



NUUSLETTER

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Theme: Building Belonging

Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom and 11:15 a.m. in person

September 7

"In Search of a Spiritual or Religious Home"

**Rev. Axel Gehrmann and Worship Associate
Charlotte Bear**

Researchers say church attendance in most mainline denominations has been steadily declining for years. A growing portion of the population, when asked to indicate their religious affiliation on surveys, marks "none." Many say they consider themselves "spiritual but not religious," rejecting religious doctrine, but nevertheless longing for an inclusive community with a sense of the spiritual. Might UUCMP be such a spiritual/religious home?

September 14

"Belonging Through Service, & Connections Fair"

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann and Worship Associate
Allysson McDonald**

This morning at our 9:30 worship service, we will explore how our sense of belonging and our acts of service interact and reinforce each other. At the 11:15 service time, we will have the opportunity to interact with current members of our many groups and committees, who are all serving and belonging. At this "Connections Fair Celebration" you are invited to mix and mingle with old and new members and friends, and learn more about ways that your gifts and talents might find matching rewarding opportunities. Please plan to join us for both the 9:30 worship service and the 11:15 celebration.

Religious Exploration

Children (pre K - 11) and teens (12-18) attend our worship service on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. and go to their respective Religious Exploration classes following the Story for All Ages.

September 21

"The Palestinian Paradox"

**Rev. Elaine Gehrmann and Worship Associate
Jon Czarnecki**

This Service Auction sermon purchased by Gregg McKee will address the challenging conditions in Palestine, along with their history, their struggles, and their hopes for the future.

September 28

"Extending Welcome As a Way to Build Belonging"

**Worship Associates Lauren Keenan and
Christina Zaro**

What does it take to feel like you belong? How do we welcome newcomers? There are two components -- the extension of the welcome and the acceptance of the welcome. It takes courage to enter a new space, to be open to new possibilities and allowing oneself to be vulnerable.

Welcoming 'the stranger' requires recognition of the newcomer, acknowledgment of their presence with a warm smile, genuine curiosity about who has entered and an open invitation to stay awhile. Join us on Sunday, September 28, to explore aspects of welcoming as a way to build belonging.

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Ministers' Message Rev. Elaine Gehrman

It is the start of a new church year, and the excitement is palpable! After a lovely Water Communion service and a rousing Campout, we are about to dive back into two Sunday Worship services! Those of you who were attending UUCMP in pre-Covid times will remember that we regularly had two services during the regular church year, September through May, while returning to one service in the summer months. But it's been quite a while, and so we realize it may take a little getting used to. Please note: the Zoom service and closed captioning will only be at the 9:30 a.m. service, also the choir will only sing at the 9:30 a.m. service. The Children's Religious Exploration program will be at the 11:15 a.m. service. There will be childcare and coffee hour at both services.

We are making this change in order to accommodate more attendees -- freeing up more seating, more parking, and more conversation space on Sundays. We will take note of your feedback as we go along, and make adjustments as necessary. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we try out this new (old) arrangement.

Our church is also a busy, bustling place on days other than Sundays. Please be in touch with the church office (Amy at admin@uucmp.org) if you would like to schedule a meeting space for your committee or group, or if you would like to borrow any church equipment (tables, chairs, wheelchairs, etc.), or if you have any other church-use question. There are too many activities and too many people to make assumptions or to use informal channels, please be mindful of the many people all trying to share our space and our resources, and please communicate with the appropriate people, "early and often."

We are excited for this new church year and hope you are also! Please make sure to attend the annual UUCMP Connections Fair on Sunday, September 14, during the second service time-slot at 11:15 a.m., to discover the many ways you can get more involved in our active congregational community! We're looking forward to your ideas and energy and enthusiasm as we work to create the world we dream of living in!

See you in church,

Elaine

Don't Miss Our 2025 UUCMP Connections Fair!

