

# THE SCENE AT SUMMIT

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

## Sunday Services - 10:00 am

**November 4:** *"Love the Hell Out of Yourself!"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Are you bound for heaven, or for hell? How would you answer this question? It might surprise you to know that hell and heaven really do exist...In his reflection Rev. Frank uncovers this mystery of the ages in a way that is relevant to both professing believers and non-believers in our Unitarian Universalist fellowship.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Please come to a *brief* Town Hall Meeting immediately following the November 4th Sunday Service to learn about Summit's Committee on Ministry and how it relates to you.

**November 11:** *"What Democracy Requires"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

With the election behind us, we will pause and take stock of ourselves, our nation and our world, and consider the paradoxes and promises of democracy. Is democracy real? Is it desirable? Is it sustainable? Come prepared to contemplate "the power of the people," and "the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process" we have committed ourselves to practice in our beloved community.

**November 18:** *"Joy Doubles When Shared"* Rev. Tom Owen-Towle

Since Carolyn and I just celebrated a pivotal anniversary, I want to share some lessons that have enriched our love-bond. In truth, my learnings should prove relevant to any relationship of deep respect and affection.

The Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle has completed 45 years of settled parish ministry, two of which were partnered in our midst at Summit. He is always honored and delighted to preach to his Summitarian family. His books on Sunday's theme will be available following the worship service.

**November 25:** *"Pump Up the Volume!"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

To whom are we grateful? And for what? Is gratitude a virtue that can be developed...even in the face of suffering and persecution? In this Thanksgiving season we will count our blessings and consider some basic principles that can guide us in creating a more appreciative world.

—ATTENTION—

*The Scene at Summit's*

**December 2012 edition deadline will be**

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## **FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:**

To all of you in our beloved community...

I've been sitting in the glow of my installation for two weeks. The Installation Service and reception you all worked together to create was a singular moment in my life and in the life of our fellowship, and I thank you all for what I can only call a *transcendent gift*.

I see clearly now: the occasion marked the crossing of a major threshold of change and healing that extends all the way back to the very beginnings of my life. And you were there to bring it to fulfillment.

◇ My sacred obligation to you has been sealed.

◇ My heart is full, and your place in it secure.

◇ May you find joy as have I, in this moment and for the remainder of your days.

For all the time, thought, sweat and loving care you gave--in setting up, food preparation, service planning and leadership, and clean up---Thank you. Thank you. Ad infinitum, thank you....

...And I want to give a special shout out to whoever it was who so generously made it possible for my son Ian to be here. ;-)

For all that you are helping to do to build beloved community at Summit, thank you and keep up the good work! I am excited to see what the future holds.

~ Parson Frank

## **FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP**

### ***Message from the President***

Dear Members and Friends,

Researchers have polled Americans and Europeans about their church-going habits. In one poll, they asked people to indicate if it is their habit to go to church every Sunday. (Obviously, this was aimed at Christians) The percentages varied widely. In Norway, 10% of the respondents stated they go to church every Sunday. In Ireland and the United States, the figure was 45%. The researchers then followed up their polls with the time/diary method to determine if the answers were accurate. Sure enough, in European countries, this method confirmed the accuracy of the poll. In Ireland, for instance, 45% of the people really do attend church every Sunday. In the United States, by contrast, it was determined that the actual percentage of people who attended church every Sunday was only half of those who reported doing so. As one researcher commented, Americans seem to look on church going like flossing or going to the gym.

In our Board Retreat, we came up with a number of large goals which we hope to pursue through next year. These are the following:

A. Develop and refine democratic processes and procedures

- B. Create a covenant of right relations
- C. Set ministerial goals (above and beyond regular duties)
- D. Review and recreate a comprehensive five year plan
- E. Be more effective at internal communication – keeping the congregation informed

In later messages I will try to give you a breakdown of what is being done in each of these areas. As an example, we've already implemented some refinements in the democratic process. At various times, after the first of the year, the congregation will be reminded that the Nominating Committee will be working on a slate of candidates for the Board and will be accepting suggestions from the congregation. We also have designated a member from the Board, Jennifer Gorman, as our Parliamentarian. Having someone in this role will help all of us run meetings in a fair and efficient manner.

