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

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

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

**April 6:** *Building a Community: How Fandoms Can Foster Growth and Achievement in Ourselves and Others*

What is your passion? Do you like a television show, movie, band, or another type of media? Do you remember the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"? Then you are a part of a fandom. We will discuss the definition of the word "fandom" and how these communities have effected our Summit youth. If you fit into any of the categories above feel free to dress up (or "cosplay") in the attire from your beloved passion or interest. Red shirts, wands, and light sabers are welcomed. Just don't poke someone's eye out.

**April 13:** *"The Woman Who Understood All Things"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Who was Mary Magdalene, this woman branded by Christendom as a woman of questionable character who hung out with Jesus? Author Dan Brown renewed her fame and fandom in *The Davinci Code*, but her reputation is built upon myths generated and perpetuated for millennia. Was she a prostitute? Was she seated with Jesus in Da Vinci's painting of The Last Supper? Is she the Christian reiteration of an ancient goddess? Rev. Frank's reflection will center on the events of Jesus's final Passover, and the place of this most remarkable and mysterious woman in the myths and stories about Jesus that have come down to us through the ages.

**April 20:** Easter Flower Communion Service Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

In this intergenerational service we will celebrate Easter, recognizing the reality of our mortality and the possibilities of life renewed and ever renewing. The story of the first Flower Communion will be told. New members will be welcomed to our community. The children of Summit will serve the communion, so bring a flower for yourself along with a few more to share with others.

**April 27th:** *"How Can We Solve the Problems of Hunger and Global Sustainability?"* Neal Biggart, Ph.D., Summit Member

We know it is possible to feed the people of our planet, but it will require a strategic and comprehensive approach to resolve the problems associated with human-caused and human-allowed suffering. Each of us has an important part to play in such efforts. This service is dedicated to the care for our Earth, so come find out what needs to be done and what you can do to help create a sustainable human society in the next 30-40 years.

**Summit's Office Information**

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Office Schedule: Tues. - 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

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**President:** Jennifer Gorman, captjg6@cox.net

***ATTENTION:***

*The Scene at Summit's May 2014 edition deadline will be Monday, April 21st.*

**FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:**

***“Christina Shu to Be Ordained as a UU Minister!”***

Ministers are “ordained” to their work of service in and for our larger Unitarian Universalist Association. The service of ordination is a ritual of commissioning in which the minister’s calling to do this work is blessed and officially approved by his or her religious community. Ordination is an ancient rite, with roots in rituals pre-dating the Christian Era. Our UU trials and services of ordination derive their specific forms largely from the Protestantism of the European Reformation (16<sup>th</sup> century).

I’m excited and pleased to announce that Christina Shu will be ordained on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, California 91103.

As many of you know, Christina is a child of Summit. Her parent’s Jack and Mary Ellen, were among the earliest members of our fellowship. She attended Harvard Divinity School, where she received her Masters of Divinity degree, and for several years she has been working as a chaplain at Cedars Sinai Hospital of Los Angeles. In response to her developing call to the ministry, after graduating from Harvard she began preparing for the trials of ordination associated with becoming a minister in the Unitarian Universalist Association. Among other things, this required her to work 20 hours a week for two years as a ministry intern at Neighborhood Church while continuing her full-time chaplaincy career at Cedars Sinai Hospital, which she did with great fortitude and enthusiasm.

All of us at Summit can take pride in Christina and her accomplishments. We can also enjoy the pleasure of knowing that our congregation has held her in mind and heart, and extended care and support to her, throughout her preparations to become a minister. In a very real and important sense, she embodies the loving and hospitable spirit that lives in our fellowship, and represents our legacy to all she will serve as minister for many years to come.

Please join me in congratulating Christina. I will be leaving for her Service of Ordination on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. from the Summit parking lot. If you would like to caravan/car pool up to

Pasadena with me, please let me know by April 10th. At the very least, you can email your blessings and good wishes to her at [christinapshu@gmail.com](mailto:christinapshu@gmail.com).

Namaste, ~ Rev. Frank

## FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

### *From Your President*

Happy Spring everyone!

