



# NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

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Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom online meeting app

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July 3

**“Murals as Mirrors and Magnifiers ”**

**Kat Morgan, and W.A.s Corey Brunson and Bjorn Nilson**

Murals are often collective efforts, engaging community members in co-creation. They are the most democratic and inclusive art form, showcasing the creativity of artists typically excluded from museums, galleries, and collectors' walls. This resonates with UU principles and should capture our attention. Murals tell us stories about the past, present and future; they protest and memorialize; and are one of the oldest art forms. Our county boasts over 500 murals. Only 2.8% of the art in 18 major U.S. art museums is by Latinx artists; only 1.2% is by African Americans. African carvings and masks, much as murals, embrace something greater than ourselves, serve as a community forming power, and express the creative force.

July 10

**“Roads We Have Traveled”**

**Micah Forstein and W.A. Lauren Keenan**

Our lives take us on many different journeys, with many different adventures along the way. The path winds into unexpected places. Where has your journey taken you? Join Micah Forstein and Lauren Keenan to travel the roads of our lives.

July 17

**“Sermon on the Mound”**

**Robin Jensen and Jon Czarnecki**

Baseball is more than just a summer sport. It's a game with a long history and a profound and lasting influence, not only on sports, but on society in general. It's funny, sad, inspiring, and surprisingly symbolic of the world outside the ball parks. Robin Jensen and Jon Czarnecki will take a look at the game and its many poignant ramifications.

## Religious Exploration

Children (pre K - 11) and teens (12-18) attend our worship service on Sundays and go to their respective Religious Exploration classes following the Story for All Ages.

July 24

**“Negotiating the Balance Beam of Life's Journey ”**

**Ray Krise and Bjorn Nilson**

On life's journey we seek balance and wholeness in our lives; the kind of existential togetherness which frees us to be ourselves, allows us to relate to others and to society with authenticity, and grants the of peace of mind and spirit we all seek. But life's path is not a gentle walk in the park. It's rather like undertaking an exercise on a gymnast's balance beam. We are constantly pulled one way or the other by pairs of opposites: left or right, this or that, right or wrong, on and on. How do we keep that balance beam from becoming a slippery slope toward an inauthentic life? Does symmetry in nature give us a model? Like every good gymnast, is success on this existential balance beam a function of practice, practice, practice?

July 31

**“Deep Listening”**

**Sue Ellen Stringer, Mary Kay Hamilton, and W.A. Lauren Keenan**

Deep listening involves creating a sacred space with someone by putting your own thoughts and feelings aside while giving attention to another person. As a listener, it is important to stay fully in the present moment and to respond authentically, giving the other your full attention and becoming other-centered instead of self-centered.

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## Ministers' Message

Rev. Elaine Gehrmann

July is the month your co-ministers usually take off, and the church in general has fewer meetings and activities. There will still be excellent and inspiring Worship Services, and interesting and creative Religious Exploration classes for kids, and amazing musical offerings on Sundays.

We hope you each find some time to relax and enjoy your summer blessings, whatever they may be!

Please enjoy this recent poem from our friend and colleague, the Rev. Lynn Ungar.

### Origin

In the beginning the world  
was a great big mess.  
Topsy-turvy, helter-skelter,  
the grandest celestial  
mish mosh of time and space.  
Creation is the imposition of order:  
light from dark, day from night  
water from air and so on.  
Sometimes it works.



Sometimes your carefully crafted plans tick down the rails of your decisions, running neatly on time. Sometimes not. Creation is a blessing.

The careful construction of beauty and the delicate elucidation of truth is a blessing. Bending this malleable world toward justice and peace and your vision of what could be is a blessing. But.

The nature of the universe is chaos. Never forget where you came from.

-Lynn Ungar 6/5/22

*Elaine*

*P.S. Hope to see many of you at the Pride Parade and Celebration on July 23rd!*



## Mark your Calendar

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., is the Monterey Peninsula Pride Parade and Celebration! We will have a group from UUCMP marching in the parade, and we will staff a booth at the Custom House Plaza at the celebration. If you want to participate or are able to help, please contact Rev. Elaine ([minister@uucmp.org](mailto:minister@uucmp.org)) or Karen Brown ([karenb1115@yahoo.com](mailto:karenb1115@yahoo.com)).