Besides the Sharing Wall, we plan to use polls to help determine whether the goals are being accomplished. At least for now, there has been no suggestion that we should take any extra steps to confirm responses on attendance habits.

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](http://www.suuf.org)

### **Orientation Meeting for Inquirers and Prospective Members:**

Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. If you would like to find out more about Summit Fellowship or have an interest in joining the Fellowship, you will want to attend this meeting. Please register by calling the Summit Office at 619-562-0833 and let us know you plan to attend. (If you are interested in joining Summit, but cannot make the orientation, you can either have a personal conversation with Rev. Frank or wait until our next orientation in early 2013.) The Summit Membership Committee

### **Description of Summit's Yearly Auction**

The yearly auction is Summit's biggest fundraiser. Members and friends, as individuals or groups, make "offerings" for bid. Some offer to give rides to and from the airport, critter-sit while you're away, handy man services, plant a garden, etc. Others donate objects, outings, or lessons. We ask that forms are filled out stating the what, when, and where of the donation so we can create a catalog for distribution before the auction. We also ask for food donations for the evening of the event. Food makes everything better!

We sort the offerings into what we think will do best in the silent or live auction sections. The silent bidding takes place in the salon, which is where the hors d'oeuvres are. Bid sheets are out for each item. When you register for the evening you are given your bidding number, which you will write on the bid sheets instead of your name. This begins at 5:30 and closes at 6:30. You have to check on your bids during this time to see if anyone has out-bid you! Remember, you can counter-bid!

At 6:30 we head to the Sanctuary for the live auction. This is where the excitement and fun really gets rolling! Then we finish up with the desserts in the Greeting Room. While the live auction is going on, volunteers are collecting the silent bid sheets and tabulating who won what. Make sure you check with them before leaving for the night to see if you won. This has really makes the end of the night enjoyable for everyone.

After the auction, all bidding sheets are rounded up, bids calculated and bills mailed out.

**In addition to services and items** being auctioned off, a corner of the sanctuary is marked off as the "boutique" area. You can wander over and peruse these fabulous, inexpensive items and buy them on the spot! Please also remember to bring in your own items to contribute to the boutique! These can be unwanted items, handmade arts and crafts, or anything you'd like to donate. Bring them with you on Sunday and place them in the rear of the Library. We'll take it from there! Questions? Contact Diane Slagle. Whatever doesn't sell that evening will be donated to a local charity.

See you at Summit's Annual Auction, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 on the Summit campus!

## **RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL**

### **Children's Religious Exploration News**

Each Sunday after the Time for All Ages, our children and youth head back to the Children's Religious Exploration area to "explore" their spiritual lives. Each age group is lead by a team of dedicated adult volunteers who rotate each week. Classes are working with different curriculums or programs to enrich their spiritual growth in an age-appropriate way. Here is what they have been working on for the last two months:

Our youngest classroom, Pre-Kindergarten to First Grade, is using the *Spirit Play* program to explore the seven UU principles. Spirit Play is a Montessori-based program that turns the classroom into a spiritual community for exploration using stories, art materials and creative expression. Each week children experience a story told using felt and other objects. After the story we use "wondering" questions together to explore what the tale means to them.

So far they've heard the story of the Chalice, and the first three of our UU Promises (Principles). We went on to explore the promises in depth through the following stories:

The Red Promise – *The Reluctant Dinosaur* – Respect All People,

The Orange Promise – *The Girl Who Loved Animals* – Offer Fair and Kind Treatment to All,

The Yellow Promise – *The Rooster Who Learned to Crow* - Yearn to Accept and Learn About Ourselves, Others, and Mystery.

When we've finished these steps, the children can choose to work on one of the available felt Spirit Play stories or use art materials available to them. Many beautiful creations have come from this group! This teaching team is noticing that they enjoy the stories and the time to work individually, both verbally and through creative expression and play. When we first started Spirit Play, children headed for the door after snack to join the older kids. Now they are choosing to stay in the classroom and continue exploring until their parents arrive. This is their special place and they love it.

