



# UCC Petaluma

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**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

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

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News & Opportunities - Sunday and Beyond...

## This Sunday at UCC Petaluma

We celebrate the great diversity of Mothering and ask how the story of the ascension can support us in seeing possibility in our own calling to be a mothering presence no matter our sex or gender. View this week's Digital Bulletin [HERE!](#)

## Online Offerings



If you find it helpful to make your offerings online, please use this QR code to take you to our website and click the Donate button. Your gift will make a difference!

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm**

The next 4-week series of Petaluma Conversations begins at the Petaluma Library! Many things are new, including the option to bring your own group, a facilitator will be provided as well as the structure to hear one another. The suggested topics this week are The Presidential Election and Belonging. Look forward to connecting and building community together! View Petaluma Conversation's informational video [HERE](#). [CLICK HERE](#) to register your interest in attending.

## **PETALUMA CONVERSATIONS**

Bridging Social & Political Divides

TUESDAYS\* AT 5:30pm IN THE  
PETALUMA LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



### **Sunday, May 19 @ 7 pm**

Holly Near performs at the Hopmonk Tavern, Sebastopol, CA 94572. Don't miss this chance to see one of the great activist musicians of our time perform in an intimate setting close to home. Tickets are sold out, but some of us are likely to show up and hope to "manifest" a ticket. Be there!

## **Monday, May 20th @10am**

UCCP Bible Study gathers in the Library. All are welcome!

## **Tuesday, May 21 at 10 am, by Zoom.**

UCC Petaluma Book Group will be discussing the choice of its next book. To make suggestions or learn more, contact Paul Eklof at peklof@pacbell.net. Or talk to Ann Nancy or Michael Vosler.

## **Tuesday, May 21 5-8pm**

Cool Petaluma, in partnership with the City of Petaluma, welcomes all to our third annual Expo! [Click Here](#) to learn how you can be a part of Cool Petaluma's many offerings and connect to all those who are working for Climate justice in our community.

## **Thursday, May 30 at 2pm**

Amor Para Todos Give Out Day! Join for an amor, fun-filled, family-friendly day for all at The Block Petaluma. The event will include silent & live auctions, live music, food, kid's areas, and trivia! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about Amor Para Todos!

## **Wednesday June 5 at 12:30pm**

The Genesis Circle (Women's group) will meet in the Friendship Hall. This group meets on the first Wednesday of every month. To learn more about this group, please contact Dorothy Wilcox at 707-540-1796.



## **Opportunities for Spiritual Learning & Action**

### **Transhumance Festival on Steamer Island - May 11**

Celebrate our connection to the Land and our call to responsible care for animals at the annual Transhumance Festival on Steamer Landing. Transhumance is the annual ritual of moving livestock from one grazing ground to another. A large herd of sheep will process down D street to their next grazing ground on Steamer Island. Join in Bluegrass music, food and a chance to meet the sheep up close! [Click here for details](#)

### **Cool Petaluma Resource Expo 2024 - May 21**

Cool Petaluma, in partnership with the City of Petaluma, welcomes all to their third annual Expo! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how you can be a part of Cool Petaluma's many offerings and

especially connect to all those who are working for Climate justice by offering resources in our community.

### **Oppose harmful cuts to the Farm Bill with one click**

You can urge Congress to protect SNAP from harmful cuts and policy changes that would weaken the program's ability to meet its core mission. The Farm Bill plays a huge role in reducing food insecurity and hunger in the U.S. and abroad. Congress is considering cuts to policy that will weaken the ability of the program to ensure a frugal healthy diet is available to all. Express your support for a family friendly farm bill, and oppose these proposed cuts by [clicking here](#). Interested in learning more about the background of the Farm Bill? [Check out a 4-part webinar for more information here](#).

### **Continuing to Support Justice for Women**

Just because Women's history month is over, doesn't mean we should sit back. Take action now to support justice for women. Now more than ever, we must speak up! [CLICK HERE](#) to contact your representative! Our voices matter. Talking to your representative is the best way to make sure it is heard.

### **Join in our National Denomination's Educational Webinars**

Our National denomination offers a variety of thoughtful educational webinars on topics from local to international interest relevant to our mission and vision. [CLICK HERE](#) to see their many offerings.

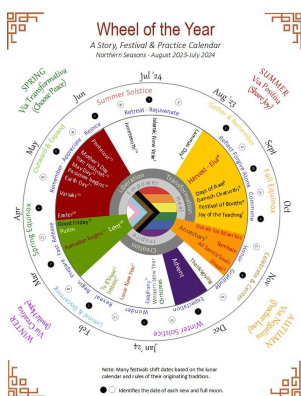
### **Blue Zones**

Articles, recipes, resources, and tools for transforming personal and communal well-being and longevity. Curated from research done by Dan Buettner (National Geographic Explorer and Fellow) on the world's healthiest, longest-living populations. [CLICK HERE](#) to read their latest articles.

### **Sonoma County LGBTQIA+ Community Needs Assessment**

Please join us in collaborating with the wonderful [Positive Images \(PI\)](#) to share [this amazing survey](#) they created to get MUCH-needed data for those in the LGBTQIA+ Sonoma County community. If you or anyone you know is in the LGBTQIA+ community, please consider taking/sharing the survey or scan the QR code below to take the survey.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a new Wheel of the Year for 2023-24.



The Wheel of the Year is a helpful guide to your spiritual practice - connecting your household's unique understandings and traditions to the stories, festivals, and practices of billions of others around the globe

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

7: Diane Ruddell

14: Al Martin

28: Sherry Eklof

30: Mark Reischling