Sundays in June

Sunday, June 5
Rev. Julia Hamilton
“Messengers of Fellowship & Love: The Flower Communion”

Bring a flower to share this Sunday, as we celebrate our Flower Communion. This beloved annual ritual honors the way our community is made more beautiful by the presence of each and every person, and how even in the midst of hardship, love and beauty sustain us.

Our Annual Meeting immediately follows the service. See page 2 for more details.

Sunday, June 12
Rev. Julia Hamilton
“Passionate Advocacy: The Howe Window”

“Ambitious people climb, but faithful people build.” Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) was a poet, abolitionist, suffragist, and peace activist, who threw her talents into the work of building a better, freer world.

This is the sixth installment of our “Window Series” — taking a look at the stories behind the names on the windows in our sanctuary.

Sunday, June 19
Rev. Julia Hamilton
“The Jefferson Window: A Troubling Legacy”

This Sunday is Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. It seems fitting that we take time on this Sunday to reflect on the window in our sanctuary with the most troubling legacy: Thomas Jefferson. How do we respond to the painful truths about our Founding Fathers? Maya Angelou famously said, “I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.” Can we do better?

This is the seventh installment of our “Window Series” — taking a look at the stories behind the names on the windows in our sanctuary.

Sunday, June 26
Justine Sutton & J. T. Turner
“Summer Solstice”

Seasons turn and the longest day heralds the full arrival of summer. Come and celebrate the summer solstice with us!
The annual meeting is a business meeting for members to vote on important ballot measures including our annual budget for the coming fiscal year and nominees for the nominating committee and board of trustees. It is also a time to celebrate our shared accomplishments over the past year, look ahead to next year, and be together in community.

If you are a member, an electronic ballot will come directly to your email, so keep an eye on your inbox. More information on the annual meeting ballot measures, and proposed budget can be found at www.ussb.org/annualmeeting.

Notified Agenda for Annual Meeting
June 5, 2022 at 11:30 AM on Zoom & in Parish Hall

1. Opening and Call to Order, Chalice Lighting
   Onolee Zwieke, Board President
2. Review of Agenda, Zoom Voting Protocols
   Onolee Zwieke, Board President
3. Approve Agenda, Add New Business if 20% of membership present
   Onolee Zwieke, Board President
4. Affirmation of Covenant, Core Values, Mission, and Ends
   Board Member
5. In Memoriam
   Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
6. Congregational Survey
   Jack Rief, Board Member
7. Year in Review, Year Ahead
   Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
8. Distinguished Service Awards
   Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
9. Election of Nominating Committee
   Board Member
10. Election of Board of Trustees
    Nominating Committee
11. Honor Outgoing Board of Trustees Members
    Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
12. Installation of Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee
    Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
13. Vote to Adopt Fiscal Plan
    Mike Ristow, Board Treasurer
14. New Business (additional agenda items)
    Onolee Zwieke, Board President
15. Closing
    Julia Hamilton, Lead Minister
16. Adjournment
    Onolee Zwieke, Board President

Voting Information
Members who have signed the membership book on or before May 5, 2022 and committed to an annual financial contribution are eligible to vote. (Members may also receive ministerial exemption from financial commitment.)

- Absentee ballots will be available on request, call the office at (805) 965-4583 or email eden@ussb.org.
- Members may vote by proxy. Each member attending the meeting may hold one proxy. Proxies should be dated, signed and state the name of the member to carry the proxy. Contact the office if you need a proxy form.
- The quorum for an annual meeting is one-tenth of the membership counted as present, voting by proxy or absentee ballot.
- An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present or accounted for by proxy or absentee ballot is required to amend, revise or repeal these bylaws, but in no case shall the affirmative vote be less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total Society membership.

Official voting membership at meeting notice: 384
Quorum to conduct business: 10% of total membership: 38
Quorum to make additions or deletions from agenda: 20% of total membership: 76
Quorum to amend bylaws: 25% of total membership: 96
“Building community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual.”

—Grace Lee Boggs

Some new faces from our USSB community will be leading special Sundays with our CRE kids this summer. We’ll be dancing, singing, drumming, making art and goop, and lots more as we get to know each other a bit better! (Did I mention there will be snow cones?) And we’ll take advantage of the long summer days to gather families — parents, kids, and teens — together to meet new people and deepen friendships outside of Sunday mornings, too.

Come. Let’s build some community. What a nourishing spiritual practice for us all.

