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Summit's services and programs are held at the address above, phone number, 619-562-0833. Our website is www.suuf.org, where the Newsletter & Sermons can also be read. Mail should be sent to the office at the above address.

Office hours: Mon. 9:00 am - noon, Tue. - Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday Services - 10:00 am

June 3: *Coming of Age Celebration* In this special Sunday service our members and friends will witness and support our youth and their mentors in this important ritual that their transitions from childhood to the path toward adulthood. The testimonies given are sure to move and inspire.

June 10: *"A Celebration of Religious Exploration"*

Mary Carter-Vail, DRE, and Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

This service will feature music by students in our religious exploration program, a "Who's Who at Summit" and a play by our middle-school young people entitled, "The Youth and the Guru." We will also be recognizing the volunteers who contributed to making this year's RE program such a great success. It takes a village to raise a child, so join us to celebrate our children and the community of spiritual care and growth we enjoy together.

June 17: *"About Dads and Us"*

Rev. Carolyn Owen-Towle

There is a proper day set aside each year to honor fathers. Often a complicated relationship that fills us with every possible emotion and/or memory, we do acknowledge with gratitude that we'd not be here without them. Let us in truth and love look at what fathering means and has meant in our lives. [Rev. Dr. Carolyn Owen-Towle, served First UU Church of San Diego with her co-minister and mate Tom Owen-Towle, for 24 years. They are friends of Summit and attend with their son, Russ Chapman, and his family.]

June 24: *"Aloha Spirit"*

Rev. Donald Stouder, Community Minister

As I look back over my preaching this year, I find that there has been something of a Travel and Spirituality theme going on. This was not my intention, but let's keep it going! I just returned from my first trip to Hawaii, and of course many spiritual awakenings found their way to me. According to UU Minister Kendyl Gibbons, "reverence is an organic human experience that requires no supernatural explanations". Let's talk about the reverence of seeing new places for the first time, and maybe share some of our own experiences during circle discussion.

—ATTENTION—

The Scene at Summit's July 2012 edition

deadline will be Monday, June 25th.

FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

“A Conflict Between Science and Religion?”

“The religion that is afraid of science dishonours God and commits suicide. It acknowledges that it is not equal to the whole of truth, that it legislates, tyrannizes over a village of God’s empires but is not the immutable universal law. Every influx of atheism, of skepticism is thus made useful as a mercury pill assaulting and removing a diseased religion and making way for truth.”

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

Brother Ralph had it right. Science and religion—if both would be servants and agents of truth—are friends, not enemies.

This said, many of us are in thrall to the numerous public dramas in vogue today that, for various reasons, assume such a contradiction...and then waste a good deal of people’s time and energy arguing and fighting over which is true: the findings of science OR the revelations of religion.

I believe that Emerson would see the rhetorical and highly politicized war between science and religion as little more than different identity groups battling for social power and influence in a vain attempt to settle a red-herring question, namely: “who possesses the truth?” For Unitarian Universalists such a conflict is trumped-up. It is largely a waste of valuable time, energy and human capital. Mostly it serves to perpetuate a mass delusion that there is some great cosmic battle going on between scientific and religious ways of knowing.

We UU’s know that science represents an important and highly evolved way of knowing that we ignore at great cost. We know that scientific knowledge is itself not monistic; it can take on far-ranging forms that include everything from mathematical and cosmological theory, to qualitative phenomenology, to positivist experimentations that seek to identify cause and effect relationships. However, we also know that science cannot answer every question, and that what often parades as science is something that actually overreaches and misrepresents valid and reliable scientific discovery. And we know that our religion and spirituality will inevitably evolve as our knowledge of what is true is informed by science and other ways of knowing. In the end, science, along with other ways of knowing, represent a collection of available and valuable avenues for gaining a deeper understanding of our world, ourselves and where we would do well to focus our energies and attention as our spiritual future unfolds. In the end, science is a valued part of our religious quest for truth and meaning.

