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UUCGT August Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 21
6:00 pm

AUGUST SERVICES

AUGUST THEME

UU Theology as Related to the Folk Music of the 60's

Sunday, August 5 - Jolynn Paige, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Life Calls Us On"

This month, we will be embarking on the 2nd Annual Music-themed Series: A UU Theology of 60's Folk Music. Come celebrate the life and music of Pete Seeger as Mike McDonald teaches us about Pete Seeger and protesting through the ages. Community singing will be a large part of this service.

Sunday, August 12 - Donna Stein-Harris, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Troubled Times"

Join us as we continue to explore our UU worldview through the music of the 60's. This week we will focus on how this music expresses our fears, loss, and feelings of unrest and uncertainty.

Sunday, August 19 - Amanda Mangiardi, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "The Strength of the Imperfect Heart"

This service centers on a story from the 2018 UUA General Assembly by UU President, Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray.

Sunday, August 26 - Andi Kramer and Mark Gustafson, Coordinators

10:30 AM Service: "So, What Makes a Good Film Anyway?"

In Mark's summer presentation, he examines the 2017 Oscar nominees in a quest to determine, among other things, whether today's films are tilted toward a particular end of the political spectrum. Stand by for further insights and details!



BEACON Article Deadline:
No later than the 25th of the month
preceding the issue date

Editor, Stan Cain

Send submissions to
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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

SEPTEMBER THEME

Seekers Together - We are All Seeking Something

Sunday, September 2 - Margaret Wozniak, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Seeking"

As we journey through life we seek many things - personal growth, self-actualization, peace, community.

What are your hopes and dreams for UUCGT? For the altar setting, members are asked to bring items that reflect their journey to date, or what they are currently seeking.

Sunday, September 9 - Coordinator TBD

10:30 AM Service: "Resumption Sunday"

Join us in this All-Congregation traditional service as we regroup and begin our new program year!

This service will also include a Water Communion. Please bring a small amount of water from a place you visited over the past year—could be your own faucet!

Sunday, September 16 - Coordinator TBD

10:30 AM Service: "Seeking Personal Growth"

What is this yearning that creates an endless search for happiness, calm, creativity, clarity, or even perfection in our lives?

Sunday, September 23 - Andi Kramer, Coordinator

10:30 AM Service: "Seeking Community"

At the heart of community are the connections we make with those around us, helping to intensify our engagement, enrich our learning, and validate our findings.

Sunday, September 30 - Amanda Mangiardi, Coordinator

10:30 Service: "Seeking Self-Actualization - Maslow"

Self-actualization is a concept derived from the humanistic psychological theorist, Abraham Maslow.

This refers to the growth of an individual toward fulfillment of the highest needs, for those needs that provide meaning in life.



From the President

UUCGT Board Meeting Summary for July

The UUCGT Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 17. Following are key items from the meeting:

- ◆ Board officers were elected. Jane Fochtman, Treasurer; Barb Termaat, Secretary; and Linda Fletcher, Vice President. Mike McDonald was President Elect in 2017-2018 and as such, automatically became President. No one was willing to commit to be President Elect for 2018-2019, so Linda Fletcher agreed to handle the Vice President duties for this year.
- ◆ The Board re-appointed Karl Love to the Staff Resources Committee and appointed Linda Fletcher and Donna Stein-Harris to the Staff Resources Committee.
- ◆ Barb Termaat and Laura Matchett were appointed to the Safe Congregation Committee, bringing that Committee to full staffing.
- ◆ Mike McDonald was appointed as Board liaison to the Leadership Development Committee.
- ◆ The Board reviewed the final financial reports for 2017-2018 and acknowledged the approximately \$5,500 loss for the year.
- ◆ The Board approved a “neutral reference policy” for present and former employees. The policy was proposed by Staff Resources.
- ◆ We established third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm as our normal Board meeting date. There will be an exception in September when we will meet on the third Monday due to a building use conflict on the third Tuesday.
- ◆ The Board approved retention of a UUA Consultant for a Vision/Objective Setting session on Saturday, October 20.
- ◆ Mike McDonald presented a Staff Resources Committee report which included the Board’s approval of engaging Dave Christenson as a contractor to handle our accounting and human resources duties. Mike also reported that we had signed agreements for 2018-2019 with John Bailey as our contract Music Director and with Sarah Montgomery-Richards as Director of Religious Experience as an employee.

