

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

August 2025



“Peace Begins with a Smile” ~ Mother Teresa

Sunday Celebration Services

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

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THE INTERFAITH CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Celebration Services ~ August 2025

Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation/Peace Prayer

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

Guest Artist

Message

Guest Artist

Offering Blessing

*We fill these offerings with our love
and 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 God's peace abide in you,
May the light of God fill your heart and soul
Now and forevermore.*

Closing

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

Refreshments in the Social Hall after service.
All are welcome!

August 3

Service Leader: Rev. Delyth Balmer

Message: Rev. Annie Kopko

"The Gentle Art of Letting Go"

Reading: Rob Fagerlund

Meditation: Marice Clark

Guest Artist: Ken Kozora

August 10

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message: Craig Brann

"No Escape: My Path to Awareness"

Reading: Adam Salomone

Meditation: Janet Fry

Guest Artists: Marlena Studer & Steve Ragsdale

August 17

Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

Message: Imam Kamau Ayubbi

"Allah is the Light of the Heavens and Earth"

Reading: Marian Orihel

Meditation: Jennifer Lenders

Guest Artist: Mike Fedel

August 24

Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Message: Dr. Katie Lynne

"Sacred Union: Rational Trust in
Revolutionary Times"

Reading: Dick Durham

Meditation: Annemarie Howse

Guest Artist: Curtis Glatter

August 31

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message/Meditation/Guest Artist:

Brian Lottman

"The Mystical Path ~ How Do we Touch
the Divine Mystery?"

Reading: Norah Reilly

Special Events in August

Sunday, August 3

Potluck following the service. All are welcome!

Drum & Dance Jam with Curtis Glatter

7:30-9:00 pm \$5 suggested donation

Saturday, August 9

Cafe 704 – “Kozora Quartet”

Ken Kozora, Paul Vornhagen,

Special Guest Rod Capps

(subbing for Robert Spalding Newcomb)

& Enrique “Kito” Pardo

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

Tickets: \$10.00-\$20.00 (sliding scale) in person or

Livestream on Zoom

Saturday, August 16

Drumunity – Drum Circle with Lori Fithian

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. *(in person only)

Donations appreciated. (in person)

Sunday, August 24

Introduction to Kundalini Yoga

with Dr. Katie Lynn

1:00 - 3:00 pm Free/Donations appreciated.

Discover the awakening energy within.

This intro covers:

- Yogic philosophy
- Energy anatomy
- Practice of Kundalini Yoga techniques
- Application of “the yoga of awareness,” to the collective energy shift we are moving through.

Sunday, August 31

Awakening Higher States of Consciousness

with Brian Lottman

1:00 - 2:30 pm Love Donation \$30.00

register online at: <https://interfaithspirit.org/special-events/>

“Learn simple practices for reaching the transcendent realms through mystical mantra, chakra clearing, breath, and meditation.”

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>

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!

Hosts

2nd Sunday: Bob Hopkins

3rd Sunday: Marice Clark

4th Sunday: Barb Fisher, Cooper Holland & Sandy Hill

5th Sunday: Annemarie Howse

Volunteer Opportunities

Annemarie Howse, Volunteer Coordinator -

There are many ways you may offer your talents and support to the Interfaith Center. Contact Annemarie Howse at (818) 667-2815 or email ahowse21@gmail.com for information on volunteer opportunities.

Reminder

As you travel this summer remember to collect a sample of water to bring to the:

**Gathering of the Waters
Ceremony**

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Board of Trustees



**Lance Clark,
Chair**



Cristo Bowers



**Peggy Lubahn,
Secretary**



Don Digirolamo



Marian Orihel



Dawn Swartz

Board meetings are held on the 3rd **Sunday** of each month in person at the Center and on Zoom from **1:00 to 3:00 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.

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

At the Center:

Carol Bardenstein
Randall Counts
Rob Fagerlund
Diane Gledhill
Craig Harvey
Lindsay Passmore
Catherine Powers

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

On Zoom Only

6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

David Bell (734) 646-8475

Meeting ID: 862 4978 9262

Password: miracles

Tuesday

Death Cafe * 1st Tuesday*

On Zoom Only

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Annie Kopko (734) 358-1328

Meeting ID: 284 903 577# Password: 674985

Sufi Gathering – Imam Kamau Ayubbi

On Zoom Only

7:00 – 8:00 pm donation: \$5-\$10

Delyth Balmer (734) 657-5384

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

Community Sing with Matt Watroba

*** 2nd Wednesday***

In Person

(no gathering in July or August, resumes Sept. 10)

7:00 – 8:30 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

Meeting ID: 896 0232 7682

Singing for Comfort * 2nd 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

Interfaith Creative Expressions Group

On hiatus – Resumes in October

in person only 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Marice Clark (248) 760-3878

Peace Generator * 3rd Friday*

In Person and On Zoom

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Craig Harvey (734) 709-0253

Meeting ID: 213 742 5638

Saturday

Café 704 * 2nd 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

Drummmunity – Lori Fithian * 3rd Saturday*

In Person

August 16, September 20, October 18, etc.

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Lori Fithian: lorifithian@mac.com

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Leadership Team Meeting

2nd Sunday

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Bob Hopkins (734) 985-5572

Board of Trustees Meeting

3rd Sunday

All are welcome to attend.

on Zoom and in person

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

PLEASE stay in the loop and join the Interfaith Center's email group communications through **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.
- You will receive an email request to: "confirm your 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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