



NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

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

August 6

“Summer Memories”

Worship Associates Lauren Keenan and Christina Zaro

WAs Christina Zaro and Lauren Keenan will be reflecting on the joyful exuberance of the endless summers of childhood. They will also consider how summers become periods of transition into young adulthood and the responsibilities that come with it. Congregants will be encouraged to share their own memories of summers past.

August 13

“Human Connection in a Digital World ”

Fletcher Brunson, Jill Marshall, and Sam Prichard

Technology and “Generation Z” have grown up together. Young adults today have never known a world without Google, YouTube, smartphones, and social media. The forced isolation of the pandemic integrated their lives even more thoroughly with technology as they attended school from home and could only connect with friends via the internet. Are friendships forged online real? Is the digital world just a distraction from the real world? Is the digital world dangerous? Today, the three teens who bridged out of our R.E. program in May will speak about what they wish Boomers and Gen Xers understood about their experience of and dependence on digital communication technology.

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.

August 20

“Water Communion Service”

Revs. Axel & Elaine Gehrman, and Elizabeth Granado

Join us for our annual multigenerational Water Communion Service, a celebration of our community. Please bring a small container of water from someplace sacred to you, which you can contribute to this worship service for all ages.



August 27

“Campout!”

**Revs. Axel and Elaine Gehrman in Big Sur
Worship Associates Lauren Keenan, Kathleen Craig and
Celia Barberena at UUCMP**

It's the Big Sur Campout Weekend! You have two choices this Sunday, you can join Revs. Elaine & Axel and the other campers at the Santa Lucia Campground for a short multigenerational open-air worship service at the banks of the beautiful Big Sur River, or for those who choose not to make the trip to Big Sur, a similar service will be led by Worship Associates Lauren Keenan, Kathleen Craig and Celia Barberena at church.

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Ministers' Message

Rev. Axel Gehrman

This year the beginning of summer, June 21, coincided with the first day of our annual UU General Assembly (GA), which took place in Pittsburgh, PA. For the past 35 years or so, attending GA has been a cherished tradition for Elaine and me - an opportunity to gather with hundreds of our ministerial colleagues, and thousands of UUs from congregations across the country and around the world, to experience and join in shaping the direction of our larger movement.

One important event this year was the election of a new UUA president. Our past president, Susan Frederick-Gray, did an exceptional job providing wise and compassionate leadership over the past six years, especially throughout the pandemic. This year, we elected Sofia Betancourt to serve for the next six years. At GA I was able to hear her speak at several events, and was very impressed by her depth and clarity of vision. If you are unfamiliar with both our outgoing and incoming presidents, I encourage you to learn more about them. The UU World Magazine, or www.uuworld.org is a good resource.

Another important event, was the vote to move forward with the process to further discuss proposed changes to Article II of the UUA bylaws – which includes a revision of the seven UU principles that were first adopted in 1984. In the course of several business meetings, with thousands of delegates in attendance, ideas, opinions, and potential amendments were discussed, several of which were adopted. If you have not yet read about the proposed Article II, as well as the process and timeline of its creation, I encourage you to do so! You can find lots of information at www.uua.org. A final vote on the proposed changes will take place at next year's GA, in June 2024, and will require a two-thirds majority to pass.

The various discussions and votes at GA were incredibly exciting and engaging. Participating in a

process of thoughtful deliberation and decision-making that involved countless leaders and thousands of voting delegates was fascinating - many different points of view were represented! For me, it was interesting to see that none of the votes were unanimous, and heartening that all business items approved were adopted by substantial supermajorities. A fine example of our treasured democratic process at work!

Several worship services we attended were inspiring and uplifting, and one presentation that remains with me is the talk by the award-winning author Brian Broome, who spoke about his memoir "Punch Me Up to the Gods."

Both Elaine and I left GA with a renewed sense of the relevance of the religious and moral message UUism offers, a vision of love and justice that is desperately needed in our troubled world. As the proposed UUA bylaws put it: the purpose of our movement is "to actively engage its members in the transformation of the world through liberating love."

The purpose of our larger movement is very consistent with our own stated mission at UUCMP: to join together "with loving hearts and open minds... we change ourselves as we change the world."

We look forward to continuing this transformational work with you in the days ahead. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Ingathering and Water Communion Service on August 20. (Please remember to bring along a vial of water from your summer travels or activities.) And we hope you will consider joining our Annual All-Church Campout at Big Sur, from August 25-27 – which is a highlight of our congregational summer activities!

See you in church,

Axel

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 the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. There is also an in-person potluck meeting at church on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the service. Feel free to drop in and join us.



