

**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**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**: *"Member's and Friend's Appreciation Breakfast-Service"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey, Toni Rogers, Connie Henry, Pierre Vaughn, and Jeff Garvey

Come join us as we honor you, experience children singing, have great table conversations, morning libations, a complimentary breakfast, and review whence we've come, what's happening now, and peek ahead at what we can expect to be involved in around Summit as we approach the conclusion of our 25<sup>th</sup> year. To get breakfast, pre-registration was required and is now closed... but come anyway!

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**: *"Climate Chaos – The Science of Climate Change and Its Challenges for Us"*

Linus Senhen and Neal Biggart

How has the climate been changing? What is causing it to change? What are scientific models now projecting about the impacts of climate change on our planet and our way of life? What are some of the major moral, political and religious issues related to climate change, and how might we UU's respond? Summit members Neal and Linus, have studied the scientific, political and ethical aspects of climate change.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**: *"Why We All Need Jesus!"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Many of us UU's have completely rejected the Christian scriptures and what they might have to teach us about faith and life, primarily because we associate them with the hypocrisy and destruction wrought by establishment Christianity over the past 1700 years or more. Rev. Frank will invite us to consider an alternative perspective, namely, that UUs can find tremendous inspiration and spiritual insight in the person and teachings of Jesus revealed in the New Testament. Alan and Betts McQuaide purchased the right to choose this Sunday's Sermon topic at last November's Auction. Come and see if the minister gets stumped on this one!

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**: *"Wake Up!"* Rev. Tom Owen-Towle

Who am I? Who are you? And who are we called to be, at this juncture in time, in this corner of the universe? The spiritual giants in human history offer a similar jumpstart: WAKE UP! From my latest book of the same title, I will offer various lessons to rouse us from our moral slumber and render our days and nights more bearable and beautiful...simply keep us in a state of conscious, deep awareness.

Our presenter for this Sunday is The Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle. Tom has been a parish minister since 1967, and served as Summit's interim minister from 2005-2007. He is the author of two dozen books on personal relationships and spiritual growth and is pleased, as always, to be returning to the pulpit of Summit UU Fellowship. His books will be available for purchase following the service.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**: *Easter Celebration Service for the Whole Community!* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

## FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

### **"Come Break Bread Together and Celebrate Each Other:**

*You're Invited* to a ***Members and Friends Appreciation Breakfast Service*** on Sunday, March 3rd from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Sanctuary to celebrate all we've accomplished together, to preview our upcoming 25th Anniversary festivities and to talk about the future of the Fellowship.

### ***Message from the President: Concerning Our Democratic Process***

The annual meeting of the Congregation is held in late May or Early June. At this meeting, the Congregation votes on the budget for the next fiscal year, votes on proposed candidates for the Board, Endowment Fund Trustees, and the Nominating Committee. In addition, it is our hope and expectation that the Congregation will be presented with a five-year strategic plan for its consideration.

At present, our democratic process includes the use of absentee and proxy ballots. In an effort to increase the transparency of this process, we have publicized the openings on the Board and Endowment fund. The Nominating Committee has proposed Barbara Brooks to fill the position of Vice President on the Board, and Victor White to fill the open Endowment Fund Trustee position. The remaining eight members on the Board will be carryovers from the current year. All nominations will be listed on the ballot, which will be included with the announcement of the congregational meeting. Under the bylaws, this announcement must be issued at least two weeks before the meeting.

Finally, the Board is asked to nominate candidates for the Nominating Committee. This committee consists of five members who hold two-year terms. Each member may stand for a second two-year term. The Board has been asked to nominate a candidate to replace one retiring member. We will be discussing this at our March meeting. As you may note, the Nominating Committee does important work. It has ultimate authority over who will be a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors or as a Trustee for the Endowment Fund. I invite any Summit member who has an interest in serving on the Nominating Committee to contact me, or any member of the Board. In addition, you may suggest another member. Of course, every nominee must first agree before their name will be offered to the Congregation.

I want to thank Barbara Brooks and Victor White for offering their service to the Congregation, as candidates for important offices. I also want to thank the Nominating Committee for its fine work and effort.

There will be many more openings on both the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee, beginning with the July 1, 2014 year. We will need new leaders to step forward. I hope you know that this means you.

Yours, Pierre Vaughn

## **Outcome of Summit's Visioning Focus Groups and Visioning Wall**

The responses from the Visioning Focus Groups on February 17th and the input from the Visioning Wall over the past few months is now available on Summit website! Just click on Our Vision or go to

[http://www.suuf.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=249&Itemid=257](http://www.suuf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=249&Itemid=257).