From where I stand, the faith of our Living Tradition is about the human intention to know and grow, and to be guardians of the well-being of others and this earth, our home. It really has nothing to do with empty arguments over metaphysical doctrines and beliefs. It sees the ultimate emptiness of debates between rigidly-held orthodoxies of any kind, while acknowledging that such debates may be, at times, exploratory and even entertaining.

This month, on June 9th, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, our San Diego Cluster of UU Congregations will be presenting a choral presentation entitled “Sources: A Unitarian Universalist Cantata,” with words by Kyndal Gibbons and music by Jason Shelton. (I encourage you to join me in attending!) This event represents a musical tribute to those sources of our Living Tradition which inform and guide our individual and collective pursuits of a better and more enlightened world. Among these sources, clearly stated in our UU principles and purposes, are “Humanist teachings which counsel us to

heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.”

From my reading of the Living Tradition honored in the Cantata, we UUs are atheists and theists, scientists and mystics, and everything in-between, a heretical congress gathered to bow before the mysteries of our existence, support one another in our spiritual growth toward love of self and other, and encourage responsible participation in, and stewardship of, this vast interconnected web in which we live and move and have our being.

So I invite you. Come and join us for the Cantata. Beyond that, come participate in the life and work of our various congregations, as we draw upon the sources of our Living Tradition, and strive in spiritual community for a more compassionate, just and sustainable world.

Namaste, **Rev. Frank**

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

During my convalescence, I have had an opportunity to read several books. I realize it has been an eclectic mix. It has included *My Life in France* by Julia Child; a National Book Award winner called *Let the Great World Spin*; a book about zombies taking over the world—not recommended if you’re still on morphine; an Alaska murder mystery; and a book named *Jesus, Interrupted*.

The author of *Jesus, Interrupted* points out many of the anomalies in the New Testament. Several of the letters attributed to St. Paul were not written by him, but were written by an imposter many years after St. Paul’s death. Also, many of these original Epistles by St. Paul have been altered by later scribes. We know this, because we have discovered early versions, which did not include some of the verses which are now included. Most ministers study these things in divinity school. Then they get their degrees and forget it when they start preaching in the Christian church.

For instance, St. Paul never wrote that women should be silent in the Church, and subservient to their husbands (1 Corinthians 14:34-35). This was added by a later scribe, or scribes, who probably did not conduct an open forum before adding this language, which is now accepted as authority for Catholic and Protestant attitude alike.

As you know, because of my delayed recovery, I was unable to attend the annual congregational meeting. I understand that the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors received overwhelming approval. As usual, there were no nominations from the floor. However, I have been told that there were a number of questions about the process of choosing people for the Board of Directors: Who picks these names? What criteria are used to choose Board members? Why does it seem like the same old people, or their partners?

This was, frankly, a new turn. In the past, it always seemed that nobody really cared how Board members were chosen. Like me, most were probably glad that somebody else had taken on the job, and they didn’t have to face the dilemma of being asked.

In answer to these questions, I can agree that the Bylaws are pretty spare, and open to interpretation. Habit and custom have confirmed one interpretation of the Bylaws. In addition, the Board has established policies, over the years, which affect who may be chosen. Finally, the Nominating

Committee has basic principles they use. This includes choosing people who work well with others, have served in other capacities, etc.

The Board and the Nominating Committee are working on a charter that will incorporate a lot of these ideas, including the policy that any nominee to the Board should have been a member of the congregation for at least two years.

These things will be written down and then will take on the weight of authority. That is why I plan on having an open discussion about this process at the next town hall meeting. This should take place on August 5th. It will be announced. It will be your chance to have some input, before the scribes take over.

Thanks, Pierre Vaughn

Board of Directors Meetings

Third Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Library at Summit. Observers are welcome. Minutes from recent meetings are posted on our website: www.suuf.org

2012 Annual Congregational Meeting - Voting Results:

Number voting congregants necessary for a quorum: 65 (40% of 162 members)

Total ballots received: 100

The slate of Board Candidates, the Nominating Committee Candidates, the Endowment Trustee, the Budget, and the Endowment Contribution to the General Fund all passed with 95% or more of the votes. The Mission Statement, which needed a two-thirds majority, passed with 73%.