Thank you to all the committee chairs and members who have worked to update your goals for the year and for our 5 Year Plan. Thank you to the Nominating Committee for working hard to come up with nominees for the Board of Directors and Endowment Fund Trustees. Thank you to all our board members for helping me accomplish all the important behind the scenes business of leading our congregation. Thank you to the Summit UUF staff who all perform so many daily functions and tasks that keep us afloat that I can't even begin to list them. Thank you to everyone who has already completed your pledge card for next year. And, thank you again Reverend Frank, for continuing to be and do all that Summit needs of you, and more, every day!

I hope I didn't miss anyone. It may sound like I'm giving some kind of acceptance speech, but it is truly my honor and reward to serve you all as your president and I just want everyone to know how much you are appreciated for all that you do for Summit every day.

We are looking for people to serve on our Nominating Committee to help us locate and recruit new talent to our Board and Endowment Trustee teams. I will be calling upon a few potential candidates in the next week to ask for your service, but it would also be great if anyone who might be interested could contact me. You would be serving on a committee of five elected representatives, who are members that have been around long enough to know other members who might be good candidates. I can send you more information if you are interested. Please contact me by Friday, April 11th, if you would like more information or would like to be considered as a candidate.

I'm looking forward to assisting with the upcoming Interfaith Shelter from April 12-26. I hope many of you will also volunteer to help out in any small way that you can. There are still many blanks on the volunteer chart, but I know they will all be filled before the event starts. Thank you to Barbara Brooks for once again leading us in this effort!

~ Jennifer Gorman, Board President (619) 448-5427, [captjg6@cox.net](mailto:captjg6@cox.net)

### **Denominational Connections Committee**

Do you have **April 25-26, Friday night and Saturday**, marked on your calendar? The annual UU Pacific Southwest District Assembly is where you should be. And it is being held here in San Diego at the First UU Church of San Diego (in Hillcrest). There will probably be 400+ lay and professional UU attendees from Arizona, Nevada and California. This DA's theme: "Growing our Future."

The keynote speaker at Friday night's opening celebration will be the **Rev. Meg Riley**, the Church of the Larger Fellowship's wonderful and inspiring Senior Minister. There will be 16 excellent workshops to choose from on Saturday morning and afternoon, along with worship services and the District's business meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other UUs about what our congregations are doing now and planning for the future.

Our youth and middle schoolers will be there selling hand-made jewelry to raise funds for scholarships to go to Camp de Benneville Pines' summer and winter camps. The young people will have a special program with First Churchers and will be staying overnight on Friday.

Note: the deadline for early registration is Friday, April 4th, the cost goes up after that. Please go to <http://pswduua.org> and the tab "[District Assembly 2014](#)" for all the information and to register for this fun event. If you are interested in being a delegate from Summit, contact Jennifer White for assistance or with any questions you have about the weekend.

### ***From your Office Admin***

Hi Everyone!

This is a busy spring! I'm working on a new Summit Directory so watch for the print-outs of everyone's contact info in the Greeting Room. Please check your listing to make sure it is current and correct. Make any needed changes on the sheet. If it is up-to-date, sign next to your name so I will know you've seen it.

I'll be taking a stay-cation the first week in April, with day trips to the desert. My office volunteers will be here to assist you during that time.

As always, thank you so much for your support and love!

Yours in faith, Linda

### **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](http://www.summituuf.org).

## **RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL**

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

As the days start to get longer my thoughts turn to summer. Now is when I put my mind to coming up with a creative and fun 11 week summer program that will be engaging for our children, youth and teaching teams. I asked my middle school and senior high youth what would be interesting to them and Dr. Who got an overwhelming vote. Our younger children love hands on exploration and messy fun so I was thinking a mad science and story program for them and this is what I came up with:

### **Three D (Double Doctor Discovery) Summer!**

*Dr. Seuss Discoveries* (Pre-k to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) – Each week we will read a classic Dr. Seuss tale or two and explore the ideas and activities with a focus on using the scientific method and the five senses. Ideas include:

*Oh, the Things You Can Think* – Learn about the scientific method and explore some simple experiments to see what happens.

*Bartholomew and the Oobleck* – Explore the properties of Oobleck and conduct experiments to prove or disprove hypotheses, using the Senses of touch and sight.

*Horton Hears a Who* – Inspect Specks to see if we could see or hear a Who. Explore sounds to see how they travel, as well as sight and sound.

*Ten Apples Up on Top* – Explore balance and creative solutions to problems using the Sense of touch.