Sunday, September 14, at 11:15 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. worship service)

Looking for ways to deepen your involvement at UUCMP, meet new people, and use your skills and gifts meaningfully? Ever wonder what our church groups and committees do and how you might participate? This will be the day to find out! Come to the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on September 14, and then at 11:15 a.m. visit the various tables set up around the church staffed by our program committees and other church groups. Talk to members of each group to find out what they do, who the members are, and how you can get involved.



Help us to help you find your place in our active congregational community!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 13, at 8:30 a.m.

The men's monthly breakfast is continuing as hybrid. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in the Fireplace Room. People will bring 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



PUBLICATION DEADLINES

ANNOUNCEMENTS for SUNDAYS from the pulpit are due by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

ARTICLES for THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY NEWS-LETTER email are due by noon, on Tuesdays.

MONTHLY NUUSLETTER articles are due by the 16th of each month.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Adult Community Choir meets every Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Board of Trustees meets on Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.

Buddhist Sangha is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in person in the Sanctuary. Zoom is available. See page 10.

Committee on Family Ministry meets September 21, 12:45 p.m.

Communications Committee meets on Sunday, September 28, at 12:30 p.m., in the Conference Room.

Friday Game Night is Friday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., in the Fireplace Room.

I-HELP for Men is Sunday, September 14, 5 p.m. Sign up on the Meal Train (page 11) or contact Kathleen Craig or Greg Simmons if you can help.

I-HELP for Women is Sunday, September 28. For more information contact Mibs McCarthy.

Membership Committee meets Wednesday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast Group meets Saturday, September 13, 8:30 a.m. in person and 9 a.m. via Zoom. See article at left.

Music Committee meets on Tuesday, September 23, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

NUUSletter deadline for the October issue is Tuesday, September 16.

Program Council meets on Tuesday, September 2, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Mibs McCarthy programcouncil@uucmp.org

Social Justice meets Sunday, September 7, 12:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Stewardship meets Wednesday, September 3, 1 p.m. via Zoom.

T'ai Chi Chih meets Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See page 10.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION



Beginning a New Year!



Dear UUCMP Families,

This month we will be shifting to two services starting September 7! What that means for Religious Exploration is that we will have RE programming for the second service (11:15 a.m.) For the first few weeks we continue our one-room school house using the **UU Values LEGO Curriculum!** Each Sunday, children will explore Unitarian Universalist principles through creative, hands-on LEGO building challenges. We will be welcoming some regular monthly volunteers to our group and will move into our new curriculums for age groups at the beginning of October. We will have many opportuni-

ties for connection outside of the service - please be sure to read the weekly newsletter for more details to come.

Coming in September

- **Coming of Age** program begins for teens (8th–10th grade)
- **LEGO Values** continues for Upper and Lower Elementary
- **Committee on Family Ministry** meets Sunday, September 21, 12:45 p.m.

Thank you to August Volunteers and Helpers:

Thank you for contributing our RE Program: Jacob Bagley, Karen Brown, Max Cajar, Zeana Bey Davis, Khaela Finch, Lauren Keenan, Elinor Koning, Alex Morrison, Karen Judkins, Maren Martin, and Robin Jensen.

Warmly,

Shannon Morrison
Director of Religious Exploration

Musical Offerings



The Adult Community Choir continues to grow and meet **every Thursday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** This choir is open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike, to explore singing together. No prior experience is needed. Send me an email or just stop by (music@uucmp.org)! We are currently preparing for two services per month and we are always looking to expand our choir size!

The UUCMP Community Choir is currently preparing to sing two services a month (every 2nd and 4th Sunday - unless otherwise stated) starting in September; the choir will be singing for the first service at 9:30 a.m. This month, the choir will be singing on September 14th and September 28th. The **Music Committee** meets every 4th Tuesday of



the month, please let our Music Director know if you would like to be part of the zoom meetings to be added to our email list! umusic@uucmp.org

-- Jorge Torrez

New Book Discussion: *See No Stranger*

First and Third Tuesdays, beginning October 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireplace Room.

