



# WORKING TOGETHER

*A Guide to Ministries, Committees & Groups*

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## Ministries

*Faithful service in the work and worship of the church.*



## Committees

*Stewards of the church's mission, resources, and governance.*



## Groups

*Fellowship, study, and community life.*

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# AFC Rotating Shelter Program

## MINISTRY

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Lisa Johnson   lisajohnsonsantacruz@gmail.com
<b>MEETINGS</b>	As needed
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Lynette Duclos Adelson, Julie Duclos, Melodie Kistner, Larry Kistner
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Assisting and providing meals on Sundays for the Association of Faith Communities nightly rotating homeless shelter (Faith Community Shelter).

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Peace United Church of Christ provides Sunday shelter in the Fellowship Hall on the first Sunday of the month..
- ❖ Volunteers from Peace United prepare and serve dinner, and provide breakfast items for Monday morning.
- ❖ Peace United also provides this ministry when there is a fifth Sunday. Other churches provide the meals on the remaining Sundays of the month (2nd Sunday, Resurrection Church; 3rd Sunday Chadeish-Meinhu Jewish community; 4th Sunday Christ Lutheran).

Our volunteers are looking for more help to prepare and serve the first Sunday. If you would like to help, please reach out to Lynette Duclos Adelson or Lisa Johnson.

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# Caring Ministry

## MINISTRY

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	To be determined
<b>MEETINGS</b>	As needed
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Philip Spradling, Pastor Dave Pattee
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To provide support for our church family so no one feels alone during times of crisis. In addition, we have provided ongoing support for individuals who are experiencing short term or longer-term life challenges.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Meal train is an on-line system where PUCC members may sign up to provide meals as someone is recovering from a hospital stay, going through medical treatment, just experienced a death or loss in the family or some other serious challenge.
- ❖ Contact Phillip Spradling (philipspradling@gmail.com with a request for a member.
- ❖ Pastoral Visits: For those who want to have PUCC friends visit during challenging times, our committee reaches out to members or to Pastor Dave when his expertise is more appropriate than a lay visitor.

**Note:** this group may be replaced with another organization. Look for announcements in the future.

# Children, Youth, and Families

## MINISTRY

**CHAIRPERSON** Joliene Wade | joliene.wade@gmail.com

**MEETINGS** Third Friday and as needed

**MEMBERS** Ingrid Parker, Maryse Postlewaite

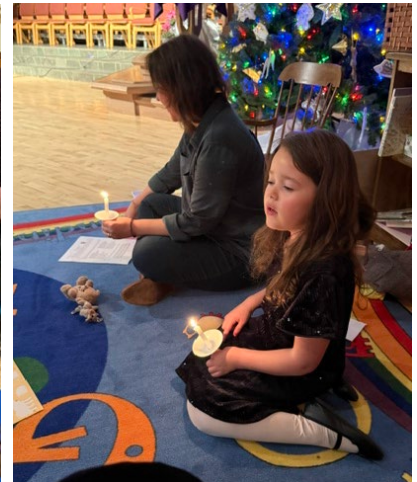
**PURPOSE** The CYF team is committed to creating community for children and youth at Peace United Church of Christ and to supporting families in their faith formation.

### ACTIVITIES

Our Children, Youth, and Families Team focuses on building relationships, providing age-appropriate programming, and meeting families where they are. We are always interested in hearing new ideas for how we can be a welcoming place for children and their families. We are grateful for the enthusiastic participation of many church members ready to support this ministry.

Our activities include:

- ❖ Kids' Night Out
- ❖ Family Stories for Peace
- ❖ Family Sundays
- ❖ Game Night
- ❖ Special Events, including Advent, Christmas, and Easter programming



# Chancel Choir

## MINISTRY

### CHAIRPERSON

**Cheryl Anderson, Director of Music** | [cheryl.anderson270@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.anderson270@gmail.com)  
**Susie Land, Communications** | [susietrip@gmail.com](mailto:susietrip@gmail.com)