Barbara Jania-Smith, Board Secretary

From the Treasurer: Year-End Treasurer Report

Summit's 2011-2012 fiscal year is coming to an end on June 30th. We have approximately \$25,000 in pledges that are outstanding. At the time of this writing, May hasn't ended, but April finished with \$4500 in expenses above the income for that month. We are still in the black with the 2011 Auction proceeds but this current trend could change that. The end of the fiscal year has additional costs, such as the property insurance and General Assembly, so we need to "hold the line," so to speak.

If you are experiencing difficulties and don't feel you can meet your pledge agreement, please contact the Summit office (619-562-0833), or John McQuaide. Rev. Frank can also be reached to discuss any concerns you may have.

John McQuaide, Treasurer

Summit's in the news!

Read an online article in the East County Magazine about Summit, and while you're at it, you might want to subscribe -- it's free! Here's a link to the article about Summit: <http://eastcountymagazine.org/node/9713>

East County Magazine's mission is to "provide in-depth news, views and events coverage" for East County, "reflecting the broad diversity of people and issues in our region, particularly those under-represented in other media." The editor was very happy to publish news about a progressive church in Santee - and we'll be publishing more stories in the future!

If you subscribe to it you'll also receive fire alerts for East County:

<http://eastcountymagazine.org/wild-fire-alerts>

Staff Notes:

"Shake, Rattle, then you can Roll!"

This is Summit's slogan to remind everyone about making sure all doors are locked before you leave the campus. The doors must be pushed and pulled to verify they are actually locked in place. Please be mindful of this practice.

Thank you. SUUF Staff

Santee Street Fair 2012

Thank you again, Summit friends, for your support of time, talent, treasure and good wishes. I thought last year was a big success. However, compared to the last two years, we surpassed even my highest expectation in the amount of plants donated by you (over 1000), and the happy, enthusiastic smiles of the recipients. Many were surprised that the plants were free and even wanted to make donations. All of our SUUF brochures and many of the CRE Hogwarts Academy announcements were distributed.

This is the third year of the Santee Street Fair:

2010 – visitors to our booth: Adults – 228, children – 125

2011 – Adults – 515; children – 223

2012 – Adults – 650; children – 475

Some of the comments I heard while at the booth, “Oh, Summit, you guys are a good group”, “You’re a liberal religion? That’s great”, “Free?” Many “thank yous” from adults and children; the children carefully checked over the plants and some took longer than their parents to make their choices. “You people are awesome!”, “Pretty” – comment at 5:30PM, the plants still looked good. Serenity had a cap with “Veteran” on it and a fellow in a wheelchair (amputee), came up to shake her hand – touching, connection, especially meaningful on that day.

There were so many volunteers that to submit names would probably result in missing someone. To the imaginative and dedicated planters, to the host of plant parties, the work party participants, the people who supplied the booth equipment, the volunteers who staffed the booth, the donation of goods, THANK YOU. More than previous years, I really felt a connection to our Santee community.

Thankfully, Pat Summers

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL

Children’s Religious Exploration News

2011-12 Religious Exploration Happenings: It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. As school winds down so does our Religious Exploration program. We are finishing up our formal curriculums and gearing up for a fun summer of magical storytelling. It is time to take a look back at what happened in RE over the past 9 months and look forward to next fall.

Summit Youth Group: We have an active youth group this year! Each week 4 to 10 youth meet with their advisors during the service. Their Sunday group time varies between activities, team building, discussion and *Simpsons Theology*. Some of the activities have included monthly Social Action Sundays, a Beach Bonfire, Camp Scholarship Fundraisers, Holiday RE Service and car detailing services sold to benefit Summit at the Service Auction. Nine of our youth just completed the Coming of Age program. They each worked with a mentor to develop a personal credo that will be shared at the Coming of Age Service on June 3rd. This summer we have 7 Summit youth attending the Summer of LUUve Sr. High camp at deBenneville Pines Camp.

