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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.

October 2: *"The Greatest Challenge We Face"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Fear is fundamental to human experience. It is also our first and last great challenge in the quest for a more just and loving world. Rev. Frank will guide our reflection upon this problem and how, in successfully changing our relationship to fear, we can make a great contribution to changing our individual and collective destinies.

October 9: *"Transforming Power"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Is a loving society achievable? How we answer this question can make all the difference in the world.

October 16: *"Wrong Turn at Elboturkey"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

What you and I believe isn't the most important thing...so what is? How important is belief in the whole scheme of things? What beliefs are driving our thoughts, feelings and actions? How we answer such questions can help us get a renewed sense of direction in our quest for spiritual community and a world that is more just and loving.

October 23: Summit Social Action in Liberia, Kenya, and Zimbabwe

Filling libraries and supporting literacy in Liberia; working for peace, building schools, and improving sanitation in Kenya; new classrooms, new toilets, and micro-finance projects in Zimbabwe—during the months of October, November, and December, Summit's Social Action will focus on the work of Compassion for African Villages. Come to the this special service and meet Mr. Robert Saah, a young gentleman from Liberia who is collecting books for impoverished school children in his homeland. Hear his story; learn how Summit and CAV are helping to support his and similar causes in Liberia; get an update on the work Summit and CAV is pursuing in Kenya and Zimbabwe. Join us after the service for African music!

October 30: *"The Myth of the Invisible Hand"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

No economic system is inherently moral, or morally superior. In the world we all say we want to see, morality as a spiritual concern that shapes and guides economy. What would happen if we dedicated ourselves to creating economies based on concern for the well-being of all and the health of our planet?

November 6: *"Our Final Enemy"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

Death is the destiny of the known universe. Death is popularly seen as the enemy because death comes for us all. This Sunday we will conclude our October series of reflections on death, remember our

ancestors, and recognize those who have died and bequeathed various legacies of problem and purpose to us all.

***The Scene at Summit's November 2016 edition
deadline will be **Mon., Oct. 24th.*****

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FROM THE MINISTER'S ROLLTOP:

“Will We Show Up With Love?”

“I called for help; I didn't call you guys to kill him,”

— Alfred Olango's sister

Over the past five days my heart has been heavy with the pall of Alfred Olango's death. Alfred, as you may not know, was a Ugandan immigrant who was considered a friend and family member by some in the Zimbabwean community so involved in our mission partnership, Compassion for African Villages. He was shot by an El Cajon police officer who perceived him as a threat.

Yes, as I write this, my heart is heavy with mourning, carried for all concerned. Heavy with the anxiety and grief over another unnecessary rend in the fabric of our society. Heavy with the reverberations of anger and hopelessness that have surged into mob behavior in recent days. Heavy with the responsibility of being a faithful minister to Summit and the larger community: to try and help people begin to come to terms with Alfred's death; to encourage my fellow citizens to stay calm and focused and to watch and listen carefully in the storm of clashing viewpoints and interests; to invite and challenge everyone to show up in love, rather than with self-righteous judgment toward the police or toward Alfred, impulsive rage or with a calculated intention to promote violence and discord.

I have heard from many Summitarians in the course of these events. Some of you have expressed a sense of helplessness. “What can I do?” Some of you have fatalistically interpreted our communities unrest as some sort of pre-cursor to a coming apocalypse. Some of you have taken a side, and

condemned those who have a different viewpoint and different ideas on the best course of action.

One of you dear ones wrote me this:

“Hi Frank - I too am sad for the loss of life - I also am concerned as it came to my knowledge that the victim had a pretty serious criminal record including - driving while intoxicated - dealing cocaine and possession of a fire-arm by a convicted felon. This of course does not make the police actions justified. Know, also, that [a] hundred protesters who are known to be paid for demonstrating showed up in buses to agitate so be careful while you are out there.”

Here was my response. It represents my own standpoint vis-à-vis the shooting of Alfred Olango:

“Thank you... Dear _____,

I shared your email, and the following message, with a group of 25 ministers and priests from East County.

‘The point for us is not to condemn the police or lionize Alfred Olango, but to work for a society in which an ethic of care for others is functional, where the incredibly disproportionate number of killings and incarcerations of people of color is stopped, and where justice is restorative and ultimately healing, as we continue to work for a free and enlightened society.’

Love always.”