A big thank you goes out to all who participated. If you have questions, please contact Elinor Weed or Gwen Baldwin.

## **FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP: ALERT! PLEASE READ AND RESPOND!**

Immediately following you will find a proposed draft of something called "Our Summit Covenant of Right Relations." Included are an affirmation entitled "How We Will Live in Right Relationship" and recommended "Problem/Conflict Resolution Guidelines."

Written by our fellowship's Committee on Ministry (COM) "to provide a clear statement about how our values and principles can best be demonstrated through our actions," these are submitted to you and all Summit members for discussion, revision and refinement over the next few months. Eventually it is hoped that the Covenant and guidelines will be adopted by the congregation as policies that can help guide us all in living more lovingly and justly with each other.

Why do we need such a Covenant and guidelines? The Covenant can remind us of how we want to be with each other and our guests. "How We Will Live in Right Relationship" represents an affirmation of some important ways we can participate in intentionally building beloved community. The "Problem/Conflict Resolution Guidelines" remind us that each of us Summitarians shares the responsibility for resolving any conflict or problem that involves any of our members, friends and guests, and it provides different alternatives for addressing such problems or conflicts in a healthy and respectful manner. Beyond that, the adoption and active use of such a Covenant and guidelines is strongly recommended by our Association for every Unitarian Universalist congregation.

Send your responses and suggested revisions to Toni Rogers or Gary Baldwin and let's keep working on being the change we want to see in the world!

Namaste, ~ **Rev. Frank**

### **Covenant of Right Relations**

*Draft: 1/2013*

#### ***Purpose***

The goal of this covenant is to provide a clear statement about how our values and principles can best be demonstrated through our actions. "Covenant" is Latin for "come together" and means a "solemn agreement" or "promise from the heart" regarding a course of action between parties.

The well being of our congregation depends on a sense of fellowship among and between all within our community -- members, friends, minister, staff and youth -- whenever and wherever we worship, interact or work together.

## ***Covenant***

In practicing our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes and with Love as our guide, we covenant to:

- ◆ Welcome the stranger.
- ◆ Encourage and support one another.
- ◆ Honor our diversity.
- ◆ Ask questions with an open mind and heart.
- ◆ Listen deeply and seek understanding.
- ◆ Speak directly and compassionately when we have differences.
- ◆ Trust one another to remain in community while differences are resolved.

## ***How We Will Live in Right Relationship:***

In the interest of building beloved community:

- ◇ We will strive to create a sanctuary, a place of refuge where people can experience a space for reflection, safety in relationship, reverence, and the growth that comes with faith-in-action.
- ◇ We will ground our thoughts and actions in a spirit of compassion and peace, in our personal lives and relationships, in our fellowship, in our public witness, and in our advocacy for human rights.
- ◇ We will refrain from negative gossip and the spreading of unconfirmed rumors.
- ◇ We will each do our part to minimize destructive competition, manage conflict, and maximize cooperation.
- ◇ When conflict arises, we will name it and work through it together, in the service of building beloved community.
  - I will strive to seek and speak what is true, treating all with worth and dignity, and mindful of our covenant to act with care toward ourselves and others.
  - If I am aware that I am in conflict with someone, or that someone has hard feelings toward me, I will go to them alone to do what I can to be reconciled.
  - When someone approaches me with a criticism or complaint about another person, I will gently suggest that they go speak to the person with whom they are unhappy.
  - When someone approaches me with a criticism or complaint, I will listen carefully and

work for resolution of the problems that gave rise to their unhappiness.

- If I have attempted to resolve a conflict with another and failed, I will ask a neutral party to help me resolve the conflict through voluntary mediation (assisted negotiation). (COM is available to provide this service).

### ***Problem/Conflict Resolution Guidelines***

We recognize that conflict may arise from time to time and that, when it does, its management and resolution are paramount. Differences or misunderstandings that go unresolved and descend into prolonged conflict can threaten the social fabric of our Fellowship. Should unresolved conflicts arise, we covenant to follow the established Problem Resolution Guidelines.

