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

Sunday Services - 10:00 am

January 6th: *"Stewards of Consciousness"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Our extensive capacities to reflect, reason, and respond have put us humans at the top of the food chain, enabled us to accomplish great things, and have become increasingly influential in our survival and evolution. Our Living Tradition continually encourages us to use our abilities to observe, conclude and act in ways that will lead to a compassionate, just and sustainable world. Rev. Frank will invite us to consider how well we are using these abilities, and to what ends.

January 13th: *"What Ever Happened to Civility?"* Rev. Don Stouder

Some people might think that civility is a thing of the past, a cherished relic from a time before social media, super PACs, and a 24-hour news cycle. In this sermon, purchased and requested by Jennifer and Vic White from Summit's annual Service Auction, Rev. Don will take a look at what modern civility might look like, especially in those smaller "communities" that we all inhabit, including Summit.

January 20th: *"What It Will Take to Complete the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr."*

Rev. Will Coleman

"Why aren't there more people of color in our fellowship?" is a question often raised around Summit. It is a question that reflects our dissatisfaction with the state of our society today; the struggle for civil rights, equality, and the recognition of the full humanity of all people remains incomplete. The Rev. Will Coleman, theologian, national lecturer, and spiritual leader will bless us with new understandings and insights that are sure to challenge and, beyond that, help us move further along in realizing the world we want to see.

January 27th: *"What—Me Worship?"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

We UUs are often averse to terms and rituals handed down from our Jewish and Christian ancestors. We tend to be suspicious of anything smacking of prayer or piety, and frequently react negatively to the word "worship." Rev. Frank's reflection will demystify worship, call us to a deeper appreciation of our community's regular gatherings for song, meditation and reflection, and provide some specific tips on how we can show compassionate hospitality toward those who visit our Sunday Services.

***Please note: Rev. Frank** will be attending a conference for Teaching Pastors from January 2nd to 5th at Meadville-Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois. He will be available by email and phone.*

—ATTENTION—

*The Scene at Summit's **February 2013 edition** deadline will be
Monday, January 21st.*

FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

As we move into the New Year, in addition to our normal bevy of activities, we look forward to some new and exciting happenings around the Fellowship:

- ◇ In conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, The Rev. Will Coleman Ph.D. will offer a series of presentations open to Summit members and the surrounding community. Dr. Coleman is a lecturer in transformative spirituality and professor of theology, hermeneutics, and African-American Spirituality.
- ◇ Our annual “Guest at Your Table” offering to support the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee will be received on Social Action Sunday, January 21st. Please bring your collection boxes to service that day.
- ◇ Under the sponsorship of our Committee on Ministry, I will be leading an introductory seminar on “Conflict Transformation” on January 27th for those of us who would like to manage conflict more effectively in our daily lives.
- ◇ As a part of Adult education, I will continue to participate in our newly formed Men’s Group, teach a three-part series on American Humanism, and facilitate a spiritual practices group for those wishing to experience and benefit from a deepening of personal spirituality. We are also hoping to have a day of workshops around end-of-life issues, including estate/planned giving, caring for the sick and dying, and presentations by the Hemlock Society around the personal right to choose the time and manner of one’s death.
- ◇ Our Youth are planning a Prom Night for all Summit members and friends to attend on January 26th.
- ◇ Our Social Action Committee will be working with the local Food Bank to hold a Summit Food Drive. All members and friends of our community will be encouraged to fill up the food barrels to benefit families in need in Santee.
- ◇ Our DRE Mary Carter Vail will be hosting a Renaissance Module training on our campus for Religious Educators from around our District on February 1 and 2.
- ◇ Summit will host a day of workshops around end of life issues, including estate/planned giving, spiritual and practical care for the sick and dying, the benefits of hospice care for the terminally ill, and the ethics of choosing the time and manner of one’s death. (Dates are not yet set).