### MEETINGS

Weekly on Monday night at 6:00-8:00 PM in the Sanctuary

### MEMBERS

Choir members come from all ages and abilities. Everyone is welcome

### PURPOSE

To have a music program that provides choral music reflecting the individual message of the weekly worship service. To allow the Choir the opportunity to explore many kinds of choral literature and masterworks from all periods in music history

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Learn and perform a variety of musical works that include:
  - Church anthems
  - Music with stylistic variety
  - Classical music from all periods and languages
  - Broadway and pop music
  - Accompanied and unaccompanied
- ❖ Instruction in the mechanics and techniques of singing in a choral ensemble
  - Voice class
  - Classes in rhythm, solfege, music reading
  - Bell choir
- ❖ Perform music for special occasions and times in the church year: Lent, Advent and other occasions.
- ❖ Sponsor Seasonal Soirees as fundraisers. These events have a theme with wonderful fun music. They often include desserts and sparkling beverages.
- ❖ Sponsor the Messiah Sing-Along event that draws the entire Central Coast Community together to sing Handel's great oratorio.



# Communities Organized For Power and Action (COPA)

## MINISTRY

### CO-CHAIRS

**Catherine Sarto** | [catherinegracesarto@gmail.com](mailto:catherinegracesarto@gmail.com)  
**Ken Thomas** | [kenthomas@cruzio.com](mailto:kenthomas@cruzio.com)

### MEETINGS

Scheduled as needed

### MEMBERS

Open to all that are interested.

### PURPOSE

COPA organizes people to act in the political arena based on their faith and values. COPA is a regional non-profit organization consisting of 28 dues-paying member institutions across Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. PUC is a founding member of COPA.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ The organization starts with conversations to build trust, discern common interests and identify leaders with a desire to be an active citizen in a democracy.
- ❖ Based on issues identified through individual and small group meetings, strategy teams conduct Research Actions with public officials or private sector leaders, to understand their interests and explore possible solutions.
- ❖ A Public Action, which is a public meeting of COPA leaders and the official(s) or private sector leaders, takes place to make public a negotiated agreement and demonstrate an exchange of power around a specific issue or plan of action.
- ❖ Leaders take time for evaluation, following every action or meeting, to further learning and leadership development. Leaders reflect with the organizer on what was gained, what could have been done better, how leaders changed and grew, and to strategize on the next steps.



# Peace Home Church

## MINISTRY

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Rev Matt Broadbent   <a href="mailto:revmattbroadbent@gmail.com">revmattbroadbent@gmail.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Weekly Zoom meetings on Wednesday evenings from 6 -7 pm
<b>MEMBERS</b>	We have an email listing of 38 members, with an average attendance of 6 to 10.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To reflect on a Spiritual Prompt, pray with one another, and share communion.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **We share leadership** by suggesting spiritual prompts, offering prayer, leading a session.
- ❖ **We tell our own story.** Our pathway to God is discovered by listening to our life's narrative.
- ❖ **We listen to each other.** Listening is a sacred gift we offer to each other, our spiritual practice.
- ❖ **We hold confidences.** What is shared in the group stays in the group.
- ❖ **We pray for and with each other.** Prayer is the gift of opening to the Spirit in our midst.

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## Prayer Team

### MINISTRY

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Anne Rogers   <a href="mailto:annelourovers@gmail.com">annelourovers@gmail.com</a>   831-239-0948
<b>MEETINGS</b>	We communicate using email messages
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Pat Lindstrom, Susan Ezequelle, Pat Heidt, Mira Haslam, Philip Spradling, Rev. Matt Broadbent, Lynn Walton, Kerry Skyles, Melodee Kistner, Chrissi Brewer, Larry Kistner, and Rev. David Pattee.
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To receive prayer requests and send them on to the team as they occur. To publish prayer requests to our congregation using our weekly newsletter, "What's New at Peace".

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Monitor our email box: [prayers@peaceunited.org](mailto:prayers@peaceunited.org) for prayer requests
- ❖ Receive prayer requests from the office and from Sunday services.
- ❖ Email the team, requesting prayers for people
- ❖ Publish prayers for our weekly newsletter "What's New at Peace".