What can we do? I would say that such a time as this is what we have been covenanting and practicing for, and this is what I know:

- We can always show up in, for and with love.
- We can act with care and invite and challenge others to act with care toward those who seem opposed or even threatening to them.
- We can listen and empathize, without necessarily agreeing.
- We can acknowledge our own fear and love each other in spite of it, choosing to stay connected as we override our impulses to fight or flee, or to demonize or dominate others.
- We can simultaneously communicate grace and insist on justice.

Love always, Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

President's Report

Dear Ones,

This week I am once again reminded of what a special place Summit is. Our recently called congregational meeting was a shining example of how our community works together even when we don't all think alike. Maybe especially when we don't all think alike.

The meeting was called to allow you, the members of Summit, to discuss and decide whether to display a banner and/or flag on our campus during services and other appropriate events, as has been proposed by the Justice Ministry Committee. This trial period is contingent upon several things, including the approval of messages to go on the banners.

There were many strong feelings expressed at the meeting around the idea of a banner, even without the message being yet specified: Don't many UU congregations display messages of public witness? Will a banner attract negative attention and even harm to our campus? Are we not walking our talk if we don't display messages of social justice? Is it disrespectful of our neighbors to post messages of any kind? Don't we need to speak up for those who don't have a voice? Or is a banner without action a hollow statement? Are there better ways for us to speak up?

However, in spite of the lengthy discussion, what was most memorable to me from this meeting was that we all listened to one another and treated each other with the utmost respect. This realization prompted me to reread Summit's Covenant of Right Relations, which guides us in how we can best show our values and principles through our actions. I was struck by how clearly our Summit community lives this covenant, as revealed by our attitude of respect and compassion in this congregational meeting.

The covenant starts by urging us to welcome the newcomer, and then consists of the six points below. At that meeting, I saw us:

- Encourage and support one another (check!)
- Honor our diversity (check!)
- Ask questions with an open mind and heart (check!)
- Listen deeply and seek understanding (check!)
- Speak and act compassionately (check!)
- Trust one another to remain in community while differences are resolved (and...check!).

I think that's pretty impressive. I'm not suggesting we sit back and think smug thoughts about how wonderful we are. Just like any other relationship, our relationship with our Summit family takes care and attention. I am mindful that we are the way we are because we work at it, because Summit is important to us. And our willingness to do that is a big part of what makes this place so special.

~ Laurel

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL

Adult Religious Exploration

Memoir Writing Group: Next meeting – Oct. 14th, (second Friday), 10:00 am – noon. All are welcome.

Joanna Jones

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, Sept. 15th, at 10:00am at a member's home. Please call Margo Mariana if you interested in participating. All levels of writing experience are welcome.

Summit Sangha

The Sangha meets every Sunday from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We begin with 20 minutes of silent or gently guided meditation, listen to a 30 minute dharma talk and conclude with a discussion which can include questions about practice. Summit Sangha is a community of practice, learning, and support open to all who find a Buddhist path meaningful, and to all who would like to learn more. Namaste

More Upcoming A.R.E. Offerings

Cancelled-Communication and Conflict Management in The Beloved Community

Facilitators: Rev. Frank Placone-Willey and the Committee on Shared Ministry

Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Straight Talk about Death and Dying:

A 4-week Summit Unitarian Universalist Series About Living Life Fully

Workshop 1: An Invitation to Talk Openly about Death

What happens when we die? Death and what it means to us. Fears, concerns and differing points of view.

Workshop 2: Bereavement: My Beloved is Gone, Now What?

Dynamics and processes of grief. Coping and healing with loss. Sharing about losses we've experienced.

Workshop 3: Suicide and The Right To Die

Moral and legal issues of suicide. How and how not to support someone who wants to make their final exit.

Workshop 4: Planning for the End of Life

About relationships, last wishes, and spiritual grounding at the end of life:

- ❖ Advance Health Care Directives
- ❖ Organ and Tissue Donation
- ❖ Estate planning
- ❖ Hospice Care
- ❖ How to plan your Memorial Service/Celebrations of Life

Facilitators: Neal Biggart, Rev. Frank Placone-Willey and Guest Presenters

Saturdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**These Summer/Fall 2016 offerings are being organized by Rev. Frank. Others will be offered by UU Justice Ministry, Committee on Shared Ministry, Freethinkers, and other Summit Groups and Members throughout 2016, so stay tuned!*

Children's Religious Exploration News

This has been a very busy September for me and for our program! All of our classes are up and running with a few challenges that may offer new opportunities. Here is more about what is going on:

Mary's Professional Development

For some reason this fall is filled with opportunities for more growth and professional development for our program, and for me personally, than I usually experience in a full year! There is definitely something going on because I am feeling strongly called to actively participate as a way to fill my tool box and grow a stronger program. This began with the *Spirit Play* training that we hosted here at Summit. Two members of our teaching team participated and I got a refresher course by assisting with the training. I then had the opportunity to participate in a three day program called "Elevation" in Salt Lake City that was focused on creating your best life through authentic connections and love through service as a business practice. For Summitarians this is also a spiritual practice, and by implementing some of the business aspects (social media, marketing, more connection for our volunteer teams, etc.) we can continue to grow and have lasting impact on our community.

