

Weekly Announcements

May 28, 2023

Welcome to Worship

Today's Guest Speaker is Rev. Dr. Nancy Martin Vincent. She has graced our pulpit in the past and been a worshipper in our midst. Nancy is the Synod Executive for Synod of the Pacific and a close friend of Pastor John. Please welcome her today.



RING OUT DANGER -

On Friday, June 2 from 11:00-12:15, the Unitarian Church is

hosting the kick off event called **Ring Out Danger**. The Session has very wisely decided that the church should not officially participate in this event until Pastor John arrives home and they can discuss it with him. But, they have said that members can certainly participate as individuals. I hope you will join me as we give witness to the certainty that life is sacred.

Here is a part of the press release about the event.

“Ring Out Danger” Bell-Tolling Campaign Begins on National Gun Violence Awareness Day

On Friday, June 2, at noon, local churches will join in tolling their church bells to mourn and protest the epidemic of gun violence in the United States. Clergy from the Unitarian Universalists of Petaluma, Petaluma United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ Petaluma, B’Nai Israel, and members of First Presbyterian Church, St. John’s Episcopal, Elim Lutheran, St. Vincent’s, and more will gather in support, for an event kicking off what organizers hope to

be an ongoing ritual bell-tolling, to occur on the first Friday of each month at 9:35 a.m. for five minutes. “9:35 is significant in that it was the hour at which the Sandy Hook shootings began,” The day’s events, which will include a press conference, a short service of memory, and a performance by the Raven Theater group of two excerpts from their recent production “If I Don’t Make It, I Love You,” will begin at 11 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalists of Petaluma, 16 5th St. Doors will open at 10:45. The event is free.

June 2 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, calling the attention of the entire nation to the facts and horrifying statistics surrounding the epidemic. “The numbers are mind-numbing,” said Dodd, “but we can’t allow ourselves to be numb. We have to act, each of us, in whatever way we can.” Gun violence includes mass shootings, and also individual shootings as well as suicides, claiming approximately 40,000 lives each year.

FINAL TALLY FOR FPC WALKERS - Sincerest thanks to all FPCP walkers for tallying a grand total of 1,610 miles in support of Pastor John's pilgrimage.

The sheets and thermometer are now in his office for him to find upon his return in July.