



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

April Theme: Freedom and Responsibility    Sunday Services begin at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom, online meeting app

**April 5**

**“Power of the Vote”**

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W.A. Sue Ellen Stringer**

Our UU 5th principle affirms "the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." 44th President Barack Obama said, "There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter." This morning we will consider the power of the vote, and our responsibility to help make sure that everyone votes and that every vote counts!



**April 12**

**“Coming Back to Life”**

**Rev Axel Gehrmann & W.A. Robin Jensen**

An egg holds the promise of new life. A seed contains the possibility of green growth. Stories of death and new life, of bondage and new freedom, all touch on a recurring miracle: despite all obstacles and constraints, life is unbelievably resilient. These are some of the timeless spiritual teachings of spring. How might they apply to our particular lives today?



**April 19**

**“Freedom Without Responsibility Equals?”**

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann & W.A. Robin Jensen**

Freedom, liberty, individual rights, are all values that are enshrined in our Constitution and in our UU religion. Are they enough, or is some measure of responsibility, some communal concern also required? What happens if you have the one without the other?

**April 26**

**“Our Chalice: The Light of Freedom”**

**Erin Forstein, Camille Hatton, & Karen Brown**

Join us for a collaborative multigenerational service where we will celebrate our creativity—seeing our own chalices, dancing our chalice flames, reciting our chalice lighting poetry, and more! Deadline will be April 15 for your contributions; stay tuned!



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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Axel Gehrman

I wonder what the state of the world will be when you read these words.

I am writing in mid-March. My timing is driven by our Nuusletter deadline. But I am acutely aware how the situation in our congregation and community may well be different in a few weeks' time.

A week ago, the concerns surrounding the corona virus were finding their way into the news, but it seemed like a serious issue for people in China or Italy, and of only minor significance for us here in Monterey County.

But with every passing day new reports were released, new cancellations announced, new health and safety guidelines defined, and finally a state of emergency declared. In consultation with our Board of Trustees, we cancelled our in-person worship services and religious exploration classes for March 15, and offered a live-streamed, online worship experience instead. Most meetings at church are being postponed or being moved online. (We are sending weekly updates via email.)

These changes have been deeply unsettling. And while they affect all of us, depending on our age, our health, the needs of family, the proximity of friends, our living situation, and countless other factors — we are each affected differently. And even when the challenges we face are the same, we will have a variety of responses: different thoughts and feelings, different needs and priorities, different plans for action.

Frankly, my own thoughts and feelings vary from moment to moment . . . And so I remind myself to be grateful, and seek comfort and inspiration in selected wise words.

For instance, I continue to appreciate the words of my UU poet-colleague, Rev. Lynn Ungar, which Elaine shared during last Sunday's service, a poem written last week, entitled "Pandemic." (see page 3) The poem was so widely and quickly shared on the internet, it went viral. (The irony of which was not lost on its author!)

The future is uncertain. Despite the overabundance of information available to us, we are left with more questions than answers. But that's OK. Asking the right questions, in

and of itself, can be helpful. I appreciate therapist Dr. Kathleen Smith's "Questions to Help with COVID-19 Anxiety," for instance:

- What concrete problems do I need to solve today?
- What information do I need today?
- When is the best time of day for me to read the news to update myself?
- What's the difference between thoughtfully and anxiously focusing on this problem?
- What does it look like to be responsible for my health during this time?
- How can I stay in meaningful contact with others if in-person contact becomes limited?

I am grateful for this congregation, all our members and friends. In the course of recent days, I have been deeply impressed by the spirit of kindness, patience and generosity that is abundantly apparent among us. I am grateful for the creativity and flexibility of our hard-working staff and dedicated volunteers. (And a special Thank You! to our tech-guru extraordinaire, Fred Hamilton.)

I know that many of you are looking for ways to stay connected, and to pitch in. Thank you! Please let us know how UUCMP can be helpful to you, or the people you know. Please contact us (Axel & Elaine, via email, phone, or in person), or our Caring Network (Carol Collin, Chair, at [caringnetwork@uucmp.org](mailto:caringnetwork@uucmp.org)), or any of our Pastoral Associates (Dennis Hamilton, Meredith Harrill, Phil Hawthorne, Karen Judkins, Jean Mansfield, Darold Skerritt).