There are three additional opportunities that I'm taking advantage of in October. I was gifted with a ticket to "The Art of Mentoring" with Kirk Duncan for three days. This is a large part of my work here at Summit so I am very excited. And finally, the Liberal Religious Education Directors Association, (LREDA), is hosting their fall conference here in San Diego! I will be attending the conference along with my colleagues and attending the pre-conference training on Family Ministry. Whew! That's a lot of training in a short time. I expect that I will be collapsing in the month of November – just kidding – I love this stuff!

Challenges and Opportunities for Growth in CRE

Our Nursery and five classrooms are up and running. This is an exciting time as we get our church year started. There is a rather large age gap in the program this time. Our Nursery is consistently occupied with some wonderful young children. We now have 6 regulars who are coming at least once a month. Our Senior High group is HUGE! They fill their newly redecorated room and have lots of enthusiasm. The middle and upper elementary classes are also large though their attendance is not as consistent as the teens. They're excited about the *Harry & UU* program and are on track to do some great things.

The biggest gap is in our pre-kindergarten to second grade group, 4 to 8 year olds. And we only have 4 children who regularly attend. This is defiantly a challenge, as they are spread between two classrooms, two curriculums and two teaching teams. Each week lessons are prepared, volunteers dedicate their time and space is held to welcome these four children and any guests. Last week both classes were empty. My question to the community is what can we do? I know that there are families in our area, with children in this age group, who are looking for a place like Summit. We are here! How do we get the word out? How can we find these families? How can we serve? We need to share. Let others know that Summit exists. Invite, especially families, folks to come visit, to see what we have to offer. Let me know if you have any other ideas on how we can share Summit with other families.

Book Drive & Donations

This year our upper elementary and middle school are forming a branch of Dumbledore's Army to battle issues of injustice (a.k.a. Horcruxes), as away to create positive change. They are starting the year by learning about Illiteracy and what they can do to promote reading for all in our community. The group will be starting a book drive to collect books for Los Colinas Women's Detention Center. We are looking

for books for the inmates to read and children's books for them to read with their children when they come to visit. We will also be collecting books to share in the Summit community and plan to hold a book swap on Oct. 30th. If you have any gently used children's books or adult novels to donate, bring them to the CRE area beginning October 9th. If you would like to purchase a new book children's book for Los Colinas, let me know and I can let you what the guidelines.

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."

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

What is the Caring Committee?

We are a group of volunteers who organize and participate in a network of Summit members who support those in the Fellowship who find themselves in need. We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page is the "ride coordinator" for our committee. If you need assistance with transportation to Summit or medical appointments, call her, preferably a few days ahead of time.

Loving Hands Ministry

The Loving Hands fiber arts group **will meet** on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Summit library. Please join us if you knit or crochet, or think you might want to learn. For questions or more info, please contact Laurel Bernstein.

Amnesty International...

Welcome to everyone! We look forward to having you join us in writing for justice. Our next meeting will be **Oct. 31st, 2016, in the Summit Salon**. Amnesty International meets on the last Monday night of the month at 6:30 pm. Writing letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience all over the world is a beautiful way to make a difference. Our collected letters land on the desk of some "sir" or "majesty" somewhere, and it forces them to consider action. We have been especially blessed to have had several successful campaigns - where our letters (along with those worldwide) have actually freed a prisoner or changed a sentence. It is an amazing and triumphant feeling. Be the change you want to see in the world!! Visit the <http://www.amnestyusa.org> website or contact **renee altson** for more details.

Social Action Committee

For the next three months SAC will be focusing on Compassion for African Villages. If you'd like to help out with this project or are interested in working on the SAC team feel free to come to our next meeting on Oct . 9th at 11:30am in the Summit Library.