*Moral Tales* is the curriculum that our second and third grade group is working with this year. Every two weeks they start working with a new story that illustrates spiritual and ethical tools that they will need when faced with real life decision making. They started with “*We Are All One*,” a tale that illustrates the interconnected web of all life. Through this story we learned how we are connected to all beings including animals and insects. They’ve started using a Moral Compass to track what they’ve learned each week. The second tale, “*The Wise Teacher Test*,” was about listening to your “inner voice” or conscience when you feel that you are being pressured to do something that doesn’t feel right. They also started the “Gems of Goodness” project. Each child made a notebook to take home and track actions of goodness that they see or do each day. Each Sunday they share what they’ve written and add “gems” to the gem jar. Once the jar is filled they will have a class party. They explored faith, hope and prayer through story of “*The Sword of Wood*.” Each student talked about prayer or thoughts of hope and faith and made prayer bead necklaces. Finally they shared “*The Wounded Seal*,” a story about empathy and how it might feel to be “in another’s shoes.”

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade group is filling their “*Toolbox of Faith*” by reflecting on qualities of our UU faith, using tools to illustrate how they can incorporate them into their daily lives. They started with a Ruler to illustrate the rules that a group creates to be in community together, which we called the group Covenant. Our next tool was a Magnifying Glass, to remind us to look closer and question as a way to find answers. They looked at their own fingerprints and asked questions to discover who had taken their missing popcorn. Next they learned how to use a Compass for direction. The compass symbolizes their inner “moral compass” and integrity. As part of exploring this tool the group went on a local Geo-Cache hunt to discover three hidden logbooks using GPS coordinates. Flexibility was the last “tool” in this quarter, illustrated by Duct Tape, of course. Students learned about the need to be flexible when situations change. They each made a reusable lunch bag from Duct Tape, too! There are many more tools to come including Chalk to illustrate the democratic process, stethoscope for listening, and a flashlight for the light of justice.

This year our Middle School group is exploring world religions. They are *Building Bridges* of understanding by learning about what faith is and the qualities and attributes of some the world’s major religions. The group started by exploring what religion is. Each was invited to take the Belief-o-matic quiz (beliefnet.com) to see how their individual beliefs worked with major world religions. They started exploring Unitarian Universalism first by learning about our faith heritage, core beliefs, and sources of inspiration. They learned that Indigenous Religions are some of the earliest known religions. When possible, guest speakers are visiting to share their personal experiences with the faith currently being studied. Lynn Manyfires shared stories from the oral traditions of her Native American faith path. Next we explored Hinduism of India with Jai Ghorpade, by learning stories of the “god of a thousand faces” and about the many yogis. We will continue with the Eastern Religions this fall and explore the Western Religions in the spring.

Our High School Youth Group has had a busy fall. Several of our youth came back from summer camp at deBennville pumped and excited to be more involved with other UU youth in our district. They had a big opportunity when asked to host the PSWD YRUU Halloween Con in mid

October. There were 38 youth and 8 adult advisers who came to Summit from all over our district – San Diego, Long Beach, Las Vegas, even as far as Arizona to name a few. They were here for three days and two nights, sleeping in the RE areas and eating in the Salon. Most impressively, they had everything packed up, cleaned, aired out and ready for services and CRE classes on Sunday morning. The High School group continues to work with Social Action on projects and the Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate sales. They've made plans to build up the camp scholarship fund so they can all go to camp in winter and summer this year. On Sunday mornings they have planning discussions and projects to build community and help them to meet their goals as a group.

**Nursery update:** We are in the process of re-opening the Nursery on Sunday mornings! Several applicants have applied for the Nursery Worker position. Interviews have been conducted and the search committee is in the process of choosing someone to be our regular nursery caregiver. Each week they will work with a nursery volunteer to provide quality care for infants and toddlers. Watch the Summit newsletter and CRE news for the starting date.

Upcoming CRE Events – Save the Date:

CRE Committee Meetings: The first Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

CRE Holiday Play – Dec. 9

CRE Holiday Ornament Making & Caroling Party – Dec. 14

Winter Sr. High Youth Camp – Dec. 27 to Jan. 1

Home Hosts Wanted for Religious Education Professionals on Feb 1 & 2, 2013

Youth Service – Feb 10

Thank you to all of our Teaching Teams, Children's RE Committee members, snack providers and volunteers! Your dedication and time makes all of these activities possible for our children and youth.