The Youth Adviser Team has made much of this possible. A big “Thank You” to all for your enthusiasm and dedication to this great group of teens! The Youth Adviser Team is: Jack Shu, Leslie Robard, Gary Baldwin, Jim Weed, Jill Reis, Ryn Corbeil and Jennifer White.

Middle School – Amazing Grace: This program intends to help middle school students understand right and wrong and act on their new understanding. This small but mighty group enjoyed deep discussion as they looked into the daily process of decision making. Classical stories from religious sources and myths were used to illustrate challenges that they face in the real world. Some of their projects included creating an ethical obstacle course, creating contemporary gods and goddesses, and making moral compasses. Attendance has increased in this group this spring from 3 to 6 youth with new families attending Summit.

The Amazing Grace teaching team has enjoyed working with this great group. Thank you to “Team Amazing” for all of your guidance and willingness to listen. Our Middle School Teaching Team includes: Connie Henry, Elinor Weed, Jana Spring, Kerstin Crowe, Shauna McKenna and Christian Schuhmann.

3rd-5th Grade – Spirit of Adventure: This year our Unitarian Universalist identity was explored by learning about the many contributions that UU’s have made to the world. This is the largest class with a regular attendance of 7 to 10 students. Through hands on experiences they focused on UU contributions in areas of sports, medicine, food, building, science and the web of life. They also learned from Summit UU’s about the contributions that they have made in these areas.

Thank you to our Spirit of Adventure Guests: Linda Peck, Taylor Weedman, Dr. Shannyn Fowl, Mary Carter-Vail, Debbie Wingard, Sandy Bernstein, John McQuaide, Shelley Lekven, and Pierre Vaughn.

It has been a “Year of Adventure” for the 3rd to 5th grade teaching team! Thank you all for bringing your skills and enthusiasm to this active group! The Spirit of Adventure Teaching Team includes: Brett Lynam, Mary Ellen Shu, Christian Spring, Sekou Wilson, Nancy Howe, Shelley Lekven and Terry McGuinness.

1st-2nd Grade – Creating Home: This group has been learning about what “home” is through an exploration of the physical and spiritual meaning of the word. Each week they shared stories and created projects to help them identify what “home” means to them. Some of their projects have included creating a threshold and hearth in their classroom, making blankets and welcome signs for the Interfaith Shelter and creating worship books to introduce Summit to new children. This group varies in size from 2 to 6 children each week.

The Creating Home Teaching Team has been innovative and flexible with this energetic group of children. Together they discovered that journaling and walking the Summit Gardens are good ways to focus together. Thanks to all of you for your patience and creativity! The 1st & 2nd Grade Teaching Team includes Michelle Beauchamp, Erin Doherty, JoAnn Swanson, Mark Weedman, Angela Teninini, Mary Ellen Danforth and John Bell.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten - Chalice Children: This experience based program helps nurture spiritual growth, creativity and a sense of community through imaginative activities, creativity and ritual. Our youngest class enjoyed learning through stories, song, play and artistic creation. Each week there are 4 to 8 children in our youngest group. Some of their activities have included making chalices, stuffed animal beds and potting flowers. They had a visit from baby chicks, hunted for matzos and blew bubbles outside. This group loves to create and made many wonderful art projects to take home.

Thank you to the Chalice Children Teaching Team! Your enthusiasm and willingness to get messy are so appreciated. The Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Teaching Team is Alan & Betts McQuaide, Shannyn Fowl, Karol Miller, Joe Felix, Easton Basjec, and Stephanie Williams.

