



# WILDFLOWER CHURCH

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## JUDY MORGAN – GA CO-CHAIR OF PEACEMAKING STUDY ACTION ISSUE

Judy Morgan, a member of Wildflower, was recognized at the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis as the co-chair of the Peacemaking Study Action Issue. She was the core of the team for the first two years. When she was congratulated on this accomplishment, she said, "It was a lot of hard work." The Peacemaking Study Action Issue passed at GA 2010. We hope Judy will work on the Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) for ending the war in Afghanistan and Pakistan for the 2011 GA in Charlotte, NC. It did not pass this year. These are one year issues for congregations to work on after they are passed at GA.

**Thanks for all your hard work, Judy!**

## TAKING THE PULSE OF SHARED MINISTRY

Results from the 2010 church-wide survey are in and posted on the Committee on Ministry's web page for viewing. Special thanks go out to all of those who participated. Wildflower recognizes that ministry takes many forms such as spiritual development, outreach, religious education, membership, pastoral care and administration. Each year our church-wide survey gives the congregation an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of all of the ministries. Results allow the identification of trends, interests and concerns. Additionally, survey responses help assess progress of current strategic goals and ensure the continuation of work that allows the congregations' needs to be met. Go to [http://www.wildflowerchurch.org/userfiles/SurveySummary\\_2010.pdf](http://www.wildflowerchurch.org/userfiles/SurveySummary_2010.pdf) to view the full results.

## WILDFLOWER WOMEN'S 2010 RETREAT OCTOBER 22-24 GIFTS FROM THE SEA



Sign up today! Get ready for the 8th Annual Women's Retreat on October 22-24! By popular demand, we're back to the beach, this time at the Sandcastle Resort Condominiums in Port Aransas. The theme is "Gifts from the Sea."

The Retreat includes:

- ⊗ Spiritual deepening led by Rev. Eliza Galaher,
- ⊗ An UnTalent Show with each act limited to 3 minutes
- ⊗ Dancing and singing at night-time campfire
- ⊗ Worship service and much, much more

Remember! Pick a room mate and plan your food because food is not included this year. We will have a common room to bring our food and eat together. There are restaurants in vicinity of the condos.

Registration forms and information are available at the Retreat Table and on the church website. Non-refundable total fee of \$150 must be included with registration form. Some partial scholarships are available for members of the church. For more information, please contact Gay Phillips at 394-1310 or [gayfor@yahoo.com](mailto:gayfor@yahoo.com). Registration closes on September 17. Registration is limited to 60.

**So hurry and sign up!**



**Rev. Eliza Galaher**

**WALKING TOGETHER**

Walking together is a term that has been used by Unitarian Universalists and our ancestors for centuries, to symbolize not a common creed, but our joining together as a people in covenant. In fact, its use goes back at least as far as 1629 when, for example, the Salem Church stated in its covenant, "We Covenant with the Lord and one with an other; and doe bynd our selves in the presence of God, to walke together in all his waies, according as he is pleased to reveale himself unto us in his Blessed word of truth." Today, way out here in Austin, Texas, and elsewhere, our language, and our theology (or theologies) may be a bit different, but the spirit of our entering into and walking in covenant together, and doing so by the democratic process, still rings true. As this year's stewardship campaign begins, and as we continue the search for a home of our own, I invite each of you to remember that you are a central journeyer among us. So let us walk together in celebrating Wildflower Church, past, present, and future. Let us walk together knowing that we the people are Wildflower Church and that part of our own covenant is "to keep the well being of the whole Wildflower Church community at the forefront of our work" and "to practice mutual responsibility and shared leadership." I am glad we're on this journey together.

~ Rev. Eliza Galaher



30th Anniversary

**HERITAGE BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

Heritage Book Club, an All Austin UU group, is celebrating its 50th anniversary, Friday, September 10, at 8 p.m. at Sally Scott's house. Come join us for a discussion of Harper Lee's *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*, which is also 50 years old this year! There will be a potluck supper, as well as BYOB (bring your own beverage), at 6:30 p.m. before the discussion. For directions, call Sally Scott at 453-2289, or email her at [sallyscott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallyscott@sbcglobal.net). Her address is 4906 Beverly Hills Dr., Austin, 78731.



