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Sunday Services 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Mar. 2: *"Coming to Ground"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

What would be left if you were able to strip away all of the cultural conditioning you've undergone, all of the social masks you've learned to wear so well, all of the pretenses which you so instinctively believe are necessary for your survival, success, sanity or salvation? Come join us in celebrating our community in a variety of ways, as we reflect on this question together.

Mar. 9: *"Leaders for the Journey"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Almost all of us are leaders at one time or another, in one context or another. What are the characteristics of a good leader? What gifts and skills and talents would you like to use in making the world a better place? How can you continue to learn and grow as a Leader through your participation in our Summit Community? Come for some soul-searching and self-reflection about your own path to leadership.

Mar. 16: *"Working the 12-Steps as a Spiritual Practice"* **Mr. Mark Weedman**, Summit Member

Join us as we reflect with Mark on working the 12 steps in the tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous. Mark will focus on the question 'what is addiction?' He will also share some successes by way of the 12 step method while describing some step 1 and step 2 personal experiences. Please note that this sermon will not be uploaded to the Summit website.

Mar. 23: “No more Groveling!”

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

This Sunday features the topic chosen by Summitterian Pierre Vaughn, top bidder for this year’s Summit Auction Sermon. Many of us have experienced or witnessed the false humility and humiliation that can be fostered in some religious communities. In this reflection, Rev. Frank will challenge us to lay aside our self-denigration and martyr complexes, claim our place in the world as people of dignity and worth, and look our gods squarely in the eye—creator to creator-- without flinching.

Mar. 30: “Sneak Preview!”

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey & Chaplain Christina Shu

Christina Shu, a child of our congregation and Lead Interfaith Chaplain at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, will be our guest preacher this Sunday. She is being ordained as a Unitarian Universalist Minister on April 13th at Neighborhood Church in Pasadena, and, in anticipation of this great occasion, the Summit Community will be celebrating her call, giving our own special blessing to her vocation in ministry, and enjoying the good news she has to share with us from our pulpit.

-ATTENTION - *The Scene at Summit’s*

April 2014 edition deadline will be

Monday, March 24th.

FROM THE MINISTER’S ROLLTOP:

“Mindful Living, Mindful Dying”



This month, on Saturday March 29th from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Summit will be hosting a seminar that will help participants reflect deeply and directly about death and its inevitability in our lives. Entitled, “Mindful Living, Mindful Dying,” in our time together we will engage in honest conversations about death. We will grapple with some of the major challenges that confront us as we and our loved ones prepare to die. We will consider important decisions that often need to be made as death approaches. We will learn about ways available to help us live life fully, up until our final exit.

Here are some of the specific questions that will be addressed in the seminar:

- What does a “good death” look like?
- What are some helpful things to know about the spiritual care of the dying?
- What kinds of care are available to me or a loved one when terminal illness strikes?
- What legacies will I want to leave and how can I ensure their transmission?
- What spiritual and moral issues need to be considered when someone is considering taking his or her own life?

Anyone is welcome to attend this event free of charge, but we ask that you please register beforehand with the Summit Office (619) 562-0833.

Live long and prosper!

Namaste, ~ Rev. Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

From Your President

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all Summitarians who were able to attend the Congregational Meeting, participate in the democratic process, and vote. The two ballot measures, both bylaws changes, passed by the required 2/3 majority of those voting.

That being said, for our next election and vote, at the Annual Congregational Meeting on 6/1/14, the only way to vote if you are unable to attend is to file a Proxy form to assign another trusted member to cast your vote for you, after hearing the discussion and any added nominees for board or other elected positions. At that meeting, we will elect new board directors and officers, new Nominating Committee members, and new Endowment Fund Trustees, in addition to voting for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, and possibly other items not yet determined. It will be a very important meeting and I look forward to seeing most of you there!

CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Frank Placone-Wiley on being approved by the Unitarian Universalist Association for his Final Fellowship status! We are very proud of you, Frank, and extremely fortunate to have called you as our Minister. You have added and continue to add much to Summit's community and spiritual growth.

