page 9 for what's showing.

**I-HELP for Men** is Sunday, February 9, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

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

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

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

**Music Committee** meets Wednesday, February 5, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

**NUUletter deadline** for the March issue is Sunday, February 16.

**Program Council** is Tuesday, February 4, 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, February 19, 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. in the RE wing. See page 10 for details.

**Social Justice** meets Sunday, February 2, 12:45 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

**Stewardship** meets Wednesday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.

**Women's Discussion Group** will meet on Thursdays, February 13 and 27, 2:00 p.m. See page 11 for details.

## President's Corner — Page Galloway



### Did I really sign up for this?

Hello again, Gentlepeople:

I just spent my morning calling senators. As I dialed the phone and left message after message I couldn't help wondering "Did I really sign up for this?" I found myself sad at heart hearing myself repeat over and over to various senators' voicemails and staff members that the rule of law matters. To me, a lawyer by trade, that seems self-evident. But that is the price we pay for a representative democracy: The obligation to be engaged. The obligation to give feedback to those elected. Or, to paraphrase the Fifth Principle to engage in "the right of conscience and use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."

So, today, I put that principle in action, swallowed down my general reluctance to call people out of the blue, and dialed the phone. I had some really good conversations with some young people in Washington DC while leaving my thoughts for the Senators they serve. I imagine that it is just a hatch mark on a piece of paper at the end of the day, but perhaps my voice is echoed in the words and thoughts of others. Perhaps in this exercise of conscience I may have made a small difference.

I don't say these things to imply any particular political leaning. If you want to know my thoughts, we can always go for a cup of coffee someday. I say them to encourage you all to be engaged in the process, to ask questions; to listen to answers and thoughts, even when they

are different from your own; to give feedback; and, to keep minds and hearts open. The democratic process isn't always comfortable. It forces us to bump up against ideas and beliefs that can be challenging, to say the least. It can also be the path to creating something better, if we're strong enough.

As I write this, we are finishing up a series of cottage conversations about the proposed plans for building onto our church home. These, and the town halls to be scheduled after, are your chance to be part of the process in determining what we build. It is your forum to ask questions and see what the possibilities are, and to direct what will result. It is a chance to meet with the planners and see how we can create a space where we can all worship together, where the Welcome Hall is really welcoming. You may ask yourself as you look at your busy agenda "Did I really sign up for this?" I hope your answer is yes, you did.

We move forward as a congregation in any of our aspirations, in any of our endeavors, together. I hope you take the concepts at the heart of the Fifth Principle into your actions both within our congregation and in the world generally. I hope for all your engagement in our internal process to see how to build the beloved community both in terms of physical structure here, as well as in more ephemeral ways within the congregation and in the world generally. It starts and ends with you.

All the best,  
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## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



### Seeing Through Children's Eyes

We all have our own perspective on life. Our surroundings, family, community have worked together to make us who we currently are. Our lives have shaped us. We might even see ourselves differently

than other people see us. It is difficult to truly understand what it is to be someone other than ourselves. We might try to see through other's eyes though. Someone with a different upbringing might see our normal day to day activities in an entirely different light. Maybe we are seen as wasteful when we think we are not, frugal when we think we spend too much, or quite silly when we might see ourselves as serious.

In trying to look through someone else's eyes, my favorite type of person to try this with is a child. For the majority of young children, everything is new and shiny and wonderful. There is magic in nature that we as adults now take for granted and see as perfectly normal. There is the magic of holidays where Santa and the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy still do exist, and come bearing gifts. There is magic in vacations like Disneyland, where we will still have a lot of fun (if you're a person that doesn't mind the crowds), but we will be thinking more about the cost of the trip

than the magic of the experience. Children just see the magic of every day.

I love going to new places with my children, just to imagine what they are thinking when they see the sun set in the Grand Canyon for the first time, the waves crash at the beach, walking through the towering redwoods with birds chirping in the background, petting the bat ray as it glides past in the cold water at the aquarium (not caring in the slightest that they are now drenched, after all, that's what parents are for). Oh, to be a child!



