

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 - 5:00 pm

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

June 7: *"Creating a Community of Compassion"*

Mary Carter-Vail, DRE; The Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Join Summit Children and Youth for a celebration of our Religious Exploration (RE) year. This year our RE community is responding with compassion to the needs of the communities of Nepal that has been devastated by earthquakes. Learn what we have discovered as we have collected pennies and searched for organizations to give them too. We will be celebrating all of the adult volunteers who make this rich program possible. Discover how being part of our RE program is a way to connect and live our UU faith.

June 14: *"A View from the Summit"*

The Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

This is a time for taking stock, and a time for looking forward to what the new year has in store for our Fellowship. Rev. Frank will report on the state of the congregation and during our annual congregational meeting, the members will gather to elect new members to our Board of Directors and review and approve the FY 2015-16 annual budget.

June 21: *"What UU's Believe"*

The Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

How can Unitarian Universalism call itself a religion? In his reflection Rev. Frank will invite us to leave behind our limited and often regressive ideas about religion and spirituality--including sacred vs. secular, belief vs. non-belief; religion as evil vs. religion as good; and faith vs. science, politicized vs. privatized religion—in favor of something he calls "compassionate pragmatism."

June 28: *"First On Scene"*

The Rev. Don Stouder

We are happy to have Rev. Don Stouder back in our pulpit while Rev. Frank is attending the UU General Assembly. His reflection will center around the publication of his recent book titled "First on the Scene", which he completed earlier this year as a part of a doctoral degree. It turned out to be more of a journey than a writing project, one filled with unexpected destinations and deep inner discovery. Learning, forgiveness, and a new appreciation of our UU Principles were all a part of the adventure. Come this Sunday and discover how Don's journey speaks to your own.

ATTENTION!! *The Scene at Summit's July 2015 edition*
deadline will be *Mon., June 29th.*

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FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

“A Declaration of Interdependence”

Years ago I began crafting a statement which reflects the world I want to see. Here it is in its most recent version. Please feel free to share it, discuss it, criticize it. All I ask is that you let people know that I wrote it. At the same time, I invite you, in as much as you might wish, to make it your own.

Namaste, Rev. Frank

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. . .

Call for Moral Leadership

- ❖ The declining quality and value of life on our planet have moved us to rise up and confront ourselves and our leadership with a call to conscious action. Our leaders have been unable to prevent or stop the many forms of personal, social and environmental degradation that now afflict the Earth. Inasmuch as we have failed to insist that they help us effectively address these problems, we the people of the world share responsibility for the current conditions that threaten the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of all.
- ❖ We refuse to accept this state of affairs any longer. To ourselves and our leaders we say: to support anything less than the commitments outlined in this declaration is inhumane, spiritually unenlightened and morally indefensible.
- ❖ We the people of the world urge all leaders in government, politics, business, the sciences and technology, academics, healthcare, human services, religion and the arts to work together with us voluntarily and in good faith, to form a society wherein the following are regarded as the

fundamental rights and essential prerequisites of true democracy:

- ❖ No one goes hungry, thirsty or without adequate shelter.
- ❖ The best in modern healthcare is available to everyone.
- ❖ All are protected from physical and psychological violence.
- ❖ Each is granted as much education as he or she is able and willing to achieve, in service to the development of a free and just society.
- ❖ Every man and woman is guaranteed meaningful work at a living wage.
- ❖ Children will inherit a clean environment and a sustainable future.
- ❖ Each is encouraged and enabled to determine the course of his or her own life, fulfillment and death, provided the basic rights of others are upheld and defended.
- ❖ Such moral and spiritual commitments by us and our leaders are the hallmarks of an enlightened and healthy society. In their universal establishment we will take an important step toward overcoming the regressive political, social and economic agendas that threaten our planet and its future generations.

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

From Your President

I continue to be alive and very well in Tokyo! I attend the Coto Language Akademie Monday through Friday, 9:30-12:30, for instruction in the Japanese language. I have made new Japanese and expat friends, seen wonderful things, and of course am enjoying yummy meals.

