

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

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

March 1: *"Love Charades"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

What is love really? We are often confused about love. What we value and prize as love, is frequently something that is not very good for us or our relationships. Can love really change the world? "All you need is love," we've been told. How can this be true? If you want more love in your life, you won't want to miss this service!

March 1: *The Struggle is Real – Summit Senior High Youth*

High School is a time of discovery, challenge, frustrations, adaptation, and creative expression. This Sunday our youth will share their prospective with us. Join us and discover the unique experiences and struggles of Summit's UU Youth.

March 15: *"The Far Reaching Impact Every Day Social Action: Summit in Zimbabwe"*

Summit's own Social Action Committee members, Alix Hart and Mark Wheeler, will update us on the charitable work they are doing in Zimbabwe as leaders of the San Diego based, non-profit organization Compassion for African Villages (CAV). Come hear how, with Summit members' generous support, CAV has succeeded in helping the students—many of whom are orphans—at the Chimudoro Primary School in Rundogo, Zimbabwe. Please join them for stories, raffles, food, and music, and sign up to be a pen-pal!

March 22: *"Do I Have (a) Soul?"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

This Sunday features the 2014-15 Auction Sermon, commissioned by member Charles Jacobson. In this service we will reflect on questions like: What is the "soul?" Does it really exist? What are some naturalistic, psychological and/or neurological perspectives that might help us answer such questions? Rev. Frank's struggle to be inspiring and insightful with such a challenging and heady topic may, in itself, prove to be most dramatic and entertaining!

March 29: *"Inviting the Scapegoat Home"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

"Scapegoating"—that is, placing blame on others for conditions we ourselves have participated in creating—is endemic among humans. It is a practice that afflicts our families and our societies. On this Palm Sunday Rev. Frank will highlight this common and destructive practice with reference to the story of Jesus's crucifixion, and other stories and legends from antiquity. What causes scapegoating? How might we stop doing it? Why might it be a great idea to do so?

ATTENTION!! *The Scene at Summit's April 2015 edition*
deadline will be *Mon., March 23rd.*

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FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

“Inreach and Outreach”

If we are to become more loving and wise people, it is important that we regularly step outside the everyday lives we take for granted. To do so is to engage in one of the most fundamental spiritual practices available to us: that of *ecstasy*.

If we are to become better at surviving, coping, healing and growing together in beloved community, so the saints and sages and mystics of the ages have told us, we must practice the ecstasy of *inreach*, which challenges us to:

- explore the interior landscapes of subjective experience and personal meaning,
- search for and get to know the true depths of ourselves,
- discover those deeper truths that often lie hidden from everyday consciousness, and
- remove whatever obstacles to love, freedom and peace we may find within us.

But as Unitarian Universalists we are not “navel gazers.” *Inreach*, to remain healthy and balanced, is always complemented by *outreach*—those practices of ecstasy which involve moving beyond ourselves, outwardly, into new worlds of meaning and experience never before encountered, so that we might discover and deliver new forms of insight, healing and wisdom that can help us in our shared quest to leave the world better than we found it.

When we eat a meal with the homeless in our Interfaith Shelter for the homeless... When, on Sunday morning, I befriend a person from a culture or class or religious background different from the one in which I was raised and domesticated... When, with your available time and energy, you move into new forums for social action and charitable service... we are practicing *outreach*. And if you and I are paying attention, as we reach out to others, we will inevitably be confronted with the need for even more *inreach*. And, in an ongoing feedback loop, the further

we reach into ourselves and bring to consciousness that which has before remained largely unconscious, the more we realize how important it is to:

- connect with others in and through works of love,
- invite and co-create mutuality in relationship, and
- transform prevailing structures of injustice and destructive conflict into gardens where people can find the safety, support, and resources they will need to blossom and flourish.

In this month of March, 2015, I invite you to keep practicing both in-reach and outreach, as we:

- kickoff and complete our annual pledge campaign for the support of our life and work together in 2015-16,
- join more closely with the work of Compassion for African Villages and its efforts in Zimbabwe, and
- take on our fourth year of hosting the San Diego Interfaith Shelter for the Homeless.