**Sunday, June 5**
Multigenerational Flower Communion Service (plus RE teacher appreciation and USSB annual meeting!)

**Friday, June 10**
RE Family Summer Picnic at Tucker’s Grove

**Sunday, June 12**
Dance Moves with Kasey Hartman

**Sunday, June 19**
Juneteenth with Christina & Janey

**Sunday, June 26**
Stitching with Mindy Nelson

**Sunday, July 3**
Patriotic Sing-Along with Charla & Chuck

**Friday, July 8**
RE Family Summer Picnic at Goleta Beach

**Sunday, July 10**
Let’s Play Games! With Kyle & Sarah

**Sunday, July 17**
Drumming Circle with John Altman and friends

**Sunday, July 24**
Gak & Goop with Christina

**Sunday, July 31**
Mystery Sunday…

**Sunday, August 7**
Greeting Card Creations with Sally Hamilton

**Friday, August 12**
RE Family Summer Picnic – Pool Party at Charla’s!

**August 14**
Janmashtami – Celebrate Krishna’s Birthday with Janey

**Sunday, August 21**
Cardboard Arcade Makerspace

**Sunday, August 28**
Cardboard Arcade Makerspace

**Sunday, September 4**
Cardboard Arcade Makerspace

**Friday, September 9 to Sunday, 11**
RE Youth & Family Camping Trip at Lopez Lake

**Sunday, September 18**
Multigenerational Ingathering Service and RE Family Carnival & Arcade

**Youth Group Summer Sundays**

Summer plans are in the works for our youth group. We’ve got a hike, an in-house escape room, a Ventura thrift store shopping trip, a movie night with our Trinity youth group friends, helping our CRE kids build the cardboard arcade, and more, all on the drawing board. We’ll also be spending some Sundays eating bagels and exploring life’s big questions. Watch the RE Family News and weekly emails for details. And of course, mark your calendar for the three RE family picnics and the Lopez Lake camping trip in September! Youth group will meet 11:30 am to 1:00 pm most Sundays.

**In Faith,**
Charla Bregante
Director of Religious Education
charla@ussb.org
Congratulations Coming of Age 2022 Cohort!

This remarkable group of young people completed the USSB Coming of Age program this year. We could not be prouder of their thoughtfulness, their willingness to challenge themselves, and their ability to ask hard questions and grapple with big ideas. Congratulations to you all. They are a wonderful addition to our USSB community.

Top, left to right: Sam Gibou, Kaitlyn Marden, Emma Parent, Ada Ray, Phoebe Siegel. Second row: Antonio Yturralde, Alexander Yturralde

Clockwise from center: Relaxing on the sanctuary steps; Phoebe Siegel and her mentor, Janis Connally; rainbow cake at the youth picnic; Ada Ray sings "Across the Universe"; Alexander Yturralde gets a tie adjustment from mentor Chuck Flacks before the service begins.
Juneteenth Community Celebration

You are invited to a Block Party!

Join us on Sunday, June 19 in historically Black Santa Barbara for the free block party in front of our community partner Shalhoob’s Funk Zone Patio in the 200 block of Gray Ave. between E. Montecito St. and E. Yanonali St.

Juneteenth Santa Barbara is an annual event where we bring community members together to celebrate the freedom of enslaved African Americans in the United States. Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas were informed of their freedom and immediately danced in the streets. Today we honor our ancestors and celebrate our freedom, showcasing Black joy and culture in Santa Barbara, California. Our 2022 community event is themed ‘Caring for the People’ and it also honors local Black artists and artisans, performers, and organizations, as well as providing free food, dancing, and singing.

The Unitarian Society is a proud 2022 Community Sponsor of Juneteenth Santa Barbara.

For more information, visit https://juneteenthsb.org.

Let’s cultivate friendship and community this summer

RE FAMILY SUMMER PICNICS

FRIDAYS FROM 5:30-8:00 PM

June 10 - Tucker’s Grove
July 8 - Goleta Beach
August 12 - Pool Party!
Save the date: Saturday, July 9
It’s Back! The Summer Fashion Fling

Women of all ages from USSB are invited to the ultimate Girl Friend Night!

Clean your closets in preparation for the Summer Fashion Fling on July 9. Bring your clean consignment quality clothing, jewelry, shoes, purses, and accessories which are in good repair but just don’t fit in your wardrobe anymore. Someone else may see your items as new and fun, and you might find that sweater you’ve admired on someone else hanging on the rack.

The Fashion Fling is a time for women to eat goodies, drink wine, and tell each other how great we look! Prices will be nominal and proceeds will be donated to the Society.

The Fling will take place on Saturday, July 9 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM in Jefferson Hall. The next morning it will be open to nearby churches and neighbors from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Contact Laraine Gray if you want to help with publicity, phone tree, setup, or refreshments: La@specialneedsproject.com or (805) 279-3439.

Congregational Potluck Picnic!

Sunday, June 12 at 11:15 AM, after the service

Celebrate the coming of Summer and the joy of our reuniting congregation! Please bring a potluck salad or hot dish to share. They can be kept and heated in the kitchen during the service. Please bring your own table ware to cut down on waste. Hot dogs will be barbecued. Donations requested. Drinks provided.

Interested in Learning ASL?

A class in American Sign Language (ASL) is being developed at Adult Education. Twenty people are needed to make this class go. Ten older seniors have shown interest and we need ten more people. The date, day and time have not been scheduled yet. If you have an interest, please contact Suzanne Fairly at suzannephippsfairly@gmail.com; (805) 681-9060.