I look forward to continuing to serve you all to the best of my ability!

~ Jennifer Gorman, Board President

Denominational Connections Committee

All Summitarians YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Pacific Southwest DISTRICT ASSEMBLY (DA) 2014

- REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT pswduua.org**, choice of online or mail in form.
Register in advance by April 4 to avoid late fees are charged.

Where and When:

- Starts April 25 (Friday) evening until April 26 (Saturday) about 6:00pm

☒ First UU Church of San Diego on Front Street in Hillcrest.

☒ **The Theme is: “Growing Our Future”** and the key note speaker will be the **Rev. Meg Riley**, the UUA’s Church of the Larger Fellowship’s Senior Minister. In addition, there will be a worship service on Saturday, 16 stimulating workshops, a program for Youth, a simple breakfast and lunch, and ample opportunity for learning and networking with UUs from the Pacific Southwest District’s 50 congregations. **The Cost:** adults for the two-day event is \$75, see all the other rates at the site. You can come only Friday evening, only Saturday or full time.

☒ The youth program will include staying overnight and a Bridging ceremony on Saturday for high school seniors. Youths must have a parent or an adult sponsor attending. Some scholarships from the District or Summit are available.

☒ Also, if you would like to have a dinner on Friday night, it is only \$10.

☒ If you are interested in being a Summit delegate (for voting on business items) you must be a member of Summit and be willing to attend all plenary meetings. Contact a board member or Jennifer White, chair of the Denominational Connections Committee, if you have questions that the website doesn't answer.

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.summituuf.org.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL

Children’s Religious Exploration News

At the end of February I had the opportunity to participate in my third Renaissance Module training. These fifteen-hour-long intensive workshops have been created by the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Religious Educators, to provide quality learning experiences where Religious Educators can build their skills while learning and working together to grow our faith. These skills are also recognized as “learning units” for the Director of Religious Education Credentialing Program.

On Thurs., Feb 20th I headed up to Orange County UU Church to participate in the Teacher Development unit. I found this training to be one of the most valuable so far as the focus was on supporting teachers, children, youth and adults as seekers and learners. We focused on five main areas:

1. What shapes us as teachers and learners
2. Teachers as learners and seekers
3. Supporting children, youth and adults as learners and seekers
4. Toolkit for teachers – resources for support

5. Creating a group project to share and implement what we had learned together

Much of what was shared is already being implemented at Summit. There are two pieces of this training that struck me as incredibly valuable, that I would like to tell you about. They are the *Shared Praxis Model* that has been used as the basis for inquiry and *Teaching as a Spiritual Act*.

Shared Praxis was developed by Thomas Green and is a wonderful framework for sharing information and building community. This format has had the most influence on our UU curriculum and it is reflected in almost all that we do when we are exploring and learning. There are different variations but for use in our classrooms this is the basic structure and activities that are commonly used:

1. Focusing Activity – Lighting a chalice
2. Naming Your Own Knowing – Questions that invite learners to share their own lives or stories. – Check in
3. Critical Reflection – What is our group focus today? Why are we here? – Sets up the theme and ideas to be explored.
4. Story or Vision – The story from our faith tradition that illustrates the exploration for the lesson.
5. Dialectic – Questions and activities that encourage group exploration of the story or focus of the group time. – Can include discussion, activities, creativity and music and a way to further discovery.
6. Decision or response – Personal faith response to the theme. How will the individual or group use this experience in the larger community?

Seeing this structure was very helpful for me. (I recognized it and liked knowing the “why” of the structure of the *Tapestry of Faith* curriculum the UUA published and is used in our program.) It has also helped me simplify some of the longer lessons, so that teaching can be more spiritual and less academic.

