From the Prez

Odds and Ends

- Welcome back Rev Denis!! How did we lose July already? I hope you feel refreshed and renewed after your vacation.

- I love how sharing a meal brings us together and allows us to get to know each other better. This Sunday we'll have a short service, and then share a potluck breakfast, so bring fruit, baked goods, cheese, juice, or anything else you'd like to add to the frittatas provided by Rev Denis. I'm grateful for these opportunities to build community. A wonderful way to celebrate Rev Denis' return.

- Speaking of sharing a meal: Last night I enjoyed a lovely evening eating brick-oven baked pizza at my first 2024 Dining for Dollars event hosted by David Floyd and his wife Margie. Great company, fabulous pizza, delicious date-sweetened carrot cake, and a beer capped off this wonderful evening on their patio surrounded by summer blooms. The Nancy Rose D4$+ fundraiser is a truly special part of UUCSC. I look forward to the rest of the events I purchased.

- I want to acknowledge the Worship Committee for its fabulous job of planning and presenting our Sunday services this summer. From Kathy Swink's reflection on her brush with mortality, to a world café, drum circle, Rev Mary Margaret Earl's Letting Love Guide Us, the services have been rich and powerful. More to come in August before we kick off the congregational year on September 1 with our traditional blessing of the tools of our work (hands and backpacks).

- Air conditioning – The unit is on the roof, but while KoolCo had a crane they needed to put other units on roofs. I have absolutely no idea when our unit will be hooked up. Sorry.

- A reminder – **All Congregation Listening Session: September 8**, after services. As we *all* have an interest in the next Music Director, we'd like to hear your thoughts about what you'd like to see in the person, the position, and the music. Our music sets the tone for our most important hour of the week together as a faith community; thus Rev Denis and I will be listening to our choir and congregation before we begin our formal search.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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