

THE SCENE AT SUMMIT

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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, 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.

June 1st: *"Taking Refuge"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

For many, our Unitarian Universalist congregations are sanctuaries and havens from a hurting and hurtful world where much-needed healing and restoration can happen. Spiritual community as "refuge" has antecedents in Buddhism and Judaism, and other religious traditions. How prepared are we for this kind of work?

June 8th: Children's Religious Exploration Celebration

The Summit Children and Youth invite you to experience some of the fun, creative, and inspired exploring we do in our classes. Each age group is preparing something special to share with the Fellowship. There will be stories, songs, and gifts for all. And we'll celebrate Teachers Appreciation Recognition for the many adults who support our CRE program with the gifts of their time, caring, and sharing. Join us - it's going to be great!

June 15: *"Reflections on Fatherhood"*

Miles Beauchamp and Scot Danforth

On this Father's Day Sunday, two Summit fathers will invite us to reflect with them on the meaning of fatherhood, and how participation in the Summit community supports them and their family in the raising of children. Join us for what is certain to be an inspiring service.

June 22: *"It's Time for Restorative Justice"* The Rev. Andrea Travers

Come and learn more about the current impact of Assembly Bill 109, California's solution to reducing prison overcrowding, costs and recidivism in our communities. Let us deepen our understanding of the Unitarian theology of restorative justice as an alternative to the current retributive process which drives the revolving doors. What does this mean for our community? How does it speak to each of us as humanists? Let's explore the possibilities on June 22nd.

June 29: *"Human Trafficking Exposed"*

Autumn Burris, Survivors for Solutions

Human trafficking, a largely invisible form of economic slavery and indentured servitude, is a global industry that grosses over \$30 billion a year. Children and adults are trafficked for sex and labor, and the prevalence of trafficking in San Diego and the United States is sobering. Autumn Burris, founder

and director of Survivors for Solutions, is herself a survivor dedicated to raising awareness of trafficking, and supporting people in their bid to escape and heal from the oppressive systems that support sex trafficking.

ATTENTION! The Scene at Summit's July 2014 edition deadline will be

Monday, June 23rd.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

"A Great Year of Summit Social Action"

Dear Ones,

Summit's Vision Statement reads:

Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a growing, caring, intergenerational congregation of diverse backgrounds embracing the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We are committed to promoting spiritual and personal growth, social justice, environmental awareness and participation in the greater community.

This year, with the leadership of so many on our Social Action Committee, we have accomplished much in the way of Social Action Outreach in East County, San Diego and Beyond. Social Action coordinator Gwen Baldwin recently shared this summary of what we have done this year in our bid to make the world a better place:

◆ July 2013 - Our Summit Parasol Team participated in the Pride Parade.

◆ August 2013 - \$549 was collected to cover the tuition of our student at the Esperanza school in Tijuana.

- ◆ September 2013 - Kick Off Service of our Hunger theme with a collection for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
- ◆ October 2013 - \$1775 was collected for Compassion for African Villages.
- ◆ November 2013 - \$524 was collected for Veterans For Valor to support veterans to attend training at Archie's Acres.
- ◆ December 2013 - The fellowship provided a great Christmas to 2 families through Crisis House's Adopt-A-Family.
- ◆ January 2014 - The teens assembled and "sold" 30 hygiene packs for the homeless which were used by our Shelter Guests.
- ◆ February 2014 - Six barrels of canned and dried goods were collected for the Santee Food Bank.
- ◆ March 2014 - An Empty Bowls Event in honor of 25 years of Social Action at Summit raised over \$1200 for the Santee Food Bank.
- ◆ April 2014 - Summit hosted another successful two weeks of the Interfaith Shelter.
- ◆ May 2014- Baby Items were collected for families of Crisis House.

In addition, Amnesty International is going strong and PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is doing great. We provided funding for justice and sustainability projects around the world through the national UU Service Committee's Guest At Our Table program in December 2013-January 14. Our Kiva fund continues to support women throughout the world. The food basket continues to bring food in for Santee Food Bank and Crisis House. Used batteries are also still being collected for safe disposal and recycling.

I and all of us at Summit echo Gwen's appreciation for these and so many other accomplishments: "Thanks to each of you who played a role in making each of these collections/events happen at Summit. SAC rocks!"