The other area of exploration that was very powerful for me was the focus on *teaching as a spiritual act*. How does being with children nurture the teacher? This may seem like a radical idea but when a teacher approaches the material as a learner and a seeker, too, it can be a very transformative experience. I first experienced this when I was a nursery volunteer as a teen in my church back in Brunswick, Maine. Seeing a young child discover the unique beauty of a shell, something that was just ordinary to me at the time, turned into a spiritual experience because of the wonder and delight that this discovery was for this child. Children force us to declare truths large and small. They can be direct and expect honesty from the adults in their lives in a safe and caring way. While it is the teacher’s job to help a child explore the lesson on Sunday morning, it is also a time where we *explore ideas* and *build deeper connections together*. This idea takes the search for truth and meaning to a whole new level.

While many ideas were shared at the training, one thing was re-enforced for me: *We have an incredible group of dedicated Religious Exploration Teachers and Youth Advisers here at Summit.* My hope is to integrate some of the new skills and tools gained with what is already in place to provide greater support for those that give the gift of their time and love to our children and youth. Our Fellowship is a place where all ages are valued and together we build a beloved community.

CRE Events in 2014:

☒ ***Jan 26 & Feb 2 to March 23 - 1st & 2nd 5th & 6th grade OWL @ SUUF***

☒ ***Jr. High OWL @ FUUSD starts – Feb 1-April 6 – OWL Classes***

☒ ***March 2- CRE Committee Meeting – 12 noon in RE area***

☒ ***Feb 2 – Youth Action Kommittee Meeting & Pizza Lunch – 12 noon in Youth Group room.***

☒ ***March 8 – Secret Pals Starts***

☒ ***March 16 – Empty Bowls Lunch***

☒ ***March 28-30 – Social Action Con in the Orange County area***

☒ ***April – 6 Youth Service***

☒ ***April 6- CRE Committee Meeting – 12 noon in RE area***

☒ ***April 12- 26 Interfaith Shelter in the RE area***

☒ ***April 20 – Hat Parade and Spring Egg Hunt***

☒ ***April 25-27 – PSWD District Assembly here in San Diego!***

Bright Blessings and a Happy New Year,

Mary Carter-Vail, 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: Fri., Mar. 14th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, Mar. 15th in the Summit library at 10:00 am. Please call Margo Mariana at 619-465-7909 if you interested in participating. All levels of writing experience are welcome.

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

Meditation is a practice, and needs to be practiced, like anything worth doing. We sit in chairs, in meditation and/or silent prayer for the concerns of our hearts or of others who have asked to be

remembered. You needn't be experienced. We are lifted by the shared intention and spiritual energy of one another.

Upcoming Adult Learning Programs and Activities

You might want to calendar the following special programs and classes now, and certainly stay tuned for more information about upcoming offerings by me, other Summitarians and very special guests in this new year of religious exploration. ~Rev. Frank

Spiritual Praxis Group meets in the Summit Salon from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Tuesday, March 11th**. In this meeting we will continue with discussion of Rick Hanson, Ph.D.'s book, *Buddha's Brain*, and chapters 18-22 in his book of spiritual reflections and exercises, entitled *Just One Thing*.

"The Big Questions" This study group, facilitated by Bernard Samtoy, M.D. and Rev. Frank Placone-Willey, Ph.D., will meet in the Summit Sanctuary on the 4th Friday (March 28th) of each month from September 2013 through May 2014, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will read and discuss brief essays by scientists, religious scholars and philosophers, all commissioned by the Templeton Foundation. The Essays will help us focus our discussion on the following BIG questions:

- 1) "Does the Universe have a Purpose?"
- 2) Does evolution explain Human Nature?
- 3) Does Moral Action depend upon Reasoning?
- 4) Does Science make belief in God obsolete?

Tai Chi Chih is available on Fridays NOW!

...8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Join us as we improve our flexibility, strengthen our balance and calm. You'll be glad you did! Although T'ai Chi Chih is slow and gentle and doesn't leave you breathless, it does focus your attention on the key areas of your overall health and well-being - muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and improved breathing. Please join us!