40th Anniversary

**SINGLES RETREAT IN NOVEMBER**

The UU Circle of Friends is planning a Singles Retreat for November 5–7, at U Bar U near Kerrville. The weekend will be a chance to relax, have fun and meet other single UUs from the surrounding area. We have scheduled three speakers to discuss topics of interest to singles from a broad perspective. There will be a weenie roast with s'mores along with music around the campfire on Friday evening. Other good food, entertainment (music, card or board games) and activities (hiking, swimming, massage and two labyrinths) will be available.



Please contact Mary Ann (First UU, 512-587-8373), Pat (First UU, 678-576-0521) or Marilyn (Wildflower, 512-644-1814) to express your interest. Our website will be up soon with more details.

**LISTENING MINISTRY AVAILABLE**

Are you looking for a compassionate ear? Wildflower Church now has a Listening Ministry Team whose purpose is to companion people while they journey through difficult stretches of their lives.

Contact Rev. Eliza at [minister@wildflowerchurch.org](mailto:minister@wildflowerchurch.org) for more information.

**JOIN IN NAMI WALK OCTOBER 2**

Please mark your calendars to come join other Wildflower members and friends as we walk in the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walks event on Saturday, October 2 at 9 a.m. at Auditorium Shores. The mission of NAMI Austin is to improve the lives of all persons affected by serious mental illness by providing support, education and advocacy through a grassroots network. Together we will walk with members of First UU and Live Oak UU as the team UU Uniques. Please look for our upcoming table after church for



more information on how you may become involved. You may also contact Danna Luther at [danna@dluther.com](mailto:danna@dluther.com), 567-6997.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

**September 5 – Robert Heil, Jennifer Caudle and Tom Bookout**

*This I Believe*

Wildflower members Robert Heil, Jennifer Caudle, and Tom Bookout will share their spiritual journeys and beliefs in this much beloved service. *Lay Leader:* Jan Austin; *Service coordinator:* Donnis Doyle.

**September 12 – Rev. Eliza Galaher**

*All Is Flux*

September is National Recovery Month. In this service, Rev. Galaher will explore some of the struggles that underlie addiction and compulsive behavior, and how acceptance is an essential key to recovery. *Lay Leader:* Helen Burnette; *Service coordinator:* Allen Fisher

**September 19 – Rev. Eliza Galaher**

*The Power to Forgive—the Power to Love*

In this time of Yom Kippur, Rev. Galaher will address forgiveness as an act of love, not only toward those being forgiven, but toward those doing the forgiving. *Lay Leader:* Eva Andries; *Service coordinator:* Donnis Doyle

**September 26 – Rev. Eliza Galaher**

*Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: A Stewards’ Celebration of Wildflower Church*

Celebrate with us as Rev. Galaher preaches on the wondrous past, present and future of Wildflower Church in this 2010 Stewardship campaign launching service. *Lay Leader:* Peter Knight; *Service coordinator:* Janet Spencer

**I Am Willing**  
Words and Music by Holly Near  
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Chorus  
I am open and I am willing  
For to be hopeless would seem so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family  
There is sorrow in my town  
There is panic in the nation  
There is wailing the whole world round

May the children see more clearly  
May the elders be more wise  
May the winds of change caress us  
Even though they burn our eyes

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion  
Give me a desert to hold my fears  
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder  
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

Go to <http://www.hollynear.com/listen.html>  
to hear this sung by the composer.