Due to recent tech issues, please contact Patty Pai 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

Saturday, August 12, at 8:30 a.m.



The men's monthly breakfast is continuing as hybrid. Our next meeting is Saturday, August 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the Fireplace Room. People will bring in food of their choice to the in-person meeting. If you prefer, you can join us via Zoom from home at 9:00 a.m.

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 Mike Lovell lovellmike50@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

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAYS in the Welcome and Announcements from the pulpit are due by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays. ARTICLES for THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER email are due by noon, on Tuesdays. MONTHLY NUUWSLETTER articles are due by the 16th of each month.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

A Course in Miracles meets Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Adult Community Choir meets Thursdays 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Board of Trustees meets Wednesday, August 16, at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom.

Buddhist Sangha is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in person in the Sanctuary. Zoom is also available. See page 7.

Environmental Justice meets Tuesday, August 8, 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

First Friday Game Night is Friday, August 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

I-HELP for Men is Sunday, August 13, 5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

I-HELP for Women is Sunday, August 27. Contact Lee Hulquist if you can help.

Jam Session will meet Thursday, August 10, 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Membership Committee meets Wednesday, August 23, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Men's Breakfast Group meets Saturday, August 12, 8:30 a.m. in person and 9 a.m. via Zoom. See article at left.

Music Committee meets Wednesday, August 9. 6 p.m. via Zoom.

NUU'sletter deadline for the September issue is Wednesday, August 16.

People of Color (POC) group will meet Monday, August 21, 7 p.m. via Zoom and in person Sunday, August 20. after the service in the Conference Room.

Program Council meets Tuesday, August 1, 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Mibs McCarthy programcouncil@uucmp.org

Social Justice will meet on Sunday, August 6, at noon in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Stewardship will not meet in August.

T'ai Chi Chih meets Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See page 7.

Youth Music meets Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room.

President's Corner



The new president of the Board of Trustees at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula is from Texas and at his previous churches worshiped in the Presbyterian and Methodist traditions. Who would have thought?

Yes, I grew up in Texas after moving there from Kansas at four years old, spent a few years in South Carolina, moved back to Texas, and now am blessed to live in Monterey County, California.

My geographical journey has been mostly in the south. While growing up in a loving family and nurturing churches and meeting wonderful people, I also witnessed and participated in many of the misperceptions and prejudices common in the south and across our country. My spiritual journey led me to question many of the Christian beliefs and doctrines and become more of a spiritual independent. I now honor the paths of all people knowing that we all have our own journey.

My geographical and spiritual paths both led me to UUCMP. My wife Rose and I moved here because all three of our kids moved to California, and none planned to leave. Our oldest daughter teaches at CSUMB, so Monterey County won out over LA where our other two kids lived. After Rose and I moved to Marina we visited UUCMP, were impressed by the principles-based focus, attended worship often, started getting involved, and eventually joined in 2020.

Before we were members, Marsh Pittman invited me to join the men's breakfast group, I joined the choir, and my wife and I joined a Chalice Circle. Rose joined the Membership Committee. We have found UUCMP to be very welcoming and a nurturing spiritual home.

Geographically and spiritually we all come "from" different places that have helped shape us, and together we can support each other as we journey "to" special places, guided by our UU principles. This church has a wonderful history with many dedicated members past and present, and we will continue to make the world a better place.

I was voted to the Board in 2021 and will serve as president this year, and I am pleased to be here serving with you in my California "church home."

-- Mike Lovell

Special Congregational Meeting on August 20 at 12 noon



There will be a Congregational Meeting on August 20 at 12 noon following the church service, to vote on UUCMP being one of three congregations to ordain Susan Panttaja as a UU minister. (The ordination ceremony will be on October 28 in Santa Rosa.) Please plan to attend this important congregational meeting!

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Hello Everyone,

I'm hoping you've had a wonderful summer. This will be my last newsletter before Sharyn Routh takes over as DRE. I'm feeling sad to leave my position as Director of Religious Exploration, but I feel like it is the right thing to do for me and my baby. My last day will be August 20th. I love working to coordinate all the aspects of our RE program, but it is a lot of responsibility on top of being a new mother. I'm looking forward to feeling the relief of just being able to take care of Paix and focus on her. I learned so much and I'm very grateful for having been the DRE at UUCMP.

I also want to say thank you to everyone who has been supportive and sweet to me while I was pregnant and during my maternity leave. I had the most beautiful baby shower with amazing gifts! Carol organized a Meal Train and others came over to help clean our house and take care of Paix when she was born. Paix was welcomed so warmly by everyone. It has been such a joy being with everyone at church and Paix and I are blessed to have our UUCMP family.



