

# The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

## SEPTEMBER 2024



## Sunday Celebration Service

**10:45 a.m. ~ 12:15 p.m.**

### **Ministerial Staff/Spiritual Support Team**

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# The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

## Celebration Services – September 2024

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Invocation/Prayer for Peace

### Spirit Song

### Sharing Love/Building Community

See the Divine within all you meet. Share greetings with a smile, a hand shake, “Namaste” or a hug if mutually desired. You may choose to mingle or sit in meditation during this time.

### Spiritual Reading

### Meditation Chant & Meditation

### Special Music

### Message

### Special Music

### Offering Blessing

We fill these offerings with our love & blessings, sending them forth to bring peace to our world.

### Benediction

*Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me (2x)*

*May God's Spirit rest upon you*

*May Gods Peace abide in you*

*May the Light of God Fill your Heart and Soul*

*Now and Forever More*

### Closing

Our circle of love is ended but not broken.  
In peace we have met; in peace we now

### September 1

Service Leader: Rev. David Bell

Message: Rev. Delyth Balmer

*“Fear of Sacrifice for (God's) Love”*

Reading: Jennifer Grace

Meditation: Dawn Swartz

Special Music: PATH–Scott McWhinney,  
Chris Hedly & Tim Prosser

### September 8

Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

*“Gathering of the Waters Ceremony”*

Reading: Norah Reilly

Meditation: Janet Somalinog

Special Music: Carol Bardenstein & Susan Slack;  
Shekinah Errington & Griff Griffin

### September 15

Service Leader: Rev. Delyth Balmer

Message: Cristo Bowers

*“Kindness: Unveiling the Truth Behind  
Plato's Ancient Wisdom”*

Reading: Parina Kamdar

Meditation: Norah Reilly

Special Music: Mary & Eric Fithian

### September 22

Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Message: Janet Somalinog

*“Let's Not Start with Fear”*

Reading: Marilyn Alf

Meditation: Marice Clark

Special Music: Laurel Federbush

*Sunday Services continued...*

## **September 29**

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message: Rabbi Isaac Roussel

*"Judgment and Renewal: Spiritual Insights  
for the Jewish High Holy Days"*

Reading: Annemarie Howse

Meditation: Dawn Swartz

Special Music: Curtis Glatte

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## **Connections**

### **Zoom Link for Sunday Services**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/440540886>

Phone in: (929) 205-6099

### **Facebook Link**

<https://www.facebook.com/interfaithspirit/>

### **Interfaith YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/interfaith704>

### **Interfaith on Instagram**

<http://www.instagram.com/interfaithspirit>

## **Welcome Table**

If you are new to Interfaith, we hope you stop by the welcome table to pick up a welcome packet containing information about the Center and a welcome gift!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Volunteer Coordinator - Annemarie Howse**

There are many ways you may offer your talents and support to the Interfaith Center. Below are a few of the areas in which volunteers are needed. Contact Annemarie Howse at (818) 667-2815 or email [ahowse21@gmail.com](mailto:ahowse21@gmail.com) for information on volunteer opportunities.

## **Special Events in September**

### **Sunday, September 1**

#### **Potluck following the service**

Bring a dish to share. All are welcome!

### **Sunday, September 8**

#### **Gathering of the Waters Ceremony At Sunday Celebration Service**

Bring a sample of water to add to the Communal Bowl and share your story about the significance of water for you.

### **Saturday, September 14**

#### **Cafe 704 -BENEFIT CONCERT PATH, Griff'n Shek, and friends**

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Tickets: \$10.00 in person or on Zoom

### **Saturday, September 21**

#### **Fall Equinox Concert Spirit Singing Band**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 suggested donation

### **Saturday, September 28**

#### **Fall Equinox Dances of Universal Peace led by Susan Slack**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 suggested donation

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### **Community Sing with Matt Watroba**

will resume on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays in October.

Future dates are Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

Much gratitude to Scott McWhinney,  
Chris Hedly, Tim Prosser, Griff Griffin &  
Shekinah Errington and all the other  
musicians who have graciously offered to  
make the September Cafe 704 a fund raiser  
for the Interfaith Center!



# Board of Trustees



**Darlene MacLeod, Lance Clark, Brett Koon  
Cristo Bowers (Chair), Janet Somalinog  
Dawn Swartz & Peggy Lubahn (Secretary)**

Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month in person and on Zoom from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The meetings are open for all to attend. If joining by zoom the meeting ID is: 82314587072  
Community input is greatly appreciated. You may also send an email to [board@interfaithspirit.org](mailto:board@interfaithspirit.org).

## Thank you for your Support!

The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth is sustained by your donations. We are grateful for your generosity in giving.

You may make your monetary donations to the Center via check, cash, PayPal or credit card on line or direct deposit.

