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PASTORAL CARE AT UUFSD

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Pastoral Care

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Act of Compassion & Kindness During the Coronavirus Epidemic

This nice young man was at the corner of El Camino Real and Encinitas Blvd. He began on Saturday, March 14, by holding a sign encouraging people to share, specifically toilet paper. People began to donate rolls while others came to pick some up. He was handing these and other items out to those in need. *Thank You Jonny.*

(From Next Door Neighbor Encinitas)

Rev Thomas' Corner



"Pastoral Care" In Times of a Pandemic

"...Our purpose is to identify with one another so that we will serve and seek and help one another more powerfully. ..."

What does "pastoral care" mean during a pandemic? I once read of a UU congregation that purchased a church building from Episcopalians. The kitchen in that building was tiny, so they needed a place to store coffee hour supplies. They used a room behind the pulpit where the Episcopalians had left behind some of their communion supplies. When the Episcopalians came to retrieve their supplies, they marveled at the idea that UUs used coffee instead of wine for communion!

The point of this story is that the core mission of any congregation is to congregate and create community. Our purpose is to identify with one another so that we will serve and seek and help one another more powerfully.

Because we come together around our covenant, we don't ask, "How long will we put that work on hold?" The question we must ask is, "How do we dwell in peace, seek knowledge in freedom, and help one another in fellowship during this time of pandemic?"

Our UU heritage affirms both the power of science and compassion, both kindness and careful thought. How do we embody these in our particular community as we shelter at home?

Of course, the most critical work is done person to person. You must make friends in the Fellowship, and connect outside of Sunday services. The first layer of pastoral care in our Fellowship during these days of Covid-19 protocol is, visiting online, sending an email, or commenting on one another's Facebook Instagram posts. Of course, the phones still work, so make a call so people can hear your voice, just like on Sunday.

We also have a Pastoral Care Committee. These people are not only good listeners and helpful souls. They have chosen to make sure that we leave no one out of the care of our Fellowship. The Pastoral Care team helps us organize assistance for our members and friends in need. May this issue of *The Dialogue* help us care excellently for one another in this Fellowship, and help extend our care into the world.



Our Values In Action

Mindful Meditation Half Day Retreat, Wednesday, January 1



This was not your typical New Years day celebration. Forty three people, from the fellowship and the community at large, came together to start the new year off in a mindful and compassionate manner. Livia Walsh conducted this half day silent retreat at the fellowship. Participants joined in sitting meditation, walking meditation loving kindness and compassionate practice and learning to use mindfulness in one's daily life.



Livia Walsh is a senior certified teacher of mindfulness and meditation at the UCSD Center for Mindfulness. She teaches Mindful Self Compassion classes at several venues in San Diego. She is also ordained in the Zen Buddhist tradition. Livia offers a Mindfulness Meditation group every Wednesday morning in Encinitas which is open to members, friends and the community at large who are interested in learning meditation or supporting their meditation practice.

St James Overnight Shelter, Jan 13-19



For a week in January, over 40 members and friends of our fellowship took turns staffing the Interfaith Overnight Shelter for individuals without homes. Some of you brought food, some spent the night, some just hung out for awhile, many stayed for dinner. Some donated money for breakfasts and lunches. Together we provided warmth, sustenance, safety and a chance to relax for the 7 adults who resided with us. All were screened by the Community Resource Center, which provided individual case management. The guests repeatedly expressed appreciation for your compassion, good food, kindness and respect. Several reported anxiety about coming, then sadness about leaving.



Dinner Hour

**Whatever's for dinner
at the shelter
chili, lasagna or beans
everyone comes.**

**For a seat at the table
a cot for the night
a meal in the belly
a chance to exhale.**

**Up at 6.
Expelled by 7. Staking out
space
trying to chill
while casing surroundings
watching for trouble.
No longer trusting
what life will deal.**

Mary Anne Trause

Our Values In Action

Voter Pledge Drive, Sunday, January 26



Your vote is your voice and studies show that people who make a written commitment to vote are more likely to actually vote. In furtherance of our UU 5th Principle, Indivisible Patriots hosted a Voter Pledge Drive during the Gathering Hour on January 26 to foster participation in the March 3 Primary Election. Many Fellowship members and friends participated. As noted Civil Rights Leader John Lewis said, "The vote is precious. It's almost sacred, so go out and vote like you never voted before."