UU FAMILIES AT CHINESE CULTURE CAMP



Front row: Kenneth & Elizabeth Markert, Ming & Claire Roberts, Carly McCreary  
Back row: Lucia Markert, Becky Roberts, Becky Harding, Betty McCreary

During the second week of August, adoptive families converged on the Austin Chinese Church for Chinese Culture Camp. The seed for this camp was planted a year earlier, when Professor Rowena Fong of the UT School of Social Work asked Becky Harding, president of the local chapter of Families with Children from China (FCC), what was in her heart. Other areas of the US have similar camps which help internationally adopted children stay connected to their roots, deal with questions about race and adoption, and make connections with other children who share similar histories. Becky dreamed of creating this camp for central Texas families. Many members of Austin FCC, the UT China Care club and the local Chinese community worked together to make this camp special. Longtime First UU members Becky Harding and Becky Roberts put their hearts into the effort for their children, Claire and Ming Roberts. Wildflower members Betty McCreary and Lucia Markert helped with various aspects of the camp.

Outfitted with T-shirts emblazoned with the Chinese character for “strong,” the mostly girl campers enjoyed cultural activities and talked about adoption and racism. They practiced and performed *Stone Soup*, a play about the importance of community and sharing. They also created quilts to donate to SAHELI, an organization that helps Asian families dealing with domestic violence and abuse ([www.saheli-austin.org](http://www.saheli-austin.org)). Camp counselors were members of UT China Care, an organization of UT students dedicated to raising funds for medical care for orphans in China ([www.txchinacare.org](http://www.txchinacare.org)). With more than enough fun—and cuteness—to lighten the serious topics, campers and counselors were eager to attend the camp again next summer.



Back row: Lucia Markert, Becky Roberts, Becky Harding, Betty McCreary



**Penny Burnette**

**NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR HIRED!**

We have bad news and great news. In June, we hired Christian Schmidt to be our Youth Director. Unfortunately for us, his fiancée received a job in Boston, so he resigned. We are fortunate to have found another well-qualified person to hire as our Youth Director. Her name is Rose Schwab and she will begin in early September. To name just a few of her qualifications, Rose grew up UU, participated in and planned at least 30 youth conferences and has a degree in religious studies. She introduces herself on the next page.

I will continue to oversee the entire Children's Religious Education program and will work closely with Rose to create a vibrant, welcoming, fun and educational program for our high school age youth. She will also occasionally plan and attend events that will include the middle school class. Please give Rose a warm welcome when you meet her!

~Penny Burnette

**NEW YEAR/CURRICULUM FOR FALL 2010 – SPRING 2011**

**Pre-K for 3 and 4 year olds:** Celebrating Me and My World begins by celebrating the wondrous qualities of the children themselves and expands outward to the things and people around them. This program provides preschoolers with experiences and opportunities to grow in their sense of trust and caring and to develop their self-identity and their sense of connectedness with all of life.

**Grades K–1<sup>st</sup>:** Treasure Hunting Take Two was written by Gaia Brown and co-authored with Ellen Schneider. The theme of treasure hunting was chosen to involve children in the excitement of the search for meaning in life at the concrete level of their understanding. Each week through games, crafts, songs and stories, the children explore the meaning behind a Unitarian Universalist principle or value. Central to the Treasure Hunting curriculum is the class treasure chest. The treasures discovered through the year include: the importance of each person, the power of feelings, the joy of friendship, the excitement of the search for truth, Unitarian Universalist heritage, the interdependence of people, and the fragile harmony of nature. In the end, what the Treasure Hunting curriculum hopes to inspire is a gentle way of knowing. Only with eyes informed by love and respect can we find life's treasures.

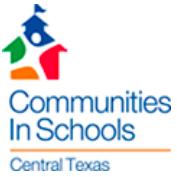
**Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>:** Faithful Journeys (A Tapestry of Faith Program for Children).

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/faithfuljourneys/index.shtml>

Participants embark on a pilgrimage of faith, exploring

how Unitarian Universalism translates into life choices and everyday actions. In each session, they hear historic or contemporary examples of Unitarian Universalist faith in action. Stories about real people model how participants can activate their own personal agency—their capacity to act faithfully as Unitarian Universalists—in their own lives, and children have regular opportunities to share and affirm their own stories of faithful action. Through sessions structured around the Unitarian Universalist Principles, Faithful Journeys demonstrates that our Principles are not a dogma, but a credo that individuals can affirm with many kinds of action. Over the course of the program, children discover a unity of faith in the many different ways Unitarian Universalists, including themselves, can act on our beliefs.