Use your phone camera to scan the QR codes to reach our website (BLUE) or to donate (GREEN)



## Vision Statement

As expressions of divinity  
we celebrate a world  
awakened to Love.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to explore universal truths underlying all paths of spiritual growth by providing weekly fellowship, learning and service opportunities, and social events to create and inspire a vibrant and diverse spiritual community.

## Sunday Greeters

Coordinator: Randall Counts

### On Zoom

Jean Balent, Vicki Davinich & Cayla Tchalo

### At the Center

Carol Bardenstein, Randall Counts, Rob Fagerlund  
Diane Gledhill, Todd Johnson  
Mark Maxwell, Roberta Maxwell, Lindsay Passmore  
Catherine Powers & Norah Reilly

## Sunday Tech Team

### Sound

Craig Brann, Don Digirolamo & Diane Gledhill

### Camera

Layla Ananda, Craig Harvey & Dave Snyder

## Welcome Table Hosts

Bob Hopkins

Norah Reilly

Barb Fisher, Sandy Hill & Cooper Holland



# Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

Events are weekly unless otherwise specified.



### Monday

#### **A Course in Miracles Study Group**

In Person and *On Zoom*

6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

David Bell (734) 646-8475

**Meeting ID: 862 4978 9262**

**Password: miracles**

### Tuesday

#### **Death Cafe \* 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday\***

*On Zoom Only*

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Annie Kopko (734) 358-1328

**Phone in: (646) 558-8656**

**Meeting ID: 284 903 577# Password: 674985**

#### **Sufi Gathering – Imam Kamau Ayubbi**

*On Zoom Only*

7:00 – 8:00 pm donation: \$5-\$10

**Meeting ID: 883 478 525**

### Wednesday

#### **Wednesday Social Hour**

*On Zoom Only*

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peggy Lubahn

**Meeting ID: 858 0182 1285 Passcode: 715589**

**Phone in: 929 205 6099**

#### **Community Sing with Matt Watroba**

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday\***

*In Person* **Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11**

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. donations encouraged.

### Thursday

#### **A Course in Miracles Study Group**

*On Zoom Only*

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Randall Counts (517) 750-8087

Linda McDonough (479) 461-4839

**Meeting ID: 896 0232 7682**

#### **Singing for Comfort \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday\***

*In Person and On Zoom*

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Layla Ananda (734) 646-7405

**Meeting ID: 338 524 966**

**Password: 311926**

### Friday

#### **Peace Generator \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday\***

**(Note: moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday this month only)**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Craig Harvey (734) 709-0253

**Meeting ID: 213 742 5638**

### Saturday

#### **Café 704 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday\***

*In Person and on Zoom (purchase ticket for the link)*

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Tickets: \$10.00 in person or on zoom

Al Carter [cafe704@gmail.com](mailto:cafe704@gmail.com)

#### **Drumcommunity – Lori Fithian \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday\***

*In Person* **Not meeting in September -**

**resumes Oct 19, Nov 16**

(special events on Sept 21 and Dec 21

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lori Fithian: [lorifithian@mac.com](mailto:lorifithian@mac.com)

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

### Leadership Team Meeting 2nd Sunday

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bob Hopkins (734) 985-5572

### Board of Trustees Meeting 3rd Sunday

on Zoom and in person

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Phone in: 929 205 6099**

**Meeting ID: 823 1458 7072**

board@interfaithspirit.org

### Caring Committee Meeting 1st Thursday on Zoom

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Marilyn Alf, Chair

sdtoaa@gmail.com

### Transportation:

#### Need a Ride/Give a Ride

If you need a ride to Interfaith or to medical appointments OR are available to provide a ride on an as needed basis please contact the Caring Committee.

## Stay Connected – Here’s How

**Sign up for our mailing list** (powered by MailChimp) by going to our website at [interfaithspirit.org](http://interfaithspirit.org)

Once you’re on this list you’ll receive emails (not too many) about Sunday services and events sponsored by the Center.

### Join the Interfaith Center Groups.io ([interfaithspirit@groups.io](mailto:interfaithspirit@groups.io))

Posts to this group include local events, requests for prayers or assistance and other topics of interest to this community. You do not have to be a member of the Interfaith Center to join the group or to send/receive messages.

To join:

- Use the email account where you wish to receive Interfaith group emails.
- Send an email to [interfaithspirit+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:interfaithspirit+subscribe@groups.io).
- You will receive an email request to: “confirm your [groups.io](http://groups.io) Subscription” (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you don’t see it.) Then reply to the email you have received.

### Interfaith on YouTube

Most of our Sunday messages, guest musicians, readings and meditations are video recorded and made available on YouTube for you to view anytime.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/interfaith704/videos>

### Facebook

Check out our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/interfaithspirit>

### Connect to our internet while at the Center

Network name: ICSGLove wifi password: interfaithspirit

## Caring Committee Members and Contact Information

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