Bright Blessings,

Mary Carter-Vail / [Summitdre@gmail.com](mailto:Summitdre@gmail.com)

Dir. of Children's Religious Exploration for SUUF

## **Adult Religious Exploration**

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

**Memoir Writing Group** / Lois Santalo: Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

**Poetry Workshop:** Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Summit Salon. Come play with words and discover the poet within. All levels of writing experience welcome. If you have any questions please call Margo Mariana at 619-465-7909. No registration necessary.

## **Rev. Frank Invites You to Read and Discuss a Book:**

The Righteous Mind Workshops: Rev. Frank will lecture and facilitate discussion on Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Religion and Politics*, on the following dates:

Thursday, November 1st: Part II

Thursday, November 29th: Part III and Conclusion

The same material will be covered twice on each of these dates, so interested participants are invited to attend either at 10:00 -11:30 a.m. or 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Salon.

Anyone is welcome to attend, however it is requested that participants read the book before participating in the discussion. Stay tuned to future editions of the eNews for more information.

### **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.

### **Spirituality Focus Groups are Happening at Summit:**

Rev. Frank has begun hosting Spirituality Focus Groups here at Summit to help him and our community learn more about the religious, spiritual, and philosophical backgrounds, interests and practices of Summit Members and Friends. If you have not yet participated in one of these focus sessions, hang on, because you will be invited to do so sometime this fall.

## **SUMMIT MINISTRIES**

### **Caring Committee**

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page, 619-660-9690, and JoAnn Swanson, 619-465-7279, 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., November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 for more info.

### **Social Action Corner - *Service Is Our Prayer***

Helping Others in East County and Beyond

#### **Summitarians acting locally:**

**A reminder- food collection basket:** Crisis House is in need of food bank 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?

**Baby supplies donation to Crisis House:** The SAC collection on October 21 gathered boxes of baby supplies which will be delivered to Crisis House to assist young families who are currently unable to afford these bare necessities. Your donations to Crisis House are always welcomed with gratitude since there is a constant need for the baby items, hygiene packs and other donations we are able to provide.

**Support for local veterans:** In response to requests from congregation members and friends, Summit is looking into ways to support veterans in our area. November's Social Action collection (November 18) will benefit both the Wounded Warrior Project and Veterans' Village of San Diego and we are exploring other opportunities to provide help and support.

#### **How Can You Help Summit's Social Action Efforts?**

**Environmental:** Bring your used household batteries to Summit and we'll dispose of them safely for you. Look for the collection basket in the greeting room.

**Financial: Fair Trade Coffee**– November 18. Get your coffee and support a great cause – purchase fair trade coffee! And...chocolate is back!! You can also place a special order to make sure you never have to go without. 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 (November 18) 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. Questions? Contact Rosemary Morrison.

#### **Fall Thoughts Turn to Spring Interfaith Network Shelter**

Summit is one of an amazing 119 San Diego County host congregations and support congregations/organizations who are implementing the 2012-2013 Interfaith Shelter Network. A general volunteer orientation was recently held on September 8, 2012, attended by Barbara Brooks Nutter and Barbara De Young. Keynote presentations included speakers from the County of San Diego Child Protective Services, Public Health specialists, and the San Diego Workforce Partnership. The next East County-specific planning meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2012, where we will receive detailed information related to our shelter. If you would like to attend with several of us, please let Barbara Brooks Nutter know.

A tip from Samantha Tweeten, PhD, MPH, Community Epidemiology is useful for all of us: to combat the Noro virus, hand sanitizer must be ethyl alcohol at 70% concentration, not the common 62% or 65%. Ask Barbara Brooks if you are interested in the locally available brand name.

*THANK YOU EVERYONE* for your Social Action Sunday contributions to the collection for our upcoming Summit Shelter during the weeks of Easter, March 23-April 6, 2013!



## WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

### **Member & Friend News**

♥ Please remember in hearts and minds Jacquie Dowdy and her family at the passing of her husband, Jim. He quietly slipped away on Oct. 20th. Also at the time of this writing, Jacquie's daughter, Diana is in the hospital.

♥ Our hearts go out to our affiliate minister, Rev. Don Stouder at the passing of his father on Oct. 13th.