White People For Racial Justice 101 Saturday, Feb 1

The UUFSD Racial Justice Task Force conducted an interactive workshop where the basics of the white supremacy culture, privilege, and fragility were discussed. The Task Force went over practical tools for unlearning our own biases, identifying everyday racism, and taking action to fight for racial equality.



This workshop provided a safe space in which to:

- Explore some of the history that got us here
- Learn why and how white people are called to this work
- Identify the tools you can employ in your life to start or continue your interpersonal journey
- Have the chance to practice self-reflection in groups and on paper

New member Recognition, Sunday, Feb 2



We were honored to recognize nine new members to our UUFSD community. Welcome Barbara (Barb) Hogan, Ilene Dunagan, Lori & Ron Haugland, DavidTrent Ulm, Loren Schmitz, Dorothy Cuchna, Judy Zinger-Weiss and Mike Worthen. We look forward to their participation in our beloved community.

Our Values in Action

Adult OWL Class, Sundays, Feb. 2 - May 24



For the first time we held an Adult “Our Whole Lives” class at UUFSD. This is a course on communication, talk, about relationships and gender. The course was taught by Ernie Dunn and Alison Macleod.

The Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL) class uses values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points, as this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages. Builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. We have seventeen adults of all ages in the class.

The class meets for 13 sessions on Sundays and our final Sunday is May 24th.

Fill a Belly Dinner, Tuesday, Feb. 4 February 4



Twenty members and friends from the UUFSD Friday Meditation Group, the Tuesday Mens Group and other members and friends came together to provide a delicious meal to our homeless brothers and sisters. This is the second of our quarterly dinners planned for 2020. We encourage members, friends and UUFSD groups and committees to join us in this quarterly tradition. Everyone who participates has come away with a greater sense of understanding and compassion for our homeless population. We augmented the dinner with a distribution of toiletries and hygienic items and clothing and blankets which were very well received. Our next Fill a Belly Dinner at Cottonwood Creek Park is on Tuesday, May 5. **Please contact Ala Garza at: alaandulysses@gmail.com if you are willing to participate on May 5, 2020**

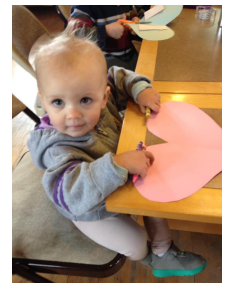
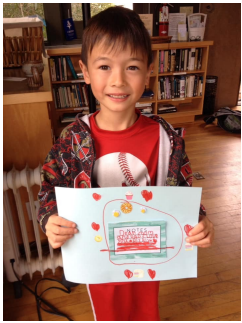
Food, Soil and the Climate Crisis, Sunday, February 9



Four speakers from 350.org's Food and Soil Committee spoke about how the food we eat, the food we waste and how we grow our food contribute to or reduce global warming. We had approximately 80 members and friends join the discussion on how each of us can lower our carbon footprint through smart choices in our food and how we care for the soil in agriculture and in our yards.

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Valentine's Day Card Maker's Pop Up! Sunday, February 9



The RE committee sponsored a Valentine's Day card making party on the patio between services for the whole Fellowship to enjoy! Adults and children made Valentines for your sweetie, your friend, or someone who you think might otherwise not get one! Some of the cards were distributed to our homeless brothers and sisters.

Visions and Voices, Sunday, Feb 23



Visions and Voices is the linking name of our three key Transition Ministry workshops. The first, in November, was about looking back at our past. Our second workshop was about Looking Around. Everyone who attended was encouraged to participate in an hour and a half of looking around at our programs, leaders and partners. We identified and affirmed our current strengths, it is on that which we will build the future. We also identified what we want to change and admit what programs we have let go of.

Kara Voss Discusses Climate Change with YRUU, Sunday, Feb 23



Ten members of the UUFSD YRUU group met with Professor Kara Voss, a climate scientist with Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Kara focused climate change activities at the United Nations and the Conference of the Parties (COP) in particular. She explained how all 128 nation members states must agree to every single word in the entire climate change agreement. She explained that the UN Secretary General goes line by line, asking for deletions, additions and changes, until each line is agreed to by consensus, a monumental task indeed.