**Grades 5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>:** Compass Points will lead its adolescent participants on a year long spiritual journey during which they will have opportunities to sort out their feelings about themselves and their world as they do the difficult work of starting to create their adult selves; to discover what they believe about life's big questions—the nature of humanity and God, beliefs about death and faith; to think independently, assume responsibility, make decisions, explore values and adopt the practice of radical hospitality; to acquire enough background in Unitarian Universalist history, polity and theology that they can know and express what Unitarian Universalism stands for; and to understand that religious liberty is a hard-won legacy that continues to need protection.



### THANKS FROM CIS

Thanks to the \$1700 in generous contributions of Wildflowers through second offerings this summer, Communities In Schools of Central Texas was able to provide 85 students at Oak Springs Elementary, Linder Elementary, and Mendez Middle Schools with new backpacks full of school supplies. A good backpack loaded with supplies is a huge help to a family struggling to make ends meet, and really helps students start their school year off on the right track. If you are interested in continuing to help CIS support kids, consider becoming a CIS volunteer. The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS is currently seeking volunteer mentors to meet one-on-one with students throughout central Texas, including the south Austin schools Becker Elementary, Fulmore Middle and Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders. Please contact Wildflower member Eileen Nehme at [enehme@cisaustin.org](mailto:enehme@cisaustin.org), or 464-9726, to learn more, or visit the CIS website at [www.cisaustin.org](http://www.cisaustin.org). CIS has many different ways to get involved!



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### CHILDREN'S SUMMER RE—WORLD TRAVELERS' TRIP TO ECUADOR

Donnis Doyle is wearing a mask from Ecuador and handing out finger puppets (made in Ecuador) to the kids. Pat Laird and Polly Orr are talking to the children about their trip to Ecuador this summer.

### HANDS ON HOUSING

Hands on Housing is planned for October 18. This is part of AAIM's programs. We are part of Austin Area Interreligious Ministries (AAIM) and would like congregants to participate in this twice yearly event. The housing is badly in need of repairs and all skill levels are required. There will be an address for this event in the October newsletter. Please contact Karen Schrupp for additional information at 394-1169, or stop by the Social Action table on Sunday mornings for information.

### NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR INTRODUCES HERSELF

I grew up in Saint Paul, MN, where I was an avid member of my high school youth group, and am delighted to be Wildflower's new Youth Director. I graduated from college in 2009 with a degree in Religious Studies. During my college career, I spent time living in a Buddhist Monastery in India, interning with the first female Unitarian minister of Transylvania, playing the cello, and walking across Spain following the pilgrimage route of El Camino de Santiago. Since then I have been working as a vegetarian gourmet cook at a UU retreat center in western Massachusetts with my partner, Martin.



Rose Schwab



### AUSTIN INTERFAITH INTERVIEW ON KOOP

On the afternoon of August 20, Allen Campbell, host of People United on KOOP Radio, conducted an interview with Austin Interfaith member Ofelia Zapata and Rev. Eliza Galaher about the history and work of Austin Interfaith. It was a live interview, with some technical difficulties. Twice, he accidentally referred to Rev. Eliza as Eliza Gilkyson (a local singer/songwriter—which she has taken as a compliment). Many, many thanks to Rene Renteria, who was central in setting up this interview. Click on the following link to listen to the full interview: <http://www.archive.org/details/PeopleUnited-August202010>

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Adult Religious Education Courses Are Back!** We will launch three courses in early September.

By popular demand, Helen Burnette is teaching **UU101: The Liberal Religious Impulse** again this fall. This course explains the foundations of Unitarian Universalism to those new to this tradition and gives even longer-term members a firmer grounding in our faith. Join this class on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Game Room at SASAC starting on September 12! Helen is masterful at telling the history of this religious faith and surfacing key questions and issues that we face from our position as a liberal religion. This course is fast (eight weekly sessions), fun and filled with fascinating information. Child care will be provided for these sessions.