We plan to share highlights from our monthly Board meetings throughout the year. You can also find the minutes of Board meetings on our website. Our Board meetings are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

I would like to thank the Sunday Services Committee, the Congregational Care Committees and others for stepping up during Rabbi Chava’s medical leave. I would also like to recognize the congregation for “showing up” on Sundays. Attendance in July has been running in the mid 80s which is considerably more than last July. If you have not been coming, you have missed some good services.

Mike McDonald, President

Save the Date for UUCGT Visioning / Objective Setting

Your Board of Trustees is planning a day of Visioning and Objective Setting for [Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at UUCGT](#).

We plan to develop a Vision of where we should be going for the next three to five years and set some objectives for the next year to move us towards that Vision. Our session will be facilitated by UUA Consultant, Dori Davenport Thexton. Dori has served UU congregations for fifteen years and has been on the UUA Field Staff for nineteen years.

The session will be open to any congregant who wishes to participate. Board members will be attending and we would like Committee Chairs to be present or represented by someone else from their committee. Sign-ups for the session will begin in mid-September. Watch the Flash, Beacon and Order of Service for more information in September.

In the meantime, please save the date!

- Mike McDonald, President - Board of Trustees

Start Collecting Water for Resumption Sunday!



As you travel this summer, please start collecting water from the places you visit! We will be asking everyone to bring their water to our Resumption Sunday (September 9th) Water Ceremony (sometimes called "Water Communion") service. A Water Communion is a gathering ceremony often used in Unitarian Universalist congregations across the country on "homecoming"/resumption Sundays. All are invited to bring a small quantity of water to the service, sharing why the water is special or representative of the summer. As the UUA website puts it, "The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources."

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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| 09 | Sun | Program Council Rick Walter 9:00 AM | 19 | Wed | Congregation Beth Shalom Terry Tarnow 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| 09 | Sun | Resumption Sunday Service 10:30 AM | 19 | Wed | Wednesday Supper Out - TBA Sandra McDonald 5:30 PM |
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Membership News

AUGUST - Keep on enjoying Summer's Glow, Warmth and Beauty! Greetings from the entire FUN and FRIENDLY Membership Team - Volunteer members Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts — who continue to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

This month we Welcome new Team member, Chris Lautz. Ever since joining UUCGT last year, Chris has been a familiar face - serving as a Greeter, and most recently helping with Landscaping and Watering. Thank you, Chris! We admire your energy and we look forward to working with you on developing new and creative Membership ideas!

MEMBERSHIP TEAM UPDATES - The Team will meet again on Wednesday, August 8, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm at the home of Rick and Chris Walter. Team members who wish to attend the Wednesday Night Potluck at 5:30 pm can proceed close-by to Bob and Cindy Clements' home after our meeting.

It is not too late for anyone out there who wishes to join our Team to do so. Just let any of us know of your interest. Main duties: Attend 8 - 9 Team meetings per year; staff the Welcome Table approximately every 6 weeks; Serve as a Greeter as you wish; and Brainstorm and Implement new ways of Welcoming prospective members and guiding them to meaningful membership.

MORE GREETERS ARE NEEDED in August - Please sign up on bulletin board near the office.