Nursery – Our Nursery staff has been there each Sunday to care for babies and toddlers. They have read, created and played with them, providing a fun nurturing place for them to be while parents are at the service. This year we had two children “bridge” to the older group. Attendance in the nursery varies from 3 to none each week, and this next year we will have nursery care on an on-call basis only. Thank you to our nursery staff for their dedication and care with the youngest members of the Summit community. Summit’s nursery staff includes Teresa Palombo, Pam Kerr, Kit Kerr, Anica Dial, and Geoff Broom. A special thanks to Ben Bernstein who has also volunteered in the nursery each week.

There are so many who contribute to the Religious Exploration Program at Summit in a multitude of ways, big and small. From teaching and advising, serving on the Children’s Religious Exploration Committee, to making snacks and helping with fundraising efforts, all support is needed and appreciated. Thank you to all of you for your time, dedication and contribution to the spiritual education and growth of the children and youth in our community.

Peace, Mary Carter-Vail / Summitdre@gmail.com
Dir. of Children’s Religious Exploration for SUUF

Adult Religious Exploration

Freethinkers: Religions of the Axial Age (800 BCE to 200 BCE) will continue-

In a short 600 years, the philosophic foundations of the major religions were independently developed throughout the world. This series will explore those from Eurasia, South Asia, and East Asia.

June 18: *Confucianism and Taoism: China*, presented by Neal Biggart

July 16: *Assessment of Current Religious Attitudes*, presented by Jai Ghorpade

Third Monday each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Salon

Writers Workshop/ Lois Santalo: This group meets every Tuesday morning, 9:30 to noon, in the Salon.

Memoir Writing Group / Lois Santalo: Friday, June 8th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, June 16th, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Summit Library. Come play with words and discover the poet within. All levels of writing experience welcome. If you have any questions please call Margo Mariana. No registration necessary.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Caring Committee

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page and JoAnn Swanson are the "ride coordinators" for our committee. If you need assistance with transportation to Summit or appointments, call them, preferably a few days ahead of time.

Loving Hands Ministry meets Tues., June 5th, at 1:00 p.m.

If you like to knit, crochet, or quilt, please join us in the Salon. The Loving Hands Ministry works on blankets for Linus Project, dishcloths for Crisis House, comfort shawls for Summitarians in need of comfort, and is always open to new ideas for outreach projects. Contact Laurel Bernstein.

Social Action Corner - *Service Is Our Prayer* Helping Others in East County and Beyond

Summitarians acting locally:

Pride Parade 2012: The San Diego LGBT Pride festival takes place on July 20-22, so mark your calendars! Summit has had a parasol drill team in the Pride parade for several years. Come join us on July 21st, as part of the team or as a marcher or spectator, and enjoy the lively crowd that makes this such a fun event for all ages. Contact Rosemary Morrison for more info.

Support our teens: June's Social Action Committee collection (June 17) will go toward scholarships to send some of our Summit youth to Camp de Benneville Pines.

A reminder- food collection basket: Crisis House is in need of food pantry donations, which have decreased in recent years even as the need has increased. Please remember that a basket is always present in Summit's greeting room to receive your canned and boxed food items- why not pick up one or two extra items this week while doing your grocery shopping, and drop them in the basket on Sunday?

Summitarians acting globally:

Maquiladora tour (Tijuana): City College Professor Enrique Dávalos leads regular day trips to Tijuana for people interested in learning about maquiladoras and border issues in general. Summitarians and other UUs are encouraged to join his trip on June 2. The cost for the organized tour is \$30 including bus transportation from the Tijuana side of the border crossing, lunch and a donation to a women's work group. Please see the Facebook information page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/369816249713690>. To reserve a place, please go to www.sdmaquila.org or RSVP to Mar Cárdenas.

How Can You Help Summit's Social Action Efforts?

Environmental: It is no longer allowable to dispose of your used household batteries in the trash- they must be recycled appropriately. Bring them to Summit and we'll dispose of them safely for you. Look for the collection basket in the greeting room.

