

# The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

January 2025

*Happy New Year!*

*Peace in oneself,  
Peace in the world.*

Thich Nhat Hanh



*May we choose  
peace in each step as we begin every mindful  
moment of 2025.*

## 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 Service

JANUARY 2025

### **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.

### **January 5**

Service Leader: Rev. David Bell

Message: Rev. Dwight Wilson

*"Foundation Stories"*

Reading: Lisa Teets

Meditation: Lisa Teets

Special Music: Laurel Federbush

### **January 12**

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message: Rev. Annie Kopko

*"Our House at the End of the World"*

Reading: Bonnie Dede

Meditation: Dawn Swartz

Special Music: Lori Fithian

### **January 19**

Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Message: Elder Hoffman

*"The Restoration of Jesus Christ's Church"*

Reading: Dick Durham

Meditation: Annemarie Howse

Special Music: Bob Rama

### **January 26**

Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

Message: Gretchen Leonhardt

*"Love Creates"*

Reading: Marian Orihel

Meditation: Janet Fry

Special Music: Lotta Love Band

**Affirmative Prayer Partners** After service in the Sanctuary at the Lotus Window.

**Refreshments** In the Social Hall after service-join us!

## 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

## Welcome Table Hosts

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Bob Hopkins

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Norah Reilly

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Barb Fisher,

Cooper Holland & Sandy Hill



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Annemarie Howse, Volunteer Coordinator

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 January

### Sunday, January 5

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

All are welcome to attend!

### Wednesday, January 8

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

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Donation: \$5-\$10 suggested

### Thursday, January 9

#### **Singing for Comfort with Layla Ananda**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted

### Saturday, January 11

#### **Cafe 704 - Peter Madcat Ruth, John**

#### **Churchville & Special Guest: Emily Slomovits**

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

Tickets: \$10.00 in person or Livestream on Zoom

### Friday, January 17

#### **Peace Generator with Craig Harvey**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Drop in anytime, stay as long as you wish.

Donations gratefully accepted

### Saturday, January 18

#### **Drumunity: Drum Circle with Lori Fithian**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted

### Sunday, January 26

#### **Pagan Chant Sing Along with Nora Farley**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Donations gratefully accepted

## 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 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.

**Zoom Link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82314587072>  
Phone in: 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 823 1458 7072**

### 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.

## 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* Jan. 8, Feb 12, March 12, April 9, May 14...

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*

Jan 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 19, May 17.....

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Calendar last updated 1/3/25  
for more information go to our website at

<https://interfaithspirit.org>

## 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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