1. How a conflict or problem is handled is the responsibility of all the parties involved.
2. If someone is aware of a problem or a conflict between them and another person or group in our fellowship, they are encouraged to go directly to them to resolve the issue and be reconciled.
3. Anyone who has, in good faith, attempted reconciliation with a member or friend of the fellowship and failed, OR who is afraid to meet with alone with such a member or friend of the fellowship, is encouraged to speak with our minister and/or seek support from the Committee on Ministry for assistance.
4. After attempting to resolve a problem or achieve reconciliation through direct or mediated negotiations, if the conflict persists, then grievances may be communicated as follows:
  - 1) in cases of staff conflicts, the people involved may go to the Personnel Committee.
  - 2) in cases where there is conflict with a contracted musician, the people involved may go to the Sunday Services Committee.
  - 3) in all other cases those involved are encouraged to go to COM or Board President for review and investigation of the problem, and an arbitrated decision.
  - 4) In any case, after all other avenues have been exhausted, the Board of Directors or a majority of the members of the congregation may refer a grievance to the congregation-as-a-whole where it will hear and render a judgment for how a conflict will be resolved.

### **From the Denominational Connection Committee**

It is time to prepare if you are planning on attending the Pacific Western Regional assembly. For the first year, our Pacific Southwest District congregations (meets once a year) are gathering with other

states in the West to come together as a larger community. It is a great opportunity to celebrate, learn, grow and meet other UUs sharing this event. The Theme this year is “Big Faith, No Borders.”

The weekend assembly meeting is in San Jose, CA, April 26-28 at the Doubletree by Hilton. There will be UU speakers, worship, 1day of themed workshops (“Get Religion,” “Grow Leaders,” and “Cross Borders”) as well as interesting topics in individual workshops. The attendees will hear a forum from the 2 candidates for Moderator of the UUA, to be elected at the yearly, nationwide General Assembly in June.

From Summit, we know that Rev. Frank, Jennifer Gorman (Board VP), Jennifer White, Mary Carter-Vail (Director of CRE) are going as delegates (to vote on business and other issues) and 1 Summit youth is attending. Join us, you can come as an attendee. It is an amazing event!

Deadline for registration is March 31st (about \$160 for adult, \$85 for senior youth) and hotel reservations are selling out at \$99 a night. For more information go to:

[www.pwruua.org/pacific-western-regional-assembly-2013/](http://www.pwruua.org/pacific-western-regional-assembly-2013/) or contact Jennifer White, Interim Chair of Denomination Connections Committee.

NOTE: Watch for more denominational announcements in the e-news, Summit website and our DCC information and news on the kiosk. For more UUA information see [uua.org](http://uua.org).

## **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)

## **RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL**

### **Children’s Religious Exploration News**

What is a covenant? At the beginning of our Religious Exploration “school year” or at the start of the summer program, each classroom or group creates a classroom covenant. The covenant is created by the children and their teaching team working together to come up with a set of rules or agreements that they will use when they are in the classroom community. As Unitarian Universalists “we covenant to affirm and promote our seven principles and purposes.” Summit UU Fellowship is currently developing a Covenant of Right Relations. All of these various covenants are tools used by a community that are mutually agreed upon to guide us in our work together.

When youth attend a UU Camp or Con (youth convention), a covenant is created for their time together. They have their own unique culture and included some elements that were new to me like: “Don’t yuck some else’s yum.” This means that if someone is excited about having mash potatoes for dinner and you are not, you would not say “Gross, you like mash potatoes? Yuck!” At this past winter camp part of that agreement included awareness that to break the group covenant was to break community. At times there were challenges that the youth staff addressed by returning to the covenant. It was a great example of our faith in action.

As we consider our Covenant of Right Relations I thought it might be valuable to share what each of our classrooms has created as their covenants. Each time a new class is formed the children and

teaching team create a covenant that is unique to the culture of their classroom. They work together to create a covenant document that all of them sign and is posted in the classroom for the duration of the term. Behavior is not always perfect. Sometimes the teaching team finds it necessary to go over the covenant with the group again to remind them of their agreement. Sometimes changes need to be made and agreed upon by the group. Their covenants are living documents that allow them to work together.

Here are some examples of a few of the covenants posted in the classrooms this year:

Moral Tales – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group:

We covenant together to

- ◇ Be respectful to people
- ◇ Be respectful to property
- ◇ Be respectful to animals
- ◇ Be respectful to ourselves
- ◇ Listen when others speak

Tool Box of Faith – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade group:

We use the democratic process.

We respect each other:

- ◇ Every class starts with a Chalice Lighting.
- ◇ Use the tool of the week when one person needs to talk.
- ◇ We listen when someone really want to say something.