## People of Color Group

Do you identify as a person of color? Join us for conversation and camaraderie! The UUCMP POC (People of Color) Group provides a framework of support and acknowledgment for members and friends of UUCMP who have lived experience as people of color. At our meetings, we will gather as an intentional, accepting fellowship of POC UUs to explore and reflect on our individual experiences, intersectionality, and UUism.



The UUCMP POC Group meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, and at noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Feel free to drop in and join us at any of these times! Meetings will be virtual until in-person meetings at the church resume. Due to recent tech issues, please contact Patty Pai [singerpattypai@gmail.com](mailto:singerpattypai@gmail.com) to be included on an email list and receive meeting reminders and any last-minute updates to the meeting link.

## Men's Breakfast Returns Live!

Saturday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m.



The men's monthly breakfast is going hybrid. Our next meeting is Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Fireplace Room. Designated people will bring in food to the in-person meeting. If you prefer, you can join us via Zoom from home.

Zoom Meeting ID is: 975 5961 1965. Passcode: 408070  
On a phone (call 669-900- 9128)  
Or with a computer - simply click on this link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/97559611965>

The breakfast is open to all who identify as male or gender fluid. Our conversation is confidential. If you are joining us in person please RSVP to Doug McClain [dmclain@hotmail.com](mailto:dmclain@hotmail.com) so that we will have an idea of how much food to bring. If you have any dietary restrictions please bring your own food. Hope to see you there.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Adult Community Choir** will not be meeting in July.

**Anti-Racism Book & Film Discussion Group** Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room and via Zoom. See page 9.

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

**Buddhist Sangha** is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in person in the sanctuary and via Zoom. See page 9.

**Environmental Justice** meets Tuesday, July 12, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**I-HELP** is supported by financial donations to UUCMP, providing monthly meals. Please consider sending a check to the church or clicking the DONATE button on the UUCMP website and indicating that the donation is for I-HELP.

**Membership Committee** meets Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Men's Breakfast Group** meets Saturday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. See article at left.

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

**NUUsletter deadline** for the August issue is Saturday, July 16.

**People of Color (POC) group** will meet Saturdays, July 2 and 16 at noon, and Mondays, July 4 and 18 at 7 p.m. See article to the left for meeting details.

**Program Council** does not meet in July.

**Sing Along** will meet on Wednesday, July 20. See weekly e-news for more details.

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

**Stewardship** will not meet in July.

**T'ai Chi Chih** meets Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. See page 9.

## 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. Newsletter articles are due the 16th of each month.

## President's Corner — Carol Greenstreet



### New Beginnings

As we start our new church calendar year in July, it brings to mind the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another. I am pondering the themes of Regeneration, Renewal and Play as I attempt to discover what the “New Normal” is for me. I hope to build some insight into my own needs for rejuvenation by my engagement with nature. For me, that is hiking, walking, photography, and sketching. Those who encounter me outdoors notice the binoculars always hanging around my neck, and sometimes a small sketching kit affixed to my daypack. I am enamored of our avian relatives and attempt to sketch them, albeit rather poorly. I find landscapes easier to capture since they stay in one place! I have never considered myself artistic but am finding that attempts to represent nature on paper increases my appreciation of the beauty that surrounds us, especially in our majestic county.

As I write this, the Northern Hemisphere is on the cusp of the summer solstice. I am planning on enjoying the longest day of the year with my husband, Randy, and some new hiking friends, on a vigorous day hike, a geothermal hot tub soak, and a leisurely dinner. I am in northern Iceland, and the sun will be setting for a total of thirty-six minutes! So it is a perfect time to think about the changes and rejuvenation. As the year progresses, I hope to build some insight into my personal rejuvenation as well as



reengaging with the UUCMP community and the world around me.

Outgoing Board of Trustees president Bud Smith presided during a challenging year wherein the church reopened to in-person services and maintained online services in a hybrid approach. A new variation on “Have it Your Way” where people can choose to attend services in the way most comfortable and convenient for them. I am hoping to see more members attending services either in person or remotely. A goal is to expand our membership as we make ourselves known to the broader community through our outreach.