June Outreach Offering: Showers of Blessing

The June Outreach Offering recipient is Showers of Blessing Santa Barbara. Showers of Blessing provides free hot showers, fosters compassionate hygienic care, and offers access to critical services for people experiencing homelessness.

Every week, Showers of Blessing drives a shower trailer to five established sites in Santa Barbara and Goleta. With each shower, their guests receive a freshly laundered towel and washcloth, a pair of new cotton socks, a pair of new underwear, hygiene items, and limited emergency clothing. Showers of Blessing also offers guests companionship, conversation, and contact with other homeless service providers. Their services are entirely free and access is unconditional to all people who are without a house or are in temporary or unstable housing.

For more information about Showers of Blessing, including how to volunteer, please visit http://showersofblessingsb.org or talk to Sally Hamilton.
Mexicali Border Crossing April 2022

Five representatives from two congregations crossed over the border from Calexico to Mexicali at the end of April to deliver materials and meet with residents of the Posada del Migrante Shelter. It was a heartbreaking and heartwarming experience.

Those who live at the Posada come from Central America or from Michoacán, Mexico. Their average age is 35. They have suffered from violence, discrimination, natural disasters, and poverty and have traveled hundreds of miles only to be turned away by US authorities, leaving them to live for months, or years, in limbo.

John Altman, Linda Beers, Anna DiStefano, and Deborah Karoff from the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, and Rev. Jeannette Love of the Catholic Church of the Beatitudes, drove in two cars packed with nine suitcases. The suitcases were filled with materials, including art supplies and books for the approximately 80 to 100 children living in the shelter. The youth groups from Trinity Episcopal Church and the Unitarian Society had raised more than $1,500 to purchase art supplies for the children, and donated Spanish-language books were brought along to jumpstart a children’s library. Once emptied, the suitcases were donated to the shelter so that they could be distributed by lottery to the families who are fortunate enough to receive authorization to leave for the US.

Our congregation raised $3,095 to add to the more than $6,500 raised by the Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance, which was then sent to Border Compassion. Founded by Sister Suzanne Jabro, Border Compassion is a non-

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profit that supports the many different needs of the approximately 200 people currently in the Posada del Migrante shelter. This money provided for food for residents and, in particular, underwrote two celebrations: The Day of the Child on April 30 and Mexican Mother’s Day on May 10.

We will always remember:

• The delighted squeals of the children as they each opened a tote bag that held a sketch book, a box of crayons, watercolors, and a mechanical pencil

• The grandparents who are caring for their nine-month-old grandson until they can join their daughter in San Francisco

• The family of eight living in one room, desperate to escape the violence that had killed their oldest son, and to save their two teenage boys from the same fate

• The lesbian couple with a young daughter fleeing death threats from the cartel, and unwelcome in the homophobic home of relatives in the US

• The father hoping to come to the US in order to work and make enough money to care for his young son who has severe diabetes.

The Border Project Group will meet again soon to explore additional ways to witness and support the journeys of our valued neighbors at the border.

— Anna DiStefano
Monday, June 13, 2022, 5:00-6:30 PM
A GRAY PANTHERS EVENT
Live and Zoom

Forum Topic:

The Wisdom of Elders

with Featured Guests:

VRAJAPRANA
Pravrajika, Sarada Convent
Vedanta Temple

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Pearls of wisdom from four wise members of our community

For those who wish to attend in person, the event will take place at:
Direct Relief, 6100 Wallace Becknell Road, Goleta.
To register for the live event, please email: info@sbgraypanthers.org.
Light hors d’oeuvres will be served beginning at 4:30. The Forum begins at 5:00.

If you wish to register to participate in the event virtually, via Zoom,
click (or ctrl-click) on this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsceitqjgvGt3ndFs47wvKedjSEMjRFoKB
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing
information about joining the meeting. We’re looking forward to seeing you there.

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Heather Levin, Accompanist
Rev. Kenneth Collier, Minister Emeritus

The office is open on Sunday mornings and is available by phone and email from Monday to Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Email ussb@ussb.org, or call (805) 965-4583.

Deadline for the July issue is Monday, June 27.
Email: Kaleidoscope@ussb.org

Sunday services in-person and online at 10:00 AM
Watch our livestream on Zoom and Facebook or use your phone to dial in and hear the service live.

To listen to the service on your phone, call 1-669-900-6833 and then enter the Sunday services meeting ID: 960 036 8223#

You may call in starting five minutes before the service begins.

Zoom and Facebook links are sent out in the Friday email, in a special Sunday morning email, and are always available on our website, at www.ussb.org/worship/zoom.

Contact our office at ussb@ussb.org if you’d like to be added to our email list.

Can't be with us when we're live Sunday morning? We archive every service video on our YouTube channel and on our website at www.ussb.org/worship/archive.