# Silent Retreat

## MINISTRY

### CHAIRPERSON

Lanakila Iesu | lanakiaiesu@yahoo.com

### MEETINGS

Silent Retreat days are held twice annually on the church campus.

### MEMBERS

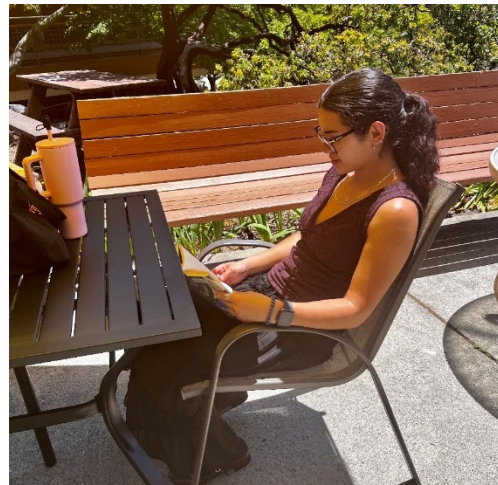
Open to all, members, friends, the community.

### PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity to "rest and digest." It's a time to nurture the soul with the gift of quiet in loving community.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ The shared intention of slowing down and being nurtured to opens up a space for new inspiration.
- ❖ It affirms the dedication of the campus as a place where we care for each other, and where we come to be still and better know God.
- ❖ This retreat addresses a wide variety of spiritual, social, environmental, and other wellness needs for Peace members who are busy people, passionately involved with life pursuits
- ❖ Structured activities are offered, including brief services of prayer and contemplative singing scattered through the course of the day, but no one is expected to participate.
- ❖ The emphasis is on allowing time and space to slow down and do what each person finds nurturing: activities as diverse as journaling, collaging, meditating, and napping on a lounge sofa.



# Prophets of Hope

## MINISTRY

### CHAIRPERSON

Rev. Beverly Brook | revbevbrook@gmail.com

### MEETINGS

Third Thursday of the month, Peace UCC fireside lounge at 6:00 pm

### MEMBERS

Mary Jo May, Annie Murphy, Carole Decarvalho, Deb Culmer, Krista Wolf, Marie Grace Brook, Melodee Kistner, Natalie Blackburn, Kathy Fahl, Patty Castagnola, Stew Jenkins, Barbara Smith, Jane Heyse, Joliene Wade, Peter Szydowski, Susie Land, Tony Augimeri, Kwok Waiyip, Julie DuClos, Larry Kistner, Rev. Beverly Brook and Grant Erickson

### PURPOSE

Advocacy and accompaniment for individuals incarcerated in Santa Cruz County jails

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Prophets of Hope (POH) provides spiritual services for individuals incarcerated in the Santa Cruz County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center.
- ❖ We provide support and hospitality for the families of individuals who are incarcerated and those who are being released from incarceration.

### PROJECTS

#### Women's Reentry Project

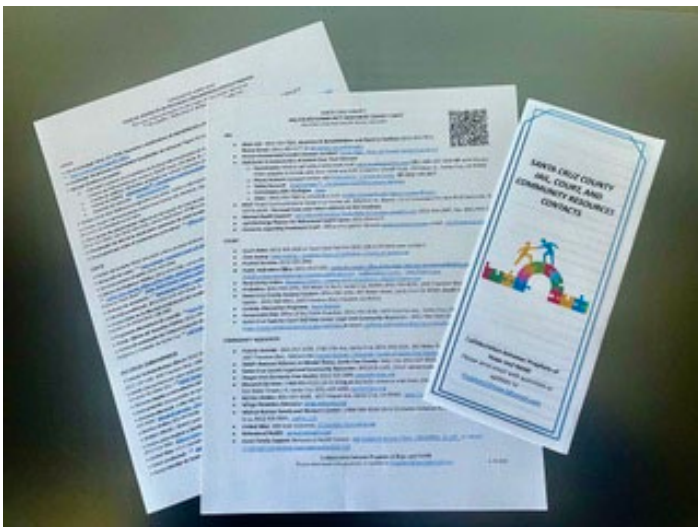
Provides women who are being released from jail a small knapsack of new clothing and hygiene products

