

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.

July 6: *"Love Reaches Out"* Jennifer White, Barbara Brooks, and Rev. Frank

This service will highlight Summit's connection to our denomination. Our two Summit delegates will share their experiences from the UU Association's General Assembly in Providence, RI. Five busy days of worship, workshops, and witnessing for justice with thousands of UUs from all parts of the world (mostly U. S.) joining together as a faith community. Our time was filled with actions of "Standing on the Side of Love" and discovering how we can "Reach Out" with that Love. We attended business meetings and voted on one Congregation Study Action Issue (CSAI), of five, to be the next four-year social justice topic for UUs. Rev. Frank will explain what it means to be granted his Final Full Fellowship in the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Association.

July 13: *"It's Summer, Time to Come Out!"* Rev. Don Stouder

The summer LGBT Pride Celebration season is in full swing in June and July, with celebrations of rainbow identity all across Southern California. But what exactly does "coming out" really mean, who should do more of it, and how does it affect those around us? Rev. Don will discuss those topics in this sermon, as well as a surprise coming-out of his own: one that you would never expect!!

July 20: *"Moving Towards Justice"* Summit Member Jack Shu

Unitarian Universalists have had a strong legacy of being on the "front lines" of social and environmental causes. In light of this history, Jack will speak on how he became drawn to the work of justice ministry and some of what he has discovered in trying to be more effective. He will apply the values of being *Faithful, Relational and Strategic*, recently adopted by the UU Justice Ministry, California.

July 27: *"Religious Humanists and the God Question"* The Rev. Jim Grant

Humanists come in a variety of beliefs, secular to religious. We welcome the Rev. Jim Grant back to our pulpit to revisit the age-old question: "So what about God?"

The Scene at Summit's August 2014 edition

deadline will be *Monday, July 21st.*

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FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

“Don't Be Afraid of Some Change”

Summer has set in. I, along with many, have been off on vacation and to the UU General Assembly. I will be away again on Study Leave from July 13-16 and returning to help lead worship on July 27th.

We have been experiencing our usual array of Sunday services led by lay people, visiting musicians, and guest preachers. Many seem to be slowing down a bit to catch their breath, focusing on family outings, travels, rest and recreation.

But don't let the Summer slow-down fool you into thinking that not much is happening. Among other things:

• The Aesthetics Committee has just repainted and installed a beautiful Phoenix tapestry in our Greeting Room and is working on the installation of the mosaic Jason Hopkins created for Summit this spring.

• The Planned Giving Committee and the Endowment Trustees are working together on how to promote better financial stewardship through planned giving.

• Member Renee Altson and I are working on improvements in our fellowship's outreach via social networking.

• I'm preparing a seminar series for Friday evenings in August, using the Unitarian Universalist History series, aptly titled, “The Long, Strange Trip.”

• Summit members and friends who are working on Walden have almost completed the exterior, and are now working on finishing up the plumbing.

• President Barbara Brooks is proactively moving into her Board position, implementing new kinds of communication and a concern for effective outreach to our friends and neighbors in the community.

“ Toni Rogers is heading up a newly forming Leadership Development task force to help our congregation better identify, recruit, and enlist leaders for the various committees and initiatives our fellowship will be undertaking in the future.

“ I was recently elected the President of the Santee Food Bank, an involvement which is sure to draw more of our fellowship’s energy and attention to helping those suffering from food insecurity in our area of East County.

On the surface, things may seem quieter, but it is always quietest just before the storm hits, or the tsunami comes rushing in...so be on the lookout. This Fall at Summit will be expansive and exciting, I predict. Prepare yourself for the changes that are coming. Get some rest...then get involved.

Namaste, Rev. Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

From Your President

A Warm Hello from Your Incoming President! What better way to begin my first term as President than to experience a wonderful summer evening in the company of friends, listening to the JOBOZMO Summer Solstice Concert as part of Summit’s 25th Anniversary Celebration. A silver summer full moon and lovely candles provided soft light while wisps of white clouds drifted overhead as we enjoyed the acoustic band. The Haiku poet, Issa, writes: *At every gate a celebration....summer moon.* Issa could have been describing Summit. We, too, have a celebration at every gate, during our Services, our children and adult RE events, our many groups, committees and teams, the Walden Project, the Interfaith Shelter and our ongoing “in reach” and out reach with love and compassion throughout the year. We welcome the new and continuing Board members: Vice President Larry Feinberg, Secretary Connie Henry, Treasurer Debbie Wingard, Directors Sandy Bernstein, Lisa Garvey, Nancy Roberts, LaMar Rogers, and Jennifer Gorman. Jennifer White and I attended the national Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island from June 25 to June 29. We will share ideas and practices presented at the conference on July 6th. I’m looking forward to the coming year of new adventures, explorations, the joy of open minds and hard working hands at Summit as we continue together on our journey. Let’s CLIMB ON!