*Green Eggs and Ham* – Does the color of food effect taste? What is it like to try new foods? Senses of taste, smell, and sight.

*The Lorax* – Caring for our environment while doing Natural science experiments with plants. Sense of sight, touch and smell.

*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* – Exploring color and data. Sense of sight.

*Oh, the Places You'll Go!* - End of Summer Party.

I am looking for a team to help with the planning of this fun Seuss session. Let me know if you are interested in helping to develop what we will be doing this year for our Pre-k to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group.

Dr. WhUU? (4<sup>th</sup> grade and up)– Would you like to join the Doctor on a journey in the Tardis? This summer our older children and youth will journey through time and space with the Doctor to meet aliens and humans while looking at situations that require them to use their UU values to solve problems. Ideas include adults coming in “character,” games, activities and discussions that encourage the confrontation of injustice or unfairness; viewing clips of the Doctor in action as a way of provoking further exploration, and creating a Tardis, (time machine), to travel in. This will be lots of fun and an opportunity to get into character! We also need Companions to travel with our time travelers as they explore. Your ideas and participation are needed. I am looking for adults to help us put this together and to have fun with it this summer. Even if you are not a “Whovian,” jump on and enjoy the journey this summer!

If you're interested in helping with either these summer programs, please join me on Sunday, April 13th at 12:00 noon in the CRE area and we'll start planning our 3-D Summer!

## ***CRE Events in April:***

***April – 6 Youth Service***

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

***April 13 – Summer RE Planning Meeting – 12 noon in the 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, Mary Carter-Vail, Director 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., April 11th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

**Poetry Workshop:** Saturday, April 19th in the Summit library at 10:00 am. Please call Margo Mariana 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 during this year of religious exploration.***

***~Rev. Frank***

**Spiritual Praxis Group** meets in the Summit Salon from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 8th.** In this meeting we will continue with discussion of Rick Hanson, Ph.D.'s book, *Buddha's Brain*, and chapters 23-30 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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (April 25th) 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**

...from 8:30 - 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 and Vic White 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**

We will meet Saturday, April 5th 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, six barrels have been filled (surpassing our goal) and the food has already been delivered to the food bank. Your generosity helps our neighbors, and we thank you.

**Empty Bowls-** The March Empty Bowls soup lunch was a big success, and \$1264 was raised to help the Santee Food Bank fight hunger right here in our community. Many thanks to the potters, soup-makers, and everyone else who helped put on this event, and to all of you who came and enjoyed one (or all?) of the eight delicious soups.

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

**Interfaith Shelter collection-** On April 27th the SAC collection will go toward replenishing Summit's Interfaith Shelter budget for next year, to cover the costs of next year's guests for two weeks. Please make checks payable to SUUF, and remember that SAC gets 80% of the plate collection on SAC Sundays [to donate \$20 to the Shelter, you'd need to put \$25 in the plate, for example].

**Volunteer for the Interfaith Shelter-**We are hosting shelter guests from April 12 to April 26 this year, and thanks to the efforts of Barbara Brooks and others, we are on track for another successful year as a shelter site. However, there are still a few sign-up spots available if you have not yet signed-up to help!

**Save the date-** The May 18th SAC collection will be collecting baby items such as diapers, wipes, formula, baby food. Many families are unable to afford even these basics to keep their infants well fed and comfortable. Now is a good time to start watching for coupons and sales, or to consider sharing the cost of baby formula with a friend.

**Save another date-** The San Diego LGBT Pride Parade is on Saturday, July 19th. The annual parade is the 4th largest Pride parade in the United States, attracting over 300,000 cheering spectators, supportive organizations, businesses, and significant media participation. Our SAC "precision" parasol drill team has been a popular parade entry for many years- why not join the fun?

**Social Action Sunday-** SAC normally meets on the third Sunday of the month after the service, but in April we'll be meeting on the fourth Sunday rather than on Easter Sunday, when we will have shelter guests. We welcome you to join us on April 27th 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! Our next meeting will be on April 28th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 began on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 overnighter.

If you would like detailed descriptions of the jobs, please email Barbara Brooks at [bgbrooks@me.com](mailto:bgbrooks@me.com). 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:

♥ Tom and Neal Biggart as Tom begins medical treatments.

♥ Jacquie and Helen Dowdy at the passing of Jacquie's daughter and Helen's sister, Diane.