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Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday, February 25



Mardi Gras meant fun and food at UUFSD. Thanks to Louise Garrett for organizing this fantastic dinner and evening of entertainment. We had more than 40 people. Jambalaya rice, and pancakes were served since Marti Gras is Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday where pancakes were featured. There were lots of masks and beads and lots of music and Everyone had lots to eat. In addition to the \$260 earned from the event as an auction item, an additional \$130 was raised for the general fund.

San Diego Food Bank - January, February & March



January: We bagged over 10,000 pounds of fruit and veggies (mostly apples with a few onions).

February: We bagged over 7,500 pounds of potatoes for our peers-in-need. Thanks all!

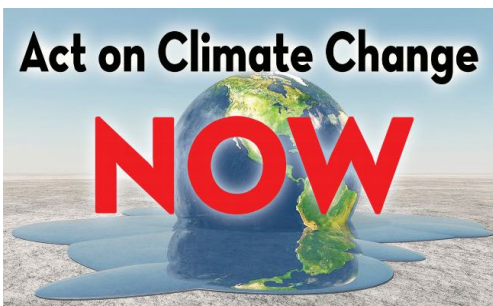
March: We boxed and bagged 729 boxes of tuna, pasta, fruit, milk and vegetables

If this is your first time volunteering for this activity, you'll need to contact Sara Ohara: sara@saraohara.com for the Group Code.



Casas de Luz-2019 Record Year

In 2019 we built a total of 26 houses, allowing more than 130 family members to have a beautiful house to come home to! We welcomed two new master carpenters to our team, and provided more than 100 bags of groceries to more than a dozen families. Thank you for allowing us to reach these numbers and we can't wait to see what 2020 brings!



Cancellations

Of course everyone is aware that we had to cancel numerous activities and events because of the coronavirus epidemic. It was especially unfortunate that our Environmental Action Task Force was unable to proceed with a month long celebration of Earth Month. These month long intergenerational and educational programs would have contributed greatly to living our UU values.

Our Values in Action



The Social Justice Action Group Needs You!

We are looking for LGBTQ Task Force leader.

Are you passionate about Human Rights and the first UU Principle which elevates the inherent worth and dignity of every person? UUFSD is a Welcoming Congregation and needs a task force leader who can help the congregation to maintain our commitment to affirm and include people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer at every level of congregational life.

If interested or have questions, please contact Robin Sales at: SocialJustice@uufsd.org

We are looking for a Generosity Sunday Coordinator

Would you like to contribute a small amount of time to further Social Justice causes? The Generosity Sunday Coordinator receives recommendations from Fellowship members for our monthly collection. These monies go to an organization whose mission is consistent with our UU values. The Coordinator is responsible for shepherding the application and recipient through the entire process. If interested or you want further information, please contact Kay Byrnes at: generosity@uufsd.org



Generosity Sundays

Each month one of the Fellowship Sunday offerings are donated to a Social Justice Non Profit Organization



January: The Voices of Our City Choir

The Voices Of Our City helps San Diego's unsheltered neighbors reconnect with hope and possibility through the healing power of music, individualized and intensive case management and advocacy. They have helped over 44 people move from homelessness and into housing in three short years. They offer the unsheltered community the space and opportunity to connect with themselves through the healing power of group singing, songwriting and guitar workshops.

February: SanDiego350.org

SanDiego350.org is an inclusive volunteer organization building a movement to prevent the worst impact of climate change and climate injustice. The three main areas of focus are: (1) Campaigns that combine policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, and the arts, (2) Youth Climate Leadership program to support students to develop their voice, skills, and political power, (3) training, coaching, and organizing San Diegans to take action on climate change and injustice.