BE A GREETER MINISTRY - Share your smile and Welcoming Spirit. It's easy - just sign up on the bulletin board near the

office. Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift. Job description is posted on the bulletin board, but simply requires you to:

- 1) Smile
- 2) Say "Welcome", "Glad you're here", "How are you?", etc.
- 3) Hand out Order of Service
- 4) Count attendees, and
- 5) Help with offering

Many Thanks to July Greeters: Barb Berry, Barb Conley, Sherry Davis, Chris Lautz, Joy Platteborze, Ann Swaney, Rick Walter & Jane Watts.

WELCOME TABLE: Welcoming first-time attenders, encouraging Name Tag and Welcome Registry sign-up, and sharing information about UUCGT and UUA is what we do every Sunday. Once a month we provide Hospitality - Coffee, Snacks and Clean-up after Service. Many thanks to Sherry Davis, Rick and Chris Walter and Jane Watts.

Chris and Rick Walter
Co-Chairs, Membership Team
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**As of June 30, 2018
(100% of fiscal year)**

| | <u>Current Year</u> | | <u>Prior Year</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Budgeted Income Received YTD | \$255,984 | 93.3% | \$287,630 | 105.2% |
| Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD | \$261,477 | 95.3% | \$268,417 | 99.1% |
| "For Those in Need" YTD | \$ 18,773 | | \$ 15,851 | |

Budgeted income includes the total of all pledged and unpledged donations and miscellaneous income including building rent, etc. "For Those in Need" collections are in addition to Budgeted Income Received and are disbursed quarterly to worthy causes, including Congregational Care, Tuesday Community Lunch and other Community needs outside our congregation. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount of income or expense budgeted for the fiscal year.

Unfortunately, we finished the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a deficit of \$5,493. While this was better than we had hoped a couple of months ago, we cannot survive in the long haul with deficit spending. We are currently projecting a continuing reduction in income for 2018-2019. This projected deficit resulted in the reductions in staff expenses in the approved 2018-2019 budget. If you want more detailed information, you can look at our website, click on Board, then on Board Packet, then on Statement of Financial Activity.

Questions can be directed to your Finance Committee Chair, Kim Sibilsky (kimsibilsky@yahoo.com), or to other members of the Finance Committee: Mike McDonald, Dusty Culton, Jane Fochtman, Phyllis Jessup, Kay Sturgeon, Price Watts.

Announcements

UU Book Club

We waited for nice weather for so long, it is hard to believe that our summer is already half over! But, as September is fast approaching, it might be a good idea to take our Book Club selection with you as you enjoy our second month of beach days.

The September book is "La Rose" by Louise Erdrich.

Our meeting will take place September 9th at the home of Bonnie Mathias. Also, remember to start thinking of possibilities for our booklist for 2019. If everything goes as planned, we will be setting up next year's schedule at the October meeting.

Remember also that summer is not only a time of "shoulds" - like mowing the lawn, but also a time to enjoy everything that our wonderful area has to offer! Take time to relax and just "be." And yes, get started on September's book.

For more information, please contact:

Mark Gustafson
231 929 9608



Safe Harbor - Save the Dates!

UUCGT will be providing volunteer staffing for Safe Harbor again this winter. Our week will begin on the evening of Saturday, December 8 and end on the morning of Saturday, December 15.

Please note the dates if you intend to help this year. We will begin recruiting volunteers for specific tasks in early November.

Mike and Sandra McDonald
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John Lewis Shields, MD

Celebration of Life

Emmy Lou Cholak invites UUCGT members and friends to attend the Celebration of Life for her husband, John Lewis Shields, MD who passed away on April 28, 2018.

The service will be held on Saturday, August 18 at 4:00 pm at UUCGT. Officiated by Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg.