Please remember: Our own hearts and minds are the primary birthplace of love in our world. Peace within is the starting place of peace on earth. The freedom to learn and grow and evolve as individuals, is key to the development of a free and moral society. Care and acceptance toward ourselves uniquely empowers us to extend welcoming and helping hands to others.

Namaste, Rev. Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

From Your President

President's Report, March 2015

This month our weather in the greater San Diego area, including Santee, has been worthy of an early spring. Summit basked in sunshine, enjoyed a bit of rain, and now and then, a fresh breeze that swept dust and cobwebs to earth for renewal and repurposing.

During our February Services so far, we have explored the “Legacies of Love” with the Rev. Laura Randall, “Opening the Channels of Divine Connection” with the Rev. Will Coleman, and “Our Own Two Hands” Everyday Social Action. We are able to work daily, whether we realize it consciously or not, individually or together, to create the change that we want to see, in fact, to strive to “be the change” for peace, equality, equity, positive climate change, joy and so much more in our community and the world.

Spring brings to mind Summit's two-week participation in the rotational greater San Diego County Interfaith Homeless Shelter program. Approximately 12-13 homeless guests will be housed at Summit from March 14 to March 28, 2015. The guests are homeless folks that have been screened by Volunteers of America and Crisis House caseworkers to have the potential to find employment and housing. At times during our evening Shelter dinners in the Salon, our Summit volunteers are asked, “Where are the homeless guests?” Well, yes, they look and are just

like us. We do not identify or point out our guests. The pointing finger, given different circumstances, could just as well be pointed at ourselves. Prior to each dinner at approximately 6:00 p.m., the participants, including Summit folks, gather in a large circle, link hands, and a guest or Summit volunteer speaks a blessing, a prayer or other words of gratitude. Our hearts and minds are moved and helped to see clearly by these intentional words of thanks. A very special thank you for the Shelter and the food was spoken spontaneously last year by a ten year old boy, also a homeless guest (together with his mother). The sign up posters for Shelter volunteer jobs will be in the Salon after Services and on the bulletin board in the office during the week. There is a job for all talents and helping hands!

Summit welcomes a new Shelter support community group this year, the San Diego 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers. These folks will bring dinner to our Shelter on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Historically, the 9th and 10th Cavalry were two of several segregated African-American regiments. They served with distinction and valor in combat during the Indian, Spanish-American, and the Philippine-American Wars. Their mottos are, respectively, "We Can, We Will" and "Ready and Forward." (See: buffalosoldierspdx.com) The San Diego Buffalo Soldiers do re-enactments during community events. They will be in uniform when they bring the Shelter dinner to Summit.

Barbara Brooks
Summit Board and Congregation President

From Your Property Steward

“Here comes Spring”

Even though this year’s spring equinox is not until March 20th, we have been blessed with enough rain and sunshine to have many plants and shrubs already blooming in our Summit landscaping areas. A “planting party” earlier this year brought Summitarians together to dig and plant many new items, including two elm trees on the east side of the salon area. Thanks to all who dug in the dirt on 1/31/15.

I continue to be amazed at the growing number of talented gardeners in our Summit community. I have learned so much about our landscape beauties from the landscaping committee chair Tom Biggart, and also from our office manager, Linda Peck. Many other Summitarians have pitched in over the years and I am grateful for all those efforts in our SUUF garden and the sharing of information which helps me better steward our landscaping.

I’d also like to emphasize that we have reduced our total irrigation water use in the following ways: In previous years, we ran irrigation as much as 6 times/week. We are down to 3 scheduled cycles/week since 2014. I continue to monitor how our sprinklers are operating and replace broken or worn out nozzles and heads. Linda and Tom have helped us on more strategic placement of plants so we are watering all growth with fewer heads and smaller water volume. When it rains, the irrigation control boxes are turned off. Because of well-spaced rains from November 2014 through early January of this year, we recently were able to keep the irrigation off for 9 consecutive weeks. Finally, a little manual or hand watering of new items provides adequate irrigation while avoiding over watering of established items.

