



UCC Petaluma

A Ministry of Hope | Open & Affirming
Servants of the Just & the Good.

*To Heal, Inspire and Empower in the Way of Jesus
So that all people may create lives of deeper meaning and greater value.*

Sun August 7, 2022

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News & Opportunities - Sunday and Beyond...

This Sunday, August 7th Church Outdoors under the Oaks at 10am!

Our IPGT continues to monitor Sonoma County risk metrics which are trending high this week. Therefore we will gather together outdoors for Sunday worship service with this safety protocol:

- Masks **OPTIONAL**, Physical Distancing **OPTIONAL** & Contact Tracing
- Extra supplies available upon request: masks, hand sanitizer, wipes.

[Click here](#) to find our updated In-Person Gathering Guidelines on our website, which include the self-assessment we ask that you complete before leaving for the UCCP campus.

Our Hearts and Prayer are with...

- The family & friends of Colonel Jack Krout, age 97, who passed away peacefully at home recently. **A memorial is currently being planned for Saturday August 20 at 11am.** We are in need of volunteers to help the family with various tasks the week before and the day of the memorial. **If you are able to share some time, please contact Barbara DeLeon at 1-808-657-4878.**
- Diane Ruddell and her family as they celebrate and mourn the recent passing of Diane's mother, Jan. A memorial is planned at College Heights UCC in San Mateo Sept 10 at 11:30am.
- Patty & Keenan Foster are grieving the passing of their beloved dog, Paige.

A Special Thank you goes to...

Heidi Jones for her weekday watering of our lovely church campus flora!



FREE COVID-19 VACCINE EVENT

8/1/22 & 8/29/22

8am-4:30pm

(1st & 2nd, booster dose)

The Spring Hill School & The
United Church of Christ
825 Middlefield Drive
Petaluma, CA 94952

The Spring Hill School & The United Church of Christ
considers the health and well-being of our children and families
a priority.

COVID-19 vaccine (including booster doses for those eligible)
will be available for anyone ages 6 months through 18+ years.

**Walk-ins are welcomed!
No ID and No medical insurance required.**

Please make an appointment to avoid any wait times.

Visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/screening?config=328c4480-243c-4ed4-ad6e-c44e98d783ce> or scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



Registration in multiple languages is also available by
calling the COVID-19 Hotline at 833-422-4255



Celebrate 50 Years of Open & Affirming Aug. 5-7

Celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the ONA Coalition and Bill Johnson's ordination as the first openly gay man authorized to serve an historic Christian church as a minister of word and sacrament.

From Friday to Sunday evenings, our celebration will offer inspiring worship, powerful testimonies, and stories from our growing movement. We'll honor the past, lift up the present, and claim our visions for the future.

The theme is "Shaping Generations: Queer Justice and Love in the UCC."
[Click here](#) to register & learn more.

Church Directory

An updated directory is in progress! Please see Patty Foster, who has graciously volunteered her photography expertise, or Julie Traverso on Sundays before or after worship service if you are interested in an updated photo.

Foreign Exchange Student Opportunity

Private and Public School F-1 Exchange (PSE) provides a homestay program whereby high school students from all over the world are placed into American homes for the cultural experience. Our website is www.pse-edu.org. We have a student from Germany, Verena, who still needs a family to host her in the Petaluma area. She will be attending St. Vincent de Paul High School. She would only be in America for 12 weeks. Our organization provides outstanding support! Verena would like to attend regular church services with her host family. PSE needs to find a host family for Verena as soon as possible. You can help by sharing this information with anyone who might be interested and contact us directly at 480-650-5644.

UCC Petaluma Book Group - "The Wisdom Way"

At their August 18 gathering, the UCC Petaluma book group will continue reading ["The Wisdom Way"](#) by Cynthia Bourgeault. Chapters 4-7 (starting on p. 50).

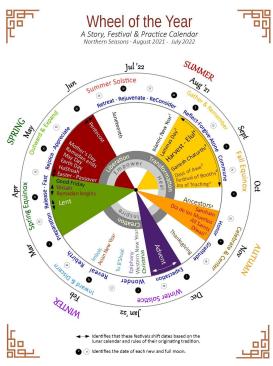
If you would like to learn how to join in the meaningful and valuable conversations of this inquisitive group, please contact Paul Eklof for details at Peklof@pacbell.net. We currently gather by zoom using the ID 282 945 1345 Password = “ucc”

UCC Petaluma Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Mondays in the Library

Join a long-standing thoughtful group in bible study on 2nd & 4th Mondays in the church library at 10am. All are welcome whether you have a lifetime of bible study experience or none at all. To learn more, contact Dorothy at 707-540-1796

Faith in Action Opportunity

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is by far the biggest investment in climate policy in U.S history. Now, it is up to the Senate to deliver a policy to address climate change. We encourage you to communicate with your Senator to act faithfully on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. To encourage them to vote to support the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 [click here](#). It takes just a minute to put your Faith in Action.



The Wheel of the Year [Click Here to download a new Wheel of the Year for 2022.](#) This helpful visual tool is a helpful guide to your spiritual practice - connecting your unique faith to the festivals of our tradition in relation to the traditions of billions of others around the globe and the unique practices of your household. If you would like a printed copy of the Wheel, we would be pleased to make one

for you, reply to this email with your desire! You can also download a copy at our [website](#).

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1: Paul Brown
- 5: Violet Barthol
- 8: Teddy Stone
- 14: Ruby Rabena
- 15: Kathy Brandal
- 17: Lance Roberts
- 19: Anne Nancy Vosler
- 19: David Stirrat
- 24: Rev. Jason Hubbard
- 24: Frankie Sharp (Molden)
- 25: Barton Smith
- 29: Mary Fritzmeiser (Molden)
- 31: Elizabeth Corbit

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8: Rob and Diane Ruddell

Worship Sunday August 7, 2022

Gathered Under the Oak Tree at UCC Petaluma

Call to Worship

Aug 5th marks the 10-year anniversary of a mass shooting by a white nationalist who opened fire on a Sikh gurdwara in Oak Creek, Wisconsin as families prepared for Sunday worship. Seven community members were killed. It remains the deadliest massacre of Sikhs ever on U.S. soil.

One: How long, O Holy One?

ALL: How long must your lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people hide, afraid to come out to wholeness?

One: How long, O Holy One?

ALL: How long must our Black, Latinx, and Indigenous siblings bear the scars that the legacy of white supremacy and racism have left on our nation, on our world?

One: How long, O Holy One?

ALL: Before the lament we carry in our souls is heard and comforted?

One: Divine Beloved, we trust in hesed, a steadfast love.

ALL: Our hearts rejoice at the promise of contemplation in action

One: Let us then lift up our voices in word and deed and never ever give up.

ALL: Let us raise the songs of our ancestors, commit to make justice and loving kindness, and walk together until all people are free.

Adapted from UCC ONA worship resources 2022, inspired by Psalm 13

Congregational Singing

“We Shall Overcome”

*New Century Hymnal # 570
Lyrics for all generations by J. Hubbard*

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We are not afraid today.

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

Today's Teaching Scriptures

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is the Author of Life. By faith Abraham received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had the opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore the Holy One is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, the Divine has prepared a city for them.