The community has elected three very capable members: Mibs McCarthy, Bjorn Nilson, and Susan Holland. They will replace an outstanding group of all-stars: Jon Czarnecki, Lauren Keenan, and Kent Weinstein. Together as your new board, bringing the wisdom from the prior board, we are looking forward to serving the community at large and understanding your thoughts and goals as we build our community and demonstrate our commitment to our Eight Principles.



Cheers,  
Carol



## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hello Friends,

I'm happy to be back with you again. I'm excited to tell you all about the RE program this month. We've had several new families join our church since we started back up in person. I'm so happy about this because my goal is to always make UUCMP a welcoming space for new families.

We continue to work through our Soul Matters curriculum and our theme



of the month is Celebrating Blessings. The kids have learned about what a blessing is. We talked about the things we were grateful for by making a blessings journal. Check out our RE bulletin board for samples of our work. We also discussed celebrating the blessings of diversity by making friendship bracelets. The students were so engaged in this hands-on activity, it was a joy to see them enjoy themselves during RE class. The teens continued their discussion about

blessings. Some of the questions posed to them were:

- When in your life have you felt like you were a blessing?
- How would you complete this sentence: I have been blessed with . . .
- What role has the blessing of friendship played in your life?
- Has a loss ever led to a blessing?

I think these are important questions for all of us to think about, and especially important for our youth.

We are still open to volunteers to help with wiping down the nursery, helping clean up after class, and doing some organization. We also have two rocking chairs in the nursery that need a fresh coat of paint. We would love to get your support before or after the service any Sunday.



Many families are enjoying their well-earned summer time and having some fun-sounding vacations. Mexico, Costa Rica, Washington D.C., Spain and Guatemala! What fun! I hope families have as much possible fun as they ever had and get a break from the long hard past year. Cheers!

— Elizabeth Granado  
Director of Religious Exploration

Kat Morgan began mural hunting in Monterey County in August 2019, before she relocated here in April 2020. Because museums and galleries were closed, she continued her hunt for murals to satisfy her thirst for art. In July 2020 she created the Instagram profile @MuralsofMontereyCounty where she profiles murals from throughout our county, both historic and contemporary. She's been profiled by both the Arts County for Monterey County and the Monterey County Weekly as a mural hunter and street art advocate. The Carmel Pine Cone dubbed her a public art documentarian. Kat has developed and taught popular courses on the Murals of Monterey County, Murals: Past, Present, Future, and the Murals of Sand City for CSUMB's OLLI program in November 2021. She leads walking tours of the Sand City murals. Follow her on Instagram @kayem13 @muralsofmontereycounty @publicartlover.



Kat Morgan

## We Know You Have Stories to Tell!

The Worship Associates at UUCMP bring a variety of experiences and perspectives to our weekly services! If you think it might be fun to help plan and participate in worship services, please talk to one of our ministers about joining our team. Enthusiasm is required, experience is not.

*Expand Your Comfort Zone!*

*Have fun while helping UUCMP!*

*Be a Worship Associate!*

Who are those people who are not ministers, yet who get to help present worship services every Sunday? They are Worship Associates, a tradition at UUCMP that goes back to around 1989.

Our team of Worship Associates works closely with the ministers to choose our monthly themes and weekly topics throughout the church year. Individuals then volunteer to participate in the services that they feel a connection to. The Worship Associates' big contribution to the typical service is a five-minute personal reflection on that week's topic. They don't need to do research or have a divinity-school degree because they talk about their own experiences, on which, they are the experts.

Worship Associates meet by Zoom just once a month to plan upcoming services and receive customized training prepared by our ministers to improve speaking skills and better understand the means and ends of UU worship. They get to know and work closely with the ministers and with each other in a friendly and supportive environment.

Everyone has life experience that can be crafted into reflections! If working creatively with a team of interesting people and having multiple opportunities to share your thoughts with the congregation appeals to you, please contact the Revs. Gehrmann to discuss whether this opportunity would be a good fit for you.

Many hands make light work, and many voices encourage extraordinary worship experiences for us all. Won't you please consider joining in?