- ◇ We'll be hosting the Interfaith Shelter on our campus for two weeks, beginning Saturday March 23.
- ◇ As we move toward completion of our Walden tiny house, we'll begin to garner some international attention for Summit and Unitarian Universalism which, I anticipate, may enable us to engage in some social action initiatives on a much larger scale than ever before.
- ◇ We will be planning a series of events to celebrate our 25 years as a UU fellowship.
- ◇ We'll continue to explore the possibilities of becoming a regular meeting place for The Soldier's Project and other initiatives to help active and retired military and their families find support and healing as they enter civilian life.

And finally, last but not least, we will be planning a series of events to celebrate our 25 years as a UU fellowship.

Stay tuned! Stay in touch! And stay strapped in, as we surge into a future of more compassion, more justice and more care for the Earth!

Namaste, ~ Rev. Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

I have never been very good at making or keeping New Year's resolutions. If it isn't important enough to do before New Years, there is probably not a really good reason for doing it after New Years.

Even so, there are things happening in the new year at Summit. The Strategic Planning Committee is undergoing its final formulation. After we've received input from the Visioning Wall, our multiple committees and groups, and each individual person, we hope to have a plan for the congregation to consider in May. Also, our 25th Anniversary as a congregation will be celebrated in 2013. We have established a Communications and Public Outreach Committee, a Denominational Affairs Committee, and a Planned Giving Committee, among other new endeavors. We are lucky to have members and friends who have taken up these challenges and opportunities to help us grow as a congregation.

As the President of the Board, I have been very fortunate. I cannot imagine a better group of people to work with. I have witnessed a great generosity of spirit among the people at Summit. Because of that, I can truly say, "My life goes on in endless song..."

Thanks, Pierre Vaughn

Meet Your New Denominational Affairs Committee

A new committee has been established at Summit, approved by our Board of Directors. We held our first meeting in December 2012. We are still considering what its official name will be.

What the Denominational Affairs Committee will do:

Mostly it will educate, inform, and encourage Summit's ongoing support of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations.

Why have a Denominational Affairs Committee?

Our purpose is to help maintain and deepen a vital relationship with the UUA, its ministers, and UUA services that benefit our congregations. We will serve to build stronger bridges of connection and communication with the world and opportunities for service beyond our Fellowship. The committee will be coordinating its activities with other Summit committees and groups, like the Social Action Committee.

We will also be working to help Summitarians become more aware of, and participate in, the business of our Pacific Southwest District, our annual General Assembly, and our local cluster of six UU congregations in the San Diego area. This year our district will be meeting with the others in April 2013 at San Jose, including a district that encompasses the states of Washington and Oregon.

You can expect to hear much more from the committee about dates of annual meetings and how to apply to be a delegate representing Summit at the assemblies. Please watch for our notices and announcements about all of the exciting things that will be happening in the UUA in 2013.

For now, I encourage you to go to www.uua.org to learn more about the UUA and to find resources that support our congregations.

Jennifer White, Interim Chair

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

An Update from Summit's Nominating Committee

Annually the Nominating Committee is required to inform the congregation about how it operates, who is on it, and invite input from the congregation for positions of leadership on its Board of Directors and other Committees as required in our Bylaws. When there are openings on the Nominating Committee, Summit's Board of Directors nominates prospective members of the Nominating Committee to the congregation for its consideration and vote.

With respect to the Nominations committee all of its members remain eligible to serve in the coming fiscal year 2013-14, and all have indicated willingness to continue.

Specifically, the Term status of each member of the Nominating Committee is as shown below:

- (1) Mark Bryning- year 1 (of 2-year term) - year 2 (of 2-year term) - Will term out (6/ 2014)
- (2) Barbara Sorenson- year 1 (of 2-year term) - year 2 (of 2-year term) - Will term out (6/ 2014)
- (3) Ed Henry- year 1 (of 2-year term) - year 2 (of 2-year term) - Will term out (6/ 2014)
- (4) Mary Dryden- year 2 (of 2-year term)- Eligible to serve second 2-year term
- (5) Jeff Garvey - year 2 (of 2-year term)- Eligible to serve second 2-year term

As we begin the second half of our fiscal year, it is time for the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee to help our congregation identify and enlist leaders for the next fiscal year for the following, as needed:

- Board of Directors
- Endowment Fund Trustee(s)
- Ministerial Search Committee (if one is required).