Jerilyn Harris

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

Please keep the following people in heart and mind:

- ♥ For Kyle, Lynne and John Slaughter; may they find the respite and healing they need right now.
- ♥ Harriet Nissenbaum, for continued support, love and encouragement.
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ Al Mork reports Ferne is home and able to move around the house.
- ♥ Wendell and Carol Rawlins, love, support and a return to health.
- ♥ Rachel Le Wine is grateful for her new home.
- ♥ Margo Mariana: may she find mobility and have continued social support.
- ♥ All who are struggling with the reminder of loss and difficulty.
- ♥ All in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, find fulfilling work, and provide for their families in these difficult economic times.
- ♥ And, love always.

Member to Member

Hi Everyone!

Summit is a busy, interconnected place these days. We all love to share our books, etc., with one another and it seems like the easiest place to leave things for other Summitarians is the Fellowship office.

Which is great but things get in the way of the office volunteers at the desk and we wind up with things just setting around. Well, our Property Steward, Mark Weedman has come up with a great solution. We have a tall book shelf across from Rev. Frank's office door that will be labeled "**Member to Member.**" So, when you want to drop something off for another member that's the place to put it. It is your responsibility to contact your recipient to let them know where the item is located. Also, the shelves below that one are another lost-and-found.

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

Notes from the Music Committee

Summit's Music Committee is here to enhance and coordinate all things musical at Summit (Sunday services, concerts, special events, etc.). We will meet next on Tues., October 11th (the second Tuesday of the month) at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Summit Office. We welcome new members and visitors, as well as your input and suggestions. For more information, please contact Laurel Bernstein.

Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you like to sing, come join us! Choir Director: Carly Newman carlynewman1021@gmail.com.

Freethinkers...

At the October 17th meeting there will be a screening of a first-run documentary film which examines some novel societal ideas and possibilities in a variety of different contemporary international cultures. Contact Linus Senhen or Neal Biggart.

Book Club

On Tuesday, Oct. 4th in the Summit library, we'll be discussing "*The Gift of Rain*," by Tan Twan Eng.

In 1939, sixteen-year-old Philip Hutton is living on the Malayan island of Penang. Alienated from his community and family, he at last discovers friendship with a foreign diplomat whose true purpose on the island will ultimately bring unspeakable devastation. When Philip discovers he has been an unwitting traitor to his homeland, he must work in secret to save as many lives as possible.

"A powerful first novel about a tumultuous and almost forgotten period of history....one that complicates the stark lines of right and wrong during wartime. - The London Times

Monthly PFLAG Meeting at Summit

Our next meeting will be on October 10th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. I highly encourage all of you who are interested in bringing about a safer and more respectful society for the LGBTQ+ community to attend this meeting so we can share ideas, beyond just continuing the monthly meetings, about how we can work together and more effectively achieve this goal by reaching more families who might be in need of the healing and life-saving services that PFLAG offers.

Questions? Contact Mar Cardenas - PFLAG Facilitator

Calling All Guitarists!

Do you play guitar - classical, folk, or other? Would you be interested in getting together with other Summit guitarists to play? Would you be interested and/or willing to share your guitar playing for a Sunday morning service, perhaps accompanying hymns or contributing to our musical enjoyment? If so, please let us know and we will pull some strings and get something going!

· Katie Boskoff for Music Committee

Upcoming Events

Full Moon Drumming Meditation

Saturday, October 15th: 6:00 p.m. Salon

Trish and Lynn will call in the Four Directions. There will be a short check-in and then we'll drum until we feel it's time to stop. Anyone is welcomed to join us. Bring your drum or just sit and feel the heartbeat of the drum. ~Lynn Manyfires

Marian Call Concert at Summit

Friday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30, concert begins at 7:00 p.m. \$10

Marian Call is an independent singer-songwriter out of Juneau, Alaska. She has been touring and recording her quirky, clever folk songs around the globe for ten years.

Take a listen!!! <http://mariancall.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/mariancallmusic>.

Come, bring your friends! This promises to be a very fun evening.

Sponsored by the Cultural Entertainment Committee

It's Coming!

The music . . .

The laughter . . . the BEADS!!!

Mardi Gras Weekend:

The Summit Auction 2016

SAT, NOV 5th from 5:00 – 9:00 > > VOICE AUCTION

And . . .

SUN, NOV. 6th from 11:30 am – 1:00PM > > SILENT AUCTION

How can you support SUMMIT?

Come to the Auction!

Brings friends to the auction

Buy Raffle Tickets

Donate to the Boutique

Be an Underwriter

The Summit Auction is the most important fundraiser of the year, it truly helps keep the lights on and the garden looking beautiful.