— Corey Brunson

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA POLICY ON COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

UUCMP encourages members and friends to *remain aware of COVID-19, and to take sensible precautions against further spread of the infection*. Wearing of face masks to limit airborne spread of infectious disease is encouraged, but not required at this time.

See this link [<https://uucmp.org/unitarian-universalist-church-of-the-monterey-peninsula-uucmp/>] for UUCMP's current policy and procedures.



## July Shared Plate Recipient Alliance on Aging Ombudsman Program

Monterey County's Alliance on Aging offers a range of senior services through the "Hub," their offices in Salinas and Monterey. With funding through federal, state, county and foundation grants and generous private donors, the Alliance has become the virtual one-stop center for senior services. They are the home base for the Ombudsman Program, whose state-certified staff and volunteers advocate for the residents in long-term care facilities. Volunteer and staff ombudsman assist residents with issues related to day-to-day care, health, safety, and personal preferences, and help prevent abuse and neglect.

We are especially sensitive to the needs of those whose family has scattered and friends passed on, the many who have no one left to advocate for them. Our regular visits provide the comfort of knowing that someone is there to help solve problems they can't work out on their own. We answer complaints from the residents, caretakers, and family members, and can raise serious issues for state intervention. The Ombudsman program also investigates cases of suspected abuse or neglect in long term care facilities, and we have seen an increase of reported cases during the last two years.

The Ombudsman Program, as many other nonprofit services, was severely impacted by the pandemic lockdown. We set up creative ways to stay in touch with facility residents during lockdowns, initiating phone contacts, providing digital devices for virtual visits, and engaging volunteers in getting hundreds of greeting cards delivered to residents and caregivers. Your contributions will go towards helping ensure that long-term care residents of Monterey County will have the care that allows them to thrive.



The ombudsman delivered robotic pets to seniors at Del Monte Assisted Living in Pacific Grove. These pets are part of a state initiative to provide a form of companionship for seniors in long-term care. These pets purr, bark, wave their paws, and roll over. The recipients are delighted with their new companions.



Please donate generously to this worthy organization.



## Art News



### *Forest Dreamings*

by Bonnie Rose Fernandez

June 11- August 13, 2022

Most paintings will be for sale; 20% of sales goes to UUCMP. Paintings purchased during the UUCMP show must be made available October 22-December 15, 2022, for the Pacific Grove Art Center show.

I began the practice of art, unknowingly, as a way to express my painful inner world after a young life filled with extreme traumatic experiences. Over the years while learning to draw, paint and deepen my artistic expression, I discovered that making art brought me healing, spiritual connection and wholeness. In addition to making my own art, my M.A. project in Depth Psychology (2010) focused on the value of expressive and symbolic arts for people struggling with posttraumatic stress. At the core of all my work is a passion for nature, wildlife, color, and in particular the magnificence of trees. I feel supported by trees, they inspire me to be simultaneously grounded and rooted, yet also expansive, generous, and supportive of others. My love of mountain biking and hiking throughout the Fort Ord National Monument and many other amazing



Higher Visions



Sunset at Mud Hen Lake

places is the inspiration for my latest series *Forest Dreamings* that showcases my living relationship with nature and beauty.



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## Join Our Church!

Even in these pandemic times - *especially* in these times - 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 resonate with our principles and you are at least 16 years of age, then we invite you to sign our membership 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.

If you are interested in becoming an “official” member of UUCMP, contact the ministers. ([minister@uucmp.org](mailto:minister@uucmp.org))

Please join us!

## Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups

**Some groups will not meet face-to-face in July. Some will meet via Zoom.**

**Anti-Racism Book and Film Discussion** First Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the fireplace room and via Zoom.

**Men’s Breakfast Group** meets second Saturdays 9:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom  
Contact: Doug McLain See page 3.

**Buddhist Sangha** will continue in the sanctuary and via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact: Rev. Dennis Hamilton

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

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

**POC (People of Color) Group** meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, and at noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. See article on page 3 for meeting link.

**T'ai Chi Chih** meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### 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.