We each have different needs and different abilities. Finding ways for each of us to remain in meaningful contact will be a challenge. But it is a worthwhile challenge, and I have no doubt that we have the capacity to meet it. UUCMP is a remarkable place. I remain deeply grateful for the caring community we create together.

See you at church (perhaps online, or on the phone),

*Axel*

## UUCMP Committee on Ministry

The mission of the UUCMP Committee on Ministry is to work to strengthen the quality of ministry in the congregation, and to serve as an additional communication channel between the minister(s) and the congregation.

Its current members are Carl Christensen, Sarah Hardgrave, Dennis Hickman, Bob Sadler and Kerry Sisseem. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with comments, concerns, compliments, questions or suggestions about the ministry and/or ministers of UUCMP.

## Pandemic

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Center down.

And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)  
Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.  
(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands.  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love--  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

-- Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

**Anti-Racism Film Group** will not meet in April.

**Board of Trustees** meets Wednesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Buddhist Sangha** is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sheltered in Place. See page 9.

**Community Choir** meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Dances of Universal Peace** will not meet in April.

**Equal Exchange** Coffee and Chocolate will not be available in April.

**Friday Night at the Movies** will not meet in April. See page 12.

**I-HELP for Men** is Sunday, April 12, 5 p.m. Please contact Steve Smaby if you can help. The men are housed off site but we will still provide the meal.

**I-HELP for Women** is Sunday, April 26, 4 p.m. Contact Lee Hulquist if you can help. The women are housed off site but we will still provide the meal.

**Membership Committee** meets Wednesday, April 22, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Men's Breakfast** will not meet in April. See page 11.

**Music Committee** meets Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

**NUUsletter deadline** for the May issue is Friday, May 15.

**Program Council** is Tuesday, April 7, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom. For Zoom information contact Lauren Keenan [programcouncil@uucmp.org](mailto:programcouncil@uucmp.org)

**Sing Along** will not meet in April.

**Social Justice** meets Sunday, April 5, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom.

**Stewardship** meets Wednesday, April 8, 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Women's Discussion Group** is working on ways to meet electronically on April 23. See page 11.

## President's Corner — Page Galloway



### The Last Thing in the Box

Hello again, Gentlepeople:

I really struggled this month with what to write to you about given the rapidly changing events in our world. Today is March 13, 2020. As you know, the ministers, in connection with the board leadership, in light of the guidance from the UUA; and, the recent declaration of a state of emergency in California related to COVID-19, suspended in-person worship services. Our congregation's demographics are such that many of us and our friends and loved ones are people at high risk. I can imagine that during this time, when the news seems so very dark, and when we would most want the comfort of our shared spiritual life, that this may feel like a deep blow. It may alarm some people, or at least give cause for concern.

It brought to mind two things for me, the story of Pandora's Box and a favorite song by Midge Ure from around the time I graduated law school. Everyone knows the story of Pandora's Box. We use the metaphor all the time to describe opening a box of horrors best left sealed. It seems that when we think that way that we forget the end of the story. The last thing in the box is a fragile, delicate, and luminous thing: Hope. We cannot forget that when times seem dark, when things seem bleak, at the end there is hope, and it is something to nurture. It reminds us that we are not victims of fate or circumstance, but rather engaged beings whose choices and actions, if we have hope, can stem the tide of fear. Our actions in recent days are part of that hope. By taking reasoned and prudent precautions to ensure not only the well-being of our congrega-

tion, friends, and loved ones, but also to provide continuity. We are unfurling delicate wings and taking ourselves in a direction that not only makes our Church Home available to us now, but also opens it to even more people. I hope that during the time that we are holding virtual services that we become a place for those needing hope and community. It is part of my hope that by the time this letter reaches you things will be improved.

