

# The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

## December 2024



### Sunday Celebration Service

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

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# THE INTERFAITH CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## Celebration Service

### December 2024

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Invocation**

#### **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.

#### **Spiritual Reading**

#### **Meditation Chant & Meditation**

#### **Special Music**

#### **Message**

#### **Special Music**

#### **Offering Blessing**

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

#### **Benediction**

May the blessings of God rest upon you,  
May God's peace abide with you,  
May God's presence illuminate your heart,  
Now and forever more.

#### **Closing**

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

#### **Affirmative Prayer Partners**

After service in the Sanctuary at the Lotus Window.

#### **Refreshments**

In the Social Hall after service-join us!

#### **December 1**

Service Leader: Rev. David Bell

Message: Craig Harvey

"Holding (Sacred) Space for Another"

Reading: Lisa Teets

Meditation: Annemarie Howse

Special Music: Abby Alwin

#### **December 8**

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message: Rev. Trevor Eller

*"Your Mystical Experiences and Theological Narratives:  
Infinite Realities & Infinite Paths"*

Reading: Dick Durham

Meditation: Marice Clark

Special Music: Layla Ananda

#### **December 15**

Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

Message: Christopher Johnson

"My Spiritual Healing and Growth After My Near  
Death Experience"

Reading: Marilyn Alf

Meditation: Janet Somalinog

Special Music: Craig Brann

#### **December 22**

Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Message: Rev. Sari Brown "Love Made Flesh"

Reading: Parina Bowers

Meditation: Den Carbonell

Special Music: Dawn Swartz & The Interfaith  
Chorale

#### **December 29**

Service & Ceremony Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

Burning Bowl Ceremony

Special Music: Curtis Glatter & Drummers

## Special Events in December

### Sunday, Dec. 1

**Potluck following the service**

### Wednesday, Dec. 11

**Community Sing with Matt Watroba**

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Cost: Donation-\$5-\$10 suggested

### Friday, Dec. 13

**Dances of Universal Peace with Susan Slack**

**Daniel Dinay and Ken Kozora**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: Donation

### Saturday, Dec. 14

**Cafe 704 - Dorkestra**

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

Tickets: \$10.00 in person or Livestream on Zoom

**Holiday Gift Sale** throughout the evening

### Sunday, Dec. 15

**Holiday Gift Sale** continues after Service

**Winter Solstice Meditation Concert with Norma Gentile**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 suggested at the door or in advance at <https://www.healingchants.com/itinerary.html>

### Monday, Dec. 16

**Pagan Chant Sing Along with Nora Farley**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: Donation

### Saturday, Dec. 21

**Winter Solstice Sing**

Jean Chorazyczewski, Lori Fithian, Eric & Mary Fithian, Linda Teaman, Tom Voiles & Friends.

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost: Donation

### Sunday, December 22

**Ugly Sweater Holiday Party & Fundraiser**

1:00-4:00 .m.

\$10.00 admission fee (suggested)

\$5.00 pizza and drink

FOOD-GAMES-MUSIC-50/50 RAFFLE

While Elephant Gift Exchange

Bring a mystery gift (under \$10.00) to participate.

Glitz, Glam & Rock your Ugly Sweaters!

THE UGLIEST SWEATER WINS A PRIZE

### Tuesday, December 24

**Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Traditional Holiday Songs Wednesday, Dec. 25

### Wednesday, December 25

**Christmas Day Potluck**

hosted by the Caring Committee

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share. Turkey & Ham provided by the Caring Committee. Sign up at the Center or on Meal Train at: <https://mealtrain.com/kdewzd>

### Sunday, December 31, 2024

**World Peace Meditation Day**

7:00 a.m. in person at the Center or on Zoom

Facilitated by:

Janet Somalinog & Craig Harvey



# Board of Trustees

**Cristo Bowers, Chair**

**Lance Clark, Brett Koon**

**Peggy Lubahn, Darlene MacLeod**

**Janet Somalinog & Dawn Swartz**

Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday** of each month on Zoom from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. The meetings are open for all to attend and community input is greatly appreciated. You may communicate with the board by email :board@interfaithspirit.org or by placing a note in the suggestion box near the bulletin board.

## 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.

## Thank you for your Donations!

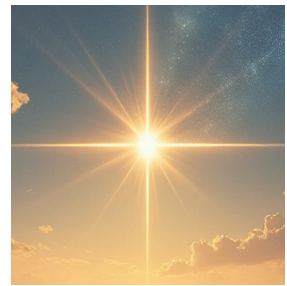
The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth is sustained by your donations. We are grateful for your generosity in giving. You may make your monetary donations to the Center via check, cash, PayPal or credit card on line or by direct deposit.

## 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 for information on volunteer opportunities.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck help set up and clean up
- Sign up for the Spiritual Reading or Meditation
- Bring snacks for Sunday Social Hour or Cafe 704
- Volunteer for special projects...and more....



## Vision Statement

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

## Sunday Greeters Coordinator-Randall Counts

### At the Center:

Carol Bardenstein  
Randall Counts  
Rob Fagerlund  
Diane Gledhill  
Todd Johnson  
Lindsay Passmore  
Catherine Powers  
Norah Reilly

### On Zoom

Jean Balent  
Vicki Davinich  
Cayla Tchalo

## Sunday Tech Team

### Sound

Craig Brann  
Don Digirolamo  
Diane Gledhill

### Camera

Layla Ananda  
Craig Harvey  
Dave Snyder



# 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* **Dec 11**

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. \$5-10 donations suggested,

We are seeking \$ sponsors to help support this event.

### 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 \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday\***

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)

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

*In Person*

**special Winter Solstice Sing on Dec 21**

(next Drum circle Jan 18)

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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