The Board notifies the Nominations committee of vacancies on these committees, which helps the Nominating Committee insure that those who are eligible to serve on these committees are able and willing to do so and that the new people it recommends to the congregation at its next annual meeting in June 2013 meet the requirements of the Bylaws (See below. The Summit Bylaws can be found in their entirety on our website, SUUF.org and make interesting bed-time reading!)

It is the understanding of the Nominations committee Chair, Mark Bryning, that the status of current Board members with respect to **term limits** is as follows:

Board Officers-

President Pierre Vaughn is eligible to continue serving on the Board, but, after fulfilling a second term, will not be eligible to continue as President.

Vice President Jennifer Gorman is eligible to continue serving on the Board, but not eligible to continue as Vice President.

Secretary Connie Henry is eligible to continue serving on the Board and eligible to continue as Secretary.

Treasurer John McQuaide is eligible to continue serving on the Board and eligible to continue as Treasurer.

General Board Members-

Pat Bryning remains eligible to continue and hold any position.

Lisa Garvey remains eligible to continue and hold any position.

Sandy Bernstein remains eligible to continue and hold any position.

LaMar Rogers remains eligible to continue and hold any position.

Barbara Jania-Smith has fulfilled her allowed terms of service and will retire from the Board.

It is, therefore, the understanding of the Nominating Committee it will need to recommend leaders to fill the following vacancies on the Board of Directors:

- One new director and general member
- The positions of President and Vice President, each of whom, after serving in these positions, will be eligible to continue serving on the Board as a general member or in a

different officer position.

The Nominating Committee requests that the Board notify the Nominations Committee by March 1st as to whether or not eligible board members who have NOT termed out remain willing to continue serving on the Board.

The Nominations committee looks forward to further guidance from the Board, and remains open to any inquiries or input from members of the congregation.

Respectfully,
Mark Bryning, chair, Nominating Committee

Bylaws Regarding Nominations

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five voting members of the Fellowship, none of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall nominate 5 (five) candidates for the Nominating Committee and shall place their names on the ballot for election by the Fellowship. Notice shall be given pursuant to Article V, Section 3. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. All candidates must consent to be nominated in either written or verbal form.

Terms of Nominating Committee members elected at the Annual Meeting shall begin on July 1. Members of the Nominating Committee shall serve for 2 (two) years and may be re-elected to serve a second 2-year term. Terms shall be staggered with 3 (three) members' terms expiring one year and 2 (two) members' terms expiring the next year. The Committee shall nominate candidates for the Board of Directors, with the consent of each nominee, for each Officer's and Director's position, and shall provide assistance to the Secretary, as requested, in conducting elections.

If a position on the Nominating Committee becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next July 1 when a replacement shall be elected to complete the term.

Section 2. Nominations of Officers and Directors

Nominations for Officers and Directors may be made in two ways:

- (a) Nominations by Committee: As stated in this article, Section 1, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate, with that person's consent, for each Officer's and Director's position. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be nominated for an Officer's or Director's position by the Nominating Committee. A member of the Nominating Committee may, however, be nominated from the floor. Nominations by the Nominating Committee shall be announced in the written notice of the Congregational Meeting at which the elections will be held pursuant to Article V, Section 3; and

(b) Nominations from the floor: Nominations shall not be closed until an opportunity has been given to the members at the Congregational Meeting to make further nominations, with each nominee's consent, either in written or verbal form.