The other thing that came to mind to me was Midge Ure's song *Dear God*. The lyrics that popped into my thoughts as I heard the news were "*Dear God, is there somebody out there? Is there someone to hear my prayer? . . . We're lost, and alone, and afraid. Give me love for the lonely, give me food for the hungry, give me Peace in a restless world. Give me hope for the children, give me a worldwide religion, give me Peace in a restless world.*"

As the song builds it becomes an anthem of hope that perhaps if we strive for these things we will no longer be lost, alone, or afraid. That we can open the box one last time and release Hope into the world. I found myself singing it on the way to the executive meeting in March.

I am glad we are all together, even if virtually for a time, each of us asking for peace in this restless world, striving toward Hope in the days ahead.

All the best,  
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# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



## Freedom and Responsibility

Our Faith Rocket theme for April is Freedom and Responsibility. What truly important concepts to be thinking about in these strange times. Freedom and responsibility . . . We live in the “land of the free and the home of the brave!” But the news is reporting on some very irresponsible actions taken by both the people and the government. What can we do as Unitarian Universalists to be responsible in the new normal we now live in? The most important thing we can do is physical distancing, staying home, keeping a good distance away from others. And yet, by being responsible in this way it does greatly affect our freedom.



Freedom is something that we have come to take for granted. It is the air that we breathe. It is the sun that warms our skin as we go pretty much wherever we want, whenever we want. But this has come to a grinding halt. Freedom must wait. Freedom is a concept we can hold tight in our pockets until this weird weather ends. Responsibility is the most important concept for us to focus on now. School is out, but it is NOT summer. We really do have the freedom to physically go wherever we want to, but it's our responsibility that keeps us home, our responsibility to keep us away from others when we do venture outside. It is our responsibility to give up the little freedoms that we have taken for granted. Just think how sweet that freedom will be when this has ended!



Maybe, just maybe though, we can change our definition of freedom. Can we embrace our smart phones, our laptops, and all of the other devices out there, and challenge ourselves to be social within these new parameters? Facebook and other social platforms are now the place to be! Emails, phone calls, facetime, texting, Zoom meetings . . . At least we still have technology!

I will leave you with this interesting thought: Freedom is now technology, and we have the Responsibility to be on our smartphones, not converse in person.

### Technological Error

by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater

My computer got a virus.  
(I didn't know it could.)

I gave it orange juice.  
(It just seemed like I should.)

I put it in a chilly bath.  
(The way my mother would.)

And now it won't wake up at all.  
This isn't looking good.

Thank you,  
Erin Forstein

Acting Director of Religious Exploration



## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PLEDGE CARDS!

Thank you to all our pledgers! Yet, some pledges have yet to appear. Is yours one of those? We realize with gratitude that people give of their time and talent in many ways, but UUCMP still needs funds to keep things going.

As you can see from the statistics provided by our esteemed treasurer, Harry Nagel, we're getting close to our goals. Harry advises that we need every (YOUR) pledge to get there. *(Some of us are so very modern and have pledged online! To pledge online, use the link in our weekly enews or go to UUCMP's website [uucmp.org], click on DONATE and follow the prompts.)*

UUCMP 2020-2021 CANVASS STATUS REPORT  
3.23.20

Annual Canvass	2019-2020	2020-2021 to date
Number of Pledges	115	111
Pledge Total	\$351,473	\$348,580
Average Pledge	\$3,056	\$3,140
Median Pledge	\$2,000	\$1,800

Those of you who were privileged to hear Sharon Sadler testify to her satisfaction in turning in her pledge card last month probably agree with Sharon that giving is good for the soul. Giving is a good thing . . . it pays dividends in many ways.

Giving is a spiritual practice. It is a vital part of our nurturing community, both giving of our time (on committees or in worship or on special projects) and giving of our treasure. Our generous love and support for one another shares the spotlight with our financial generosity; it is how we are in communion with spirit.

Non-pledgers, you can help us get to our budgetary needs. Your pledge, no matter the size, makes a difference – it all adds up (Just ask Harry N.) So, if you haven't sent in your pledge card, please do as soon as possible! Need another pledge packet? Contact Konny Murray at 831-595-7853 or by email at [kmur617@aol.com](mailto:kmur617@aol.com) and she will send one to you at whatever address you specify. Or pledge online (see above).