Rev. Eliza Galaher will teach a new course, **What Moves Us** that also starts on September 12. This ten-session course provides a framework for Unitarian Universalists to engage in theological reflection as a process of meaning-making that can equip us to live in the world as a person of faith. One of Rev. Eliza's mentors, Thandeka, developed this course. Rev. Eliza's discussion courses always foster deep reflection and spirited interaction and build a safe, caring community. Class sessions are held at the Adams/King residence from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

And, we are excited to announce a new initiative—a course for parents who are intentionally raising their children in the UU faith tradition and want guidance and support in this endeavor. **A UU Home—Parenting Discussion** will use the book, *Tending the Flame* by Michelle Richards. Topics of discussion will help parents address Unitarian Universalism principles in age-appropriate ways, answer difficult questions on religious matters and deal with religious disagreements. Three Wildflower parents, Jennifer Caudle, Jenny Clark and Sarah Traugott, will facilitate discussions. The course meets on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Caudle residence and will meet for five weekly sessions. Childcare will be provided.

**Sign up for these courses at the Sunday service, September 5.** Gerry King will be available to answer your questions. NOTE: He is the man in the **RED HAT**. The Adult RE table will have sign-up sheets for the courses described above. If you have questions about the classes call Gerry at 462-9484 or e-mail us at [adultprograms@wildflowerchurch.org](mailto:adultprograms@wildflowerchurch.org). Also, visit the website for further descriptions of the fall courses and a preview of the Winter and Spring 2011 course schedule.

#### Other Fall 2010 ARE Courses:

Two additional courses will begin later in the Fall. **World Religions—Introduction to the Sufi Way**, facilitated by Sufi John Yahya Howard. Starts on Sunday, November 14

and meets from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. **Exploring Paganism**, facilitated by Holly Cooper, starts on Sunday, November 14 and meets from 3 to 5 p.m.

**Small Group Ministry: Connection Circles.** Join Connection Circles for Year Two. After a successful beginning year, Connection Circles will start their second year in October. If you would like to develop closer community within Wildflower, now is the perfect time to join a Connection Circle. These are small groups of ten members or less who meet monthly to establish closer ties and explore meaningful topics. Wildflower members and friends are welcome. Groups are being set up in September to start in October. Don't be left out! Call Joan at 454-3160 or Mary at 512-858-0376, or email [groups@wildflowerchurch.org](mailto:groups@wildflowerchurch.org) now.

**Covenant Groups: Spiritual Pilgrims Covenant Group** is finishing its study of *Essential Spirituality* by Roger Walsh and in September will choose another book for discussion for the fall. If you are considering joining this covenant group, this is a good time. For information call Barbara Dickens, 448-4120. The group meets the first and third Fridays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in members' homes.

**Conversation Café:** Saturday, September 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Hampton Branch, Oak Hill, Austin Public Library, 5125 Convict Hill Road. Don't miss September's opportunity for meaningful conversation on an interesting question. We welcome your presence. There are no books to read or assignments, just interesting conversation. In early September, the Weekly News will have information about the Café's focusing question. For more information, contact Joan at 454-3160 or [wildflowerconversationcafe@gmail.com](mailto:wildflowerconversationcafe@gmail.com).

#### SHOOO WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 18

Members and Friends of Wildflower have responded to the Building Survey but how to proceed is in your hands! The Building Committee has gathered data and analyzed the survey and they need to know what you want to do next. Your participation at this workshop is essential. Please plan to attend the Search for a Home Of Our Own (SHOOO) workshop on Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 2701 S. Lamar. You must pre-register and contribute \$3 per person for the boxed lunch. Children will eat free and childcare is provided. Information is available at the registration table in the lobby at SASAC each Sunday. The Building Committee consists of Paula Vaughan, Chair; Jan Austin, Gay Phillips, Cathy Cramer, Matt Lawrence, and Gay Patterson.