Coming Up In May (Hopefully)



All Women's Home Build

In celebration of 15 years of building homes in Tijuana, UUFSD is sponsoring an All Women's home build in Tijuana. No experience required, just a good attitude and willingness to work hard. We leave Saturday May 9 and return on May 10. Spots for builders will fill up quickly, so contact Kathy Faller if interested. 858-254-2008 or casadeluz16@gmail.com



Mount Laguna "Lupine" - All Fellowship Campout - Memorial Day, May 22nd-25th, 2020

Come and relax in the beautiful settings of Mount Laguna. Great hikes through forest and meadows – easy to hard level. Kids enjoy mountain bikes, playing ball, cards, and board games. Space is limited – reserve in advanced. Have questions? Never camped? Need a list of what to bring? Email Patricia Cofré-Stone (OutdoorAdventures@UUFSD.org)

John Atcheson's Wise Words



John Atcheson 1948-2020

Linda Pratt: *I was looking for something on my very cluttered desk, and uncovered this wonderful, short article John wrote for our church's quarterly magazine in 2017. I had actually thought about it recently, but had no idea where it was.*

When I was 32, I quit smoking. I told myself then that I could always start again when I was sixty. It seemed to me it wouldn't matter much at that point. I am sixty-nine, now, and the sixties don't seem nearly so ancient.

In my 30's, 40's and 50's, I followed Dylan Tomas' advice and ranged against the night. I ran, I exercised, I ate right - I tried to grasp life by the neck, wrestle it down, and make it submit to my bid for immortality.

But the sixties are a cruel master. They don't take no for an answer. The evidence of my mortality is all too obvious to me, each and every day. I make old noises when I stand, and sometimes I feel like someone has to crank me up before I can move forward. I no longer run, but I still walk.

And while I find it impossible to believe I'm this old, it's equally astonishing to me to realize I am as happy now as I've ever been.

So why am I so happy?

I have always believed that we regret the things we didn't do but wanted to, far more than the things we did do, but shouldn't have. So, I look back on a pretty full life. I found meaning in fatherhood and friendship and still do, and Linda and I - after more than 20 years - still look at each other in disbelief, astounded that we found each other, and that we are still so much in love.

And what will I do in the time that's left, now that death's door no longer shimmers on the distant horizon, barely visible, but looms nearer now, and undeniable? Love it in the now, and live it well.

Shakespeare said that all the world's a stage... from the vantage point of the sixties and the years ahead, the stage will be set with the wonders we are uncovering with our mind, and the miracles revealed by our hearts.

Because life truly is a wild and precious gift we are all given, and it would be a sin to waste even a minute of it on anything other than joy, gratefulness, reverence and awe.

Gratitude

To Livia Walsh and Kelly Kelsoe, the Pastoral Care Team and all the wonderful volunteers. Lisa Shaffer wrote: I was never more proud and grateful to be a member of UUFSD than at John Atcheson's memorial. The whole community came together to host about 250 family and friends who came to show their respect and share their love for our beloved John Atcheson, his wife Linda, and his family. We brought food, we set up, we organized rides, we greeted, ushered, sang, cried, hugged, and cleaned up, all organized in less than a week. A visitor said to me "you must do this kind of thing often - it was all so well organized." No, fortunately, we do not do this often, and yet, we made it all happen. It was a beautiful service and a lovely lunch afterwards. I am grateful to have had a chance to be part of such a great expression of what it means to be part of a community based on love. Thanks to everyone.

To Karla Milmo, Betsy Gilpin, Ruth Gregory, Christie Turner, Wenda Alvarez, Ilene Dunagan, Anne Clarkin and Candace Sage Thank you Karla for organizing Joy Laughton's Celebration of Life; it was a memorable event.

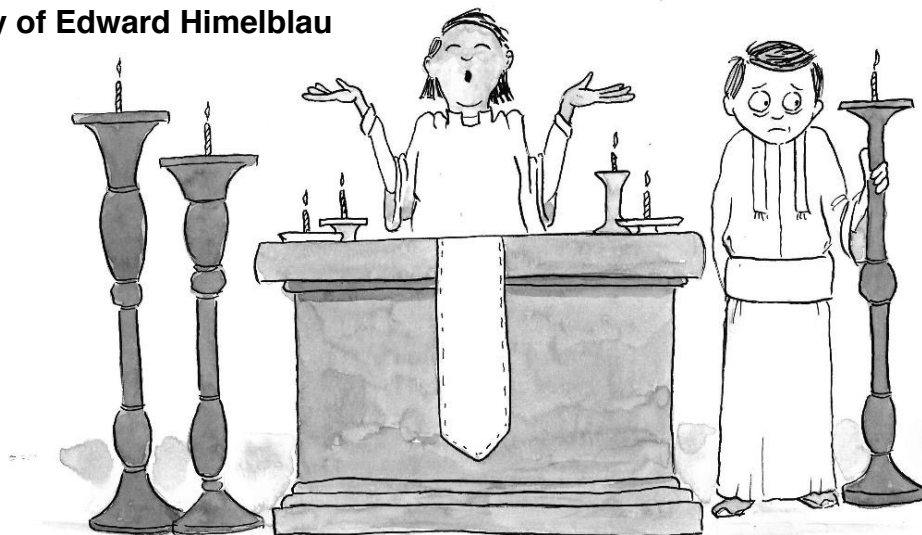
To Betsy Gilpin, Ruth, Gregory, Christie Turner, Wenda Alvarez, Ilene Dunagan, Anne Clarkin, and Candace Sage. Thank you for organizing Faith Boettger's Celebration of Life. Faith's family and friends will remember with fondness and love the service you provided.