Special thanks to the twenty-one stewards who helped on the Operating Fund Campaign this year: Carl Christensen, Carol Collin, Fran Gaver, Rev. Axel Gehrmann, Peggy Hansen, Sarah Hardgrave, Lee Hulquist, Ann Jacobson, Paul Jessen, Lauren Keenan, Mibs McCarthy, Gregg McKee, Maren Martin, Carol Meyer, Konny Murray, Harry Nagel, Lynne Powers, Bob & Sharon Sadler, Darold Skerritt, and Gale Weir. Thanks for the generous gift of your time *(as well as for your pledges)*.

Thanks to all of us for being part of our Nurturing Community.

Your Stewardship Committee

Carol Collin, Fran Gaver, Judy Lind, Konny Murray, Harry Nagel and Lynne Powers



**April Shared Plate Recipient  
International Convocation of  
Unitarian Universalist Women  
ICUWW**

The *International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women (ICUWW)* advances the equality of women and girls, worldwide, through development programs promoting women's advocacy, awareness, empowerment and leadership. Led by Unitarian Universalist women from around the world, ICUWW's members include both Unitarian Universalists and others of liberal religious faith. We are women of all ages and backgrounds: brave, curious and compassionate thinkers and doers, who have a legacy of "deeds, not creeds."



ICUWW is committed to promoting a world in which women ...

- \* Are safe in their homes and communities,
- \* Have affordable, comprehensive, quality health/reproductive care,
- \* Have equal access to all levels of education,
- \* Have equal economic/business opportunities
- \* Are respected leaders in all aspects of society.

Our work calls us to unexpected places as we harness love's power to stop oppression. From grassroots community organizing to interfaith state, national, and corporate advocacy; in protest marches, prayer vigils, and press conferences; in homeless shelters and in prisons, Unitarian Universalists put our faith into action.

Please give generously to support the important work of this organization.

**For more information:**

- <https://www.intlwomensconvo.org/community/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/fbicuuw/>

# ART NEWS



## LAYERS BY KAREN HUNTING UPCOMING

Living near the coast in Carmel, California, Karen Hunting has been a recognized artist in one form or another all her life. From her earliest days, light, color, shape, texture and movement were the focal points of her artistic endeavors as she was designing her own story books, teaching herself to play the piano, and choreographing dances.

A degree in Graphic Design from Michigan State University, professional work as a graphic designer and art director and years with her own graphic design and wordsmithing studio provided the groundwork for her style to flourish. Once in California Karen began winning awards for some of her more whimsical three-dimensional work in clay, collage and paper construction. She counts calligraphy and abstract acrylics among her creative toolbox skills.



Along the way she applied her innate creativity with her inventive techniques in abstract acrylics. Ms. Hunting's art is as she envisioned more than a decade ago when she wrote her creative credo:



It will be full of color, or delicate in color, and rich in textures.  
It will be tactile and eye-filling.  
It will be pleasing and evocative.  
It doesn't need to be startling, just enough to evoke an "ahhh . . ."  
It will bring great satisfaction to me to produce it.  
I will glow from the knowledge of its intrinsic worth  
and from what the work brings to the beholder.

Tactile texture intertwined with eye-filling color, bold and delicate, washes over, surrounds and surprises the beholder of Karen Hunting's abstract acrylic works painted and assembled on heavyweight pressed paper.



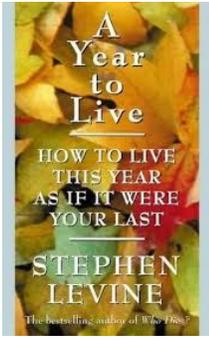
Just as a full orchestra evokes an "ahhh . . ." when the audience is drawn into the multi-layered dimensions of the music's pleasing ebb and flow, so are the viewers of Ms. Hunting's art so entranced.