Section 3. Elections

Elections shall be conducted by the Secretary.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL

Children's Religious Exploration News

Once again a new year is upon us and the 2012-13 Religious Exploration year is half-way over. We have been very busy this fall in our children and youth programs. I just seem to get my office straightened up when the next tidal wave of activity starts and all is creative chaos again. It feels like there are not enough minutes in a week to get it all done, but somehow it comes together. The joy and enthusiasm that I see coming from our parents, volunteers, children and youth make it all very rewarding so I'm ready to go again on to the next challenge!

This New Year starts off with a big challenge for me and our youth. We are off to Camp deBenneville for Senior High Winter Camp. This year the theme is "Camp ApUUcalypse!", a winter weekend of survival and growth. This is fitting for me as it will be my first time at youth camp as an adult staff member. As a youth I have gone to many camps before, so this is a switch for me. We have nine youth from Summit going this winter – this is more than the bigger churches in our cluster! Our youth are so excited and thrilled to go. The scholarship donations and fundraising that Summit has supported have made this possible for them and they are so very grateful for the support and financial help. Without the scholarship fund many could not go at all.

I hope that you will indulge me as I take a moment to get onto my camp soapbox to preach the gospel of UU camp for our youth. The weeks up in the mountains with other UU youth from all over the district can be incredible for our youth. It's at camp that they realize there are other young people that accept them for who they are with no judgment. They find like-minded friends, and friends that challenge them to expand their horizons. It is a safe place for growth and to explore their spirituality and to find others that have similar spiritual paths. Many have told me that last summer's camp experience was a transformative experience. While at winter camp they will participate in raps and workshops, create acts to share at the talent show and worship services, participate in snow play and hang out drinking cocoa around the lodge fire. At camp they will make friendships that will last a lifetime, and discover what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

The next big project that our youth group is working on is the Summit Prom. This year they have taken it on as a camp scholarship fundraiser. (With nine going to camp we need more fundraising!) They are working with their parents and the Youth Group Adviser team to create a magical night for Summit adults. Although the youths are hosting the Prom, it is an adult event. The Prom will be on January 26 so save the date. Tickets will be on sale after the service starting on January 6. Please plan to come to support our youth and to have a fun night out!

CRE Events in 2013:

Jan 11 – Teaching Team Dinner for all RE Volunteers

PROM – Jan 26

Sr. High OWL @ FUUSD starts – Jan 20 & 27 – Parent Orientation

Feb 2-April 13 – OWL Classes

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

Youth Service – Feb 10

Bright Blessings,
Mary Carter-Vail / Summitdre@gmail.com
Dir. of Children's Religious Exploration

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, January 11th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, January 19th, 10:00 a.m. to noon in one of the CRE classrooms. 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.

A Prominent African-American Scholar and Lecturer comes to Summit.

On Saturday January 19th, The Rev. Dr. Will Coleman, a guest minister from Atlanta, Georgia and colleague of Rev. Frank, will provide a morning (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and an afternoon (2:00-4:00 p.m.) seminar for anyone who is interested in learning more about the history of the African Diaspora and slavery, the Civil Rights movement in America, and the character of African- American and African-Caribbean spirituality. Dr. Coleman holds a B.A. from Rhodes College, an M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, California. Dr. Coleman's fields of scholarship include systematic and dogmatic theology, interpretation theory, the philosophy of religion, and he lectures frequently about African-American religious history and spirituality. He is the author of *Tribal Talk: Black Theology, Hermeneutics and African-American Ways of "Telling the Story."* Admission is free and open to anyone, but any donations to help cover the cost of Dr. Coleman's time with us will be gratefully accepted. –Rev. Frank

On Sunday, January 27th, Summit's Committee on Ministry encourages all fellowship members and friends to attend a workshop on Conflict Transformation from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. We will begin with a light lunch in the Summit Salon and move to the Sanctuary. We will cover the basics of non-violent communication, reflect on the different ways we naturally respond to conflict, and learn about the Conflict Management Continuum. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Office to register.

~ Delving Deeper Into Our Living Tradition: Am I a Humanist?