So how can you help? It’s easy! If you’d like to attend landscaping committee meetings and help

shape the direction of our landscaping, contact Tom Biggert to be included in future meetings. If you have gardening tools which you are no longer using, they can probably be used at Summit. Donation of tools may be directed to me. But my favorite contribution continues to be Summitarians' gift of helping with the weeding! (We are Round up free and I am trying to limit my use of any herbicide applications.) No appointment, board or committee approval needed. Blessed are those who pull weeds.

You'd be surprised at how the residents in our neighborhood notice and continue to comment on how beautiful our garden areas are. Thanks again to all Summit members and friends who contribute to our wonderful landscaping.

Yours in community,
Mark Weedman

“JOYS AND CONCERNS” is the Subject of a Community Experiment.

On each Sunday in February, there will be 3x5 index cards available on the Greeting Room Table for those who would like to write down 1-2 sentences about a celebration, a milestone, or a concern that Rev. Frank will read out to the congregation during the service. Please use respectful language. Be brief in your comments. And do not use this as a way to make announcements or political statements. This experiment has been commissioned by the Summit Sunday Services Committee.

The Summit Planned Giving Committee

...would like to start a conversation about legacy giving among Summit's members. Including Summit in your estate planning and charitable life income plans can help us sustain our mission—in perpetuity-- for a more compassionate, just and sustainable world. Unlike regular annual giving through pledges, such gifts can help Summit pay off its mortgage, insure that we keep our property well-maintained, fund special programs and projects, and maintain financial stability in hard economic times.

What is planned giving? Planned gifts are usually funded from assets accumulated over a person's lifetime or from life insurance. Most planned gifts are deferred, meaning Summit will enjoy the financial benefits of the gift after the donor's death. They include:

- Naming Summit as a beneficiary in a will, living trust, life insurance, 401(k) or 403(b)
- Naming Summit as the recipient of a tax-free rollover from an IRA
- Donating appreciated stock or real estate to Summit
- Designating Summit as a beneficiary of a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust
- Naming Summit as a secondary beneficiary of any of the above

Planned gifts are not a substitute for annual pledges toward the operating expenses of the church.

How can a planned gift be useful to the donor?

- The enjoyment that comes from making a significant gift to the organizations you love that you would not have been able to make during your lifetime.

- Tax deduction or reduction of capital gains, estate, or gift taxes.
- Increased income from low-yielding assets
- Asset management for someone who is not able to manage financial affairs.
- The pleasure of knowing that your philanthropic dreams will be fulfilled.

If you are considering a planned gift, please speak with a member of the Planned Giving Committee or our minister. The UUA Office of Legacy Gifts can also assist in establishing charitable gift annuities, and can be reached at (888) 792-5885, or giftplans@uua.org. If you have already established a planned gift with Summit named as the beneficiary, please let the Planned Giving Committee know by e-mail to Carol Davis at caroldvs@sbcglobal.net.

Denominational Connections Cmte

UUA NEWS, and an Invitation to attend the Unitarian Universalist District and General Assemblies

SUUF is one among hundreds of congregations with membership in the national Unitarian Universalist Association. We also are members of the Pacific Southwest District (CA, AZ, Nevada) and part of the Cluster in San Diego. Five local congregations make up this group, called San Diego UU Network (SUUN). Check out that website uusandiego.org for information on our cluster activities.

Participating in our denomination's events is a great way to meet other UU's, learn and share ideas, and have fun. Coming up in 2015 are two opportunities to be involved. Save these dates and plan to go!

In the Spring April 24-25, the PSWD will hold their annual meeting in Chandler, AZ. Summit will have 3-4? "delegates" who are chosen to attend District Assembly and vote at the business meeting. Any adult or youth can attend. Workshops, music, speakers, justice ministry added to coming together with hundreds of all age UU's is a valuable experience.

The UUA holds its annual assembly this year in Portland, OR June 24-28 where THOUSANDS of UUs from all over the world will come together to share in an exciting and inspiring program. Again, we have the opportunity to select 3-4? delegates, but any UU may attend. The youth attendance is phenomenal and the days and evenings for all are spent in a whirlwind of events.

Registration and housing arrangements (hotels, UU hospitality, college sites) is available beginning March 2nd, and all information about GA can be found at uua.org/ga starting NOW. Hopefully, Summit staff and many adults and youth will go together to have a wonderful time in the Northwest.

