

FESTIVAL SUNDAYS

IN THE SANCTUARY @ 10:30AM

September 21 – Homecoming

A joyous gathering of our faith community beginning a new season! Bring a salad to share in the potluck lunch after worship, or just come, have a bite to eat, enjoy the fellowship, and take in the many displays with information and invitation to opportunities for service, learning, and fun!

October 19 – Blessing of the Beasts

The service includes a blessing of animals, affirming their dignity as creatures and their special place in our caring for God's creation. All sorts are welcome, well-behaved humans too. If you want us to pray blessing on an animal who can't come with you, bring a photograph. Please call ahead if you're bringing an elephant!

October 26 – Reformation & New Members

We affirm that Christian faith is a call to ministry for all believers and receive new members joining in our church covenant.

November 2 – All Saints & Holy Communion

We remember those who have passed on from this life in the last twelve months, giving thanks to God for their legacy of faithfulness. You are invited to help build our *oferenda* with photos and other artifacts of loved ones you would remember and pray for.

November 9 – Simple Gifts Hymn Festival

A mostly-musical liturgy of favorite hymns and anthems praising God's *Amazing Grace* and celebrating the *Simple Gifts* that make life full. *Now Thank We All Our God!*

November 16 – Church Vocations Sunday

Recognizing the many among us who serve in Christian vocations, and marking the 50th ordination anniversary of the Rev. Matt Broadbent.

November 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday

A grand celebration of our abundant blessings, and God's call to us to be a blessing to others.

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900 High St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



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Sunday Mornings

Worship at 10:30am
in the sanctuary

Thursday Evenings

How to Read A Book

with Pastor Dave and Rev Bev
discussing the novel by Monica Wood
Oct 2, 9, 16 & 30 – 7 to 8:15pm
Fireside Lounge

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Telephone 831-426-2010
www.PeaceUnited.org



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Monica Wood's novel, *How to Read a Book*, "is an unsparingly honest and profoundly hopeful story about letting go of guilt, seizing second chances, and the power of books to change our lives." As we discuss Wood's story and characters, you'll be invited into a sacred space of reflection and sharing. *How to Read a Book* is available in local bookstores and online at Bookshop.org; a few copies are available for purchase from the church.



MEMBERSHIP @ PEACE UCC

Whether you're "ready to decide" or "just looking," come learn more about our church and make new friends at two gatherings for prospective members, right after worship on Sunday, September 28 and Sunday, October 12. Our next occasion for new members to join the church will be during the Sunday morning worship service on October 26th. For questions and additional information, contact: PastorDave@PeaceUnited.org

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHES

Beginning October 12, on the second Sunday of every month, food, friends, music sometimes, and always a good time, right after worship. (Starting around Noon.) For college students, graduate students, and recent grads.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

CYF@PEACEUNITED.ORG

Kids' Night Out – Third Friday of the month, 6:00 to 8:00pm. Games and free play, music and a lesson, treats and dinner (usually we make our own pizza!) A good time for children and a little free time for parents. For questions and to register, contact [CYF@PeaceUnited.org](mailto:Cyf@PeaceUnited.org).

Family Sundays – Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21. Worship at 10:30am includes a special Word Made Plain and Children's Blessing, with a separate (optional) program for kids during the scripture and sermon.

Game Nights – monthly on the last Friday, 6:00 to 8:00pm. Light bites and a lot of fun and games for all ages. *Ping-pong, Backgammon, Cornhole, Twister, Dominoes, Chess, Checkers, Jenga, Yahtzee*, and we're always up for a new game you might bring. *Let the games begin!*

CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATH

Saturday, December 6, 10:00am to 7:00pm

Retreat into quiet spirituality and contemplation here on our beautiful church campus, with disciplines of prayer and lots of open time for refreshment and renewal, paying attention to your soul and, if you need to, letting some things go.

Lunch and dinner are included. Register or inquire by e-mail: lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com.

SENIOR PERENNIALS

Perennials is a group for those over 55 to meet, share fellowship and enjoy a program of special interest. They meet after worship in the Fireside Lounge on the third Sunday of the month.

If you would like more information, contact Lynn Walton, lwalt@rawbits.com

WELCOMING TABLES

Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for years, Welcoming Tables is a marvelous way to form meaningful friendships, share stories, and deepen your sense of community within the church. There's a variety of days, times and locations available; find a group that works for you! The sign-up period for Welcoming Tables this fall is September 7-28. You can register in the narthex on Sunday morning or contact Mary Lois Comesky (maryloisc@gmail.com)

Here's How it goes:

- Groups of 6-10 meet every other month for a simple meal, no gourmet cooking skills needed;
- Rotating group host, meet in homes or outdoors, e.g., yard, park, church, patio/lounge;
- Enjoy great conversation, new connections, laughter and friendship.