### **Rev. Frank's Installation Memory Book:**

We are still accepting "note cards" for Rev. Frank's Memory Book. We want to give anyone who wants to send him a personal message the opportunity to do so. There are note cards and a basket in the Greeting Room for this purpose. At a future date there will be an official presentation of the book to Rev. Frank.

### **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 (or fill out a form, available in the office or the Greeting Room) to member Donna Daum describing who you would like to have publicly acknowledged and why. The acknowledgement takes place during Community News time in the Service on the 2nd Sunday each month.

### **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.

### **Another Way to Stay Informed:**

The newsletter you are reading is our monthly *Scene at Summit*. If you wish to receive Summit's weekly in your email, or to make a submission, contact Pam Kerr at [Suuf\\_volunteer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net). To contribute to the eNews, or the Classifieds:

- \* send by Wednesday evening
- \* Include title of Program, Day of the week, Date, Time, Location, Contact information and short description.
- \* If you have a picture to include, send it in jpg.
- \* Send items in the body of the email, no attachments please
- \* Send items each week you wish to see them.

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### **FYI-**

**Used batteries:** There is a collection basket in the greeting room, a safe and easy way to dispose of those used batteries.

**A Food Collection Basket:** is always present in our Greeting room to receive canned and boxed food items - why not pick up an extra item or two while grocery shopping?

## **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](mailto: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 Wednesday evening of each week.

## **SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS**

### **Book Club**

Hi Summit Book Club, The book we decided to read this month is An Object of Beauty by Steve Martin. We'll meet on November 6th at 7:00 pm in the Salon. We also decided on several book titles for the coming months. They are:

December: Helios Legacy by Alexander O'keefe

January: Evening Song by Gail Goodwin

### **Choir Notes...**

If you have questions or are interested in joining the choir, please email or text Jill Reis, Choir Director. [jillerinr@gmail.com](mailto:jillerinr@gmail.com) or 619-244-6965

### **Earth Centered Spirituality Group ...**

ECSG is sponsoring a monthly "Talking Circle" lead by Lynn Manyfires. In Native American cultures, there is a ceremony for those things in our lives which are "left un-said" called a 'Talking Circle.' A Talking Stick (or feather) is passed clockwise to each member of the circle, and that person shares their truth while others listen respectfully. When each member has had the chance to speak, members are then invited to share their comments or ask questions. The only Rules of a Talking Circle are: Participants are asked to speak honestly and truthfully from the heart; to be brief and to listen attentively, without interruption and to be supportive and encouraging of each other. Contact: Lynn Manyfires. All are welcome! (no politics please) If you're interested in attending, here are the coming dates:

Nov 17th 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Salon)

Dec 15th 10:00 am -12:00 pm (Salon)

Jan 19th TBA (Salon)

### **Economics and Current Affairs Program ...**

On Thursday, November 15th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Salon, Neal and Tom Biggart, who just returned from a trip to Vietnam, will tell us what they learned about this country, its people, its government, and its economics.

**Freethinkers Sponsors-** Nov. 13th at 7:00 pm in the Salon.

***Return to Vietnam:*** helping a village heal and grow its resources.

Mike Boehm, a Vietnam veteran, returned to work on a village project supported by the Madison Quakers, Inc. More information is available on their website, [www.mqivietnam.org](http://www.mqivietnam.org). Mike is touring the U.S. and will speak at Summit UUF on November 13 at 7:00. There will be light refreshments at 6:00 in the Salon, and a suggested \$5.00 donation. Please join us.

*A Short Background of our organization:*

Beginning with the My Lai Loan Fund, established January 10, 1994, Madison Quakers, Inc. has established a number of projects in My Lai and more than 20 other villages in Quang Ngai Province.

The objectives of these projects go beyond economic aid. These projects empower women, provide a more secure livelihood to impoverished families, encourage community involvement, and increase the self-confidence of the people receiving assistance. Most importantly, these projects give people hope.

**Freethinkers** -November 19th, 7:00 pm

Tom and Neal Biggart will give an extensive slide presentation of their recent month long visit to Vietnam. This will be a casual gathering and discussion will follow.

**I'm Not Done Yet!**

The next "I'm Not Done Yet!" discussion group will be on November 27th at 2:30 pm in the Salon. If you would like to be on the list for these meetings contact Neal Biggart.