AUGUST POTLUCKS & SUPPERS

**August 1 - Supper Out / Brewing Community
The Little Fleet
5:00 pm social / 6:00pm supper**

August 8 - 5:30 pm: Potluck - Cindy & Bob Clement

August 15 - 5:30 pm: Potluck - Penny Ort

August 22 - 5:30 pm: Potluck - Ann Dressel

**August 29 - Supper Out / Brewing Community
The Filling Station
5:00 pm social / 6:00 pm supper**

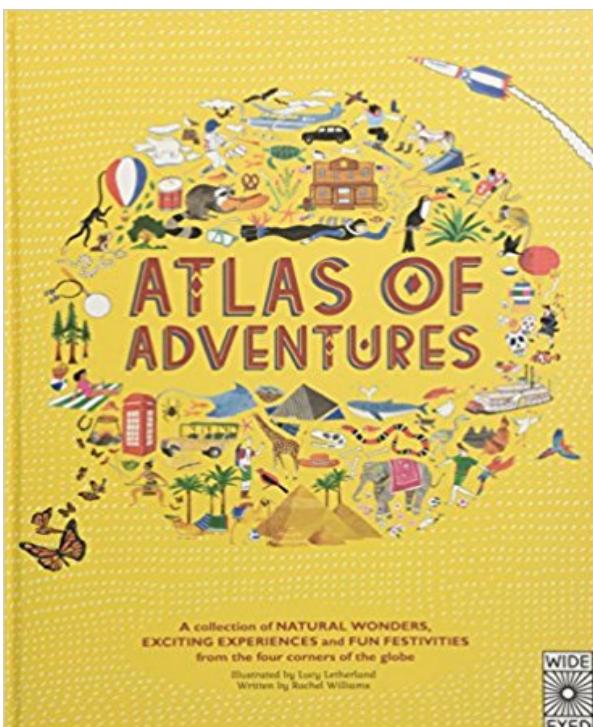


Religious Experience

Greetings Friends!

Sundays in July for pre k - 8th grade

Our 7th Annual Specialty Class Summer continues to be fun and exciting! This month we will spend time “meeting the trees” that live on our property, grounding ourselves with some mindfulness games, and much more!



Take time everyday to shift from immersion in human-centric thinking to ecoexperience.

— Selena Fox —

AZ QUOTES

Suggested reading for families/parents this month:

This month I am suggesting a book to spark the imagination and get children thinking about grand adventures...

Atlas of Adventures: A Collection of Natural Wonders, Exciting Experiences and Fun Festivities from the Four Corners of the Globe - by Rachel Williams

A 2016 Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People (National Council for the Social Studies-Children's Book Council)

“Set your spirit of adventure free with this lavishly illustrated trip around the world. Whether you’re visiting the penguins of Antarctica, joining the Carnival in Brazil, or a canoe safari down the Zambezi River, this book brings together more than 100 activities and challenges to inspire armchair adventurers of any age. Find hundreds of things to spot and learn new facts about every destination. With epic adventures from the four corners of the globe and discoveries to be made on your own doorstep, this book will inspire you to set off on your own journey of discovery”. <https://goo.gl/1HJfhE>

Family Ministry & the Future of Faith Formation:

In recent articles and board reports I have mentioned much work that has been done this year considering new ways of approaching our engagement with children and families in an attempt to become more holistic, supportive, and less age-segregated. One effort we are making in our strides to support families as the primary providers of their children’s faith formation is to provide them with a bi-monthly E-Blast of resources, readings and ideas.

If you are not currently signed up for this and are interested in getting on the email list, please let me know.

Friday Night Out! August 10th, 5:30 - 9:00 pm – Contact Sarah ASAP to reserve a spot!

As always, be kind to yourselves, kind to each other, and send loving kindness out into the universe.
In Peace,

Sarah Montgomery-Richards
Director of Religious Experience dle@uucgt.org

All About Us - Congregational Care Team

We hold in our hearts:

Pinkie Hoffmann is at home with John, with all of her family supporting and helping out. Both of them appreciate your cards and kind thoughts.

Paula Ward is at home with Paul. They are both looking forward to a wedding! They so appreciate all the cards, phone calls and texts.