Rev. Axel will be leading a five-session discussion of *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, by the Sikh author and activist Valarie Kaur.

In these challenging times marked by deep social and political divisions, UUs strive to promote justice and a moral message with love at the center. In her book, Kaur makes the case "that revolutionary love is the call of our time. Drawing on the wisdom of sages, scientists, and activists - and her own riveting journey as a brown girl growing up on California farmland... Kaur discovers practices of revolutionary love to bring us longevity, resilience, and joy."



Please consider joining us! We will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room. Please contact Rev. Axel (minister@uucmp.org) to register, or if you have questions. Please purchase a copy of the book, and read the first two chapters prior to our first session.

Want to Try Something Different?

Introducing the Unitarian Universalist Association's *Meet the Moment* Program

Imagining the future of Unitarian Universalism together, *Meet the Moment* is a framework for collective conversation, discernment, and strategizing about how our faith can be its most impactful in the context of new realities for Unitarian Universalism, religious life in North America, and the geopolitical landscape. *Meet the Moment* is rooted in cycles of learning, reflection, and action — and designed to be used across Unitarian Universalism to grow our shared analysis, identify urgent needs and important opportunities, and ground us in our values, in order to prioritize work and develop shared strategies for navigating the current times.

How to Get Involved

A new wave of shared conversations (called "Wave Cohorts") via Zoom has become available, and you can join one of these conversations. The topics range from administration to worship to fund raising to religious education. Other topics include: "What Keeps You Up at Night," "Now What: An Organizing Response to 'What Shall We Do?'" "Queer and Trans Communities in Crisis," "The Practice of Covenantal Living," "The UU Racial Justice Ecosystem," and more.

To learn more about the *Meet the Moment* Program and to find additional information about how sign up to participate in one of the UUA conducted conversations click here:

<https://www.uua.org/congregations/meet-the-moment/wave-cohorts/fall-2025>



UUCMP SERVICE AUCTION 2025

BEING GREEN!

How do you see yourself in a shade of green – an environmentalist? A resident of the Emerald City in Oz? A frog with a banjo? An extraterrestrial? Proudly Irish? Mull that over, and join the costume-optional fun at **7 p.m. on Saturday, October 25**, in the UUCMP sanctuary. That's when we will have our Live Auction event, to cap off the week of Silent Auction bidding on items in this year's UUCMP Service Auction.

This annual fundraiser for the church lets us all bid on items donated by fellow congregants – food, treasures, services, and experiences to enrich our lives. Note the two key roles in that sentence, both essential to Auction success:

Donor – a generous soul who offers one or more creative/tasty/unique/fun items to entice bidders.

Bidder – an equally generous soul who peruses the Auction catalog to place bids on the item(s) they would like to enjoy.

If this is your first exposure to the UUCMP Service Auction, or if you would like some ideas of items you could donate, we have catalogs from the last three Auctions available for download on this web page: <https://uucmp.org/service-auction-2025-being-green/>

That is also where you can find detailed information about the Auction – how and when to donate, how to register as a bidder, and how to use the Auctria online service to see the catalog and place Silent Auction bids.

Your Auction team will be accepting descriptions of donated items through **Saturday, September 27**. The catalog will be unveiled on Saturday, October 11. Silent Auction bidding, using the online catalog, will run from **Sunday, October 19** through 8 p.m. on **Sunday, October 26**. The online home page for the 2025 Auction is: <https://auctria.events/UUCMP2025>

Watch for reminders and helpful hints in UUCMP's weekly e-news broadcasts. Questions? You can email the team at ServiceAuction@uucmp.org



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
TEAMSTERS 856
WORK HARD. FIGHT SMART.

Teamsters to Visit UUCMP September 28

On the first Monday of September we celebrate Labor Day, to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States. This year we will go beyond celebrating and will invite a group of Teamsters to join us following the service on September 28 to share their stories about working and living in Monterey County, and to talk about ways of working together.