My perspective on life is molded by my past, the good and the bad, the wonderful, the magical, the bizarre. It is good to step out of ourselves from time to time though, take off the blinders we created for ourselves, to attempt to see what the smaller people around us see, and to remember a world full of magic.

Thank you,  
Erin Forstein

Acting Director of Religious Exploration

### Inclusion Task Force

In February, the Inclusion Task Force is focusing on improving our inclusion of people with disabilities. Please keep an eye out in the Weekly E-news for ways you can offer your input!

Thank you!





## Nurturing Community – Our Annual Canvass is upon us!

Sunday, February 9 -- Something different is happening! Our second church service that day will be a *Feast* and a *Celebration*!

This year's annual congregational canvass – our Annual Operating Fund Drive – officially begins that day. As the highlight of first service, Rev. Elaine will provide what we refer to (with a smile) as "*The Sermon on the Amount.*"

Then -- Our Kick-Off Luncheon! In place of the second service there will be a **free** catered fajita lunch for everyone! Please sign up in advance for the lunch on the church bulletin board (or contact Carol Collin at [pacgrovi-an@yahoo.com](mailto:pacgrovi-an@yahoo.com).) We need to let the caterer know how much food to prepare.

### So you can follow along, here is our schedule of pledge drive events.

- **January 27** The Stewardship Committee will mail a packet of information about our *Nurturing Community* operating fund drive to members and friends -- detailed information about the canvass, plus an operating fund pledge card you can bring to the Kick-off Celebration. Look for it in your mailbox.
- **February 9.** Pledge Drive Kick-off luncheon -- *see above*.
- **February 9 - 16** One of UUCMP's stewards will contact you. We want to know how you view our community. Do you come here to be nurtured in some way, through friendships, listening to sermons, participating in committees, or being part of a group you respect?
- **June 30** UUCMP's 2019-2020 fiscal year and pledge year end.
- **July 1** UUCMP's 2020-2021 fiscal year and pledge year begin.

The theme of our annual canvass this year is *Nurturing Community*. To nurture is "to care for and encourage growth or development." We each play a role in nurturing and caring for our church community and, as a result of our caring, our community nurtures us.

We nurture one another through worship, community gatherings, committee participation, life enrichment opportunities, and good works outside our church boundaries. We are nurtured by our values of peace, love, respect for all sentient beings and our surroundings, and a democratic process. Every member and friend of our congregation is important, as we make this possible.

We are responsible for the nurturing nature of our community. That includes providing financial support so we can "keep the doors open." Making an annual financial commitment to UUCMP is an important part of your role in your church community.

Generosity is a spiritual practice. What you pledge is a private, personal decision. We encourage you to work toward a 5% commitment of your annual gross income pledged to UUCMP each year, with another 5% going to other causes you care about.

In considering the role that UUCMP plays in your life, please think about whether you can increase your pledge this year. Think about the here and now. Costs increase and we look to our members and friends to help us weather the storm of expected and unexpected increases and maintenance challenges.

Thank you for what you have done to help in the 2019-2020 year. Thank you for whatever you pledge. **EVERY SINGLE PLEDGE MATTERS.** We need you all to keep our doors wide open for new members, making a difference for ourselves and others.

Blessings to all of you.

Your Stewardship Committee

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has a rich history of offering hands-on experiences in human rights work. Over the years, thousands of people have joined UUSC on short-term volunteer trips to put their values into action and lend their hands to vital work that advances human rights. Today, UUSC collaborates with the Unitarian Universalist Association to continue this history of service learning through the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ).

**The mission of the UU College of Social Justice is to inspire and sustain faith-based action for social justice through experiential learning.**

The UU College of Social Justice offers immersion learning journeys, justice training programs, summer internships, congregational and study resources, as well as volunteer opportunities with

partner organizations in the U.S. and abroad. All programs are designed to help people cross boundaries, gain insight, and imagine new ways to make a difference in the world.

Offerings include options for high school youth, young adults (college age through early 30s), and religious professionals, as well as experiential learning journeys open to adults of all ages. We warmly welcome participants from every faith tradition as well as those who are unaffiliated.