Before I left for Tokyo, I checked the internet for Japanese Unitarian Universalist Fellowships. There were two listed by the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) as existing in Tokyo. I emailed both prior to leaving San Diego. Also, Mary Carter-Vail gave me a hand painted chalice, crafted by one of the Summit children to present to the fellowship/church. Rev. Frank gave me letters of introduction on Summit's behalf.

This past Sunday was my third time to attend the Dojin Church. The current congregation is small, 35 members, but there are quite a few children and youth, so the church may be growing. The congregation and the minister are VERY warm, welcoming and cordial. The Dojin Church was initially founded in 1890 by American Universalist Missionaries to Japan (1890-1942). The minister, Sensei Ikawa, gave me a pamphlet with extensive photos and information. I think it is a rare and special gift. I will continue to attend the Dojin Church for one more Sunday before I fly to San Diego on May 31. When I am back home at Summit, I will share photos of the Dojin Church. You will see the Summit youth-made chalice on the pulpit. The congregation liked the chalice and the symbolism of the colorful flowers painted on earthen pottery, with my blue glass votive and blue candle on top (earth and sky). The church has a pianist for hymns and a young woman who plays the harp.

I also attended two meetings of the Tokyo Unitarian Fellowship, an ex-pat plus group of approximately 11 members. Their meetings are in a room at the Tokyo International House or at the home of the Fellowship coordinator. During the meetings they discuss topics of interest much

like our Summit Freethinkers.

I was surprised to see that Tokyo, a huge metropolis, is a very “green city”. I am enjoying the extensive plantings of trees and flowering shrubs along the city streets. Together with new friends to help me navigate the extensive underground subway system, I have explored more of Tokyo including shopping, lunch and dinner in the Ginza district.

Greetings and love to all at Summit, from Tokyo.

Barbara Brooks, President of the Board and Congregation

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOTICE AND AGENDA
Sunday, June 14, 2015**

As provided in Article V of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors has authorized the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 14, 2015. This meeting will take place immediately following the Worship Service.

The following will be the agenda for the meeting:

1. Meeting Call to Order by President.
2. Ballots Distributed in the Meeting Hall by Secretary and appointed tellers.
3. Nominees from the floor per motion and vote.
4. Voting by written ballot on approved nominees for open positions.
5. Review of Annual Report from the Endowment Fund Trustees.
6. Voting by written ballot on Endowment Fund Distribution for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
7. Voting on Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (by voice vote due to probable last minute adjustments).
8. Other issues for the good of the organization, based on approved motions.
9. Adjournment.

Please refer to the attached documents, including the Ballot and Proxy Voting forms, which are also available in the Summit Office. Article V. Section 7 of the Bylaws allows any member who is unable to attend the Annual Meeting to assign a Proxy (another member who is able to attend) to vote for them in their absence. Proxy forms must be completed and turned in to the board Secretary any time prior to the vote and can be revoked at any time prior to the vote at issue by submitting a written notice to the Secretary or attending the meeting and voting in person.

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting in order to participate fully in the democratic process. Friends and other non-members may attend but are not allowed to cast a ballot or vote on any issue.

From Your Office Administrator

Hi, We are continuing to look for ways to save on our bills. It has come to my attention and the Finance Cmte's, that Summit is being charged for multiple 411 calls from the volunteer desk

phone. We need to ask that no personal calls are made from any of Summit's phones. Thank you for your support and understanding.

We have many new faces at Summit and the old directory is out-of-date. There are print-outs of Summit's members and friends in the greeting room. Please check them for your name and contact information.

Make any corrections necessary on the list. If it is correct, print your initials next to your information. If you are not on the list and wish to be, add your name and contact information including email address.

And lastly, I'll be taking vacation the first 2 weeks of June. I'll return to the office on June 15th.

Take care and yours in faith, Linda Peck

NOTICE: Summit is a smoke free campus. Please refrain from smoking while you are here. Thank you! Staff

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

On June 7th we will be celebrating our Religious Exploration year during the annual CRE Sunday. We will be sharing some of the exploration that our children and youth have experienced in our classes this year. There will also be a special gift for all of our volunteers. This service was a full year in the making and I hope that you will join us.