ॐ Namaste, ~ *The Rev. Frank Placone-Willey*

Ph.D.

Open Meetings with the Minister: Before he leaves on vacation and for General Assembly, Rev. Frank will be in the Summit Sanctuary to receive and engage open discussion with any and all who might like to participate.

Times:

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 3

12 noon, Thursday, June 5

6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

From Your President

It is with very mixed feelings that I begin this, my final newsletter article as your Board and Congregational President. While I'm happy about the upcoming changes in my life situation and our family moving to Asheville, North Carolina, where I will join an new UU congregation, it is also sad to be leaving you, my friends, after a relatively short 5 ½ years as a Summit member and only one year as your President.

I will sincerely miss all the wonderful people I've met and had very interesting and entertaining experiences with here. I could thank just about every person in the congregation for something, if I really tried. I've learned so much from you all and will carry that with me to my new home and congregation in Asheville. Your welcoming of me and my family so fully ensures me that we will be equally welcomed there.

I've had so much fun at many, many social and auction events, as well as at so many meetings and educational opportunities! I've learned to play bridge from Master Trainers, Karen Cleland and Carol Straubinger, as well as just about every other member of the bridge club! I can only hope to find such a congenial group to play with there. I will miss all the Circle Dinners, Covenant Group meetings, Auction Night and all the related dinners, picnics, Bar-B-Ques, game nights, and other events. I will miss the Proms, Ice Cream Socials and musical events. I will miss working with the infants, children and youth in the CRE program. I will miss all the wonderful and dedicated staff and the cheerful and helpful office volunteers and committee members. I will especially miss Rev Frank and all the advice, support and encouragement he has given me, my family, and the other board members over these last four years.

So, you might ask, when are we leaving, after all? I wish I could tell you more, but the best I can say right now is that we expect it to be sometime in the next 2-4 months. I'm just getting my home here listed for sale this week and everything depends on how quickly that goes. We've already checked out

many homes in the Asheville area and are just waiting for the opportunity to make an offer on one of them, once my home here has a good offer. I will definitely finish up my board President term through the end of June and continue to serve you on the board (if elected) as the Past-President as long as I can until we actually move. After that, the board has the option to either leave this position vacant or appoint a temporary replacement to the remaining Director position until the next election.

I wish you all the best and welcome you all to visit us in Asheville, where one of our main criteria for a home is one large enough to have over-night visitors and to entertain guests. Asheville is a beautiful and wonderful place to visit and I'll be happy to show you around when you come!

Namaste, love and peace to you all!

~ Jennifer Gorman, Board President

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Denominational Connections Committee

Your board vice-president, Barbara Brooks, and I are going to the U U Association's yearly General Assembly in Providence, RI at the end of June for five exhausting, but exhilarating days.

There were four delegate volunteer opportunities available (based on number of members of Summit) and we will be representing you at the business meetings. Rev. Frank has his own delegate card and will be at GA to receive his final fellowship in Unitarian Universalism.

At this convention of approx. 4,000 UUs from all over the world, one of the main business matters is to vote on a social justice issue (out of five) that will be the next four year Congregational Study Action focus. In a couple weeks, we will have you choose (called a Parish Poll) the most important issue you want us to vote for. The assembly will also vote on Actions of Immediate Witness that are pressing social issues needing UU support NOW from our national office and from our congregations.

There are so many other events and elements of GA that we will be attending. Workshops, services, special ceremonies, speakers, books to buy, merchandise to look at, booths where UU and related organizations share useful information. So much wonderful music and singing and learning all day long. Witnessing is an event that we go to in the community to demonstrate our values and support a social justice theme. On Sunday, July 6th, Barbara and I, with Rev. Frank, will be presenting a service on our experiences and share with you what we learned.

You can participate in GA without going anywhere. There are two delegate positions left to attend online and vote on business matters. Registration for that must be completed by June 20. Also, anyone can watch most of GA on your computer and listen to what is going on at all the events. Go to uua.org and GA to find out more.

I want to remind you to put the date Saturday, August 23rd on your social event calendar. A BBQ and music event sponsored by the San Diego UU Network (the five congregations in SD) will be held 4:00-

8:00 pm at San Dieguito Fellowship in Solana Beach. Donna Daum and I are coordinators/Summit representatives in this active group.

