



THE UNITY MESSENGER

Unity of Santa Rosa
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The *Unity Messenger* is being retired as a print newsletter, and is being rolled out as a monthly blog. The blog will feature one article per month and an updated calendar. For the most up-to-date calendars, workshops, and events, please go to unityofsantarosa.org. The blog will be available online under Newsletters for now, and will be available printed out in the Social Hall. Please pick up your copy today!

Upcoming Events

October 2019

- **Sunday the 13th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Music by Star Tom**
Sunday the 13th: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Saturday the 19th: Zentangle Luncheon party hosted by Star Carpenter from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday the 20th: Janice Campbell, Licensed Unity Teacher; Music by Momo Cortez**
Sunday the 20th: Soul Satisfying Relationships: Workshop with Janice Campbell from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.
- **Friday the 25th: An Evening of Mahjong party hosted by Guy from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday the 27th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Friendship Sunday; Music by Star Tom**

November 2019

- **Sunday the 3rd: Rev. Bob Brach; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Ends; Music TBA**
Sunday the 3rd: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday the 6th: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**
- **Saturday the 9th: Second Annual Crafts Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday the 10th: Jennifer Listug; Music by Star Tom**
- **Sunday the 17th: David McNair, LUT; Music by Cheri and Maury**
- **Sunday the 24th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Friendship Sunday; Music by Star Tom**
Sunday the 24th: Pie and Soup Sunday
- **Wednesday the 27th: Second Annual Thanksgiving Eve Gratitude Service at 7:00 p.m.**

December 2019

- **Sunday the 1st: Dr. Richard Southern; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Music by Cricket**
Sunday the 1st: Christmas caroling and tree decorating 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Sunday the 1st: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday the 4th: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.**
- **Sunday the 8th: Rev. Barbara Leger; Music by Star Tom**
- **Sunday the 15th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Music by Heartsounds Choir**
Sunday the 15th: Annual Holiday Potluck and Party at 12:30 p.m.
- **Sunday the 22nd: Rev. Margaret Flick; Friendship Sunday; Music by Andoni; Christmas candle lighting service**
- **Sunday the 29th: Rev. Margaret Flick; Music by Star Tom and Jewel; burning bowl service**

Holiday Happenings

By Harker Brautighan

It seems as if the holidays sneak up on us. Our church has had a particularly eventful autumn. Between the party program, World Day of Prayer, the picnic, the Andoni concert, and the rummage sale, September and October have been keeping us busy.

Well, it's time to take a much needed pause after Guy's Mahjong party at the end of October and just breathe in the spirit of autumn. Ahhh...doesn't that feel good?

Soon enough, it will be time to come out for some holiday shopping and to support our local artists and crafters at the Second Annual Crafts Fair on **November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Next up, we have pie and soup Sunday on **November 24th** after the service. Please bring some pie, soup, or another dish to share as we begin to get ready for Thanksgiving later in the week. On **November 27th at 7:00 p.m.**, we have our Second Annual Thanksgiving Eve Gratitude Service. Hosted by our own "Star Tom" McCurry, it's a great way to start the holidays on the right foot by coming together in community and in gratitude for Life and Unity. The service will feature music, a brief message, and an opportunity for anyone who wants to take the mic and declare their gratitude.

Moving into December, we will be decorating our new Christmas tree, graciously donated by Jeanette Brizee, on **December 1st**. While we decorate, we will sing **Christmas carols led by Guy**, and Harker will bring hot cocoa again. Our own **Heartsounds Choir** will perform again this holiday season, this time a bit earlier in the month than we're used to, on **December 15th**. Following the service on **December 15th**, we will have our annual **holiday potluck and party**. Our **Christmas candle lighting** service will take place on **December 22nd**, with Rev. Margaret at the helm, and she will also lead us in our **burning bowl** service on **December 29th**.

We will once again have our **Angel Tree**, which gives us the beautiful opportunity to help the Salvation Army gather gifts for children for the holidays. Thank you all for your generosity last year, and thank you in advance for keeping that generous tradition alive this year. In addition to the angel tree, we will be offering another community outreach opportunity that may be broader in scope

The office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28th, Wednesday, December 25th, and Wednesday, January 1st**.