Financial: Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate – June 17. Put your money toward a great cause – purchase fair trade coffee and chocolate! You can also place a special order to make sure you never have to go without. Remember that chocolate is not shipped to us in the warm summer months so get some now before supplies run out! Summit's teens are now running this program- if you have any questions, please contact Gary Baldwin.

Social Action Sunday: The third Sunday of the month (June 17) is Social Action Sunday. Please join us on that day for the next **Social Action Committee meeting** in the library at 8:30 a.m. This will be our annual planning meeting. Questions? Contact Rosemary Morrison.

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

♥ Rod Orth is doing really well after his heart surgery. He spent close to 5 days in the hospital and is recuperating at home. Please no visits at this time, and limit calls. Barbara and Rod send their best wishes to all.

♥ Jim and Valerie much appreciate the outpouring of care and concern from their Summit friends but they request no visits or phone calls at this time. Cards are most welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and care.

♥ We want to thank Nancy Merrill for her donation to the Fellowship of a 3 tray heating service for the Salon. This will be useful for potlucks and at the Annual Auction!

♥ And a thank you to Bob Dryden for the stronger wireless router he has donated!

Classifieds in the eNews!

There are changes in the format and content of our weekly eNews. First change: We're adding a new "Classifieds" section, at the end. (Scroll down if you want to read it. Don't scroll down if you're not interested.) Here, you'll find services offered, items for sale, interesting events in the community, non-Summit-related announcements, etc. Email your submission to suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net, and I'll print it in next week's eNews. (Note: It will appear only once. If you want it to appear each week, you'll need to re-submit each week.) **Deadline:** Submit your item by midnight, Wednesday of each week.

Did you know Summit has its own Facebook page?

Check it out! (And feel free to add your voice to the mix!) Don't worry -- we'll "Friend" you!! <http://www.facebook.com/SummitUUF> Questions? Contact Trish Ladd, Summit's Facebook guru.

Calling all Sunday Café Lovers

You may have noticed there was no food at Sunday Cafe on Sunday, May 27th. The reason is that no groups had signed up to provide food, make coffee, set up the chairs and umbrellas and, put everything away afterwards. We (Hospitality) will be responsible for set up, tear down, and making coffee during June. If you are in a group that would like to take June 3rd or June 17th, please contact us and we will schedule you. The Biggarts, Tom and Neal.

And SAVE the date!! June 24th - Sunday Café Fundraiser Brunch

Following service- Proceeds to be used to cover the cost of Sunday Café/Salon supplies. Thereafter, an annual Brunch or semi-annual if needed.

Tickets: Adults - \$7.50 - Children (3-12 yrs) - \$3.00 - Children under 3 yrs - Free

Revised System of Sunday Café: *To Be Piloted During July and August* -will consist of Coffee/Decaf/Tea/Ice Water, Cookies and Nuts. (Will be re-evaluated in September.)

Another Way to Stay Informed:

The newsletter you are reading is our monthly *Scene at Summit*. If you wish to receive the weekly Summit Enews in your email, or to make a submission, contact Pam Kerr at Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net and she will be happy to accommodate you.

Bloggers Wanted:

If you enjoy blogging (or want to learn), take note: Summit is developing a new website. We plan to include lots of regular blog entries, from different members (and at least once monthly, from each committee). Interested? Email slagle.diane@gmail.com with subject line "Blogging."

Who will next be caught Standing on the Side of Love?

Who would you like to nominate? If you would like to recognize someone for their loving and faithful service in our Fellowship, please send an e-mail to member Donna Daum describing who and why you would like to have them publically acknowledged during Community News time during Service on the 2nd Sunday each month. If you don't have email, pick up a form in the office or Greeting Room. You can leave them in the office or snail-mail them to Donna.

SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Earth Centered Spirituality Group

Join us on Friday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the Full Moon in her beauty and glory. We will be meeting outside the sanctuary at Summit to bask in the light of the moon and embrace oneness with nature and the earth. Please wear white or light colors and bring a non-breakable vessel from which to drink. Hope to see you there!