Other news related to our RE program includes our Our Whole Lives (OWL) program. August 5th and 12th we will be offering a condensed ver-

sion of OWL for high school Juniors and Seniors. We have our volunteer teachers working to plan the contents of our class. Corey Brunson sent out a survey to our teen participants in order to get their input about what topics they would like to cover in class. Some of the topics voted on were: Anatomy/Physiology, Sexual Harassment, Contraception/STIs, Safer sex/Masturbation, Gender Roles & Identity/Sexual Orientation.

We will be offering two levels of OWL starting in the Fall. We will offer an OWL class for 5th and 6th graders and another class for 7th and 8th graders. We have never offered two levels of OWL at the same time in the history of UUCMP but it is an important program and aspect of RE. OWL is also a way we bring in new families to our church. It takes a big effort from our Committee on Family Ministries and volunteer teachers to put this together. We are working to make it possible for our youth and for other families around the community.



We are also still continuing our summer curriculum from Soul Matters "Can Do Summer." Some of our lessons include making an obstacle course outside, toothpick architecture, creating junk sculptures, and doing body percussion.

We are in search of a nursery assistant to hire. Please contact me or Sharyn if you or anyone you know who would like to know more information about this position.

As you know, Jill Marshall was working on the Emerson room downstairs as her Eagle Scout final project. We are excited to say it is now

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

complete, and it looks beautiful! I'm so proud of Jill's work and happy that our church has a warm and welcoming meeting space. Please come check out the Emerson room when you get a chance and see how wonderful it looks.

If you would like to volunteer to help out in RE we need someone to help with the Young Adults group. We need an older adult to help co-lead the young adult group in the Fall. The group will take place on Saturday afternoons at the church. It will be a discussion-based group and follow with a fun activity afterward. Please reach out if you are interested



in helping facilitate our young adults' group. dre.elizabeth@uucmp.org

Don't forget our Monthly First Friday Game Night on August 4th at 6:30pm. Please feel free to invite friends or bring snacks! Hope to see you there.

Contact me at dre.elizabeth@uucmp.org if you'd like to be included in the RE monthly emails. There we include specific events and updates about classes. Also, swing by our RE table every Sunday in the welcome hall where you can sign up to bring snacks for the kids and teens.

Goodbye for now!
Elizabeth Granado

Musical Offerings



The Adult Community Choir RETURNS August 3rd and will continue to meet **every Thursday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** This choir is open to everyone, members and non-members alike, to explore singing together. We are currently preparing for two services per month.



If you want to have fun with folk songs and popular tunes, come check out our Jam Session with Rodney Smith! 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. This group does not perform in services. Jam Sessions resume August 10, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

I would like to continue our Youth Music Program! Students are encouraged to come out and explore music by learning how to read music through the use of hand chimes! Please ask me if you have any questions about this fun opportunity for our youth! **If you are interested, please send me an email: music@uucmp.org**

If you have any other ways you wish to contribute to the music department, please feel free to contact me! We would love your involvement in this fun program.



-- Jorge Torrez

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)

Please join us!

Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups

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

Men’s Breakfast Group meets second Saturdays 8:30 a.m. in person at church and at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Contact: Mike Lovell. See page 3.

Buddhist Sangha will continue in person 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 August. Contact: John Freeman for any questions.

POC (People of Color) Group meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month and in person at UUCMP on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the service. 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!

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.



COVID Angels

A Recognition, Appreciation, & Fundraising Opportunity

As UUCMP emerges from the worst effects of the COVID pandemic we would like to recognize and appreciate the efforts of many of our members, staff, and friends (*Angels*) who helped us navigate the unique challenges presented and position us to create a “new normal” we can all take pride in. This is also a fundraising effort to help fund our congregational goals.

We ask that you think about those people that made a significant difference for our church during this time and write a brief affirmation describing their contribution, and include a donation in their honor. These notes of appreciation will be printed in our newsletters (no dollar amounts listed). These honorees may have contributed in very visible ways (technical, music, processes, etc.) or in more private ways (rides, grocery shopping, etc.). You may honor as many people as you wish, and the same individual can be honored as many times as people wish to share personal messages of appreciation. A reception will be planned at the end of the campaign to celebrate our honorees and our collective efforts during this challenging time.

Below is a form you can start with. Please be generous with your praise and your support. Thank you in advance for your support. Please limit your affirmations to about 25 words. If you wish to submit this on line, here is the link <https://tinyurl.com/COVIDAngels>

Honoree: _____ Amount: _____

Affirmation: _____

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Affirmation: _____

Submitted by: _____

These notes of affirmation could be printed in our newsletters (no dollar amounts) and we plan to list the name(s) of those submitting the affirmations unless you do not want your name listed.