Tickets go on sale October 9th!

\$10 per person

for Sat. night live auction.

No charge for Sunday silent auction.

Raffle will take place on Saturday night (but winner does not have to be present to win)

Volunteer Training Opportunity for Facilitating Restorative Justice programming in San Diego County Jails & Detention Centers

The Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP) is facilitating a **20-week**, cognitive-based, restorative-justice program **for offenders incarcerated in San Diego county jails and detention centers** who are **preparing for reentry** into our communities. (South Bay in Chula Vista, Las Colinas in Santee, East Mesa and Vista). The rudiments of this program are based on the restorative justice principles and practices of: accountability, recognizing harms, developing empathy and remorse, understanding victim impact, and personal healing. Offenders **participate in a Victim Offender Dialogue circle** with surrogate victims of similar crimes, which is a major step in the restorative healing process of both offenders and victims.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Includes a pre-screen interview, background clearance, attendance at the institution's orientation, completion of the 20-hour training, and a volunteer commitment to facilitate in a San Diego facility for one year. If you are interested contact **Andrea Travers**, RJ-RPP Program Coordinator.

<http://www.sdrjmp.org/index.php?page=training>

WHEN

Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:00-9:00 PM,

Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

WHERE

Diocese of San Diego Pastoral Center - 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego , CA 92117

COST:

\$150 per person or \$75 for students or seniors 65 and older. Scholarships are available.

ADDITIONAL INFO

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 Don Jania-Smith.

About the eNews:

The newsletter you are currently reading is our monthly *Scene at Summit*. If you wish to receive our weekly source for Summit information, the eNews, in your email, contact Pamela Kerr at

Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net .

If you want to contribute an article, or classified ad, or 'something of interest' to the eNews:

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

the discretion of the eNews editors.

⊕ Respond to the contact person noted in an article, do not just "reply."

Now you can find the eNews on our website <http://summituuf.org/>; log in as a member, you'll see "ENEWS" at the top of the banner to the right, click that and it will take you to another page that will give you a link to the current eNews.

Thanks! ~ Pamela Kerr

A note from the Property Steward

"Summit's Campus It Is A Changin'!"

Our Summit property is always undergoing renovations, repairs, and upgrades. In the first 8 months of 2016 we have improved AC flow in the Sanctuary, added an emergency exit in CRE, and installed lighting on the backside of the main building as a safety precaution. Early in the Summer we had our melaleuca trees on the east side thinned out and topped. Since Summer 2015 we have also reduced our regular irrigation usage to just 2 single cycle waterings/week. (Thanks to all who think and act with water conservation in mind!)

More improvements are in the works, including plans to increase shade cover outside of the Salon for Sunday mornings, new carpet for 2 RE classrooms, a paint job for the conference room in the office, and additional cabinet space in the Salon.

If you see something out of order or have an idea about how we can improve our campus aesthetically or functionally, please let me know with an email. Many thanks to all of the talented SUUF volunteers who lend time, labor, an eagle-eye, and funds to help keep Summit an inviting and pleasant environment for our beloved community.

Yours in fellowship,

Mark Weedman

Calendaring Events!

When scheduling a new event at Summit, please contact Linda about the availability of rooms and to get your event on the master calendar. Please also consider possible conflicts with offsite Auction events. A calendar of Auction events is posted in the office by the main calendar, is posted on the web, and copies are available by the reception desk.

While Linda is ultimately the one who decides which on-campus events can be scheduled and at what time, the responsibility for setting and coordinating Summit-related on-campus events with off-campus events (e.g. Auction dinners) and avoiding unwanted conflicts in booking, lies with the organizers of these events, and not with Linda Peck or any other members of the Summit Staff.

Let There Be (Less? More?) Light

At Summit we are aware of everyone's need to be comfortable so we all can enjoy the Sunday service together. But we do have a wide range of sensitivities within the congregation. Several of us are extremely sensitive to florescent lights, while many of us don't see well and need more light to read the hymnals. What we've started doing is turning down the lights in the center of the Sanctuary. The lighting is brightest on the east (Library) side of the room and the back tiled area. Please take note of this as you choose your seats on Sunday, so we can all be comfortable. ~ Linda

Flowers for Sunday Services

The flowers at our Sunday services always add a soft spirit to the room. If you would like to provide flowers for any service you can sign-up by calling the office at 619-562-0833. This is a lovely way to commemorate a personal special occasion or honor a loved one. ~ Thank you!

"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.