### We Know You Have Stories to Tell!

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On Friday morning, June 3, our first grandchild, Sloane Wesley Judkins, became a tax deduction for our wonderful daughter and son-in-law, and a beautiful and most welcome part of our lives. We spent her first two weeks with her and her folks in Oakland, helping out where we could, which was okay, but also holding and loving our new granddaughter, which was very fine indeed. We look forward to many more occasions for holding and loving in the future (but not so many as to make ourselves a nuisance).

Thanks to all the UUCMP well-wishers. Laura and Harry Nagel

### Fun Fundraising Plans!

We hope you are saving items to offer for sale at our UUCMP **Super Flea**, which will return to an in-person sale this year on **September 2-3**. Each seller prices their own items, displays and sells them, and takes away their unsold items at the end of the sale. All proceeds go to UUCMP.



There are people in the congregation who are willing to help you at each step of the way. Contact Mibs McCarthy [mibsmccarthy@comcast.net](mailto:mibsmccarthy@comcast.net) with questions. Looking forward to finding unexpected treasures at the sale!

Our **Services Auction** is on the UUCMP calendar!

Our first ever virtual Services Auction last year was loads of fun and highly successful. We surpassed our fundraising goal because of the many, many creative and unique items offered by all of you! And all of the enthusiastic buyers were critical to that success as well.



The Silent Auction portion of the auction will be virtual and will take place the week of October 15-21. Saturday, October 22, will be the culminating event and will have multiplatform options, meaning folks can congregate in person or participate via Zoom.

We are still in the planning stage. so if you are interested in joining the Services Auction team, please contact Lauren Keenan [bill.lauren.keenan@gmail.com](mailto:bill.lauren.keenan@gmail.com)

## Environmental Justice News

### Celebrate Plastic Free July

*Plastic Free July* has been a global tradition that helps millions be part of the solution to plastic pollution, according to the Plastic Free Foundation. Whether we try to be plastic free for a day, a week or the entire month, participation helps us review what we currently do to be stewards of the environment and provides us the opportunity to learn additional actions that we can embrace to use less plastic in our day-to-day lives. At <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org> we can find a variety of tools that help us build our awareness of our daily plastic impact on the environment and solutions to using so much plastic. It is difficult to completely remove plastic from our lives, but there are some suggestions of things we can do.

From this website, here are a few easy actions you can take right now to decrease plastic pollution.

- \* Bring a reusable coffee cup or dine-in at your local café.
- \* Find plastic free alternatives to packaging when buying fruit & veggies.
- \* Bring your own reusable shopping bags and help reduce plastic waste.
- \* Refuse plastic straws when buying a drink & BYO reusable alternative!
- \* Get your own reusable water bottle instead of buying plastic ones.
- \* Use your own bags and containers and avoid pre-packed bread, rolls & baked goods.
- \* Avoid the plastic trays (especially polystyrene trays) used for meat, fish and deli items.
- \* Follow the three R's for a better planet—reduce, reuse, recycle.
- \* Avoid buying plastic inflated party balloons for events.

### Join the Environmental Group at UUCMP

At our monthly meetings we discuss what we can do to be better informed about our impact on the earth. It only takes one and one-half hours a month to be part of the solution. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 P.M. via Zoom.

There is another great resource for information about what we can do to keep the community, the bay and the ocean free of additional effects of plastic pollution. It is Communities for Sustainable Monterey County (CSMC)

<http://www.sustainablemontereycounty.org/>

We can find activities such as beach clean-ups listed on their community calendars. We can become aware of what our communities are doing to reduce the effects of plastic pollution. We can become involved by letting the retailers that we do business with know that we are concerned about plastic pollution and how their stores are impacting our communities. On the CSMC website there is a heading for *plastic pollution*. Check it out. In the *action* section there are many opportunities for getting involved to make a difference. The following chart on the CSMC website is one of many tools that are available to increase our awareness of the unintentional consequences of our actions.

We can make a difference. We welcome you to celebrate Plastic Free July with your UUCMP community.



Contact any of the UUCMP Environmental Group if you have questions: Mibs McCarthy, Lauren Keenan, Ann Johnson, and Kathleen Craig.