Rabbi Chava continues on medical leave. We all wish her well and look forward to her return in good health! As a reminder, cards can be sent, but calls or responses would legally be considered work related, and therefore are not allowed. Contact the office or our Congregational Care Team if you need assistance.

Please help us remember those at home in care of their families or assisting others:

Jim Linsell, Karen Culp, MaryAnn Force, Nancy Landfair, Carol Still and Peg Kauffman. All of them would enjoy phone calls, cards or a visit.

Judith Briggs, CCT Member
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U U C G T Social Justice Committee

During the past year, the UUCGT Social Justice Committee (SJC) has undertaken radical transformation. This re-visioning was informed by meetings held at UUCGT last year, as well as by Social Justice efforts of current UUCGT members and by recent national and international events. The UUCGT Social Justice Committee's mission is to inspire awareness of, and stimulate and coordinate action in Social Justice Issues important to our UUCGT congregation in Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau and Antrim Counties, the state and the nation.

The Social Justice Committee will be a resource for those who are already involved or who would like to be involved in Social Justice - to build and grow a dialogic culture at UUCGT, and in the community at large, modeling the six sources of the UU tradition and to nurture compassionate Social Witness in UUCGT and beyond. The UUCGT Social Justice Committee's mission within the UU Tradition involves: 1) direct Social Service; 2) education on Social Justice Issues; 3) Social Witness; and 4) Social Action.

The Committee will be convening at least quarterly to foster dialogue on Social Justice Issues brought forward by the membership. Additional meetings will be scheduled as required. We know that many or most of the members of UUCGT are directly involved in Social Justice Action with time, treasure and talents. Our members support charitable organizations and institutional entities such as Safe Harbor. They also participate with action-focused organizations such as Indivisible TC, Indivisible Grand Traverse, partisan organizations and others. The Social Justice Committee works on a partisan-neutral basis to engage and educate members and friends on the what, where, when and why of critical issues and activities, and to provide support to those who are engaged in Social Justice endeavors.

What will the Social Justice Committee do?

- ◆ Convene workshops or hold discussions to educate around Social Justice Issues

- ◆ Assist the congregation in choosing a Social Justice Issue to focus our efforts on for a year, or other appropriate period of time. We plan to ask for input from the UUCGT congregation soon.
- ◆ Inform the UUCGT congregation about Social Justice Actions in which UUCGT members can participate.
- ◆ Work with other organizations and congregations on Social Justice Issues of importance to UUCGT members.
- ◆ Organize Social Justice Witness opportunities and Social Justice Actions on issues of importance to the UUCGT congregation.
- ◆ Support programs that nurture those involved in Social Justice Issues.

We recommend the following book for those interested:
"The Prophetic Imperative: Social Gospel in Theory and Practice" by Richard S. Gilbert, Skinner House Books, 2000

The Social Justice need is great. All members of UUCGT interested in participating in expanding UUCGT's reach and role in Social Justice Work, Witness and Action are invited to join us.

Chairs: **Barbara Conley**
Kim Sibilsky
Emmy Lou Cholak



Human Rights

Human Rights are not only our UU customary attitude, but is the law of the land and has been for many centuries. We are Human and important, needing respect, demanding our rights! Even early mankind helped one another - a sign of respect for human value. That is how some injured early mankind lived beyond normal expectations. They were cared for by others.

In recorded history, we go back to the Code of Hammurabi, 1754 BCE. This was etched into a stone column by the 6th Babylonian King Hammurabi. 282 laws about acts that could be punishable, and what the results should be, adjusted to the circumstances of the crime. It is from here that we get the saying: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." The Code deals with business issues as well as personal and family inheritance, etc.