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

-Peggy Olsen

## Book Discussion on *A Year to Live* by Stephen Levine



Dates: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Location for April: via Zoom

In his short book *A Year to Live: How to Live this Year As If It Were Your Last*, the best-selling author Stephen Levine teaches us how to

live each moment, each hour, each day mindfully - as if it were all that was left. On his deathbed, Socrates exhorted his followers to practice dying as the highest form of wisdom. Levine decided to live this way himself for a whole year, and shares how such imme-

diacy radically changes our view of the world and forces us to examine our priorities.

Rev. Axel will be leading a six-session discussion on how Levine's ideas can help us live with greater mindfulness and clarity. (Additionally, individuals may choose to use Levine's book as a year-long program with practical strategies to do this work.)

Sessions will provide opportunities for large and small group discussion, as well as individual writing and reflection. Please contact Rev. Axel ([minister@uucmp.org](mailto:minister@uucmp.org)) if you have questions or plan to attend.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per session

## Caring Congregation



During these uncertain times, please know that UUCMP is here for you. As we all Shelter-in-Place, there are those who need help, whether for groceries or medications, check-in phone calls, or trips to medical appointments. And there are those who feel less at risk who can provide those services. If you are in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact us at [caringnet-work@uucmp.org](mailto:caringnet-work@uucmp.org) or contact Carol Collin.

Our Pastoral Associates can also provide support (Dennis Hamilton, Meredith Harrill, Phil Hawthorne, Karen Judkins, Jean Mansfield, Darold Skerritt). In addition, your ministers are always available to help with any pastoral or practical concerns, via phone or email. You can contact them as well. ([minister@uucmp.org](mailto:minister@uucmp.org), Elaine 831-402-9211, Axel: 831-402-9311)

At this confusing time, scammers target people, asking for money and/or personal information. Please be very careful if you receive emails from the ministers, the UUCMP Board, or other congregants asking for cash or gift cards. Contact any of these people through regular channels and please don't send anything without checking first. This kind of scam is occurring in many congregations; this is a link to an article in the UU World that discusses it. <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/church-gift-card-scam> In addition, there are places where scammers are going door to door claiming to have Covid-19 test kits for a fee or trying to sell other items and services. Contact law enforcement if you receive such a visit.

We are trying to set up more ways for congregants to safely interact through Zoom and Facebook or by phone. We can provide assistance for setting up Zoom accounts if anyone needs it. You are very important to this community. Please stay safe and well as we work together to weather this storm.

## Buddhist Sangha



Due to the Shelter-in-Place order we will not be meeting physically until we resume normal life. Please take time to meditate each day during this time of isolation, per your own practice, and on Wednesdays in particular, you are invited to honor our normal time of meditation, at 7 p.m. If you wish, also follow our normal rituals of bells, chants, a candle and incense. It may help to preserve the sense and feeling of our sangha.

# Musical Offerings

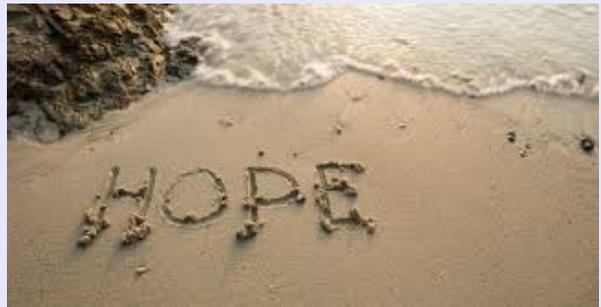


Our Adult Community Choir is open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike, to explore singing together. As an ensemble, we prepare special music for various Sunday services per month. This month we are singing “Freedom Come,” “The Storm Is Passing Over,” and other fun songs. We meet **every Thursday from 7-9 p.m.** This month we will be meeting via **Zoom** for rehearsals. No experience nor commitment necessary!

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:  
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/8287611715>  
Or iPhone one-tap (US  
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+13462487799,8287611715#  
Or Telephone: Dial: +1 669 900 6833 (US  
Toll)  
**Meeting ID: 828 761 1715**



Unfortunately our other ensembles will be on hold until we can resume in person. However, if you like to sing or play an instrument and are willing to try some technological experiments, I am open to hearing from you. Share in hope for the future!