Okay to list my name. Please do not list my name.



August Shared Plate Recipient

The Parenting Connection of Monterey County

The Parenting Connection of Monterey County's (PCMC) mission is that all families in Monterey County benefit from equitable access to resources that reduce stigma, eliminate barriers, and provide support towards building positive parent-child interaction and family wellness through education and programming from pregnancy to age five. When caregivers are effectively supported, families thrive and children flourish.

PCMC provides free, bilingual, culturally responsive Maternal Mental Health support services in East Salinas and South Monterey County. Our services include a postpartum warmline where families can connect to our services, be referred to other services in the community, and receive paraprofessional counseling support. Additionally, we offer Family Circles in nine locations in the county through which families receive evidence-based guidance and



support to strengthen the caregiver-child relationship as well as a safe space to receive mental health support during the perinatal year. PCMC is also working to establish a peer-to-

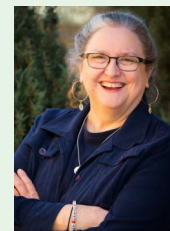
peer network of trained community members with the goal of establishing support circles throughout the county. Additionally, Circle of Security Parenting and Childbirth Education series are offered quarterly. PCMC provides regular community outreach and service provider training as well. PCMC is a proud member of the Maternal Mental Health Task Force and is heavily involved in countywide efforts to support Maternal Mental Health programming, advocacy, and education.

PCMC is an emerging nonprofit that, like many others, barely survived through the pandemic. However, we have emerged stronger and have grown exponentially in the past two years, hiring staff and expanding our services within the county. Studies have shown that mental health is a crisis in this country, and the limited data suggest that 1 in 5 women experience perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMAD), commonly referred to as postpartum depression; however there is evidence to suggest the actual statistic is likely higher, certainly among more vulnerable populations. We appreciate your gift which allows us to continue our existing work, and also to strive to meet the unmet demand for our services and programming. We are a visionary organization, and we invite you to join us as we partner and innovate in new and exciting ways to serve our families.

Please support this worthy program generously.

Strategic Planning with Annie Scott-- Saturday September 16, 2023

Mark your calendars and please plan to attend a UUCMP Strategic Planning Workshop with UUA Pacific Western Region Regional Staffperson Annie Scott. Watch your weekly e-news for more details to come!



Annie Scott

UUCMP SUPER FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

SET UP WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 AND 31, 9 AM – 7 PM
SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND 2, 9 AM – 1 PM

After three years of COVID precautions, we are happy to announce our Super Flea Market fundraiser will take place at UUCMP Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. with set up on Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 and 31 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.



Think of it as a real flea market inside UUCMP. You or a group of friends will bring your sale items Wednesday or Thursday to set up on tables and racks that we will provide. Each person or group will display and price their own items. Creativity with your display is encouraged. If you like, we can help you form a group. In each sale area, you or your group should agree on at least one person being on hand during the sale hours. All the money will go to UUCMP. What a great way to make a sizeable contribution! Remember, this is a flea market so price accordingly (generally \$1 - \$10 or more for really nice items). When it's over, you or your group will take unsold items back to do whatever you wish with them.

We will do all the advertising and provide lunch for the volunteers and sellers each day. One group is organizing a bake-sale, and will need donations of baked goods. (See flier on page 11.) There is plenty of room. The possibilities are endless.



We will also need volunteers to be cashiers during the sale and extra help with clean up on Saturday.

WHAT CAN YOU SELL AT THE SUPER FLEA MARKET?

Anything you can carry in and take home if it doesn't sell.

Clothes
 Jewelry
 Toys
 Garden items
 Kitchen ware
 Baked items
 Arts & Crafts materials

Dishes
 Books
 Sports equipment
 Glassware
 Small appliances
 Fruits and vegetables
 Linens

Collectibles
 Tools
 Bedding
 Art
 CDs/DVDs
 Plants
 Small furniture



Anyone is welcome to sell if they agree to give all of the proceeds to UUCMP. Sellers must register by August 27.

Contact Mibs McCarthy, mibsmccarthy@comcast.net, 831-659-1115 or Lauren Keenan, bill.lauren.keenan@gmail.com, 831-595-8295 for more information.



Calling all bakers and lovers of tasty treats!
There will be a bake sale as part of 2023
UUCMP Super Flea
September 1 & 2

Scrumptious goodies and decadent desserts will be available to purchase that day or to order for delivery on a later date. Funds raised will benefit our beloved church.

