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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF MARIN

UUCM Email Weekly!

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Upcoming Worship Services



July 26 Online Service: Navigating the Soul of Human Nature and the Natural World (10:30 am)

Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar

The natural world is a wise teacher in helping us cultivate a more soulful nature within. But how can we hear this still, small voice in our noisy culture? It requires a spiritual practice of listening attentively to nature and being good stewards of the earth. The wild also calls us to risk discomfort - physical and spiritual - in order to reap the deeper qualities of soul. Are we willing to venture forth?



Rev. Jennifer DeBusk Alviar is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who received her M.Div. degree at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. She is a community bridge-builder in the broadest sense. Her ministry encompasses public speaking, writing, religious education, interfaith dialogue, retreat facilitation, volunteer service and youth leadership. She lives in Seattle, Washington with her husband and daughter.

Use the following link:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/444532079>

Or call in by phone: 1-669-900-6833, then enter Meeting ID:
444 532 079

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Sunday Circle and New Saturday Circle

Sunday Circle - 9:00 am

Since Social Distancing means we can't gather in our Fireside Room, we have evolved a Zooming Circle. See connection information below.

This Sunday **Dave Tetta** will facilitate a conversation based on his reading of Nicholas Carr's book *The Shallows*, and subtitled: *What Is the Internet Doing to Our Brains?*

Nominated for Pulitzer in 2011 and recently updated, the book asks these questions:

Is Google making us stupid? When Nicholas Carr posed that question in a celebrated Atlantic essay, he tapped into a well of anxiety about how the Internet is changing us. He also crystallized one of the most important debates of our time: As we enjoy the Internet's bounties, are we sacrificing our ability to read and think deeply?

Use the following link for Sunday Circle at 9:00 am:

<https://zoom.us/j/738308019>

Or call in by phone:

1-669-900-6833, then enter Meeting ID: 738 308 019

Saturday Circle NEW!

UUCM's Sunday Circle has become so popular that we are starting a Saturday Circle at 9:00 am as well. Chalice lighting, interesting conversations, Joys and Concerns, and a bit of silent contemplation all make for a meaningful social experience.

Join us every Saturday via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/738308019>

Or call in by phone: 1-669-900-6833, then enter Meeting ID: 738 308 019

Church Office Notes

Many meetings and events have been cancelled or postponed.

Please contact the coordinator of your group for additional information.

Have something to share with the UU Marin church community? Send it to newsletter@uumarin.org, by **Tuesdays** at 7 am for same week publications.

Click [here to learn more](#) about our newsletter.

Order of Service announcements are due by Wednesday at 5 pm,
please send to announcements@uumarin.org

[Calendar of Church Meetings/Events](#)

Weekly Worship Links

Use the following link for Traditional Service at 10:30 am:

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Use the following link for Saturday & Sunday Circle at 9:00 am:

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Daily Check-in from 7:00 - 8:00 pm: ... "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86927062445>

Technical Problems: text or call Janette at (415) 871-7232

Remarkable People Returns

This ongoing series gives us time to learn about each other from the interesting stories of individual lives.

Sondra Schwartz is our featured speaker for Friday, July 24

You may know Sondra as an outstanding quilter and long-time energetic UU volunteer with RE, but you may not know about her early expertise in gymnastics, synchronized swimming and social justice work as a 15 year old member of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE). Come hear more about her life-long career as an educator in high school classrooms and the story of being married to two Vietnam Vets (but not at the same time).

<https://zoom.us/j/738308019>



Social Justice Info

- **Street Chaplaincy Meal program needs your help!** UUCM is part of the Street Chaplaincy meals program. We currently are not allowed to bring in food and participate with the diners. They are getting burritos/chips/veggies to take away and this is being provided by the St. Chaplaincy staff. In lieu of direct participation we are being encouraged to donate monies.

Please use the following instructions:

1. Go to www.streetchaplaincy.org
2. Choose the "Donate" option/box
3. That will take you to a page where you may choose a payment amount (or enter your own \$\$ amount in the blank box)
4. Immediately under those \$\$ boxes is a short drop-down menu to "Designate for..."
5. In the drop-down menu are two choices, the first/default listed is "Covid-19 Relief" - choose that one for the dinners
6. In the comment box below that, please add your group's name or church affiliation and mention the Wellness Dinners and/or the date you are specifically supporting.
7. The rest is self-explanatory ... just click "next"!

- **The San Rafael school board will be discussing School Resource Officers at their next meeting on July 28.** They are soliciting community input. I have a script with all the relevant email addresses. If interested, please contact me and I will forward directly to you. We need to have counselors and social workers, not cops in the schools! Anne Spatola amspatola@comcast.net
- Masks are needed by residents of the Canal area. If you are making them or can purchase them and want to donate, please contact Fatima Hansia fhansia@multiculturalmarin.org at the Multicultural Center or Anne Spatola amspatola@comcast.net
- For information on Environmental Elders' issues and opportunities, see www.eldersaction.org or kdsjain@yahoo.com
- Contact Sarah Tiederman sarahtpolitics@gmail.com for getting involved with writing nonpartisan postcards to encourage voting in disenfranchised communities.
- Please remember to complete your **Census** form and encourage friends and family. Our count is critical for our State and County. For further info or flyers, contact Anne Spatola amspatola@comcast.net
- Petition to support the residents of Golden Gate Village in Marin City who [wish to preserve their community](#).
- Please sign the petition "Marin County: Remove Police from Marin County Schools and Reinvest in Student Support Programs" You can read more and sign the petition here: [Sign the Petition](#)

UU the Vote is a National program which we are delighted to join. Our community is partnering with the nonpartisan organization **Reclaim Our Vote** (ROV) to write postcards and make phone calls to disenfranchised people of color in the South.

The Reclaim Our Vote Campaign was officially launched in 2018 by the **Center for Common Ground** of Virginia. ROV helps people re-register and exercise their right to vote. ROV is also helping to promote safe voting practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are 16.6 million people of color who are inactive or unregistered voters in the six states ROV works in: North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arizona. Postcards and phone contacts have proven to make a tremendous difference in registrations and voter turnout.

Our members, Sarah Tiederman and Katherine DaSilva Jain, are both leading efforts to enhance voter participation. Contact them to be involved in this critical justice work.

sarahtpolitics@gmail.com or kdsjain@yahoo.com

[Showing Up For Racial Justice](#)

"Showing Up for Racial Justice" SURJ Marin is committed to anti-racism work and being a white ally in the Black Lives Matter movement. If interested in furthering your understanding of systemic racism and advocating to unravel the harm it has inflicted over centuries, contact SURJ!

[UUSC Take Action Items - Sign petitions, learn about issues, donate money.](#)

Do you want to make a difference in our county and the world? We focus on local issues which are relevant to all of us. Bring your ideas and concerns to the [UUCM Social Justice Committee](#). We meet the third Sunday of each month at noon.

Continue your commitment to environmental and economic justice by shopping at
<http://shop.uusc.org>

[More info on Social Justice web page](#)

Quick Links

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Newsletter Guidelines

Feedback about this weekly newsletter is appreciated. Please note change in email address:
newsletter@uumarin.org

eWeekly Deadline for Friday issue:

Tuesday by 7 am - activities and announcements, staff columns, committee reports

Send your news articles to newsletter@uumarin.org (please note change in email address).

Weekly articles can contain:

- Notices of UUCM sponsored events, meetings, or other activities which involve the entire congregation.
- Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) or Pacific Western Region announcements of interest to the entire congregation.

[Complete email submission guidelines](#)

(Staff article length 250 words)

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