From the 6th century BCE, we have the Cyrus Cylinder or Charter from King Cyrus the Great in Babylonia. It directs us how to run a state with different societies and religions in it, allowing respect for all. This is now recognized as the First Charter of Human Rights. Its provisions are incorporated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Next came the Magna Carta, in 1215, from the reign of King John of England. This as the beginning of constitutional law and Human Rights: "The right of the church to be free from governmental interference; the rights of all free citizens to own and inherit property; and to be protected from excessive taxes. It established the right of widows who owned property to choose not to remarry, and established principles of due process and equality before the law. It also contained provisions forbidding bribery and official misconduct."

In 1628, England gave us the Bill of Rights: no taxation without consent, right of Habeas Corpus, and more.

Thanks to Thomas Jefferson, in the young United States, we got the Declaration of Independence, 1776, which stressed individual rights and the right to revolution.

1787 brought the U.S. Constitution with the Bill of Rights following in 1791. The Bill of Rights "limited the powers of the federal government of the United States and protected the rights of all citizens, residents and visitors in American territory."

For our memory and understanding, this Bill, in summary, "protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to keep and bear arms, the freedom of assembly and the freedom to petition. It also prohibits unreasonable search and seizure, cruel and unusual punishment and compelled self-incrimination. Among the

legal protections it affords, the Bill of Rights prohibits Congress from making any law respecting establishment of religion and prohibits the federal government from depriving any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

At about the same time, France wrote the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, 1789. Other countries, including India, were also protecting human rights with new laws and declarations.

The First Geneva Convention (1864) stated the "obligation to extend care without discrimination to wounded and sick military personnel, and respect for and marking of medical personnel transports and equipment with the distinctive sign of the red cross on a white background."

April, 1945, fifty countries sent representatives to San Francisco to develop an international body to promote peace, and prevent future wars, the United Nations. After the horrors of the Holocaust, President FD Roosevelt, was writing and promoting the Universal Declarations of Human Rights. After his death, his wife Eleanor, who was a strong proponent for this declaration, presented it to, and urged adoption of it, by the United Nations. To quote:

(This) "Declaration unequivocally proclaims the inherent rights of all human beings. Disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people... All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Now we are to the present day and the many situations. With this strong history of Human Rights trying to take hold on our conscience, are we succeeding in fulfilling its promises to all people in our land as is quoted above in the Bill of Rights: "protect the rights of all citizens, residents and visitors in American territory?"

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UUCGT Calendar

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted

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01 **Wed** Wed Supper/Brewing Community @ Little Fleet 5:00 PM
03 **Fri** Facilities Committee Dave Hasted 10:00 AM

05 **Sun** **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
05 **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30 - 6:30 PM
06 **Mon** Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
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09 **Thu** Vocal Ensemble Potluck @ Mary Kiner's 5:30 PM
10 **Fri** Community Needs Jane Fochtman 10:00 AM
10 **Fri** Friday Night Out Sarah Montgomery-Richards 5:30-9:00 PM
11 **Sat** New Moon Women's Circle / contact Carolyn Kelly
11 **Sat** Singing Sisters Linda Hebert 10:00 AM

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02 **Sun** **Sunday Service 10:30 AM**
02 **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30 - 6:30 PM
03 **Mon** Labor Day Holiday - Office closed
04 **Tue** Community Lunch @ Friends Church, 10:30 AM set-up
04 **Tue** Indivisible GT Rick Walter 12:00 PM
04 **Tue** Bridge Group Paul Christ 1:00 PM
05 **Wed** Stretch & Strengthen Judith Briggs 11:00 AM
05 **Wed** No Wednesday Potluck
06 **Thu** Shantideva Fan Club Chris Innes 9:30 AM
06 **Thu** Congregational Care Team Joanie Jackson/Pat Light 1:00 PM
06 **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM
06 **Thu** Meditation Workshop Elisabeth Treefon 5:30 PM
06 **Thu** Vocal Ensemble John Bailey 7:00 PM
07 **Fri** Facilities Committee Dave Hasted 10:00 AM
08 **Sat** New Moon Women's Circle / contact Carolyn Kelly

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