#### Prayer and Advocacy Team

Meets monthly to debrief, inspire, share and brainstorm how we can support our siblings in jail

#### Resource Guide

Compiled and produced in conjunction with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to support families whose loved ones are incarcerated and for individuals returning to the community with resources and connections to assist them in navigating the system



# Buildings and Grounds

## COMMITTEE

### CO-CHAIRS

**Roger Bowers** | Roger.Bowers@yahoo.com

**Bill Walton** | bwalton@peaceunited.org

### MEETINGS

Weekly on Friday mornings

### MEMBERS

Bill Walton, Roger Bowers, Jane Heyse, Jan Graff, George Sanderson, Karen Cozza, Natalia Duarte, Roger Erickson, Larry Kistner

### PURPOSE

Maintain and enhance Peace UCC's buildings and grounds

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Landscaping our facility including: mowing, planting, mulching, pruning, weeding, and watering
- ❖ Mowing upper terrace weeds for lease holder, generating \$1,000/month income to PUC
- ❖ Implementing building and equipment repairs including adjusting, fixing or replacing: cleaning equipment and power tools, doors, door keysets, light fixtures, light bulbs, electrical outlets, toilets, sinks, water heaters and other hardware, plumbing and electrical features
- ❖ Periodic building maintenance tasks such as draining water heaters, testing emergency lighting, resetting lighting timers for power outages and daylight savings, seasonally turning the boiler on and off for Fellowship Hall and Education building heating
- ❖ Enhancing the facilities via building projects
- ❖ Hanging banners in the sanctuary
- ❖ Coordinating with T-Mobile for maintaining the cell tower on Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Reacting to emergency situations such as broken or leaking water and sewer pipes
- ❖ Negotiating contracts for work beyond B&G's capabilities
- ❖ Meeting for donuts and coffee after work to discuss B&G plus Peace UCC plans and activities



# Architectural Aesthetic

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	George Sanderson   <a href="mailto:Georgeandlote@gmail.com">Georgeandlote@gmail.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	As needed
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Lisa Hoelsing, Karen Cozza, and George Sanderson
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To preserve the original architectural style of mid-century modern in Frank Lloyd Wrights style of organic architecture at Peace UCC

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ As repairs and improvements are made to Peace UCC facilities, advise and monitor that they are in keeping with our organic style.
- ❖ Maintain original color schemes represented by natural colors found in native limestone and redwoods.
- ❖ Work with the Peace Village project to maintain a compatible style and look of that structure to our current facilities.

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# Accessible to All (A2A)

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Lisa Hoelsing   <a href="mailto:lhoelsing@earthlink.net">lhoelsing@earthlink.net</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	As needed
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Lisa Hoelsing, Chair, Cory Yberra, Mary Coneway, Liz DiFrancesco
<b>PURPOSE</b>	A2A is a UCC accredited organization that provides mental health awareness and accessibility information to our Peace UCC community.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Each year we plan an accessible Sunday which is the second Sunday of October.
- ❖ After the service, we have a fair where people can get information about resources for A2A issues in Santa Cruz County.
- ❖ We read liturgical passages that discuss accessibility and listening to songs that support accessibility for inspiration and ideas.

# Finance

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>Tom Postlewaite</b>   <a href="mailto:tapostlewaite@me.com">tapostlewaite@me.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Usually, a video meeting on the third Tuesday before the Council Meeting
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Bob Lange, Cathy Sarto, Lee Daher (Investment Advisor)' Moderator, Vice Moderator, Bill Walton, Chris Wellens as Vera Taylor Representative
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To review and manage the finances for Peace United Church of Christ

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Propose and set the yearly budget In June for the next fiscal year (July to June)
- ❖ Work with the bookkeeper to prepare and review the monthly Budget vs. Actuals and the Balance Sheet.
- ❖ Manage the investment funds held in United Church Funds.
- ❖ Manage the local bank account and operations.
- ❖ Advise and interpret fiscal matters for the church council monthly.