I moved here a year and a half ago from the Bay Area, where I was involved in housing rights and advocacy for the unhoused, and worked hard at building community. One of my former neighbors, Erik Larsen, is a labor organizer. He now works for the Teamsters Union in the Salinas area. We re-connected at a COPA (Communities Organizing for Relational Power in Action) meeting (I attend on behalf of UUCMP). Erik has proposed bringing a group of Teamsters to meet up with some of our congregation, to share their stories (and ours!).



Erik Larsen

You may think of Teamsters as freight drivers and warehouse workers, so I was surprised when Erik told me that the Teamsters union has organized workers in virtually every occupation imaginable, both professional and non-professional, private sector and public sector. I'm interested in learning more! I look forward to finding out what life is like for people working these jobs in my community: How do our lives overlap? What are their worries? What do they need? How can we work together for better workplaces and better living conditions for these essential workers? How do we make this a better community for all?

If you attend the early service on September 28, please return by 12:30 p.m. to participate in this unique experience! If you attend the second service, please grab your cuppa (coffee/tea) and return to the sanctuary by 12:30 p.m. to join in. Refreshments will be provided to keep the energy going for enthusiastic participation! Let's honor labor *beyond* Labor Day by growing community and understanding.

-- Allysson MacDonald



September Shared Plate Recipient *Meals on Wheels Monterey Peninsula*

Meals on Wheels is all about bringing our community together! They provide delicious meals throughout Monterey County, delivering tasty food to shut-ins while also checking in on their well-being. They also serve meals on site at the Meals on Wheels Community Center in Pacific Grove. It's not just about the meals; it's about creating connections! Group Dining at the Meals on Wheels Community Center is designed for active seniors to promote socialization and community involvement which increases physical and psychological well-being.



Plus, they offer fun classes, resources, and activities that make it easy for everyone to get involved and enjoy each other's company. If we want to make a difference in the world, we must begin by uniting in our communities. The mission of Meals on Wheels is to empower seniors, disabled adults, veterans, and other under-served populations to maintain their independence by nourishing their bodies, minds, and spirits, while also combating hunger and isolation in our region.

Meals on Wheels serves as a compelling example of how UU principles can manifest in tangible support for community members, promoting inclusion, compassion, and respect for all. They support the inherent worth and dignity of every person, justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and acceptance of one another. Together we are stronger.



-- Doris Beckman and Katharina Harlow

Join Our Church!

Even in these post 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!

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.

Life Enrichment Programs Affinity Groups

Some groups meet both face-to-face and via Zoom in September.

Men's Breakfast Group meets second Saturdays 8:30 a.m. in person at church and at 9 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

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



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.

Men's I-HELP SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Request for Food Contributions and Volunteers

On September 14, UUCMP will host and provide meals for about 25 I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) men. We need food donations and help setting up the dinner. Kitchen volunteers are welcome to stay and enjoy a Mexican themed buffet with the men.



Please sign up at this link: <https://mealtrain.com/4g5gn2>

We are also seeking core volunteers to become part of the UUCMP I-HELP men team to help plan and organize the meals.

If you want to donate food, please drop it off on Sunday morning or between 3:00-3:30 Sunday afternoon.

Please label all food with Men's I-HELP and the date.

The church will be opened at 3 p.m. for setup and kitchen volunteers.

If you prefer to donate money, funds are used to purchase staples and some meal items.

To Donate: put Men's I-HELP in the memo line of your check or use this link: <https://uucmp.org/connection-overview/donate/> & specify Men's I-HELP Meals.

You can sign up using Meal Train by Saturday before 5 p.m. You can sign into Meal Train as a "guest" with your Google account or on Facebook; you do not have to create a new account unless you want to do so.

If you prefer, email, text, or call me and I will note your contributions. Kathleen Craig at: 650-279-8639 or kathleen@craigdesignassociates.com

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering to help with Men's I HELP; email, text or call Kathleen at 650- 279-8639

Thank you for supporting this important mission of our church!