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Caring Committee

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page, 619-660-9690, and Vic White, 619-543-9890, 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 Has Changed the Day and Time

We will meet Saturday, March 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room in the office area. All are invited! If you like to knit, crochet, or quilt, please join us. 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 information.

Social Action Corner - *Service Is Our Prayer*

Helping Others in East County and Beyond

Summitarians acting locally:

HUNGER! The theme for social action at Summit this year is hunger. Did you know that 1 in 6 Americans face hunger daily? Or that 17 million US households are food insecure? Or that nearly 460,000 people in San Diego County are impacted by hunger, including more than 162,000 children?

February Collection: During the month of February, SAC collected nonperishable food for the Santee Food bank- at last count, five and a half barrels have been filled (surpassing our goal) and a portion of that has already been delivered to the food bank. Your generosity helps our neighbors, and we thank you.

How Can You Help Summit's Social Action Efforts?

Empty Bowls Event - After the service on Sunday, March 16th, an Empty Bowls event will take place in the Salon to celebrate 25 years of Social Action at Summit. Please mark your calendars! Empty Bowls is a national program through which ceramic bowls are sold along with a simple meal of soup and bread, with all proceeds going to organizations working to end hunger and food insecurity. Prices will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 6-12, including a handmade ceramic bowl. Ages 5 and under can eat for free.

Habitat for Humanity- Alliant University (psychology student chapter) is organizing a Habitat for Humanity build in National City on Tuesday, March 25, from 8:00-3:00 and welcome additional volunteers. For more information contact Erin Doherty.

Social Action Sunday: Summit's SAC normally meets on the third Sunday of the month after the service, but in March we'll be meeting on the fourth Sunday so we can all attend the Empty Bowls event! We welcome you to join us on March 23 for the next Social Action Committee meeting in the library at 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Gwen Baldwin, SAC chair.

Amnesty International

Hi all! We have moved our meeting time up to 6:30 instead of the 7:00 o'clock time we had been meeting. Our next meeting will be on February 24th at 6:30 pm in the Summit Salon. We look forward to seeing you!

SOCIAL ACTION FLASH: Summit Hosts the Interfaith Shelter

With the arrival of Spring, Summit's thoughts turn to hosting the Interfaith Shelter. This will be our 3rd year as a host for 12 to 15 homeless guests. Prior to being a host, Summit served as a Shelter support congregation to other churches for about 25 years.

Shelter headquarters provides this summary: “Through the cooperative efforts of 118 congregations in the greater San Diego, North County and South Bay areas, homeless guests were sheltered for more than 8,900 nights in 2013.” That’s 8,900 nights a human being did not have to spend the night on the street. “While participating with the Shelter program, these guests received intensive case management, career planning and budgeting workshops.” Their goal is to find housing and a job.

The guests are at Summit from 5 o’clock in the evening, sleep overnight on air-mattresses, and leave by 7:30 in the morning. We provide a potluck dinner, breakfast and a brown bag lunch. Our support churches and community organizations are the Chaldean Community Services of El Cajon, the Santee Methodist Church, the Philippine Nurses Association, the Chinese Community Church and the El Cajon Mosque. The dates for Summit’s Shelter are April 12 to April 26, the week before and the week after Easter.

Preparation has begun! Gary Baldwin and the teens made, and you bought, the much appreciated hygiene packs for the guests. Mary Carter-Vail and the children are again making cozy soft personal fleece blankets. The Shelter Planning Team: Al Mork, Barbara and Don Jania-Smith, Mary and Bob Dryden, Alissa Davis, Nancy Merrill and Barbara Brooks.

Hosting the Shelter is a VIP opportunity, a Very Important Possibility, to VOLUNTEER. The sign-ups for Shelter jobs will begin on Sunday, March 2nd. We will have poster boards listing the various jobs in the Salon, after the Service. Jobs range from bringing a potluck dinner item, breakfast and dinner set up and clean up, providing transportation to the trolley or laundromat, to being an overnighiter.