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# Communications

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>Karen Cozza</b>   <a href="mailto:kacozza@gmail.com">kacozza@gmail.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Three to four times a year as needed using zoom
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Karen Cozza, Jeanette Moretti, Chris Wellens, Devon Obert
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To organize, coordinate and produce news and messages to our members and our larger community using advertisements, email, web page, and social media.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Publicity activities support our Christmas and Easter events, special programs such as Messiah Singalong, and concerts for the community and congregation such as advertisements in news media, posters, brochures, and free newsletters and bulletin boards.
- ❖ Peaceunited.org website updates for events and programs at our church.
- ❖ What's New newsletter sent out weekly to members and those who attend Peace UCC provides announcements of activities, news about church events and concern for our members.
- ❖ Social media such as Facebook and Instagram provide content to reach younger people with news and announcements about activities and pictures from our events.
- ❖ A future activity is to form a team to develop a marketing strategy to advertise our facilities as rental options to the community.

# Congregational Support

## COMMITTEE

### CHAIRPERSON

Jane Heyse | janeheyse831@gmail.com

### MEETINGS

Second Wednesdays, 4:00 pm on Zoom

### MEMBERS

Jane Heyse, Anne Rogers, Mira Haslam, Mary Lois Comeskey, Susie Land, Liz DeFrancesco, Lote Sanderson, Pastor Dave Pattee

### PURPOSE

To provide extravagant hospitality to all who attend Sunday mornings at Peace UCC.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Sunday Socials in the Lounge and on the Patio
- ❖ Greeting and assisting with Worship Services
- ❖ Getting to know members, friends, and visitors in order to facilitate relationships throughout the tapestry that is Peace United Church of Christ.
- ❖ Hospitality at other church-sponsored events, such as 2nd Sunday Student Luncheons, Congregational Meetings, and Members' Memorial Services.
- ❖ Supervise the Peace Kitchen



# Peace Village Housing Management

## COMMITTEE

### CO - CHAIRS

**Jim Weller** | [jweller@cruzio.com](mailto:jweller@cruzio.com)

**John Hall** | [jrhall103@mac.com](mailto:jrhall103@mac.com)

**Bill Walton** | [bwalton@peaceunited.org](mailto:bwalton@peaceunited.org)

### MEETINGS

As needed to perform the functions of the Committee.

### MEMBERS

The Church Treasurer, Buildings and Grounds Committee chairperson (or designate), and any additional Church or Church Council members as may be needed

### PURPOSE

The Peace Village Housing( PVH) Management Committee is a standing committee of the Church Council that connects the church with the PVH developer.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Monitor the progress of financing, capital formation, design, and construction of the Peace Village Housing project
- ❖ Review and approval of Envision Peace Village, LLC (EPV)'s development financing, construction plans and specifications;
- ❖ Oversee and manage the daily operations of Peace Village Housing LLC (PVH);
- ❖ Administer the roles and responsibilities of (1) the Landlord pursuant to the provisions of the Ground Lease; of (2) the Church pursuant to the REA; and of (3) the Developer pursuant to the Affordable Housing Development Agreement with the City of Santa Cruz (AHDA);
- ❖ Monitor EPV's compliance with its duties and obligations as Assignee of the Developer under the AHDA;
- ❖ Continuously monitor and review EPV's financial performance and evaluate its calculations of Proportionate Rent due to PVH under the Ground Lease;
- ❖ Work with the PUCC Bookkeeper to manage the books of PVH, and account for its income;
- ❖ Inform the Moderator and Church Council as to the status of the Project;
- ❖ Advise the Moderator and Church Council regarding options, decisions and actions needed or desirable to the relationship between PUCC/PVH and EPV;
- ❖ Establish among the Committee members a plan and protocol for division of responsibilities as to the different roles of the Landlord under the Ground Lease, and the Church under the REA;
- ❖ Maintain a working relationship with the EPV property manager, its business manager, and/or financial officers
- ❖ Undertake any additional actions necessary to the purposes of the committee specified here.