This class will meet three times. At each gathering there will be a presentation by Rev. Frank and a discussion of Mason Olds' book, *American Religious Humanism* (Revised Edition), University Press of America, 1977. Meetings will be on Thursdays, January 31st, February 28th, and March 28th, 2013. Each class will meet on those dates at 10:00-11:30 a.m. and be repeated in the evening, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Copies of Olds' book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

~ Spiritual Praxis Group: Starting with the Four Agreements

Beginning January 15th, and thereafter on the Second Tuesday of each month, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Rev. Frank will be facilitating an experiential group for people who are interested in UU-friendly spiritual practices. The group will begin with an in-depth study and application of some of the practices behind Miguel Ruiz's best selling book, *The Four Agreements*. Warning! This group will be intense and personal and only of interest to people who are wanting to go deep and find a greater degree of personal freedom in their lives.

Meditation - Wed., 8:30 a.m. -Salon; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. -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 been 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 winter.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Hospitality

January 13th, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. All Summit members involved in Sunday morning hospitality—this includes Greeters, Ushers and Host Table Volunteers—are encouraged to attend a light lunch and workshop and problem-solving session facilitated by Rev. Frank and the Membership Committee. Please contact the Office to let us know of your plan to attend.

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., January 8th at 1:00 p.m.

(due to the holiday)

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

Thank you!

As 2012 draws to a close, the Social Action Committee wishes to thank you all for your generosity and willingness to contribute to a worthy cause each month. This year we have supported Amnesty International, Colegio la Esperanza, the Interfaith Shelter, the Wounded Warrior Project, Veterans' Village and Crisis House, and have sent our teens to camp and our used shoes to Rosarito! Together we are making a difference.

Summitarians acting locally:

January SAC collection: It's PB&J time! Our annual Peanut Butter and Jelly collection is coming up on January 20th. Next time you're at Costco or the supermarket, remember to pick up a jar or two and we'll collect them for Crisis House. Bread and honey are welcome too. These staples will be taken to Crisis House to provide many low cost, high protein meals for families in need.

December SAC collection: Summit "adopted" three families for the holidays this year, and we collected over fifty gifts and approximately \$850 in gift cards! Your generosity has made this holiday season special for our neighbors in need.

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 or holiday shopping, and drop them in the basket on Sunday?

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.

Social Action Sunday: The third Sunday of the month (January 20th) 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.

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

♥ Please keep Jai and Suzanne Ghorpade in your hearts and minds. Jai suffered 2 strokes in December and is recovering at Villa Las Palmas, 622 S. Anza, El Cajon. He is mostly non-

responsive but it is good to have friends talking to him. The doctors say to keep your conversation simple and short.

Hiking Group

We would like to invite you to join our hiking group and take pleasure in the great outdoors. Our next hike is on Sunday, Jan. 6th at 1:00 pm. If you would like to join us please e-mail Kerstin Crowe. We will send out a group e-mail with more detailed instructions before the hike. Hope to see you, Kerstin Crowe and family.

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, at trishzwei@gmail.com.

Another Way to Be Enlightened:

This newsletter is our monthly *Scene at Summit*. If you would like to receive Summit's weekly eNews, or to contribute, contact Pam Kerr at Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net with your article by Wednesday evening.

* Please include the day, date, time, location, and contact information.

* If you have a picture to include, send it in!

Editor: Pam Kerr, Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net

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 Wednesday evening of each week.

SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Book Club

Hello Summit Book Club Readers,

I just received a note from Al Mork, alerting me to the fact that the "officially" scheduled meeting of our group is scheduled for January 1st (also known as New Year's Day.) Maybe this

would *not* be the best night for our Book Club to meet! We are now scheduled to meet Tuesday night the 8th of January at 7:00 pm. The book we are currently reading is *An Object of Beauty* by Steve Martin.

Choir Notes...