**The UU College of Social Justice's Director Rev. Kathleen McTigue will preach at our Sunday services on February 23, with a Social Justice Gathering following the second service, please join us!**

For more information, please visit [UUCSJ.org](http://UUCSJ.org)



**“Navigating Life’s Passages” Women’s Retreat on March 5 - 8, 2020**

Our ever-changing lives may be currently blessed by calm waters or fraught with stormy seas. As we navigate empty nests, new relationships, retirement, death, changing careers, moving, etc. let us face these challenges with the support of our loving community of women.

All self-identified women are welcome to join a

weekend of relaxation, deep sharing, singing, creative expression, thoughtful discussion, laughter, and tears. We’ll feast together at meals, participate in the Phases of Women’s Lives Ritual, worship together, and most especially make deep and lasting connections with other women sailing these 21st Century seas.

The varied workshops will include a discussion of the book Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee, which follows four generations of a Korean family spanning the 1920s to the 1980s in Korea and Japan. Hiking trails, a spa experience, boutique, book swap, and silent auction offer treasures waiting to be discovered. Come for the weekend – lodging included – or come for just the day on Saturday.

To learn more and register for our retreat, visit our website at [www.womenandreligionpcd.org](http://www.womenandreligionpcd.org).

# ART NEWS

## PEGGY OLSEN: RETROSPECTIVE JANUARY 29 to FEBRUARY 23

I appreciate the opportunity to display my oil paintings and prints at our Unitarian Universalist Church during the month when the memorial for my husband, Hebard Olsen, will be held.

This is a retrospective, some of the pieces being done years ago, as my supply of available paintings has dwindled. The three circus theme paintings were from a “damn everything but the circus” show held at Carmel Art Association in 1996.

The Venice paintings are unlike my major work, which is California landscapes. Following a trip to Europe, I had a show of European scenes in 2001. The painting of a village in Switzerland was one my husband particularly liked. I often have done oil paintings on watercolor paper and have included a few of these.



I am also including three giclées on canvas, a recent development to make art more affordable. Giclée reproductions use long lasting inks and are extremely faithful to the original oil painting. I will also have small matted prints available by the sanctuary doors.



I did not start painting until age forty when my daughter began kindergarten, and I have been painting for forty plus more years. I was lucky to have excellent teachers in two local artists, Keith Lindberg and Reed Farrington, and lucky again to become a member of Carmel Art Association in 1986. CAA is an artist owned and run gallery that is a wonderful venue for local artists. I was a top seller for many years, had many solo shows, and still show my work there.

Many of my paintings are available as quality prints and the breadth of my work can be seen and purchased in all sizes at [FineArtAmerica.com](http://FineArtAmerica.com). A short video of me talking about my work can be seen by going to [youtube.com/carmelartassociation](http://youtube.com/carmelartassociation).

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*

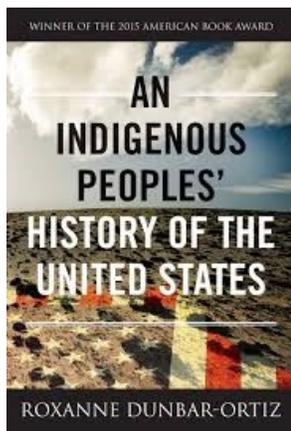
Dates: 3 Tuesdays, January 28, February 11, and Feb. 25

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, February 7, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m

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



## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 7:00 P.M.

~ BROOKLYN~

This 2015 romantic, historical period drama is directed by John Crowley and written by Nick Hornby and is based on the novel of the same name written by Colm Tóibín. Young Irish immigrant Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) navigates her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her past disrupts her new vivacity, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. *Brooklyn* received many nominations for industry and critics' awards, including three nominations for the 88th Academy Awards for best picture, best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Actress.

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



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 singing “We Can Dream” in collaboration with the Children’s Choir on the 9th, and “We Shall Be Known” on the 23rd. We meet **every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

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 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! This month we



will meet on Wednesday, February 19, from 5:45—7:15 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 are in need of a drummer, bassist, and more vocalists in order to start the group. Contact either myself or Shawn for more information.