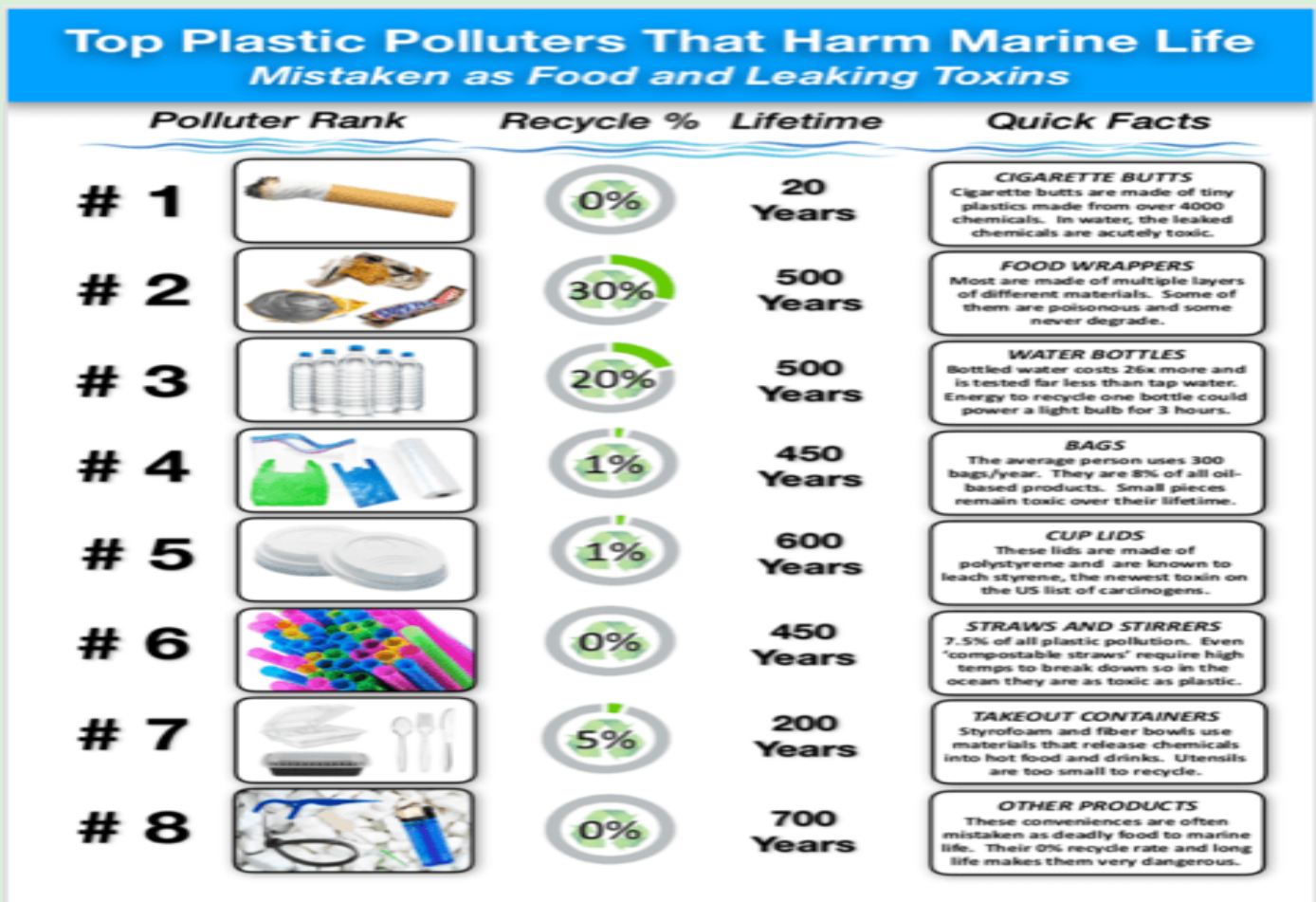
There are several locations that enable you to buy more environmentally sound materials for personal care and home cleaning products. Some are listed on the next page.

Have a happy and plastic free summer!

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## Environmental Justice News



Are you thinking of doing more to reduce, reuse, and refill? There are many good reasons why. Do you want to limit plastics, toxins, and disposables in your home? Here is my scoop on some local shops that you may want to check out:

### The Green Directive

(<https://www.thegreendirective.com>) is a shop at 77 Soledad Drive, Monterey with reusable, non-plastic products to replace most common disposables. There are some pet products (and a young resident shepherd) and many cleaners for your body and your stuff (with dry options 'cause you'll be adding the water). Soon there will be unscented options.