Choir practice will now start at 6:30 and go to 8:00 pm. If you are interested in joining, please email or text Jill Reis, Choir Director at jillerinr@gmail.com or 619-244-6965.

Earth Centered Spirituality Group 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.' Contact: Lynn Manyfires. All are welcome! (no politics please) Next gathering will be at 10:00 am on January 19th in the Salon.

Economics and Current Affairs Program ...

On January 17th, the Economics and Current affairs group will present a video by Noam Chomsky presenting a point of view very different from that normally accepted by the American public.

PS: Here is the beginning of his Bio from Wikipedia. Impressive!

Avram Noam Chomsky, (born December 7, 1928) is an American [linguist](#), [philosopher](#), [cognitive scientist](#), [logician](#), [historian](#), [political critic](#), and [activist](#). He is an [Institute Professor](#) and Professor ([Emeritus](#)) in the Department of Linguistics & Philosophy at [MIT](#), where he has worked for over 50 years. In addition to his work in linguistics, he has written on [war](#), [politics](#), and [mass media](#), and is the author of over 100 books. He has been described as a prominent cultural figure, and he was voted the "world's top public intellectual" in a 2005 poll. His work has influenced fields such as computer science, mathematics, and psychology.

Freethinkers...

Will meet Monday, January 21st, 2013: Ron Curry will show slides and discuss memories of the "Korean War," especially those about the people and culture, and the very deep COLD. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Salon for coffee and discussion.

I'm Not Done Yet! (a.k.a. INDY) ...

Will meet January 22, 2013, 2:30 pm in the Salon. We are delving into the ways to feed and train our memories starting with a short course on DVD, and a discussion about healthy eating etc. all directed toward improving and maintaining our memories. Bring your concerns, ideas, and knowledge to share. We're going to be "wheezees," so you may as well be one, too.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

We meet in Summit's library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday (Dec. 10th) 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 January 17th, at 3:00 at a Club member's home. Contact Ed Davis or Roy McDonald for information and this month's location.

Tai-Chi Anyone?

Sponsored by the Meditation Group: Join us for Tai Chi bi-weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the Salon, starting January 10th. With 14 easy-to-learn positions, this "Meditation in Motion" improves circulation and balance, relieves stress and creates deep relaxation. Easy to learn and easy to practice, it's great for all ages. Any questions, please contact Lynn ManyFires.

UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship

Rev. Don Stouder and lay-theologian Chris Smith are co-leading a monthly program called UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship. It's a combination of historical-critical study of the Bible, 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 5:00 pm and lasting approximately one hour, and will be held in the Library.

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!! The PROM Is Coming!

The Summit Youth Group is sponsoring this year's prom as a fundraiser for Scholarships to UU Camp de Benneville Pines for next summer. Neal Biggart is the Coordinator working with our youth, as well as with parents and other Youth Advisors. This prom is for all of us, not just young people--a chance to dance, visit, and enjoy an evening out. And, our fabulous DJ, Mark Weedman, will spin music for all ages! To provide a supportive and caring environment for these wonderful young people, it will be an alcohol free evening.

Tickets will go on sale January 6th.

FROM WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO UU CLUSTER

Graying Gracefully
A Workshop With Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle
January 12, 2013 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

A workshop for senior women and men who wish to balance solitude and quest, joy and service, surrender and legacy as we navigate the final laps of our life-journey. There will be presentation, discussion, and dyadic sharing on the rich themes of finishing life well.



The Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle has completed 45 years of settled Unitarian Universalist ministry and is currently conducting workshops on personal and spiritual growth. He is a prolific author and his most recent book is *HOMESTRETCH: THE ART OF FINISHING LIFE WELL*.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, 1360 Solana Dr., Solana Beach, CA 92075 858-755-9225

Pre-registration Required. Fee \$25.00.

Registration form available at:

uufsd.org/2012/12/03/jan-12-graying-gracefully/

Registrations forms are also available on Sundays at UUFSD.

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Morning snack, water/coffee/tea provided. Bring your own lunch.