UUCMP Grief and Growth Group

The UU Grief and Growth Support Group is open to anyone experiencing loss, no matter where they are on their journey. Our next regular meeting will be at the **UUCMP Fireplace Room on Wednesday, September 24, from 10-11:30 a.m.**



September's bonding lunch & field trip is still in the planning stage.

Contact Sharon Miller through phone or text at 831-601-0403 for more information. Perhaps the understanding and companionship we provide is just what you are looking for.

Art News



Dixie Dixon

Photo Kaleidoscope

September 5 through November 7

Artist reception Saturday, September 13, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dixie Dixon has been a photographer for over 50 years and has participated in several exhibits, both her own and jointly with others. She has been the official photographer for several non-profit organizations, including the Carmel Music Society and the Monterey Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival.

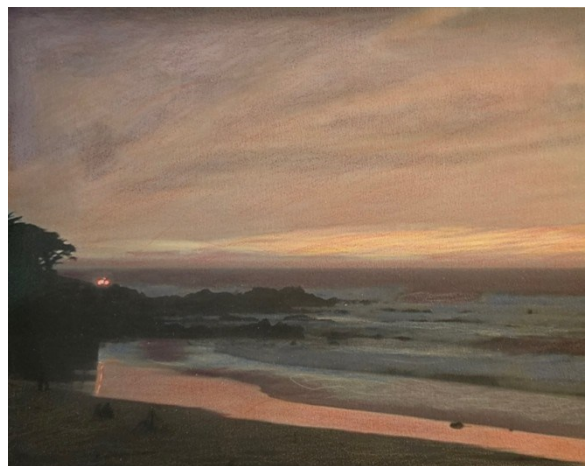
She is currently a member of the ImageMakers of Monterey fine-art photography group and previous member of the women's photography group FotoSaga.

Dixie has also been the curator for several successful photographic art shows.

Dixie says, "Although I have, for most of my life, been a traditional photographer, I wanted to try something different, new and interesting for me; and a couple of years ago, I began to hand color my photos and became fascinated. I remember my mother doing this in the 50's when I was a young child. She was truly an artist, hand-making dolls, oil painting, building dollhouses, etc.

I fell in love with hand-coloring and can spend hours doing this sitting in my chair in the afternoon sun. I like the soft subtleness of the finished project and the unique quality of each print. People seem to feel I have found my niche."

Prints are \$250, and may be purchased by emailing me at dixononline@comcast.net, or calling me at 831-236-3111.



Coming Round the Bend

President's Corner



As we enter the month of September, I've just been thinking of our shared congregational journey over the past summer months—and an energized look ahead to the new church year beginning in September. Summer may be a quieter season in many church congregations, but here, it's been a period of quiet momentum, connection, and preparation.

Highlights & Achievements (Mid-June to Mid-August)

Summer Worship Series Our medley of services led by lay members, ordained members, and guests speakers, embraced themes of grace, resilience, and cosmic love. Special thanks to our Worship Associates and music staff (Jorge, Lucy, and Christi,) who merged classical music, folk-rock, and theology in ways that nourished and inspired.

Buildings & Grounds Thanks to our volunteers and staff, we've completed key summer maintenance projects, and the building is ready to welcome us back from the summer months with open arms.

The Religious Exploration Program RE was busy and engaged all summer with children and young people in attendance each Sunday.

Committees kept our programs on track even as several took a summer break in July.

Our administrative staff kept us all on point vis-a-vis getting newsletters and orders of service emailed on time, and printed materials made and placed in the right places. Special thanks to Corey Brunson for taking on production of the August monthly newsletter during Carol Collin's recovery.

Looking Ahead: The New Church Year

September marks the beginning of a new church chapter. But first, there are a couple of important August events. Our Water Communion Service (August 17), a multigenerational celebration of return, renewal, and recommitment, has brought us back together from our summer travels. And our annual camping weekend (August 22-24) always deepens our covenantal bonds and reminds us that spiritual community thrives in tents as much as in sanctuaries.