If you are interested in finding out more about going as a delegate or just going, speak to Rev. Frank, DRE Mary Carter-Vail, or Board President Barbara Brooks and they can share what a great time it is. Or explore the websites above and do it soon!

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

We are more than half way through our Religious Exploration school year. Lots of fun and learning is happening in our classrooms each week. Our program is called Religious Exploration rather than education because we don't teach religion or a faith path so much as we offer the opportunity to experience and explore spirituality and faith in beloved community. Each Sunday we have age appropriate activities that offer this opportunity in each class. Here is a peak at what has been going on while you are at the service:

Last year we started working on intentionally developing leadership opportunities for our High School youth group. We started this by having the group help plan what they wanted to do during the year. They came up with a combination of social action, education, spiritual growth, fundraising and fUUn activities. Each week they are working in one of these areas to meet goals they have established. On the third Sunday of the month the youth are focused on social action. They have helped with several Social Action Committee collections and are making blankets and getting CRE ready for the homeless shelter at the end of the month. The group has been working to raise funds to support the camp and General Assembly scholarship fund by creating handmade items to offer at the crafts fair and hosting the Stone Soup Lunch. They are currently hard at work creating a worship experience for all of us to enjoy on March 8th, so save the date. Finally, they have fun, or FUUN, as they like to call it, with game days that can get very rowdy. We are blessed with a wonderful group of youth and a dedicated team of advisers. There are more activities planned for the spring so keep a watch out to see what they will be up to next!

The Force is strong with our Middle School youth this year! They are Padawan's, (or students), in the Jedi Academy. This curriculum's central point is on mindfulness training using our UU Principles and Sources as our guide. This fall the focus was on initiation, or the start of a journey, and discovering the senses; experiencing many tastes (including umami); and learning to pay *attention* in a very *intentional* way to the world around us. They have explored both the light and the dark side of the Force by discussing moral quandaries and journaling, and are currently working on meditation. Soon they will be getting ready to make their own light sabers. This group has really enjoyed the use of *Star Wars* as a way to practice mindfulness and self discovery.

This is a year of discovery for our fourth and fifth grade group. They are working with a modified version of *Spirit of Adventure*. This curriculum introduces famous UU's and their contributions to society and is a way for the group to discover more about the UU's in our congregation. So far they have focused on medicine, holiday celebrations, food, and science. We have been modifying the original curriculum to include more contemporary sources of information by including YouTube videos and more hands-on activities. This group also worked on team building through games and challenges. You may have seen them launching rockets in the parking lot or smelled the wonderful pancakes and banana bread that they made during the service. There are more fun activities to come as we continue to explore and discover UU

contributions to the world.

Our second and third grade group is a big one this year! They have been enjoying stories from around the world as part of the *Moral Tales* curriculum. They get to explore each story over a two week period. This group is a busy one and they love to act out the tales on the second week. Each story has a teaching moral that the group explores through activity peppered with sharing opportunities. Exploring the tales has included activities like making play dough, creating their own story boxes, and greeting each other to practice being welcoming. They have a *Gems of Goodness* jar that they have been filling up with positive tales of their own. The jar was filled to the brim so they will be having a special ice cream party to celebrate this month. Nice Job!

The *Spirit Play* group is a small one this year and they are really enjoying their time together. Our Pre- Kinder to 1st graders share a story each week told using the story boxes with images and action. Each story focuses on one of our seven promises (simplified UU principles) and is followed by a time to wonder and to explore through activity. They've made butterflies, tiger masks and painted rainbow rocks to deepen their connection with a story. This class is more child-exploration-focused and a great bridge from the free play of the nursery to the more structured older groups.

The Nursery is occupied by children more and more now! We have some beautiful babies and toddlers at Summit who have their own place to play on Sunday mornings. Cathy is there each week working with a volunteer to hold and cuddle babies and play with toddlers. In addition to our regulars we have had several visiting families with little ones, too. It is wonderful to have an active Nursery again!

Each of our age centered groups is made possible by the dedicated volunteers who are actively involved each Sunday. This can be a very rewarding experience and a great way to be involved with the future leaders of our fellowship and possibly our faith. If you are interested in being part of the Religious Exploration program, stop by after the service to see what we are up to. There is always something interesting going on in CRE!