# Memorial and Legacy

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Karen Cozza   <a href="mailto:kacozza@gmail.com">kacozza@gmail.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Two or three times a year, as needed
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Karen Cozza, Mary Lois Comeskey, Cathy Sarto
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Provide information about Legacy Giving programs and planned giving options to membership. Manage the Memorial Fund.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Legacy Giving Program
  - Provide information to members of Peace UCC about legacy giving options with information sessions.
  - Answer questions and recommend resource people to members.
  - Keep records of legacy donations for future reference.
- ❖ Memorial Donations
  - Manage the Memorial Fund account for PUCC by receiving requests for expenditures.
  - Receive inquiries about memorial donations
  - Send thank you notes to donors.

# Pastoral Support

## COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Maryse Postlewaite   <a href="mailto:mlp3@icloud.com">mlp3@icloud.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Every other month, usually Wednesday in person
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Pastor Dave Pattee, Lynette Adelson, Lanakila Iesu, Ingrid Parker, Philip Spradling
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To support the needs of our pastor and the activities of the congregation

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Check in and discuss “On Being Guiding Virtues”.
- ❖ Discuss with Pastor Dave matters of pastoral care and the needs of the congregation.
- ❖ Pastor Dave shares experiences from recent retreats and meetings.
- ❖ Conclude with a review of action items.

Please contact any members to share items related to the needs of the congregation.

# Personnel

## COMMITTEE

### CO-CHAIRS

**Jim Howley** | [add email]

**Anne Rogers** | [annelourovers@gmail.com](mailto:annelourovers@gmail.com)

### MEETINGS

Held monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month. Schedule may be modified as needed.

### MEMBERS

This is a closed committee consisting of Jim Howley, Bob Lange, Paula Neff, Anne Rogers, the Pastor, and the Church Moderator.

### PURPOSE

The Personnel Committee ensures that Peace UCC's employee-related procedures are legally sound and meet the Church's needs for maintaining an effective and productive staff.

### ACTIVITIES

Personnel is involved in various activities to ensure its purpose is fulfilled, including (but not limited to):

- ❖ Maintaining the Church Personnel and Policies manual
- ❖ Determining procedures for and ensuring periodic completion of performance assessments of the minister and staff
- ❖ Maintaining job descriptions
- ❖ Serving as a staff resource for employee relations issues
- ❖ Determining salary levels for the various staff positions In concert with the Finance Team and Church Council
- ❖ Determining and effecting recruitment strategies for open positions in concert with the Pastor
- ❖ Ensuring internal employee-related systems are legally compliant and meet the Church's needs. Examples include completion of various legally-related trainings (such as Sexual Harassment Prevention), maintaining systems for (and records of) safety-related activities, and completion of background checks and other related paperwork for newly-hired employees.

# Stewardship

## COMMITTEE

### CHAIRPERSON

Maryse Postlewaite | [stewardship@peaceunited.org](mailto:stewardship@peaceunited.org)

### MEETINGS

Mostly virtual meetings monthly, September through December, and bimonthly, January to April. In person meetings when needed.

### MEMBERS

Lisa Hoelsing, Maryse Postlewaite, Bob Lange, Rob Darrow, Tony Augimeri

### PURPOSE

Offer opportunities to our Peace UCC members to broaden the scope and experience of stewardship to include time, talent, and treasure. Coordinate and implement Peace UCC Stewardship materials and activities.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Design Annual Drive elements
  - Pledge Letter and Form
  - Mailing
  - Follow up Calls
  - Testimonials
  - Thank you notes
- ❖ Send out New Year Cards to church members
- ❖ Highlight monthly Featured Ministry with announcements in the newsletter and service
- ❖ Reach out to members and friends to cultivate continued relationships with Peace UCC

# Vera Taylor Scholarship

## COMMITTEE

### CHAIRPERSON

Chris Wellens | [chris@wellens.com](mailto:chris@wellens.com)

### MEETINGS

Twice yearly via Zoom — last two weeks of January and last two weeks of July.

### MEMBERS

Chris Wellens, Karen Cozza, Tom Postlewaite, Angela Meeker, and Tammy Simo. Christy Hightower is currently on a leave of absence.

### PURPOSE

The Vera Taylor Scholarship Committee administers the Vera Taylor Fund. The Committee receives and reviews scholarship applications, then awards funds to eligible applicants who have qualified for such grants.