If you would like detailed descriptions of the jobs, please email Barbara Brooks. Although it’s hard to beat our last two years, let’s make 2014 our best Shelter ever! A HUGE thank you to everyone.

The Social Action Committee and the Shelter Planning Team

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

Please keep the following people in heart and mind:

- Mary Dryden as she recovers.
- Pierre Vaughn and Debbie Wingard as Pierre’s treatments continue.
- All in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, find work, and provide for their families in these difficult economic times.
- We NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION. Donate an hour or two of work. The Walden Project thrives on a patchwork of stitched-together good-will, cooperative spirits and helping hands!

Secret Pals is coming.... but we have to keep it all a secret.

All of you who signed up will soon be receiving your starter packet, assigned your secret animal and given a few suggestions about what to write about the first time. This is going to be such fun and we won't know who we're writing to until May 11th at the big breakfast and meet and greet.

Summit Now has a Memorial Garden

It is the patio area under the Chinese Elm Tree between the office wing and the salon. If families would like to have a paver stone in this garden dedicated to their departed Summit member, they may purchase the engraving for \$150. For this fee the first and last name and the month and year of birth and death would be put on the stone. The letters would be 1 1/2" high. Please contact me if you would like to have a paver stone carved for your loved one.

Suzanne McQuaide

Watch for the New Upcoming Landscape Feature!

Summit's children and youth will be creating a lasting contribution to our 25th anniversary celebration. Their mosaic *Founders Path* will provide a special place at Summit for all to contemplate, rejoice, be inspired, or just stroll. Mosaic designs will be put onto individual pavers during Sunday service on March 23rd and 30th. The path will be installed just before it's dedication on April 27th. Would you love to be part of the fun? Contact JoAnn Swanson for more information.

WANTED: Items for RE mosaic path project. Small river stones, **glass** bubbles, **colorful** ceramic and tile pieces, **colorful** glass dishes, broken or not. **Grout** of any color or amount. Lint free rags, old t-shirts etc. Old paint brushes, 1" or smaller. Paint stir sticks. Tile or grout sponges. Disposable gloves-**small**. Old shirts or smocks to protect clothing. Contact JoAnn Swanson.

Summit has a New Website !!!

Summit has a new website at summituuf.org. The old website at suuf.org has been discontinued.

The Website Committee is counting on you to do two things:

A. Go to the new site, look it over and give us suggestions for improvements and corrections.

In the second menu bar on summituuf.org you will see the menu item FEEDBACK.

Select and you will see a form where you can leave your suggestions.

B. If you are a friend or member of Summit, please Register. You can register by following the steps below:

- 1) Select Member Login in the menu on the home page.
- 2) Select the Register link above the Member Login form.
- 3) Enter your member information as you want it presented to other members.

After you complete the Registration Form, you will enter the Member Area. It would also be nice if you placed a photo on your Profile Page (Summitarians can see this photo when viewing the Member Directory). In the Member Area you will find "How To" Instructions. The eighth link on the list will

give you the instructions you need. If everyone would place their photo in the Directory, Summit would have a Photo Directory on this website (it will be in the protected area). The old website information has not been transferred.

If you would rather someone else place your photo on the website, send your photo to Summit by emailing to summit@summituuf.org and attaching your photo.

Another Way to Be Informed

The newsletter you are reading is our monthly *Scene at Summit*. If you wish to receive our weekly eNews in your email, contact Pam Kerr at Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net and she will be happy to add you to the email list.

If you would like to contribute an article, or classified ad, or 'something of interest' to the eNews, please follow these simple steps:

***Do Not Send** attachments. *Include your information in the body of the email.*

*Send your item by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday to be included in that week's eNews.

*Only programs, initiatives and events that are sponsored by an established committee or group at Summit may be featured in the main body of the eNews.

*Services and goods wanted or for sale and ads relating to member businesses may be featured in the "Classified and Bulletin Board" section at the end of the eNews, at the discretion of the eNews editors.