### West End Refill

(<https://www.almadelmar398.com>) is at 398 Shasta St, Sand City, and it's a bit difficult to access (they go by several names online, their front door is on a side street, and they were closed when they were supposed to be open). Bring your own containers for dish washing liquid, laundry and toilet tablets, and more.

### Eco Carmel

(<https://www.ecocarmel.com>) has the medium-sized space in downtown. By Carmel's location logic they are in the north-west corner of their block on SW San Carlos Street between 7th & 8th. The store has been around for twelve years, but the refill station is relatively new. They have unscented options and lots of other beautiful things including lights, bedding and kids' clothes. All at Carmel prices.

### slowfiber (<https://www.slowfiber.com>)

They are upstairs overlooking the Trader Joe's parking lot in Monterey at 517 A Hartnell Street. They focus on making, fixing, and upgrading with natural and/or recycled fabrics and fibers. The shop has lots of stuff for sale. But you can use what they have for free at their workshops and mend bars (which do have a fee).

Do check the websites for these shops in advance. They are small and owner-run, so they have limited hours.

-- Simona Bartl

# SOCIAL JUSTICE



## COPA Bids Farewell to Lead Organizer Arturo Aguila

As you may have heard by now, Lead Organizer Arturo Aguila moved to New Mexico at the end of June. Arturo led COPA through two of the most challenging years for our community and the world. COPA has been on the forefront of responding to the pandemic and all of its impacts to our region and continues to be a force for advancing the common good. Arturo and his wife moved to be closer to their daughter and their grandchild, and he will continue his career in organizing there. Arturo will be missed across COPA, and we wish him and his family the very best!

On Monday, June 13, COPA held a leaders meeting to wish Arturo farewell and to talk about the transition process for COPA. There is a lot of good work happening across the region. Come in August to hear about recent successes and the opportunities ahead. Effective July 1, Tim McManus, currently COPA's Supervising Organizer, will step in as Interim Lead Organizer. Tim and members of the Regional Strategy Team, which includes Laura Nagel, will discuss more about how COPA can build on its momentum in these coming months. Please consider joining the Money Team Conversation (invitation below).

### Join the Money Team Meeting

On Thursday, August 11, at 12 noon a group of leaders will meet to talk money. More specifically, we will discuss the future of COPA's Investment Campaign strategy (individual donors, large gifts, business leader meetings, etc.). For those of you who are new to COPA's investment strategy, this work can set up opportunities to get into really interesting conversations with powerful people in the region - learning about their interests, telling them stories about our work, and seeking out possible alignment that

could lead to their investment in what we do. These meetings can really broaden our perspective and help us get clearer on our organizing, and they are also a good way to develop our own ability to talk about what we do and why we care about it.

Money can be a touchy subject for a lot of us. Developing our own confidence around it is a way we can become more powerful - as leaders and as an organization. Part of this development is expanding our imagination about existing resources. A reading that can be helpful for that comes from the theologian Walter Brueggemann, "[The liturgy of abundance, the myth of scarcity.](#)" Click on the link title here to get to the link to read it. I would be interested in hearing your reflections about it.

Please let me know if you can join the August 11 meeting. Zoom link below. Thanks.

Laura Nagel

### COPA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: COPA Money Team

Time: Thu, Aug 11, 2022 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93669023784?](https://zoom.us/j/93669023784?pwd=bngzOVFCNkxCY2VrT09UZThHTEV5dz09)

[pwd=bngzOVFCNkxCY2VrT09UZThHTEV5dz09](https://zoom.us/j/93669023784?pwd=bngzOVFCNkxCY2VrT09UZThHTEV5dz09)

Meeting ID: 936 6902 3784

Passcode: 934658

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**Tim McManus**

**Industrial Areas Foundation**

[swiaf.org](http://swiaf.org)

408-710-9428 (mobile)

559-365-6171 (mobile)

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
of the Monterey Peninsula  
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Carmel, CA 93923**

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During the COVID-19 pandemic,  
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