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

We meet in Summit's library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday (Nov. 12th) of each month. PFLAG is an international organization ([www.pflag.org](http://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 at [r.dryden@cox.net](mailto:r.dryden@cox.net).

**Piano Club**

If you like to play piano, and for others to listen as you do, please join us on November 15th, at 3:00 at a Club member's home. Contact Ed Davis or Roy McDonald for information and this month's location.

**UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship**

Following a program conducted by Rev. Frank last month, titled "An Introduction to the Bible for Unitarian Universalists", several attendees asked for a similar program on a more regular basis. As of October, Rev. Don Stouder and lay-theologian Chris Smith co-lead a monthly program called UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship. It's a combination of historical-critical study, personal reflection, and call to action on the part of the participants. Each session will end

with a brief re-creation of Jesus' model of Table Fellowship, with the breaking of bread. All members of Summit and their friends/guests are welcome to attend.

UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship is held on the third Sunday of each month beginning at 5pm and lasting approximately one hour, and will be held in the Library. Dates through the end of 2012 are November 18 and December 16.

Initially, the group is using John Buehrens' excellent book titled "Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals." The book is readily available in new and used versions on Amazon.Com, as well as in a Kindle version.

Please feel free to email Don Stouder with any questions at donald.stouder@gmail.com.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Get Connected!**

Did you attend last year's Auction? How were the museums, plays, dinners, car washes, raffle baskets, handcrafted items, photos, tarot readings, etc. that you bid on last year? It is that time of year again... time to get ready to plan our social calendars for the next year! Saturday, Nov. 10th is our 2012 Services Auction, where we will have lots of opportunities to GET CONNECTED with other Summitarians for FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and much more, while helping Summit at the same time! Please take a few minutes to fill out a DONATION FORM, letting us know what you would like to offer to your fellow Summitarians! Forms can be downloaded from the SUUF website ([http://suuf.org/images/forms/auction\\_donation\\_form\\_2012.pdf](http://suuf.org/images/forms/auction_donation_form_2012.pdf)), or you can pick one up in the Greeting Room or Church Office. The Auction will be in four parts -- the Silent and Live Auctions, the Boutique and the Raffle. If you have ideas of things to donate to any of these areas, we would love to hear about them! Also, if you would like to place an ad in our Auction Booklet, you can find forms for that on the SUUF.org website, under Auction 2012.

### **SUUF Concert Series presents ..... *Tellabration!***

Saturday, November 17th,

7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. in the Summit Sanctuary.

Guilds and storytelling enthusiasts all around the globe share their storytelling talents in concerts held in cities and towns to celebrate the ancient art of storytelling. TELLABRATION!™ brings together each area's most celebrated storytellers to delight and captivate audiences with their tales.

Tickets \$15 at the door; Information: [www.storytellersofsandiego.org](http://www.storytellersofsandiego.org)

For more information call Fred Laskowski: 619-298-4067 email: [atman@cox.net](mailto:atman@cox.net)

**Don't Miss A Word...**

**Please Note: This concert is for adults & NOT recommended for those under 12 yrs.**

### **Summit Concert Series presents *The Trails & Rails Trio***

Friday, December 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

The award-winning duo of Walt Richards and Paula Strong has been joined by bass player extraordinaire, Mike Craig, who adds a wonderful third part to the vocals along with his amazing

string wizardry. Besides instrumental wizardry, the group offers solo, duo and 3-part harmonies as well as the signature variety of the Trails & Rails repertoire. Cowboy, Train, Folk, Blues, 30s, Pop ... endless variety and lots of your favorite songs! <http://www.trailsandrails.net/trailsandrails/>

## **FROM WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO UU CLUSTER**

### **Young Adults of First UU Church**

The Young Adult Ministry group (ages 18-35) is hosting an anti-racism, anti-oppression program called *Building the World We Dream About for Young Adults* this coming October through November. We are opening up this program to the entire San Diego UU Cluster to encourage as much participation as possible. This program is a great opportunity to learn how to navigate an increasingly multicultural world by exhibiting UU values and principles of social justice and acceptance. All workshops take place at First UU Church in Hillcrest.

Interested parties can contact our Young Adult & Campus Ministry Coordinator Alice King at [alice@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:alice@firstuusandiego.org), (619) 992-1001.

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