Finally, if you have other ways you wish to contribute to the music here at UUCMP, just let me know! [music@uucmp.org](mailto:music@uucmp.org)

— Camille Hatton

## Concert Cancelled

Due to the statewide shelter in place order, the Voices of Hope concert originally scheduled for Saturday, April 25, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. We will let you know when the new date has been decided.



## Men's Breakfast Group

Not meeting in April



We hope to resume the group some time in the coming months. Please send an email to Marsh Pitman with your current phone number. so I can check in with you. Please take care of yourselves.

— Marsh Pitman

## WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Unitarian Universalist Church  
Of the Monterey Peninsula

Because the church will be closed for most of April, the group will not meet face-to-face this month. We are working on other forms of communication.

—Nancy Baker Jacobs, Facilitator



## FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday Night at the Movies will not meet in the month of April. We will resume when this situation is over or resolves itself one way or the other.

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS

Will not be available in April.



Fair trade, organic coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil will not be available in April.

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

Given the Shelter in Place order recently begun, there will be no new Life Enrichment catalog for Spring.

Contact Carol Greenstreet, who is the LE Committee Chair.

## Membership Committee

In this challenging time, your Membership Committee realizes that feeling connected with others is of paramount importance. The Sunday services are now being presented on Zoom, and Membership is beginning virtual small group gatherings where people can participate and visit with each other. Zoom meeting ideas include a group potluck, where everyone has their own meal and visits as they nosh, or sharing a favorite poem, reading, or picture with others and talking about it. There could also be email gatherings in which people have discussions and 'reply all' to other participants. Folks without computers can participate via telephone. If you have other ideas for group gatherings, please contact Maren Martin at membership@uucmp.org.



In addition, more food donors are needed for Men's and Women's I-HELP, the second and fourth Sunday of each month. They are housed off site at two other churches, but UUCMP still provides meals. Please contact Steve Smaby for Men's I-HELP or Lee Hulquist for Women's I-HELP. Let's keep our sense of community as we get through this together.

## 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

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups:

**No groups will meet face-to-face in April. Some will meet via Zoom.**

**Anti-Racism Book Group** First Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. via Zoom

**Anti-Racism Film Group** will not meet in April.

**Men's Group Breakfast**  
Will not meet in April.  
Contact: Marsh Pitman See page 11.

**Women's Discussion Group**  
Fourth Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m. Contact:  
Nancy Baker Jacobs See page 11.

**T'ai Chi Chih** No meetings in April. Contact: Ruth Smith if you have questions.

**Sangha** will continue to practice in our homes on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. See page 9. Contact: Rev. Dennis Hamilton

**Friday Night at the Movies** will not meet in April. Contact: John Freeman for any questions.

**Dances of Universal Peace**  
Will not meet in April.  
Contact: Barbara Bullock-Wilson if you have any questions.

## Super Flea Family Market



The UUCMP Super Flea rummage sale has been postponed. We will reschedule it for a future date, as yet to be determined.



**COPA Seeks to Preserve and Deepen  
A Culture of Relationships Despite Physical Distancing**



We are an organization built on the concept of community and relationships as foundational for building a more just society. But here at the outset of 2020 we find ourselves during a global pandemic when we are required to shelter in place. This has led us to rethink how we can continue to build public relationships when face-to-face meetings present untenable risks to the health of the populous. We are committing to build new tools so that we can continue to meet, build relationships and do our justice work. We remain convinced that our hallmark of relational meetings will be increasingly important as we face this crisis in the coming months.



[“Why Albert Camus’ The Plague Matters to Us Now”](#)  
Eric Fretz (efretz@regis.edu)  
Regis University, Denver, Colorado

[Pandemics Kill Compassion, Too](#)  
By [David Brooks](#)  
Opinion Columnist March 12, 2020

[How to Be Together Apart  
In the Time of Coronavirus](#)

By Priya Parker  
Ms. Parker is the author of “The Art of Gathering:  
How We Meet and Why It Matters.”  
The New York Times

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shelter-in-place order in Monterey County.](#)

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