Eva Andries

Please accept my deepest thanks to the 121 of you who participated in Wildflower Church's 2010 Annual Self-Assessment Survey. Through this survey, the entire congregation has had the opportunity to communicate to those in leadership roles what is held dear and worthy of preservation, and what needs work.

As you can imagine, there is much agreement about what we do well and is cherished. In addition to praise for our minister, words such as "friendliness, warmth, community, welcoming, openness" dominated the first responses of what is liked about Wildflower Church. However, I believe you expect your leadership to pay primary attention to the issues raised in the next section: "Please Name Four Things That You Think Need Improvement." (To read the complete survey results, please go to

[http://www.wildflowerchurch.org/node/103.](http://www.wildflowerchurch.org/node/103))

What you said needed improvement covered an impressive variety of topics but, perhaps to no one's surprise, heading the list of repeated responses was "Finding a Home of Our Own" and variations on that theme. Other needs repeated often were: 1) more volunteers to help support the work of the church, 2) a Youth Director, and 3) more social events. **Wildflower Church, your leadership hears you and agrees with you!**

- ⊗ In September, we will have a church-wide workshop to reassess our plans to find our own home and many of you have completed the survey regarding those plans.
- ⊗ At its next meeting, the Board will consider the proposed Leadership Development Plan, which addresses volunteer development and, in the meantime, individual board members will be offering temporary assistance to committees to help find volunteers.
- ⊗ We have just hired a new Youth Director, Rose Schwab, to replace the unexpected short tenure of our first one.
- ⊗ Talks have already begun to address the need for more social activities.

**What can YOU do to address our needs?** I know many of you would love to participate in more volunteer activities at WFC, but are restrained by the heavy demands of earning a living and nurturing your families. I'm not talking to you. I'm talking to those of you who have at least a small amount of time, but have not as yet discovered the pure pleasure of working together with people you admire and trust toward a mission that is passionately shared.

I ask those of you who are not as yet involved in the work of Wildflower Church, and have at least one hour of discretionary time per month, to think back at the items you listed in the "Needs Improvement" category and volunteer to help with at least one of those items. If you don't know who to ask about how you can volunteer, ASK ME!

[President@wildflowerchurch.org](mailto:President@wildflowerchurch.org). I will be delighted to steer you in the right direction. Your donation of time is needed every bit as much as the dollars you donate. I promise, you will find a pleasure in participating and helping our wonderful community that you may not know existed!

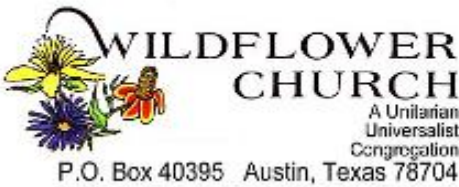
~Eva King Andries  
Board President

### COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS

We, the members of Wildflower Church, covenant:

- ⊗ to extend the welcome, hospitality, and acceptance at Wildflower Church that we would wish to receive
- ⊗ to keep the well being of the whole Wildflower Church community at the forefront of our work
- ⊗ to practice caring for one another, especially in times of need
- ⊗ to contribute to the mission of Wildflower Church while practicing self-care and staying mindful of our own needs
- ⊗ to practice mutual responsibility and shared leadership
- ⊗ to inform ourselves and others about church roles and resources
- ⊗ to engage in direct, respectful communication and active listening, particularly in times of conflict and misunderstanding, and
- ⊗ to honor and celebrate our differences.

In the spirit of openness and transparency, thus do we uphold this covenant.



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(Located about two blocks north of  
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**Wildflower Church Mission**

*Wildflower Church is a deliberately inclusive, open-minded religious community in the Unitarian Universalist tradition. We joyfully nurture one another in our lifelong spiritual journeys, and we commit to transforming ourselves and the world around us through acts of compassion, love, and social justice.*

**Newsletter Submissions**

The deadline for the October issue is September 15.  
Send submissions to [newsletter@wildflowerchurch.org](mailto:newsletter@wildflowerchurch.org).

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