To Karen Eckhart, Lisa Shaffer, Christie Turner, Ken Schultz and the Fox Family - Liv Walsh & Irv Himelblau wrote: Thank you for weeding and cleaning our Peace Garden at the top of the stairs leading to Founders Hall.

To Livia Walsh and Michelle Devor From Paul Trause and Irv Himelblau - For their monetary contributions to the UUFSD Social Justice Homeless Program which allowed us to expand our distribution of toiletries, hygienic items and shower tokens to our homeless brothers and sisters.

To Marylou Gibson, from the Communications Committee - Marylou has managed the UUFSD Facebook for many years and we appreciate her dedication to the UUFSD outreach efforts by maintaining our Facebook account.

Cartoon Courtesy of Edward Himelblau



'We give thanks as we begin this glorious season of light even if *someone* forgot to submit the candle order and we have to use the birthday candles from the break room.'

Pastoral Care at UUFSD



Pastoral Care Mission Statement

UUFSD covenants to be a religious community of caring by offering compassionate support to members and friends in our Fellowship in times of need. Through compassionate listening, crisis support, and relevant workshop, we support a path to feeling cared for in a meaningful way consistent with our UU covenant and principles.

We respond to emergencies/urgencies that affect our congregants by mobilizing our UUFSD members and friends to assist with meals, transportation to healthcare appointments, and memorial services when needed. As an extension of our minister's Pastoral Care presence members of the committee identify and respond to congregants in need of care and support and provide resources as needed. We also visit members in their home, hospital or other facilities as much as possible.

Each Sunday, a member of the Pastoral Care Committee offers confidential listening to those adjusting to change, loss, illness and other significant life stressors, or who wish to share in moments of joy and celebration. Through our care and commitment, we strive to build a beloved community of strength and compassion with meaningful and lasting bonds among our members.

How Can You Get Involved with the Pastoral Care Committee?

Our Pastoral Care Committee, comprised of seven UUFSD members, is our way of embodying the UUFSD mission to "help one another in fellowship." On Sundays, we provide Pastoral Care listening, as an extension of Reverend Thomas' ministry. We provide short-term, emergency compassionate care for those who are experiencing serious illness, major life challenges, or grief, and we also provide:

- Meals
- Hospital visits,
- Home visits,
- Transportation to medical visits and other critical appointments, and
- Assistance with funeral and memorial service receptions.

We ALWAYS need help to provide these kinds of emergency services; please email Renae Greig at renae1985@sbcglobal.net, if you'd like to be on our list. To provide meals specifically, please email Kerry Traylor at Kerry@collegestrategyexperts.com.

For those who would like to be on our Pastoral Care Committee and be a Pastoral Care Listener on Sundays, please speak with Reverend Thomas at revthomas@uufsd.org.

Pastoral Care at UUFSD

Meet Our Committee Members



Kelly Kelsoe

Kelly Kelsoe was born and raised in Pennsylvania, Kelly migrated to the West coast in 1989. She is a graduate of San Diego School of Social Work and has worked as a licensed clinical social worker with the Scripps Healthcare System for the past 29 years. Kelly raised her two children at UUFSD, Katy (26) and Jake (24), both currently living in San Diego. Kelly met her partner, Clint Stoddard, at UUFSD and enjoys biking and hiking adventures with him and sharing the responsibilities of owning a home together. Kelly taught Religious Education at UUFSD for many years and has been on the UUFSD Pastoral Care Committee for the past six years. When she is not working at the hospital, she enjoys gardening and doing pilates and yoga.