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Announce the call for applications in May and June.
- ❖ Review applications by checking eligibility, grade point average, and proof of acceptance at an accredited educational institution.
- ❖ Award the scholarship twice per year, on a semester basis.
- ❖ Verify student transcripts and GPAs at the end of each term.

# Worship Enhancements

COMMITTEE

## CHAIRPERSON

Lynette DuClos Adelson | [mlette117@gmail.com](mailto:mlette117@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS

The Committee meets before each liturgical season, generally quarterly

## MEMBERS

Lisa Hoelsing, Chrissi Brewer, Suzanne McLean, Laura Cheatham, Karen Cozza, Julie DuClos, Mira Haslam, Melodee Kistner, Bev Jaeger

## PURPOSE

Our purpose is to enhance the beauty and depth of the worship service with seasonal and special Sunday floral arrangements, banners and other decor reflecting the liturgical seasons. Our intent isto help the amazing music and meaningful sermons move hearts toward feeling the presence of the Spirit with us at Peace UCC. and, perhaps, helping.

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ We make Lent/Easter, Pentecost and Advent banners for the sanctuary and narthex celebrating the liturgical year.
- ❖ We provide floral arrangements from members gardens and purchases to enhance our Sunday services.
- ❖ We continue the tradition of filling the Sanctuary with symbols of harvest during October and November. We collected two carloads of shelf-stable food donations from the congregation and deliver to the Grey Bears food pantry.
- ❖ We invite the congregation to contribute floral arrangements for Sunday worship throughout the summer months. Member participation brings joy to both the giver and the congregation.

Note: The Worship Enhancement Committee is a melding of the former Floral Committee and Busy Hands group  
Add pictures of flowers and banners..



# Beach Clean Up

GROUP

## CHAIRPERSON

Lanakila Iesu | lanailaiesu@yahoo.com

## MEETINGS

Beach clean-up takes place three times per year: generally on a Tuesday in July and in October, plus the Tuesday of Holy Week.

## MEMBERS

A number of volunteers pitch in to help.

## PURPOSE

To provide an expression of care of the natural world and especially our baptismal beach, simultaneously empowering activism through citizen science and promoting fellowship and healthy outdoor activities.

## ACTIVITIES

Perform three cleanups a year in cooperation with Save Our Shores

Participants gather in thankful celebration of the ocean and all that it provides, from oxygenation of the air we breathe, to the mysteries of life in its depths, to the inspiring beauty of sun on the waves.

A brief visit of an hour or so provides us with the opportunity to engage attentively with our senses in nature, working together to protect God's creation.

As we look back over a sparkling clean beach, documenting and safely disposing of the debris we removed, we experience the difference a few committed people can make.

# Men's Community

GROUP

## CHAIRPERSON

Philip Spradling | philipspradling@gmail.com

## MEETINGS

The first and third Mondays of the month at 7pm in the Peace Library.

## PURPOSE

To foster relationships and community among men at Peace. We meet to deepen our spiritual and emotional lives, engage in service and have some fun. The group is composed of men both within and outside of Peace United church, thus it is ecumenical and interfaith in composition.

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ We spend a portion of each meeting having check-ins where each man is encouraged to share what is especially on his heart and mind these days. The intent is to go deeper than a recitation of the week's calendar, and share good news, tough challenges and ongoing questions we encounter.
- ❖ We allow time for clarifying and supportive comments or questions once a brother is finished. Cross talk during check-ins is discouraged
- ❖ We engage in the study of a book, chosen by the group, which will lead us to deepen our faith. For example, we read Richard Rohr's well-known, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*.

# Peace Brewery Group

GROUP

## CHAIRPERSON

Susie Land | [susietrip@gmail.com](mailto:susietrip@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS

We meet once a month at a pub/brewery or restaurant in our area on the last Tuesday of the month at 6PM.

## MEMBERS

This is a social group that is open to members, their families, friends and the community.

## PURPOSE

The brewery group offers church members and friends a time to gather for drinks and food at one of Santa Cruz's many brew pubs. You don't need to be a beer drinker to join the group! We gather to relax, laugh, and strengthen friendships and make new friends.

## ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the places we have been-

- ❖ Santa Cruz Mountain Brewing
- ❖ Laughing Monk Brewing and Gastropub
- ❖ Beer Thirty Bottle Shop & Pour House
- ❖ Woodhouse Blending & Brewing
- ❖ Rosie McCann's Irish Pub & Restaurant
- ❖ Parish Public House

We send reminders by email (ask to be added to the mailing list) and announcements at church. All are welcome.

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# Peace Walkers

GROUP

## CHAIRPERSON

Susie Land | [susietrip@gmail.com](mailto:susietrip@gmail.com)

## MEETINGS

Weekly walks at 8:30 AM on Tuesday mornings. Locations for successive walks are determined at the end of the walk.

## PURPOSE

For conversation and exploring the beauty of Santa Cruz County.

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ We walk for an hour and enjoy the outdoors and the conversations.
- ❖ On the last Tuesday of the month we do a memory walk on West Cliff Drive in honor of Mary Male.
- ❖ We honor those with birthdays on the last Tuesday of the month.
- ❖ We leave Peace pebbles on the tree at our turn around on West Cliff Drive and on our other walks. We hope people pick them up and hold peace in their hearts.

# Perennials

GROUP

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>Matt Broadbent</b>   revmattbroadbent@gmail.com
<b>MEETINGS</b>	The group meets on the third Sunday of each month after worship
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Senior members and friends of the Peace UCC
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To provide spiritual nurture and resources for seniors

## ACTIVITIES

Perennials Programs for this past year included:

- ❖ Historical Play about the founding of the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz.
- ❖ Jim Howley's and Tony Aguimeri's amazing trip to Italy, Sicily and Greece.
- ❖ Christmas Carols with Luke Shepherd and Matt Broadbent
- ❖ Jail Ministry with Rev Bev Brook
- ❖ What's New on Broadway with Luke Shepherd
- ❖ How to be a Public Theologian with Susan Thistlethwaite
- ❖ Homeless Garden Project with Chrissi Brewer

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# Poetry at Peace



<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>Tom Postlewaite</b>   tapostlewaite@me.com
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Thursday morning via Zoom: Tom Postlewaite Sunday morning in person: Pegatha Hughes Each group meets weekly, from 9-10AM. Thursday meetings are via Zoom. Sunday meetings are in person in the Religious Education building.
<b>MEMBERS</b>	There are about 35 people on the two mailing lists
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To provide social and spiritual nourishment through sharing and poetry for group members.

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Each week one person brings a poem and leads the group.
- ❖ After a check-in, the poem is read three times in a modified Lectio Divina format.
- ❖ Readings lead to silent meditation and shared responses.

# Second Sunday Student Lunch

GROUP

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Rev Dave Pattee   <a href="mailto:pastordave@peaceunitd.org">pastordave@peaceunitd.org</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	The second Sunday of the month, October through June, beginning right after worship, approximately 11:45am
<b>MEMBERS</b>	College students and other college-age people
<b>PURPOSE</b>	A monthly gathering for college students and other college-age people to enjoy an open and affirming community.

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Lunch seasoned by good food and interesting conversation.
- ❖ Sometimes there is a special topic for discussion or a pressing concern in the community.
- ❖ We just hang out, eat, and relax.

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# Welcome Tables

GROUP

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Mary Lois Comesky   <a href="mailto:maryloisc@gmail.com">maryloisc@gmail.com</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	Planning members meet in July, August, and September to organize the Welcome Table groups.
<b>MEMBERS</b>	Joyce Cunningham, Jim Neff
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Welcome Table groups facilitate fellowship and meaningful conversation while sharing a meal

## ACTIVITIES

- ❖ The planners decide how the table groups will be organized and publicized each fall.
- ❖ Planning members assist with annual sign-ups and communication with the Welcome Table groups.

## WELCOME TABLE GROUPS

- ❖ Welcome table groups are open to everyone.
- ❖ Each group gathers approximately every-other month for a meal
- ❖ Group members decide when and where to meet which might be at a potluck at a member's home or a shared meal at a restaurant.
- ❖ Past group members have enjoyed meeting new people and deepening the connections to one another.