Bright Blessings,
Mary Carter-Vail, Director of CRE

Adult Religious Exploration

"Waking UP": On Friday, March 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ben Smith and Jerilyn Harris and Rev. Frank will co-facilitate a monthly "spiritual-but-not-religious" meet-up group centered around a deep reading and personal exploration of chapter 3 of Sam Harris's latest book, *Waking Up: A Guide to Spirituality Without Religion*. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it is requested that participants read the book in order to participate meaningfully in the group conversation. Bring one quote that you find particularly encouraging, troubling, or challenging, to share with the group.

Writers' Workshop: The group is taking a hiatus. Watch for further notice about when they will resume.

Memoir Writing Group / Lois Santalo: Also taking a hiatus. Please watch for further notice.

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

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 Mar. 7th 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

Wear your yellow 'Standing on the Side of Love' shirt!

Action Item for Monday, March 2nd Rally at 4:15 p.m.

Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego, 92101

(near Air and Space Museum)

City of San Diego - Climate Action Plan Scoping Meeting 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

As UUs, our faith calls on us to take appropriate action; to advocate for laws, policies and plans which reduce environmental injustice. We need to be seen Standing on the Side of Love. At this event we will join and support two local groups who share our perspectives: **Environmental Health Coalition** (EHC) and **San Diego 350.org**.

The city of San Diego holds public hearings on their Climate Action Plan. We will be advocating for an enforceable, equitable, and effective plan to reduce Green House Gases.

Scoping meeting announcement link:

http://docs.sandiego.gov/citybulletin_publicnotices/CEQA/PN1300%20NOP%20EIR%202-18-15.pdf

For questions or additional information, please contact Jack Shu.

Summit's Justice Ministry Committee will meet on Tues., Mar. 3rd 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:

Hygiene packs- all 30 hygiene packs made by the teens were “sold” at \$10 each, and cash donations were received as well. These proceeds will go into the Interfaith Shelter fund to allow us to continue to host our guests every year.

Interfaith shelter – our shelter guests will be at Summit from March 14-28 this year (our fourth year of hosting!). Sign-up boards are available in the office for duties such as providing meals, prep and cleanup, overnight hosting, and transportation to the trolley or laundromat. We will be supported by a number of organizations again this year, including (for the first time) the San Diego Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers!

Everyday Social Action- the Social Action theme for the coming year is “Everyday Social Action.” What do you do to make the world a better place? We are sharing our Everyday Social Action practices - we look forward to hearing about your ideas and practices as well. Here’s how one Summitarian puts his values into action:

When I was a younger man, I'd often jump into social action zealously and often proselytized my perfect view of the particular cause along the way. I have accumulated many everyday action stories, but these days there is something more important for me to share when engaging in everyday social action.

I am learning to stop and quiet down before engaging in social action. Although I was always driven by an urgent sense of justice and empathy for a person in pain or turmoil, now I turn to my heart to better connect to the meaningful action. A loving heart strengthens my social action hands. A compassionate heart tempers the tone of my social action speech. A peaceful heart renders me capable of embracing -or at least lovingly accepting- those who I perceive to possibly be contributing to the injustice. A quiet and trusting heart clears my social action vision. Meditation has become the corrective lenses for more effective social action.

Now I don't run to the injustice the moment I wake up. I try to sit still in the love, compassion, peace and quiet of the moment. I find meditation fortifies some social action efforts and I am more effective. Sort of like some good stretching before the jog.

Long may we run. For justice.

Mark Weedman

NEW MEETING TIME FOR SAC!!! The Social Action Committee is changing its meeting day and time. We will now meet on the second Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. We welcome you to join us on **March 8 at 8:30 a.m.** for the next meeting. Please note that is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Questions? Contact Gwen Baldwin, SAC chair.

“The Far Reaching Impact of Every Day Social Action: Summit in Zimbabwe”

Alix Hart and Mark Wheeler—members of Summit’s Social Action Committee—will update us on the charitable work they are doing in Zimbabwe as leaders of the San Diego based Compassion for African Villages (CAV). CAV is a nonprofit all-volunteer charitable organization dedicated to working with African villagers to develop sustainable equitable educational resources.