As we step into the new church year, I'm reminded of a line from the early twentieth century Jesuit, paleontologist, and philosopher, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who said: "The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason for hope." This community continues to be a wellspring of hope—not because we have all the answers, but because we show up, listen deeply, and love boldly.

This September let's begin again in love. **Ready, set, let's go!**

In faith and fellowship,
Ray Krise, President, UUCMP Board of Trustees

Social Justice

Farmworker Reality Tours

Are you ready to embark on a journey that will transform the way you see the world? Our Farmworker Reality Tours offer a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between the farmworker community and those who enjoy the fruits of their hard labor.

Farmworker housing is often located in remote areas, making these essential workers nearly invisible to the general public. Our tours aim to change that by bringing you face-to-face with the people who make our food possible.

On this immersive tour, you'll have the chance to meet and engage in meaningful conversations with farmworkers, listen to their powerful testimonials, and experience their daily lives firsthand. You'll share their food, visit their living quarters, and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges they face.

Join us in building connections, fostering empathy, and creating a more informed and compassionate community. Be part of an eye-opening experience that will leave you with a profound appreciation for the hardworking individuals who sustain our food supply.



Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference—reserve your spot on a Farmworker Reality Tour with UUCMP on September 7 at 3:00 P.M. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farmworker-reality-tour-sept-7-2025-tickets-1353549235199?aff=oddtcreator> We will arrange carpooling. Please let Mibs McCarthy, 831-320-9914 or mibsmccarthy@comcast.net, know when you sign up or if you have questions.

Environmental Justice

Proposed change to EPA Endangerment Finding – Attempt to Cripple Climate Action Across the Country
This is a key opportunity to make a huge positive impact on our future, our families, those least fortunate in the world, and the amazing web of life on our planet.

The Trump administration is attempting to rescind the Endangerment Finding, the legal and scientific foundation for the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to limit climate-warming pollution. If they're successful, it's likely to cause catastrophic harm to public health now and roll back our climate progress causing horrendous harm to future generations. Your comments are needed NOW on this critical issue.

While it is likely this administration will move forward to dismantle the Endangerment Finding, our comments are still critical—A) as an organizing tool for the climate movement, B) to educate the media, C) to build support in Congress for legislatively restoring the equivalent of the Endangerment Finding by amending the Act to direct EPA to set standards for GHG pollutants aimed at achieving net zero emissions by 2050, and D) to establish an agency record that will support a legal challenge to revocation of the Endangerment Finding in court.

To learn more about the Endangerment Finding, read Marianne Krasney's *Forbes* magazine article, [The Climate Science Shaking Up Court Cases As The EPA Changes Course](#).

Or Read Bob Yuhnke's comments the [Oil Industry Strategy Behind Epa's Proposed Revocation Of Endangerment Finding, And Consequences For Climate Policy And Urban Air Pollution](#)

TAKE ACTION

IF THERE'S ONE ACTION YOU TAKE, THIS IS IT!

Comment now. The comment deadline for the Endangerment Finding has been extended until September 22, 2025. Because the administration has removed access for our advocacy tool, EveryAction, to post directly to the federal register, we have come up with three options to assist you in submitting your comment, as well as helpful resources and talking points.

Submit Your Comments.

OPTION 1: Use [Climate Action Campaign's sign-on comment form](#). They will submit your comment on your behalf.

OPTION 2: [Customize ECA's message by](#) cutting and pasting it into the [docket form](#)

OPTION 3: Write your own message and submit it to the [docket](#). Use our [toolkit](#) to help.

Write a letter to the editor (LTE) of your local newspaper about the importance of preserving the Endangerment Finding. Connect your message to a local article. To get you started, [use our sample LTE here](#).

Share our [toolkit](#) with your friends and family and encourage them to comment as well.

Text and links above are from Elders Climate Action. Submitted by Suzy Worcester

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Return Service Requested



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Check the WEEKLY NEWS and website for news throughout the month.

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