

Spiritual Practice

All relationships require commitment, discipline and love! Cultivate your relationship with the Divine as you grow in a daily spiritual practice. You'll find support, friends and encouragement here at Peace United Church. Feel Free to talk with our Pastor, or check out one of our opportunities for spiritual growth in small groups!

Brown Bag Bible Study

THURSDAYS 12:30pm to 2:00pm
in the Library at Peace

Yael Lachman hosts a weekly gathering to explore the rich and provocative tradition of scripture. We look at coming texts for Sunday worship, and wonder aloud about their relevance and effect in our worlds and lives. All are welcome!

Sacred Conversations: Meditation & Spiritual Practice

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00am
In the Upper Room

Join a supportive circle of friends and seekers as we explore ancient prayer practices to transform and heal ourselves and the world. No experience necessary-come every week or drop in whenever you can. All are welcome!

Passage Meditation

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Forest Monsen invites interest and practice around "passage meditation"- a dynamic practice involving focused attention and ancient texts. Call Forest for more information at 469-3095.

SoulCollage

THIRD TUESDAY of the month from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Upper Room of the Education Building. Join Certified Facilitator **Barbara Broadbent** in this creative, intuitive process. All are welcome. Contact **Barbara** at bbent@comcast.net or 408-393-3751. Materials are provided. Donations to cover the cost are appreciated.

Small Groups at Peace

Small groups of all kinds offer a place here for exploration and support. Your life here will deepen in spirit and connection as you participate in some kind of small group. Give one of our leaders a call, have tea and see where these ministries lead you!

Just Peacemaking

More than dogma, beyond doctrine, Jesus calls us to discipleship, peacemaking and service. In a world fractured by war and aching in poverty, Christians are moved to creative expressions of generosity, solidarity and love. Be curious. Take a risk. If you don't see something here, see a church leader or the Pastor! Let's make it happen together.

COPA: Organizing Us!

COPA is Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action- and Peace United works side-by-side with synagogues, labor groups and civic organizations for affordable housing, health care access, immigration reform and economic opportunity. Contact Cathy Sarto at csarto@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Shelter for Homeless Friends

As part of the Association of Faith Communities (AFC), Peace United joins with friends from other Santa Cruz area churches to offer a nightly shelter for families who find themselves without shelter. Peace United takes responsibility for Sunday evenings, and hosts a community of 15-20 every Sunday night. Contact **Jane Heyse** at jheyse@cruzio.com for more on volunteering, cooking meals and creating a ministry of hospitality. Contact **Suzanne McLean** at peacefulsuz@gmail.com for information on AFC more broadly.

Peace & Carrots Vegetable Garden

The Garden Group is looking for the following: hand trowels, organic fertilizer (chicken manure is ideal), potting mix, tarps and vegetable starts. Contact **Liz Klotz-Chamberlin** at 251-4330 or flowergarden@baymoon.com

Prophets of Hope

Peace United has a lively network of ministry teams doing compassionate ministry in local jails and juvenile halls. We have a men's team and a women's team at the county jail, a team serving at the Blaine St. Women's Facility, and one serving the youth at the county's Juvenile Hall. Interested? Contact Beverly Brook at 429-1392.

Extravagant Welcome

As an OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION, we're passionate about the extravagant welcome extended to each and every child of God. In 1997, our 'open & affirming covenant' made it particularly clear that gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual and questioning friends were 'extravagantly welcome' at the very heart of this Christian community. We're committed to demonstrating what truly inclusive and healing Christian fellowship looks like and how we can grow in faith together.

Green Team

Peace United's Green Team helps the church keep faith with commitments to ecological justice. Contact the church office for more information.

PFLAG

SECOND TUESDAY of the month from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Peace. Please join us at our next PFLAG meeting! We meet in an informal arrangement of coffee and conversation to best serve the needs of parents and other members of the LGBTQ community. PFLAG means Parents, Families, LGBTQ and Allies Group. Find support and friendship. Help us make the world a better, safer place for all. Contact us at pflagscc@gmail.com or www.pflagscc.org or at 831-427-4016 for more information.

Veteran's Group

The Veteran's Group meets for food, fun and socializing throughout the year. All veterans and their families are welcome. Contact Stoney Brook at 429-1392 for more information.

Jacob's Ladder: Men's Group

SECOND FRIDAY of the month from 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Fireside Lounge at Peace. Men find space for exploration, friendship and spiritual growth. Contact **Doug Owen** at 566-0676 for more information.

Friday Morning Grounds

This group gets together most Fridays from 9:00am-12:00pm, working to beautify the church 'grounds' and care for other on-site projects. After some work around the campus, we sit down for coffee, doughnuts and warm conversation. All are welcome! Contact **Bill Walton** at 600-7343 for more information.

Perennials

SECOND SUNDAY of the month October-June right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a light lunch and mini program in the company of friends. We are finished by 1:00pm. Reservations are required by the Wednesday before-please call the church office at 426-2010 or email at office@peaceunited.org to respond.

The Cinematic Salon

SECOND SATURDAY of the Month Come, join the 'Cinematic Salon' for a lively and spirit-filled conversation about contemporary films. Each month, we select from films available for rental or from those currently playing in the nearby theatres for discussion the following month. See one or more and join our conversation! **Beverly Brook** is our leader and convener, and she welcomes your ideas and enthusiasm. Contact Beverly at 429-1392 for more information.

Peace Walking Women of West Cliff

TUESDAY MORNINGS at 8:30am at the Lighthouse on West Cliff You are invited to join a small group of us who meet every Tuesday morning for a walk at a perky pace to the Hugging Tree near Fair Avenue and back-about 45 minutes round trip. We enjoy conversation and the beauty of our ocean, and we leave small Peace pebbles tucked into the tree for anyone who passes by and wants a little Peace in their life. No RSVP's

are necessary. For more information email **Mary Male** at mmale@baymoon.com or call her at 831-325-6897.

Ministry Teams

These ministry teams are hoping that you'll jump in and lend your energies to theirs.

Extravagant Welcome Team

Welcomes Sunday worshipers to church and coffee hour. Greeters and coffee hour helpers are scheduled to serve about once a month. If you would like to serve as a member of the Welcome Team call **Anne Rogers** at 438-1003.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team

Provides support, vision, programs and extravagant welcome for children, youth and all kinds of families here at Peace United. To join the team or share your ideas, contact Yael Lachman at yael@peaceunited.org or Mary Montgomery at kids@peaceunited.org.

Caring & Support

Building beloved community at Peace United.

Caring & Visitation Team

THIRD TUESDAY of the month in the Library at Peace. Interested in joining a compassionate circle of friends and extending peace and blessings to members often confined to their homes We meet monthly to share ideas, prayer and helpful support. We're looking for patient and loving listeners who enjoy visiting and see this as a sweet opportunity for caring. All are welcome! Contact Bonnie Lange for more information at bonniep357@gmail.com

Caregivers Circle: A Small Support Group for Friends Caring for Loved Ones

FIRST FRIDAY of the month at 10:30am in the Library at Peace. The Caregiver's Circle is a monthly support group for friends, partners and spouses who find ourselves caring in very intense and important ways for loved ones. We meet for 90 minutes. If you have questions please call the church office or come to our next gathering.

Getting Connected

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www.facebook.com/UCCSantaCruz

<http://tinyurl.com/PeaceEnews>

Rev. Yael's Blog, "A River of Joy":

www.ariverofjoy.wordpress.com

www.gatheringtherain.wordpress.com