I'm Not Done Yet!

The next "I'm Not Done Yet!" discussion group will be on June 26th at 2:30 pm in the Salon. If you would like to be on the list for these meetings contact Neal Biggart.

Book Club

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 pm Tuesday, **June 5** in the Salon. Please feel free to join us. We will discuss *All's Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Remarque. On Tuesday, **July 3**, we will discuss Mark Twain. Everyone is picking a biography of Mark Twain (some the same biography but most are different.) So read about Mark Twain and join us! If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Baldwin.

Choir Notes...

Choir practice meets at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday nights. **Last choir practice is June 13, last performance June 17.** If you have questions contact Jill Reis, Choir Director, at 619-244-6965, or jillerinr@gmail.com.

Hiking Club

We will be taking a break over the summer, and we'll meet again in the fall when the weather is cooler. Thanks to everyone that joined us for a hike this spring. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

We meet in the library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. PFLAG is an international organization (www.pflag.org) created by families and friends to gain understanding of and support for our gay loved ones.

Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families, and friends through support. Our role is to be good listeners, to share some of our

experiences when appropriate, and to acquaint them with other resources. For more info contact Bob and Mary Dryden.

Piano Club

If you like to play piano, and for others to listen as you do, please join us on June 21st, at 3:00 at a Club member's home. Contact Ed Davis or Roy McDonald for information and this month's location.

Meditation - Wed., 8:30 AM -Salon; Sunday, 8:00 AM -Sanctuary

Why meditate? "It's like coming home." We meditate to find, to recover, to come back to something of ourselves we only dimly and unknowingly had and have lost without knowing what it was or where or when we lost it.

Meditation is a practice, and needs to be practiced, like anything worth doing. We sit in chairs, in meditation and/or silent prayer for the concerns of our hearts or of others who have asked to be remembered. You needn't be experienced. We are lifted by the shared intention and spiritual energy of one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The "Sources" - A UU cantata written by Jason Shelton and Kendyl Gibbons, will be performed by the combined choirs of San Diego County UU congregations on Saturday, June 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at First UU Church of San Diego. There will be a suggested donation at the door of \$15 general admission - \$10 children, students, & seniors -\$40 family of 4 or more. Several people from Summit will be singing and Jill Reis will be one of the soloists.

Summit Women's Retreat 2012

Registration for the 2012 Summit Women's Retreat begins after service May 6th. Registration closes on June 30th. **"The Woman I Am"** is this year's theme. The retreat team came up with this theme from all the theme choices last year's retreat goers suggested to us. We hope when you return from this retreat you identify with these words spoken by Oprah Winfrey: "I was once afraid of people saying, 'Who does she think she is?' Now I have the courage to stand and say, 'This is who I am!'"

This year's retreat will be at the same lodge we enjoyed last year at Camp Stevens.

Dates and Times: start time, 4:00 PM October 12th, ends on the 14th at 1:00 PM.

The cost is \$140.00. We look forward to creating a meaningful retreat for you!

MaryEllen D, Pilar P-W, Katy O, Debbie W, Jennifer G, Diane S.

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June, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 6:00pm Auction event-Dancing	2 9:00am COA Rehearsal
3 8:00am Meditation 10:00am COA Service 1:00pm Auction Event-Spinning	4	5 9:30am Writers 1:00pm Loving Hands 4:30pm Membership 7:00pm Book Club 7:30pm ECSG	6 8:30am Meditation 7:00pm Choir	7 4:30pm Covenant Facilitators	8 10:00am A.R.E.- Memoir Writing	9 7:30pm "Sources" UU Cantata
10 8:00am Meditation	11 7:00pm PFLAG	12 9:30am Writers 10:00am Tues AM Cov't 2:00pm Tues. PM Cov't	13 8:30am Meditation 10:00am Wed. AM Cov't 7:00pm Choir	14 7:00pm Finance	15	16 9:00am Endowment 10:00am A.R.E.- Poetry
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