♥ Pierre Vaughn and Debbie Wingard as he undergoes treatments.

♥ 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!

### **Class for Inquirers and Prospective Members:**

Are You New to Summit and Interested in finding out more about us? If so, you are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 5th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. During this meeting we will provide an introduction to Unitarian Universalism, provide an overview of Summit Fellowship, and answer all your questions. A light, continental breakfast will be provided. Attendance in no ways obliges you to join the

Fellowship. RSVP: If you plan to come, please contact Rev. Frank Placone-Willey at [uuf Frankpw@aol.com](mailto:uuf Frankpw@aol.com) and let him know you plan to attend.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The path will be installed just before it's dedication on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Would you love to be part of the fun? Contact JoAnn Swanson for more information at 619-465-7279.

### **Summit's ONLINE DIRECTORY Needs YOU!**

Is your info already in the printed Summit directory? Great! It should be on our new website, too. There are 2 easy ways to do it.

**Option A:** Visit the computers outside the Salon on Sunday, April 13th, we'll walk you through it, and take your picture, too!

*or*

**Option B:** Go to the Summit website, register online, & upload your photo.

#### **Option A Details – Outside Salon on April 13th:**

We will have computers set up outside the salon to register anyone who still needs to. When? Sunday, April 13 – after service.

- **Photo Opp:** At this time, you can also have your picture taken for the website. We'll place it on your website profile page, if you wish.
- **Don't have an email address?** We'll have a form on April 13 for you to complete, so your info will appear in the online Directory.

#### **Option B Details – Register online & upload your photo:**

1. Go to [www.summituuf.org](http://www.summituuf.org)
2. Select MEMBER LOGIN
3. Click the red REGISTER link
4. Fill out the Register form
5. When done, click the blue REGISTER button at bottom of form.

## **Your Profile Photo**

You can add your photo to your profile in the Membership Directory after you have registered (once your registration has been activated). Here's how:

1. Select the photo you want to use and place it on your computer desktop.
2. Log in on [www.summituuf.org](http://www.summituuf.org) and you will find yourself in the Member Area.
3. Select "Your Profile" to access the Member Profile page.
4. You'll see "Upload" under the shadow of an image. Click "Upload" to upload your photo from your desktop. **Note:** If you want to change your photo at a later date, just repeat this process with a different picture. (Feel free to come by the Salon on April 13th for a new photo!)

**Need help?** Email LaMar Rogers at [lamarrogers@cox.net](mailto:lamarrogers@cox.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jillerinr@gmail.com).

### **Freethinkers...**

Will meet on April 10th, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, *The Money Masters* – How international Bankers gained control. – a somewhat biased and long video of how banking evolved. It is hard to know if the positions that are presented in this video are valid but the facts presented seem to be. Here are three supporting statements:

*"The modern theory of the perpetuation of debt has drenched the earth with blood, .and crushed its inhabitants under burdens ever accumulating." - Thomas Jefferson*

*"Issue of currency should be lodged with the government and be protected from domination by Wall Street. We are opposed to...provisions [which] would place our currency and credit system in private hands." - Theodore Roosevelt*

*"The real truth of the matter is, as you and I know that a financial element in the large centers has owned the government ever since the days of Andrew Jackson ..." - Franklin D. Roosevelt (in a letter to Colonel House, dated November 21, 1933)*

## **Hiking Group**

Due to an over-booked schedule, we are unable to plan a hike in April. If the weather doesn't get too warm, we'll try to fit the last hike of the season in sometime in May. Kerstin Crowe

## **Membership Committee**

The Membership Cmte meets every first Tuesday of the month (April 1st) 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 (April 14th) 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. For more info contact Bob and Mary Dryden.

## **The Summit UU Book Club...**

will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 pm in the Salon to discuss: The National Book Award Winner, *THE ROUND HOUSE* - by Louise Erdrich.

*"Emotionally compelling...Adolescent Joe is an incredibly endearing narrator...the story he tells transforms a sad, isolated crime into a revelation about how maturity alters our relationship with our parents, delivering us into new kinds of love and pain." - Ron Charles, Washington Post*

## **Piano Club**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Summit Talent 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!

**The Deadline to apply to participate is April 14th!**

**Sign up soon so you have time to practice!**