We can't do it without your help,
so let's go make some dough to raise some dough.

To donate or gather more info:
Ann Johnson - annjhnsn@att.net, Rebecca Irwin - rebecca.e.irwin@gmail.com
JT Mason - jtigerm@comcast.net

* BIG SUR CAMPOUT 2023 *

Friday, August 25th – Sunday, August 27th

Registration forms, directions, pertinent information, and a list of volunteer/helper positions can be found on our church website uucmp.org

This is a very popular church event, well-attended every year. It's wonderful community building and a great way to get to know your UUCMP family. Come join us under the redwoods along the Big Sur river. Day visitors are welcome and need to sign-up and pay online.



Questions? Contact Kerry Sisseem at kerrysisseem@earthlink.net

Art News

Craig Lovell

“Journey to the Mystic East”

July 28 – September 24, 2023



Photographing indigenous cultures has been a lifelong passion of mine. The advent of modern technology and globalization has created rapid changes in every culture on the planet including those presented here which include Tibet, Nepal, Burma, India and Bali. The Buddhism and Hinduism practiced in these countries help to maintain their historical traditions as they transition into the modern world.

I have been photographing in the Himalayas and Southeast Asia for the past 38 years and have witnessed rapid change. Many of the images presented here could not be captured today and are now part of the historical record. For example, the yaks crossing the Lar Geh pass in Tibet are carrying salt in hand loomed sacks which is no longer a form of livelihood in Tibet. My goal is to make the world more harmonious by showing the common humanity amongst all people.



In recent times, the Dalai Lama and other teachers have brought Buddhism to the West for the benefit of all sentient beings. Padmasambhava, the saint who brought Buddhism to Tibet in the seventh century, predicted this: “When the iron bird flies and the horse runs on wheels, the Tibetan people will be scattered like ants across the face of the earth, and Dharma will come to the land of the red man.” When the hippies traveled overland from Europe to India and Nepal, they encountered Hindu saints and brought back teachers who introduced yoga, meditation, and mystic practices to the West. These ancient wisdom traditions have had a strong influence in creating a better understanding amongst our different cultures. As Mark Twain once said, “Travel is fatal to bigotry, prejudice and narrow mindedness.”

I photograph in both color and black and white. I prefer black and white for people as it removes the distraction of color, inviting the viewer to see the human spirit and emotional content within the image. However, color is closer to the reality we experience through our vision, and it allows the viewer to imagine being there. There is also a series of colorized images. Starting with a black and white image, I carefully select areas to add a color and then print them on watercolor paper to enhance the visual effect. All photographs are printed and matted with archival materials.



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I am often asked how I can capture genuine moments of human emotion when photographing. I do this by always approaching people with respect, sensitivity, and integrity. This is possible even without a common language as 90% of communication is nonverbal. Once this is established either through eye contact, body language or words, then I proceed to pick up my camera. It is my hope that my photographs create a sense of common humanity and foster understanding and acceptance amongst all the tribes of the human family.



Purchase a Print and Support the Church

Please get in touch with me through email or telephone to purchase a print. 20% of the sale price will be donated to the Unitarian Church. I can either replace the image with another so you can take the print home, or you can pick up the print at the end of the exhibition.

Email: craig@eaglevisions.net Phone: 831 238-5320

Upcoming Events

Exhibition at the Marjorie Evans Gallery: Magic & Mystery in Latin America – Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Opening: Friday September 22nd 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sunset Center. Images from Mexico, Ecuador & Cuba.

2023 Arts Habitat's Artist Studio Tour: Weekends of Sept.30/Oct. 1 & Oct 7/8 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and see the studio and lots more imagery at 80 Laurel Drive, Carmel Valley, CA

UUCMP Events

Sunday, July 30, Craig will be at the service and during Coffee and Conversation to chat about his work.

Friday, August 11, 2023, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Welcome Hall

A walk-through conversation with presenting "Journey to the Mystic East" photography show.

Sunday, September 24, 2023, Craig will be at the service and during Coffee and Conversation to chat about his work.

Sunday, September 24, 2023, noon, Welcome Hall

A walk-through conversation with presenting "Journey to the Mystic East" photography show.

More DRE Transition News



As many of you know, our Director of Religious Exploration (DRE) Elizabeth Granado has decided to resign from her position, effective August 20, given the demands of balancing work and home life, now that she has a baby.

We are happy to announce that Sharyn Routh will be stepping up to serve again as our Acting DRE, beginning August 20. Sharyn already served as Acting DRE during Elizabeth's maternity leave earlier this year. We are very fortunate to have Sharyn assume this important leadership position, once again!



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