Building Bridges – Middle School Youth

- ◇ We will share our ideas
- ◇ Listen to & respect each other
- ◇ Everyone participates
- ◇ Be kind to everyone

Summit Sr. High Youth Group Covenant

- ◇ Respect
- ◇ Honor
- ◇ Dignity
- ◇ Commitment
- ◇ Involvement
- ◇ Participation
- ◇ Patriotism/Loyalty
- ◇ Awareness

As you can see by reading each of these covenants, each is unique to its own community. As we work together to create a Covenant of Right Relations for Summit UU Fellowship, we need to reflect on our community and how we want to be with each other. Will we have conflict? Yes. Will we have disagreements? Of course we will. The promises and commitments people make to each other in the context of a religious community are an affirmation of shared needs, values, purposes and principles.

A covenant lays the groundwork for dealing with issues when they arise. I encourage all of us to read and reflect on the Covenant of Right Relations, presented at the Feb. 24th service, and to be part of the creative process.

***CRE Events in 2013:***

***Sr. High Our Whole Lives @ FUUSD - Feb 2-April 13 – OWL Classes***

***Children's Religious Exploration Committee Meeting March 3 @ 12 noon***

***March 23 – April 6 – Interfaith Shelter***

***Youth Service – April 14***

***Rainbow Salad Bar – April 14***

Bright Blessings, Mary Carter-Vail / [Summitdre@gmail.com](mailto: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, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

**Poetry Workshop:** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am in the 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.

### **~ 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. The next meetings will be on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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**

We meet on the Second Tuesday (Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>) 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 Still 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 soon.

## **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., March 5<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.

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

Helping Others in East County and Beyond

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

**February canned food drive:** Summit is pairing with the Santee Food Bank to provide canned food for local residents who have trouble making ends meet. Our first canned food drive has been successful. We doubled our collection goal by filling four Santee Food Bank barrels! SAC has decided to sponsor canned food collections in the future. Thank you all for filling those barrels with food!

**Interfaith Shelter-** SAC is supporting the Interfaith Shelter committee in preparing to host shelter guests from March 23 – April 6. A diverse list of community partners are on board to help provide food and other assistance, and all is proceeding well.

### **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:** March's Social Action Sunday may be rescheduled from our usual third Sunday at 8:30. Visitors are welcome- please contact Rosemary Morrison to confirm the date.

### **Summit Interfaith Shelter News**

Our Interfaith Shelter support this year will be: the Kurdish Islamic Mosque on Broadway in El Cajon for Tuesday, March 26th and Thursday, March 28th; the Philippine Nurses Association on Tuesday April 2nd; and the Chinese Community Church on Thursday April 4th. Summit recently received an offer of support from the Santee Methodist Church on Magnolia. They too will join us by preparing an evening meal for our Shelter and providing overnights, the exact date to be confirmed. We appreciate the East County and greater San Diego community support and look forward to meeting our neighbors! The March Shelter planning meetings will all be in the library on March 6th, March 13th and March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up for our fun and important jobs. The sign-up clip board is in the Summit Office during the week. The large sign-up posters will be at the Salon on Sundays. **YOU** are the ones who make our Summit Interfaith Shelter a reality.

Thank you! Barbara Brooks Nutter and the Shelter Planning Committee

## WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

### **Member & Friend News**

- ♥ Suzanne Ghorpade would like to inform Jai's visitors that the flu is going through Villa Las Palmas, where Jai is being cared for. It would be wise to wait a few weeks before visiting again.
- ♥ Please keep Pam Kerr and her family in your hearts and minds at this time. Pam's mother passed away on Feb. 24th.
- ♥ Remember Eleanor Simmonds and Carol Straubinger as they undergo medical care.
- ♥ Linda Peck thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers for her semi-daughter-in-law when she had the motorcycle accident in November. Jennifer has recovered wonderfully!

### **Hiking Group**

We're planning our next hike and would like to invite you to join our hiking group and take pleasure in the great outdoors. On Sunday March 17 at 1:00 p.m., we'll be hiking Sloan Canyon near Alpine. If you would like to join us and are not yet in our group e-mail, please e-mail us at [k.crowe4@cox.net](mailto:k.crowe4@cox.net). We will send out an e-mail with more detailed instructions before the hike.

Hope to see you there, 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.

## **To add your voice to the eNews**

Send your item to Suuf\_volunteer@sbcglobal.net by Wednesday morning

- \* Include the day, date, time, location, and contact information.
- \* Send your information in the body of the email
- \* If you have a picture include it, if you don't, feel free to suggest one, or leave it up to me

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**

Contact Elly Dotseth for information regarding March's book selection .