CAV was started in June of 2007 by the late Ms. Tsitsi Mutseta in order to raise awareness of the problems faced by impoverished villagers in Africa and to help solve those problems. When Tsitsi died in October 2013 at age 47 after a seven-year battle with breast cancer, Alix, Mark and other friends of Tsitsi vowed to continue and expand her work through CAV.

CAV envisions a world in which those who have resources and those who need resources love and respect each other and work together to enrich each other’s lives. Come hear how CAV has recently helped the students—many of whom are orphans—at the Chimudoro Primary School in Rundogo, Zimbabwe: providing school supplies, school fees, fresh water, hand washing facilities, and more. CAV’s current objectives include replacing the schools toilets, refurbishing three of the primary classroom buildings, replacing a fourth classroom building, and building Rundongo’s first health clinic.

Alix and Mark, along with CAV board members Evelyn Bengesa and Tina Chitura (both from villages near Rundogo), will testify to the remaining and significant challenges faced by the villagers in Zimbabwe and to the importance of the projects CAV is pursuing with Summit’s support.

Amnesty International...

...meets every month to help foster human dignity, respect, and the rights of all people. We write letters to various government leaders around the globe regarding certain people we have learned about; some of them about to be executed, some of them unjustly held in prison, others subject to public lashings or punishment--all prisoners of conscience. We have seen amazing results from our work, and I consider it one of the highlights of my social action. 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!

MOVIE NIGHT AT SUMMIT!!!

The Summit Task Force for our upcoming 2015 Interfaith Shelter cordially invites you, your friends, co-workers and family to view the showing of the movie: *“The Pursuit of Happiness,”* PG 13. Will Smith and his son Jaden Smith are the main characters. This 2006 movie received an Oscar Nomination and many other awards. The movie is based on a real life story. It recounts the struggles of a father and son as they become homeless.

Showtime is Friday, March 6th, 2015, in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to either

Rachel OM or Barbara Brooks by March 6th, 2015, so that we can properly prepare the Sanctuary for all who attend. The dates for Summit's 2015 Interfaith Shelter are March 14th through March 28th. This will be our 4th year hosting the homeless guests. Go Summit!

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

Please keep the following people in heart and mind:

♥ Long time member and past Treasurer Lois Davies died approximately Feb. 20th. We have missed her after she moved to Columbus, OH to be near her daughter, Lindsey. If you wish to send cards please contact the Summit office for Lindsey's address.

♥ Harriet Wright as she receives palliative care. Her Summit Friends are welcome but please call ahead of time.

♥ Gloria Gelineau as she continues to live life to the fullest. Her correct email address is gloriagelineau@gmail.com.

♥ Richard Wilkie and Elaine Harper, as Richard continues to receive palliative care at home.

♥ Chris Wetzel, as she continues to live her life as fully and joyfully as possible.

♥ Val Sims as she continues to live her life to the fullest.

♥ 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 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 POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Choir Notes

Choir Open House, Wed 3/25 at 7:00 p.m.

Have you been thinking about joining the Summit Singers? Do you just like to sing or to listen to people sing? On Wednesday evening, March 25, Summit's choir will be having an open house rehearsal. We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary as usual, and this time you all are invited to join us to see what our practices are like. You can join in the singing, or follow along in the score, or just listen. We may do a little sing-along of familiar music as well, and we'll even have dessert!

Questions? Contact Laurel Bernstein.

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

Freethinkers

Will not be meeting during the month of March. Please watch for future announcements.

Membership Committee

The Membership Cmte will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 3rd at 2:00 pm in the conference room in the office wing.

The Summit UU Book Club...

...will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm in the library to discuss Laura Hillenbrand's bestselling "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption." The story of Louie Zamperini was named the top nonfiction book of the year by Time magazine, and was the winner of the Los Angeles Times book prize for biography. The New York Times calls it "Ambitious and powerful...a startling narrative and an inspirational book."

In April, we will be discussing "The Lowland," by Jhumpa Lahiri.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFO

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

Summit has a Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/SummitUUF>

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.

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. 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