Submitted by Jennifer White, Denominational Connections Committee

From your Office Admin

Hello Everyone,

I have just one house-keeping reminder to make. We would like to ask anyone and small groups using the Salon, please remember to empty, turn off, and unplug the small coffee pots before you leave. Also, if you use a cup or dish, please wash it at that time.

Thanks to all for your diligence checking doors to make sure they are locked! There have been fewer incidences reported.

The Summit campus has been going through a number of technology upgrades lately. We're working out the "bugs" on the new wi-fi system, which will provide access to just about all corners of the property.

Take care and have a wonderful summer!

Yours in faith, Linda Peck

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

It is hard to believe it but another year has flown by! Our regular Children's Religious Exploration (RE) "school year" is winding down and we are getting ready for summer and starting to plan for fall. On June 8th we will have our annual CRE Sunday during which our children will share something from each classroom/age group. Save the date as it is always a unique experience.

I wanted to recap what has been happening with each of our groups this year. We have six age-based groups for our children and youth on Sunday mornings. Each group has a team of volunteers who work with me to create a special place where young people can explore, learn and grow. Between the children, youth and volunteers we have a weekly average attendance of 38 people back in our classroom area!

This past fall we had regular attendance in the nursery with a new family exploring the fellowship. This spring, though, attendance has been sporadic. Our resident baby, Audrey, is growing and getting ready

to spend more time in the Nursery on Sunday mornings soon. The Nursery is a very important part of providing support to families with young children who come to be part of our Summit community. Cathy Young provides consistent, professional care and works with a rotating group of volunteers. Our Nursery Volunteer Team included: Easton Basjec, Jennifer Gorman, Anya Vail, Hayley Lekven, Kath Engleman, Teresa Palombo, Gia Ruddy, and Ryan Beauchamp. Their time and care is so appreciated!

Our Pre-K to 1st grade group, *"Spirit Play,"* went through a big growth spurt this year! When we started last fall our attendance averaged 5 to 7 children. Now it is 9 to 11 children each Sunday! This group uses stories to explore the core values of our faith in a Montessori setting. Each week they hear a story, using felt or objects to share the tale, followed by a time for wondering and reflecting in community. They then can choose from a variety of art and exploration-based activities to explore the theme further. Each session is followed by sharing snack together. Something that this group really enjoyed this year is lacing and sewing activities. It is so fun to see how they respond to new materials and projects each week. The Spirit Play Teaching Team included: Alan McQuaide, Betts McQuaide, Shannyn Fowl, Brenda McGuinness, Sarah DuVall, JoAnn Swanson, Liz Groff, Mary Ellen Danforth, and Erin Collins. Thank you all for your patience, love and caring with this energetic group!

"Love Will Guide Us" was the theme for our 2nd and 3rd grade group this year. They explored the sources of our faith using love as a guide. Each source was paired with a constellation symbol to help them to grasp how our faith is impacted by not only what we learn but how we respond. With love as a guide they shared stories, explored cultures, learned from visionaries and shared from the heart. Some of their activities included a visit from a kitten, going on a trust walk and planting a garden. Their final project is to make a hanging depicting some of what they have learned. The 2nd & 3rd grade Teaching Team included: MaryEllen Shu, Elinor Weed, Mark Weedman, Leslie Robard, Karol Miller, Brenda McGuinness, Virginia McDonald, Michael Arruda and Linda Ullrich. Each was an important part of this team and their participation and contribution was a gift to us all! Thank you.

Our 4th and 5th grade group was small and mighty this year. *"Windows and Mirrors"* was their theme as they explored ideas by looking out and within. Social Justice was a focus of their group this year. Areas they explored included homelessness, class and economic justice, food justice, and using service as a way to give and to foster change. This group was largely responsible for making the fleece blankets for the interfaith shelter as one of their projects. The 4th and 5th grade teaching team included: Jana Spring, Kerstin Crowe, Brett Lynam, Michelle Beauchamp, Jerilyn Harris, John McQuaide, Rosemary Morrison, Iris Neal, and Tony Neal. Thank you to each of them for the gift of their energy, creativity and adaptability.

As UU's we often explore the mysteries of life by asking big questions. This year our Middle School youth asked many big questions as part of the *Riddle & Mystery* program. This group really got into some very deep discussions! Some of the questions that they explored were: Is life Fair? Do I have a soul? What happens when we die? Does God exist?