### **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.

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

-Thursday, March 21st, 2:00 pm in the Salon: Jack Shu will provide a talk about the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG), The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the legal problems they are encountering.

Jack will also present an alternative for SANDAG to adopt, the *50-10 Transit Plan*. This plan will help us catch up, building in the next 10 years, a transit network and major rail lines that have been identified by SANDAG, rather than delaying completion into the next 40 years. This will be a call for action on CNFF's *Transit First Campaign*.

### **Freethinkers...**

*"Spirit Possession, Trance & Ecstasy--What is Going On?"* Summit member, Ed Henry, retired Professor of Anthropology at SDSU, will give this presentation. Please join us on March 18th at 7:00 pm in the Salon.

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

Will meet March 26th, 2013, at 2:30 pm in the Salon. We are continuing to learn ways to feed and train our memories with a short course on DVD. This will be followed by discussion about healthy eating, etc., all directed toward improving and maintaining our memories. Bring your concerns, ideas, and knowledge to share.

## **Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

We meet in Summit's library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday (Feb. 11) 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.

## **Piano Club**

If you like to play piano, and for others to listen as you do, please join us on March 21st, 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 every week on Thursday mornings at 9:30am in the Salon. 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**

The UU Bible Study Class for Seekers and Skeptics has moved to the third Monday of every month in the SUUF Library from 7pm to 8:30pm. Led by Rev. Don Stouder, the group explores the historical, literary, and spiritual roots of the bible and how they apply in our culture and daily lives. Currently, the group is following the John Buehrens text titled "Understanding The Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals". Anyone is invited to join the group at any time; we promise to bring you up to speed! For more information, send an email to Don at [dstouder@ucsd.edu](mailto:dstouder@ucsd.edu).

Till next time, Namaste. Don Stouder

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Reproductive Justice**

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. from Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> and for six consecutive Fridays ending April 5, a UUA developed course entitled Reproductive Justice will be facilitated by Donna Daum. It is designed to help us all be rooted us in our religious history and theological callings. The six-week curriculum outlines:

- 1) the distinctions between reproductive "health," "rights," and "justice";
- 2) opens awareness of reproductive oppressions; offers opportunities to learn about ourselves and each other as sexual and reproductive beings;
- 3) and equips us to move forward, out into the world, with integrity and vision.

The following subjects will be covered:

Week 1: Introduction: What is Reproductive Justice?

Week 2: Inherent Worth and Dignity

Week 3: Reverence for Life

Week 4: Right of Conscience

Week 5: Sacred Sexuality

Week 6: Conclusion: Moving Forward

All adults are welcome and youth are encouraged with the permission of the parents. To check out the curriculum, Google: UUA Reproductive Justice

**—ATTENTION—** *The Scene at Summit's April 2013 edition*

**deadline will be *Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>*.**

**FROM WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO UU CLUSTER**

**Faith Communities Organizing for Justice, Equity and Compassion:**

**From First Nations to the New America**

**Saturday, March 16, 9am-12:30 pm,**

**First UU Church of San Diego, Bard Hall\*4190 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103**

Join us for a symposium on the connection between the 15th Century Doctrine of Discovery and the injustices faced by indigenous communities and immigrants today. This is an opportunity to deepen your historical understanding of the Doctrine of Discovery, to engage in discussion on its relevance to our lives and communities today, and to determine how we can take action with community partners on the pressing issues of Immigration Reform and Indigenous Rights. The symposium will feature speakers from several community organizations. Organized by the Social Justice Ministry Team, UU Larger Connections and Journey Toward Wholeness.

To **register** for the symposium, contact John Schaibly: [john@schaibly.com](mailto:john@schaibly.com). Please register soon, to guarantee your place at this important event.

**emma's revolution**

**Coming to UU Fellowship of San Dieguito**

UUFSD, 1036 Solana Beach Dr., Solana Beach, CA 92075

**Friday, March 22, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.**

Come hear the wonderful singer-songwriters responsible for such gems as *Swimming to the Other Side* and *Keep on Moving Forward*. Their songs have been sung for the Dali Lama, praised by Pete Seeger,

and recorded by Holly Near. Described as Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart with guitars, they will provide an inspiring and enjoyable evening.

**Tickets are \$18 in advance; \$22 at the door.  
Available at <http://emmasrevolution.com/live>.**

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