Livia Walsh

Livia Walsh has been a member of our Unitarian Fellowship for 20 years and a Unitarian Universalist for more than 35 years. She is a practicing Buddhist, ordained in the Zen tradition. She has been teaching a Mindfulness Meditation group each week for more than 8 years for our Fellowship and others interested in learning meditation or supporting their meditation practice.

Livia has participated and has been chairperson on many committees and groups at UUFSD including Worship, Pastoral Care, Social Justice and Membership. She has also offered adult education programs on topics of Dying and Death and Aging.

Professionally, Livia has had a career in nursing, is an ordained Interfaith Chaplain and a Psychotherapist in private practice. She is also a senior certified teacher at the University of California San Diego's Center for Mindfulness. She is a teacher trainer at UCSD's Mindfulness Based Professional Training Institute, mentoring students in many parts of the world who are in training to become teachers.

Livia loves traveling with her husband and has visited over 40 countries thus far, hoping to visit at least 60 at some point. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, gardening, yoga and Tai Chi, and going on spiritual retreats as often as she can.



Ernie Dunn

Ernie was born and raised in Stockton, CA. He has lived on the East coast in New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware. He served two tours in Korea and one in Germany in the Army, as well as being stationed in Texas, Hawaii, and San Francisco. He has a Bachelor's in Social Work from Sacramento State and a Master's in Social Work from University of Southern California. He was in an advanced program in Child and Family Studies at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, studying family and play therapies. He is an Our Whole Lives program facilitator for K-12 through Adult curriculums. His wife Huiying Yang of 30+ years is from China. They have a daughter (27) and a son (23). He enjoys Religious Education work, especially meeting with teens. He also enjoys photography and maintaining a healthy life style. He has lived in Oceanside since 2014.

Pastoral Care at UUFSD



Renee Greig

Renee is a native of Delaware and has lived in San Diego County for 29 years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in School Counseling. Renee has been married for 27 years and has two children: Michelle (24) and John (21). In addition to her children, she has two dogs and a cat. Traveling, hiking, entertaining, trivia, and reading are among her favorite activities. She's an active volunteer for Hospice by the Sea plus the New Village Arts and North Coast Repertory theaters. Recently she's also gotten involved in the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Renee is grateful to be a part of the UUFSD community and has enjoyed being a part of the Pastoral Care Committee.



Candace Sage

Candace was born and grew up in a Chicago suburb in northwest Indiana. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English from Indiana University, a Master's degree in business from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a law degree from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. She spent the first 20 years of her professional career in the computer field, with the highlight being the work she did on the first Space Shuttle at NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia. Candace's second career began at age 50 when she became an attorney. She practiced civil appellate law in Indianapolis for 11 years before moving to the San Diego area in 2008. Candace married her partner of 30 years in August 2008 in San Diego; however, her wife died in 2011. Candace has a daughter, Jaime, who lives with her husband John in Boulder, Colorado, along with her grand-dog Stewart and grand-cat Charlie. Candace has lived in Indiana, Puerto Rico, Virginia, and California (currently Carlsbad). She is retired from the practice of law. Candace has been a Unitarian Universalist for more than 20 years, and a member of UUFSD for the last 10. She has served on the Membership Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and the Worship Committee. She is currently a Worship Associate, a Sacred Circle facilitator, and a Pastoral Care Listener. Her passions include live theatre, vocal music (especially a cappella choruses), and the Chicago Cubs baseball team.



Pastoral Care at UUFSD



Ruth Gregory

Ruth was born in northern Michigan, raised in East Tennessee, and has lived in San Diego County (Encinitas and Carlsbad) since 1988. She was an Air Force wife for 20+ years. During that time she and her family lived in Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia (DC area), and Colorado (Air Force Academy). She has a Bachelor's in sociology from Auburn University and a certificate in Gerontology from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She has worked as a counselor for Meals on Wheels San Diego and in sales/marketing at Brookdale Place San Marcos. Ruth has two children: Rachel Burnett who is married to Barry and has two teenagers, Christopher and Elizabeth. Rob Gregory, who has two children, Caden and Caroline. Both families live in Knoxville, TN. Ruth has been attending UUFSD since 1997 and has served on the membership committee, coordinated Greeters, and was secretary to the Board. She enjoys Thursday mornings at the Community Resource Center food bank, her friendships made at UUFSD, finding humor in every day things, and helping friends in time of need. She is honored to be serving on the Pastoral Care Committee.