As part of exploring these ideas they made short film clips that are currently being edited into the "Wisdom of the Community of UU's (WCUU) News." They will be sharing some of their Big Questions

with the congregation on June 8th. The Middle School Teaching Team included: Erin Doherty, Mark Wheeler, Elinor Weed, Shelley Lekven, Jana Spring, Scot Danforth, Lynn Manyfires, Angela Asuncion, and Amy Carstensen. The gift of your wisdom, laughter and willingness to embrace the technology was so appreciated! Thank you all.

Our High School Youth group really stepped into the role of leaders this year. They were challenged with providing service, planning and leading for several projects. This included helping with the Empty Bowls lunch, making hygiene packs for the shelter and working with several Social Action Committee projects during the year. They planned and executed a very creative Youth Service sharing the culture of Fandoms with our fellowship. Movies and discussion were also included. They watched clips from *Wall-e*, *Avitar*, *the Princess Bride*, and more. There were even a few days of fun and games along the way. Our incredible Youth Adviser team included: Gary Baldwin, Jim Weed, Carol Schnaubelt, Kim Collins, Shaunna McKenna, Christian Spring, Jennifer White, and Alissa Davis. Thank you all for your guidance and willingness to listen and explore youth culture.

Being part of one of our Religious Exploration teams is a great way to get to know the incredible young people at Summit and to explore your faith on a deeper level. If you are interested in participating in the Religious Exploration program at Summit this summer or fall, stop by on Sunday morning to see what it is all about.

Bright Blessings,
Mary Carter-Vail, Director of Children's Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration

The Big Questions FINAL Class (*rescheduled*): This study group, facilitated by Bernard Samtoy, M.D. and Rev. Frank Placone-Willey, Ph.D., will meet for the last time, in the Sanctuary on **Friday, June 6th**, 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.

Our last class will engage in an open discussion of the four questions we've spent the year considering:

- 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?

The essays can be found at <http://www.templeton.org/belief/>.

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

Memoir Writing Group / Lois Santalo: Fri., June 13th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, June 21st 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. *"Whenever you step out of the noise of thinking, that is meditation, and a different state of consciousness arises."* ~Eckhart Tolle

Spiritual Praxis Group

The Spiritual Praxis Group that has been meeting the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. will be continuing. We do need to decide if we want to meet in June as some participants can't come. Perhaps we should wait until July to meet so all can be present to discuss ideas for our next directions. Please contact Margo Mariana by phone or by email.

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, June 7th 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?

Interfaith Shelter- The April SAC collection yielded \$857 for next year's shelter guests! Thank you for your support. Over \$700 was spent this year with some larger expenditures than in the past, e.g., an infant car seat, sleeping bag, air mattress. All 30 hygiene packs were provided to shelter guests. Your donations make a real difference in the lives of our guests, and will make it possible for us to be a host site again next year.

Crisis House- Two large tubs of baby supplies plus a huge pack of diapers were collected in the May SAC collection. These were delivered to Crisis House, where Summit's generosity is much appreciated.

PFLAG: Summit hosts monthly meetings of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a national support, education and advocacy organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, their families, friends and allies. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. PFLAG will co-host a booth at the Santee Street Fair on Saturday May 31st.

How Can You Help Summit's Social Action Efforts?

Got Shoes? SAC is collecting shoes, which will be re-used to assist people in developing countries that are without adequate footwear. In addition, profits raised by the recycling will assist a local Santee dance team (EDMC) for their trip to NYC to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Recycle bins are in the Greeting Room/Foyer at Summit. Please tie or rubber-band your shoes together. No cleats or skates. For more information please contact SAC member Erin Doherty or go to www.shoeswithheart.com.

Polling Site, June 3rd Election: Summit will be a new polling site on the next election! The County will begin setting up possibly on Monday, June 2nd in the Salon.

Pride Parade- The San Diego LGBT Pride Parade is on Saturday, July 19. This 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 several years- come join the fun, or walk alongside us.

Social Action Sunday- SAC meets in the Summit library on the third Sunday of the month after the service. We welcome you to join us on June 15 at 11:30 a.m. for the next Social Action Committee meeting. Questions? Contact Gwen Baldwin, SAC chair.