This June marks the completion of my 4th full CRE year as Summit's Director of Religious Exploration. (I have been in this position for 4 ½ years serving for the first 6 months as a Interim DRE.) Before the start of my first full RE school year, we gathered parents, teachers and other interested Summit folks together to talk about our vision for ministry to the children and youth at Summit. Together we wrote a mission statement for our program and mapped out a plan to ensure that our program allowed a rich opportunity for exploration of our UU principles and purposes in story and in practice. We have continued this practice of meeting at the beginning of the summer each year to look back, evaluate, adjust, if needed, and to plan the future. This has allowed our program to meet the needs of our families, grow and flourish. This year our CRE Retreat will be on June 20 from 9 am to 2:30 pm in the Salon. Watch for details in the RE News to RSVP and be part of an incredible new year of Religious Exploration at Summit.

Bright Blessings,

Mary Carter-Vail, Director of CRE

Summit's Children's Religious Exploration Mission Statement

"To create a safe and welcoming spiritual home for our children and youth through creative exploration of Unitarian Universalist principles and sources."

Adult Religious Exploration

Memoir Writing Group / Lois Santalo: Fri., June 12th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, June 16th, at Summit 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. 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

The Spiritual Praxis group will be taking a break for June and July. Theresa Erreca

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Caring Committee

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page is the "ride coordinators" for our committee. If you need assistance with transportation to Summit or appointments, call her, preferably a few days ahead of time.

Loving Hands Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, or quilt, please join us on June 6th at 10:00 am in the Summit Library. 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.

Justice Ministry Committee

Summit's Justice Ministry Committee will meet on Tues., June 2nd at 1:00 pm in the Library. Formally known as the Legislative Ministry Committee, the work of this group will focus on social justice issues such as immigration, income equality and environmental justice. Rooted in our UU faith and "Standing on the Side of Love" the committee will soon give us more opportunities for us to "Pray with our Feet."

Social Action Corner - *Service Is Our Prayer*

Helping Others in East County and Beyond

Summitarians acting globally:

Baby goods collection- Thanks to the many Summitarians who donated baby food, diapers,

wipes, formula and many other baby supplies. These are being taken to Crisis House where they are much needed and greatly appreciated by families who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

Pride Parade – The annual San Diego Pride Parade will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at 11:00 a.m. in Hillcrest, ending in Balboa Park. This annual parade is among the largest LGBT Pride parades in the United States, attracting over 100,000 cheering spectators, supportive organizations and businesses, and significant media participation. This year’s theme is “Liberty and Justice for All.” Our SAC “precision” parasol drill team has been a popular parade entry for several years- we invite you to come join the fun as part of the team, or walk alongside us. There may also be spaces to ride on the trolley with First Church members. Come hear more about the Pride Parade on this month’s Social Action Sunday, which is June 21st.

Summitarians acting globally:

Nepal earthquake aid update- Our thoughts remain with the people of Nepal. Shortly after the devastating earthquake, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) announced a joint fundraising appeal to support their relief and recovery work in Nepal. You can make a secure online donation to the UUSC-UUA Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund at uuscs.org/nepal-fund. In addition, a number of other organizations mobilized to send aid to Nepal immediately after the first quake, and continue to do so. These include [Doctors Without Borders](#) and [International Relief Teams](#). We recommend using [Charity Navigator](#) to help identify and choose other reputable, highly rated aid organizations.

The Social Action Committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. We welcome you to join us on **June 14th at 8:30 a.m.** for the next meeting. Questions? Contact Gwen Baldwin, SAC chair.

Amnesty International...

Amnesty International chapter #672 will not be meeting again until July 27th at 6:30 pm. Sorry for all the changes. We meet the **last Monday of every month at 6:30 pm**. Please contact Renée Altson for more info. Be the change you want to see in the world! Thanks !

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

Please keep the following people in heart and mind:

- ♥ Wendel Rawlins, as he continues treatment.
- ♥ Harriet Nissenbaum, for continued support, love and encouragement.
- ♥ Harriet Wright as she receives palliative care. Her Summit Friends are welcome but please call ahead of time.
- ♥ Gloria Gelineau as she recovers from surgery. Her correct email address is gloriagelineau@gmail.com.