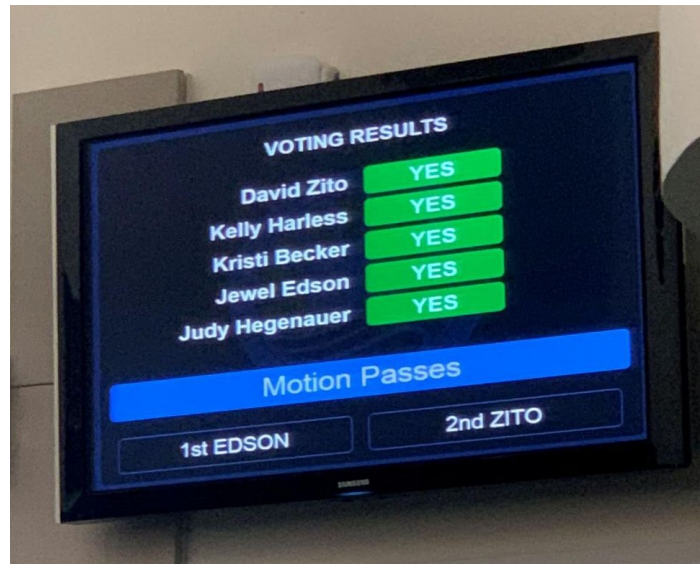
Kerry Traylor

Kerry has spent 35 years in San Diego, and has also lived for roughly 20 years in both Massachusetts and Washington DC. She worked back East in strategy consulting for Price Waterhouse, Coopers and Lybrand, and American Institutes for Research. She has a Bachelor's in history from Williams College and an Master's in international affairs from Tufts and Harvard Universities. She has a recent certification in parent coaching and is the CEO and founder of College Strategy Experts, a private college consulting firm for high school students and their families, in operation since 2014. Her husband of 25+ years is an attorney here in San Diego, and they have a daughter (22) at Tulane University in New Orleans, a son (20) at Tulane University, and a daughter (16) at Canyon Crest Academy (who plays flute at UUFSD occasionally). Kerry loves reading, hiking, theater, and dancing, and has lived most recently in Del Mar Heights since 2003. She is honored to be on the UUFSD Kitchen, Usher, and Library teams, as well as the Pastoral Care Committee, and considers the UUFSD Friday meditation group to be her spiritual home.



DREAMS REALIZED

Solana Beach Approves Our Conditional Use Permit



Dream Builders Update

On Tuesday, March 10, the Solana Beach City Council unanimously approved the modifications to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requested by UUFSD. This is fabulous news and a giant step towards our Dream Builders goal. The modifications to the CUP include shade sails, ADA access and a new kiosk building with bathrooms in the Amphitheater. Also included are: expansion of the administration building, covering the east patio of Founders Hall, additional parking, emergency vehicle turnaround, miscellaneous pathway improvements and landscaping. The addition of a partition in Founders Hall is in the overall plan but not included in the CUP as this is an interior building improvement.

While achieving city approval is a major step forward, there is one more step in the approval process. A final review and approval by the Coastal Commission is necessary before we can begin the next phase of project planning and implementation. The Coastal Commission review and approval process is expected to take approximately 60 days. The Coastal Commission has been on site to complete a preliminary review quite some time ago. The hope and expectation is that the final review will proceed quickly and without comment.

The CUP is a master plan that outlines the big picture for the projects mentioned above. This plan was developed 4 years ago after much discussion and input from the Fellowship. After approval by the Coastal Commission, the Dream Builders committee will engage with a selected architect to begin the process of reviewing Fellowship priorities and needs. The intent is that the review process will be completely transparent with fellowship members including opportunity for members to provide input. With this updated input, the detailed design and construction drawings can be prepared and submitted to the city for building permits.