Amnesty International

Hi all! Our next meeting will be on June 30th at 6:30 pm in the Summit Salon. We look forward to seeing you!

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

♥ Please keep the following people in heart and mind:

♥ Pierre Vaughn and Debbie Wingard, as Pierre continues to undergo treatments.

♥ A note: *"Best wishes to the Summit Fellowship. Love you all, it was great being there! Love, Gloria Gelineau"*

♥ Richard Wilkie and Elaine Harper, as Richard recuperates at Stanford Court. Richard would enjoy visitors.

♥ 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!

Summit Now has a Memorial Garden

It is the patio area under the Chinese Elm Tree between the office wing and the salon. Families can have a paver stone in this garden dedicated to their departed Summit member, by purchasing 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

Summit's ONLINE DIRECTORY Needs YOU!

Is your info already in the printed Summit directory? Great! It should be on our new website, too.

Register online & upload your photo:

1. Go to www.summituuf.org
2. Select MEMBER LOGIN
3. Click the red REGISTER link
4. Fill out the Registration 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 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.

Need help? Email or call LaMar Rogers.

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:

To add your item to the eNews

- ⊕ 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 Greatly Appreciated, Thanks! ~Pamela Kerr

SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Choir Notes

The Summit Singers will begin summer break on June 8th, and resume rehearsals on August 27th at 7:00 pm.

Freethinkers...

Is taking a hiatus for a time. Watch for future postings or contact Wendell Rawlins or Donna Daum if you have a topic you would like to present.

Membership Committee

The Membership Cmte meets every first Tuesday of the month (June 3rd) 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 (June 9th) 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 at r.dryden@cox.net.

The 2014 **Santee Street Fair** is on May 31st from 10:00AM to 7:00PM on the 31st and June 1st from 10:00AM to 6:00PM. **PFLAG** will occupy the booth on **May 31st** and Hillcrest Youth Center will have the booth on June 1st. Hope you come and see us.

The Summit UU Book Club...

The Summit UU Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Salon to discuss *ORPHAN TRAIN*, by Christina Baker Kline.

"One of the most intriguing, tender novels of 2013. This is a warm, satisfying and inspirational

story." (The New Maine Times Book Review)

This compelling historical novel relates the fate of a young girl who was put on one of the orphan trains which ran from 1854 until 1929, carrying thousands of orphans from big city Eastern cities to farms and small towns in the Midwest.

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

"Emerge"

Summit's Women's Retreat Oct. 3-5

Join us this year to commune with nature and each other thru Earth walks, the labyrinth, drumming, totem pages and the traditional wisdom circle.

Camp Stevens, Julian CA

\$140 fee

~ by July 20th for members

and July 21st for non-members

Make Checks payable to SUUF with Women's Retreat on the memo line.

Early Registration for members has begun for "Emerge," Summit women's Retreat, to be held Oct. 3-5, 2014 in the mountains near Julian at Camp Stevens. Great Company, fun activities and wholesome food, all while we focus on our Summit connection and our connection to Nature and the Divine feminine.

Limited space so sign up early - We will stay at the same lodge as last year.

You can pick up a registration form and announcement in the Summit office... or contact Teresa Palombo and I'll send them to you via e-mail.

"The Jackie Austin-Singer Project"

Jackie Austin-Singer, a talented local musician, and her band, will be performing a concert at UUFSD's Founders' Hall on **Saturday, June 7th, at 7:30pm**. She also happens to be the Director of Religious Education at Chalice UU in Escondido, and has performed at several of the UU congregations in San Diego, including UUFSD! Please come enjoy her beautiful yet powerful music, and support UUFSD's concert series.

Ticket info: \$13.75 pre-sale at <http://austin-singerconcert.eventbrite.com> (sale ends Friday, June 6) or \$20 at the door.

The Jackie Austin-Singer Project regularly performs at popular venues and festivals throughout San Diego including House of Blues, Adams Avenue Street Fair, North Park Arts Festival and many others.

They are a resident band at Rebecca's Coffee House in South Park, where they perform original music the second Friday of each month. In addition, Jackie has performed her song "United We Are One" at churches, protest marches, and The Lyceum Theatre.

For more on Jackie's music: www.jackieaustinsingerproject.com

Questions: Vicky at suun.events@gmail.com