- ♥ Richard Wilkie and Elaine Harper, as Richard continues to receive palliative care at home.
- ♥ Chris Wetzel, and her son Peter, as she remains fairly restricted to home.
- ♥ Val Sims as she continues to live her life to the fullest.
- ♥ Virginia and Roy McDonald, as they settle into their new digs.
- ♥ Elly and Michael Dotseth, at the recent death of Michael's father, Walter.
- ♥ All in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, find work, and provide for their families in these difficult economic times.

Summit's Memorial Garden

It's 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 POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Poetry & Cake Society

Friday, June 26th, 7:00 p.m., in the Salon

Bring a poem related (loosely related is okay!) to this month's theme: water

Share your poem, eat some cake!

Choir Notes

The Summit Singers rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. If you like to sing, come join us!

The last rehearsal for the "church year" will be June 17th. Choir Director: Carly Newman

carlynewman1021@gmail.com

Freethinkers

We will be taking the summer off and will resume meetings in September 2015. Thank you and have a great summer!

Membership Committee

The Membership Cmte will meet on Tuesday, June 2nd at 2:00 pm in the conference room in the office wing.

Book Club

The Summit UU Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Summit library to discuss Charles Portis' picaresque novel "*The Dog of the South.*" We will also be discussing selections for our next reading list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summit Women's Retreat — Autumn 2015

2015 is upon us so it's time to think about this year's women's retreat! Come be a part of "Stars Among Stars in the Universe." Join us for a relaxing, personally-enriching weekend Oct. 2 to 4, 2015, at beautiful Camp Stevens in Julian. Enjoy communing with nature, dining on organic, home-cooked meals, and sharing new experiences with the women of Summit.

The cost is \$145 per person which includes dinner on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. We need to collect full payments from eight of us as soon as possible for the deposit. Sign up early as there are only 28 spots and 15 lower bunks available.

We will be staying in the Lax Sadler Lodge again this year. Make your checks out to "SUUF" and include "Women's Retreat" on the memo line. For more information, please contact Cindy Hopkins. We hope you will consider joining us this year.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Dear Summit Members and Friends,

In January, I volunteered to oversee the completion of the Walden Project. For those of you who do not know, The Walden Project is a grassroots, congregation-based, inter-generational learning project of Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

You can read all about this project and see some great photos at www.TheWaldenProject.org. In the fall of 2011, many Summit Volunteers began building the tiny house that now sits in the Summit parking lot. The house is built on a trailer designed and built by FE Trailers, a family company of the McQuaides, who are members of our Fellowship.

Thanks to all the Summit Volunteers, the "bones" of Walden have been built and all the necessities (like a toilet, shower, solar inverter, heater, and water system) installed.

In January, a friend of the Fellowship, Terry Hagberg, of Hagberg Construction, was recruited to help us with completion of the project. Terry agreed to volunteer his time and bring in his own contractors to finish the project. We still have much to do.

Walden Tour https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQu2oNQ4t9B4&feature=em-upload_owner will provide a video update on this wonderful project. (Try not to laugh; it's my first video.)

~ Pilar Placone-Willey

Our Website has all the Summit information: summituuf.org/

Summit has a Facebook page!

The monthly newsletter from the Unitarian Universalist Association: [UU Bulletin](#).

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 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:

- ⓧ Do Not Send attachments. Include your information in the body of the email.
- ⓧ Send your item by early Wednesday morning 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, jobs wanted or services offered, or for sale and ads relating to member businesses may be featured in the "Classified Ads and Bulletin Board" section at the lower end of the eNews, at the discretion of the eNews editors.

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Send your items to: Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net

If you usually receive the eNews and suddenly do not, please let me know, it is sent every Thursday.

Thanks! ~Pamela Kerr

Staff Notes:

"Shake, Rattle, *then* you can Roll!"

This is Summit's slogan to remind everyone about making sure all doors are locked before you leave the campus. The doors must be pushed and pulled to verify they are actually locked in place. Please be mindful of this practice.

Parking Notice: Please park only in designated parking spots. Additional parking is available in the lot immediately to the east across the street from the Salon as well as the doctor's office at 10158 Buena Vista Ave. (Sundays only). The driveway areas need to be kept clear in case of emergencies.

Senior and Visitor Parking: We would like to ask our able-bodied members and friends to use the above-mentioned parking areas and leave the lot spaces for our designated seniors and visitors. Thank you. SUUF Staff