Barbara Brooks, President, Summit Board and Congregation

Denominational Connections Committee

Are you saving the date Saturday, August 23? That is when the Cluster wide event "*A Taste of UU: A Food and Music Festival*" is happening. Let's celebrate the new year of the San Diego UU

Network, a volunteer group formed for the benefit of the five congregations in San Diego. Get to know other UUs in our cluster.

SUUN has many events, such as leadership development, Board training, and music concerts, already planned for the entire year. Each congregation has one or two representatives/coordinators serving on the board.

What: SUUN Cluster Kick-off Event Saturday August 23, 2014

Where: UU Fellowship of San Dieguito
1036 Solana Drive
Solana Beach, CA 92075

Time: 4:00-8:00 PM

Activities: Free food, a BBQ (carnivore and vegetarian burgers and hot dogs) lots of other dishes, drinks (but BYOB if liquor). Fun, family-friendly time with live music; games and crafts for all; toddler child care. Chalice's Grunion Run is one band playing. Watch for more information and how to sign-up on Eventbrite (just to show how many attending). Volunteers will be welcome. Contact Jennifer White, DCC chair and a Summit SUUN board member if you want to help with the event.

Submitted by Jennifer White, Denominational Connections Committee

From your Office Admin (and chief cook & bottle washer)

Happy Summer Everyone!

The time is rolling by pretty quickly these days. Our 2013-14 fiscal year is ending and 2014-15 is launching! I have a lot of book work to do to wrap up one year and set up for the next. If you have a payment left on the 2013-14 pledge, please get it into the office soon. I try to keep our books tidy.

Also, just a reminder: all reservation requests to use any part of the facilities needs to come through the Summit office. Even if you see an open day and time on the calendar you must call the office. That is when I can discuss with you the rental fees, or other requirements and regulations regarding facility usage. Thank you for your understanding.

Take care! 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

Our summer RE program started on June 22. The Double Doctor Summer is off to a great start with lots of enthusiasm from our children and youth. There has been a transformation in our RE classrooms for the summer too. We now have a science lab space and the TARDIS Theater is ready to travel through time and space. It's going to be a great summer!

July is time for UU Summer Camps and lots of Summit children and youth are off to camp this summer! This year we have four elementary campers, five junior high campers and seven senior high campers heading up the hill to de Benneville Pines. We also had one of our youth accepted into the Counselor-in-Training program, two of our youth are serving as Counselors for junior high camp and one is on staff for senior high camp. I will be co-leading the Counselor-in-Training program and be on the adult staff for senior high camp. This is our biggest camp year yet!

It is also time to start our planning and preparation for the fall. This is when I need your feedback and guidance for our RE programs. I encourage participation in the planning process by attending the RE Retreat (see below), joining a fall teaching team, being part of the CRE Committee or sending me an email with your insight, ideas and contributions.

On July 26th we will have our third annual Children's Religious Exploration (CRE) retreat. This will be a one-day gathering of all who are interested in CRE at Summit. This will include CRE Committee members, parents, teachers, youth advisers, child care workers, and anyone who is interested in being part of this planning process. Our CRE Chair, Liz Groff and I, will facilitate, as we explore what our RE program did this past year and plan for next year using our mission statement and five-year plan as our guide. We need your participation in this process to be successful.

You are invited to:

The Children's Religious Exploration Planning Retreat

July 26th from 9AM to 2PM @ Summit in the Salon

Homemade Lunch will be provided.

Childcare will not be available unless requested by July 23rd.

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

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, July 19th 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. *"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 will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month (July 8th) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This month's discussions will focus on ideas and topics for our spiritual explorations. Please contact Margo Mariana. This is an open group and all are welcome!

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Caring Committee

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page, and Janet Dixon, 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 Sat., July 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Summit library. 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:

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. This is a great way to get the word out that Summit is a liberal and welcoming place to be!

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 Mon. of every month (July 14th) at 7:00 p.m. in the Summit library.

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 please! For more information please contact SAC member Erin Doherty or go to www.shoeswithheart.com.

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 July 20 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 July 28th 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 recover from his treatments.
- ♥ Erin Dougherty as she recovers from surgery.
- ♥ Carol and Wendell Rawlins as Carol recuperates at home. She welcomes visitors.
- ♥ Richard Wilkie and Elaine Harper, as Richard recuperates at home. His doctor has recommended palliative care at this time.
- ♥ 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. Go to summituuf.org
3. Click on Member Login and you will find yourself at the Login Screen.
4. Log in to the Member Area.
5. Select "Your Profile" to access the Member Profile page.
6. 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 LaMar Rogers at 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 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 are taking a summer break 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 will meets on Tuesday, August 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 (July 14th) 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...

On Tuesday, July 1 at 7 pm, the Summit UU Book Club will meet in the LIBRARY to discuss the adventures of pioneering pilot and accomplished horse trainer, Beryl Markham, in her fascinating and beautifully written autobiography, "WEST WITH THE WIND." Contact Cheryl Smreck.

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

Save the date!

UUUni-sex Bunco Night

Friday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information!

"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 poles and the traditional wisdom circle.

Camp Stevens, Julian CA — \$140 fee

~ registration ends July 20th for members and begins 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.