Send to Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net

Your consideration is Much Appreciated, Thanks! ~Pam Kerr

Also, regarding the eNews...

We have recently been experiencing some problems with the enews delivery server. If you aren't receiving the eNews, please send a message to Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net. We're trying to track the source of the problem. Thanks!

SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Choir Notes: We meet every week on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining our choir or have questions please contact our director, Jill Reis, at jillerinr@gmail.com.

Freethinkers... meeting on March 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Salon. We will have a presentation about the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement) and learn why so many are unhappy with the Agreement and the process it's taking to be confirmed.

"In an event with labor officials on Capitol Hill today, Pelosi delivered her strongest statement yet of opposition to the bill that would grant the Fast Track Authority sought by the administration to negotiate

a sweeping free trade deal with a dozen Pacific countries. The bill — co-sponsored by Dem Senator Max Baucus and GOP Rep. Dave Camp — is strongly opposed by labor, liberal groups and many Congressional Dems.

A couple thoughts, but not close to all of them (It should be a lively discussion.):

- TPP raises significant concerns about citizens' freedom of expression, due process, innovation, the future of the Internet's global infrastructure, and the right of sovereign nations to develop policies and laws that best meet their domestic priorities. In sum, the TPP puts at risk some of the most fundamental rights that enable access to knowledge for the world's citizens.
- The US Trade Rep is pursuing a TPP agreement that will require signatory countries to adopt heightened copyright protection that advances the agenda of the US entertainment and pharmaceutical industries agendas, but omits the flexibilities and exceptions that protect Internet users and technology innovators.

Hiking Group

This month we'll be going hiking on Sunday, March 9th at 1:15.

We'll be hiking **South Fortuna Mountain in Mission Trails Regional Park**. The hike is approximately 4 1/2 miles and is a moderate hike. If you're already in the hiking group, you'll receive an email with all the information; if you haven't joined us in the past and are interested in coming email Kerstin Crowe to be added to the list.

Membership Committee

The Membership Cmte meets every first Tuesday of the month (Mar. 4th) at 3:00 pm in the conference room in the office wing.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

We meet in Summit's library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday (Mar. 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. For more info contact Bob and Mary Dryden.

The Summit UU Book Club

Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m. Salon, will be discussing ***Straight Man***, a novel by Richard Russo.

"[My] second reading of *Straight Man* was just as engrossing, entertaining, and satisfying as the first. Again, I found myself laughing out loud ... And again, the pages of this meandering academic comedy turned faster than the most gripping Stephen King thriller." *Chris Bolton, Powells.com*

Piano Club

If you like to play piano, and for others to listen as you do, please join us. Contact Ed Davis, 619-448-0790, or Roy McDonald, 619-463-2895, for date information and this month's location.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First UU Church's **Reproductive Justice Group...**

and the **Make a Difference Fund** is sponsoring a showing of the film "*After Tiller.*" It is an eye-opening documentary that gets to know, very personally, the four most controversial abortion doctors in America. Since the assassination of Dr. George Tiller in 2009, only four doctors in the country provide third-trimester abortions. With unprecedented access, this film goes inside the lives of these physicians working at the center of the storm.

The showing will be March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Bard Hall and it is FREE.

RSVP for Food and Beverage 619-379-6100 or email Karen at klamphere@cox.net

Summit Variety Show

May 2nd, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Do you have a hidden talent that would wow us all?

Or inspire us, or make us laugh, or cry, or gasp?

Share it with us at our 25th Anniversary Variety Show.

We are looking for a few new and perhaps unusual acts to entertain young and old... Three+ minutes for individual acts and somewhat longer if it's a group. We may have to be selective if we get too many interested, but that would be a great problem!

New musical acts, readers theater, dance (on the Sanctuary stage), magic, poetry or creative writing readings, fire eaters, whatever your talent is to thrill us!! Contact Pat Bryning, Jill Reis, or Laurel Bernstein for further information! Sign up soon so you have time to practice!