On **February 15th** we will again host the amazing KJ Dana for a **KARAOKE PIZZA PARTY!** Entrance by donation. Bring out your friends, your kids, your spouse, and your funky, groovy style! Dana



has over 15,000 songs of all styles and genres! Starting at **4 p.m. going to 10 p.m.!** We will provide pizza, beverages, adult beverages, and prizes! This is an **LGTBQIA** affirming event offered to our broader community.

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, February 8,  
8:00 a.m.



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

In Memory of Hebard Robert Olsen  
Who died on December 28, 2019



Celebration of Life Service  
Saturday, February 8. 2 p.m.

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 16th



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will be available for purchase between the services on **February 16**. Support sustainable farmer coops and UUCMP at the same time! Cash and checks accepted.

Contact: Janet Shing



## 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 February 13<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Miller will lead our discussion of "Pets I Have Loved and Why."

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Hansen will lead our discussion of "My Favorite Book of Last Year and One to Trade."

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

— Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator

## 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, February 2, 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

**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.



# Grapevine



**Hebard Robert Olsen** died on December 28 at the age of 82. He had a series of strokes in December of 2018 that had left him with an uncooperative right leg.

After many months in skilled nursing, he came home in May to continue with physical therapy and to help his wife, Peggy, tackle dealing with his large collections. On December 1, he was hit with another stroke that robbed him of the ability to speak clearly. He had previously determined that if something like that happened, he would end his life by stopping eating and drinking, which he proceeded to do with the help of Hospice.

Hebard was born and raised in Berkeley, the only child of an engineer and his wife who found parenting a challenge. From about three to seven, he was boarded out with other families. The feelings of abandonment and lack of caring were things he struggled with the rest of his life. As a teenager, he had support from his aunt and his uncle Hebard.

Hebard found college a struggle, partly due to being dyslexic, but he was able to graduate and achieve an

MA from San Jose State University. His love was science, especially chemistry, physics and computers. He went on to teach at Seaside High School for 26 years.

Hebard and Peggy met on a boating trip with the Sierra Club on Tomales Bay in 1963 and were married for 54 years. They had two children, Christopher, who became a PhD materials engineer, and Josie, who is a seamstress/clothing designer.

In retirement, Hebard became widely known as a videographer who attended as many local events as possible to put them on public access TV. He felt it was especially important to give voice to those rarely heard on mainstream media. This was admired and appreciated as it was on a volunteer basis for 18 years and added up to almost 4,000 videos. He was instrumental in enabling videoing of our church services and getting them on Channel 24.

There will be a memorial service in his honor on Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m.

*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)*

## Shared Plate 2019

Here is a review of the recipients of the 2019 Shared Plate offering.

Many of the organizations sent thank you letters noting specific programs that our donations were able to fund. Others were deeply thankful for the support in general. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Month	Organization	Total
January	Housing Resource Center	\$1,301.50
February	Access Monterey Peninsula	\$824.25
March	Rainbow Speakers/Epicenter	\$1,091.00
April	UU Service Committee	\$1,537.00
May	Youth Arts Collective	\$1,052.50
June	Coastal Kids Homecare	\$1,007.50
July	Indivisible Immigration Task Force	\$1,842.52
August	Peace of Mind Dog Rescue	\$897.50
September	LULAC: Salinas Council and North County Council	\$1,523.90
October	National Alliance for Mental Illness	\$1132.99
November	Ohlone-Costanoan Esselen Nation	\$2122.52
December	National Coalition Building Institute	\$1682.50
Grand Total		\$16,015.68

# Karaoke Pizza Party!

With professional Karaoke KJ Dana Morrigan

**Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:00 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula  
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**A family-friendly event for all ages.**

**Invite your friends to join us!**

Suggested Donation: \$10 for adults, \$15 per family.



Try your hand (and voice) at performing musical pieces.  
Pizza, refreshments, and beverages provided.

**Come out and join the fun!**

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**Monterey County District 4  
Board of Supervisors  
Candidates' Forum**

**Sun, Feb 16, 2020 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Martin Luther King Elementary School,  
1713 Broadway, Seaside, CA**

**Candidates:  
Wendy Root Askew  
Wini Chambliss  
Steve McShane  
Alex Miller**



**Join COPA as we share stories about life in Monterey County and then listen to the candidates' responses.  
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**January 18 — Women's March**



**January 20—Marching in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



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