

*June 11, 2023 New Member Blessing
First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego*



Karen Thurston

I am a wife, mother and grandmother who retired from a joyful career as an elementary school teacher's assistant. I am a reproductive justice advocate who does at least one thing every day to fight stigma. I love reading, nature journaling, playing with our dog Yogi, and being part of this beautiful UU community.



Mary Turpin

After living in Albuquerque, NM for 23 years,, Mary moved to San Diego last fall and is transferring from First Unitarian back in ABQ. She works as a Reading Coach at King Chavez Academy of Excellence in Barrio Logan. Mary is currently a full-time RVer and loves all things nature and outdoors.



Jim Eischen

Jim is a longtime San Diego surfer, musician, and attorney. He is active with the San Diego County Bar Association. Jim is a volunteer speaker on avoiding professional burnout for attorneys and healthcare professionals. He also frequently lectures on creating innovative healthcare practice models. He works with his partner, port commissioner Sandy Naranjo, with various equity/justice initiatives. He is finishing his Kundalini Yoga Level 1 teacher certification program, and look forward integrating yoga teaching with his ongoing wellness work.



Christina Perry

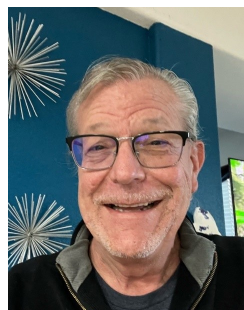
My name is Christina and I am a queer, cat parent (not to be confused with queer cat parent) who cares about grammar. My pronouns are she/they and I am a September Virgo through and through (if you know, you know). I am a kid in an adult person's body and I get to spend my days working with kids on their mental health, which helps me with mine as a happy byproduct. I am formally returning to First UU after taking a pause for a few years - it feels great to be back and I can't wait to start building spiritual community again! Come say hi to me (but not today because I have to get somewhere by 11:30 :-p).

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Susan Bond

I'm a retired Montessori teacher and Orff-Schulwerk music specialist and music has always been a big part of my life. Widowed in 2020, I'm lucky to have many close family members nearby and to have the company of my sweet dog, Lilo. I can often be found out pursuing my passion for birding all over the county. I'm grateful to have found a spiritual and musical home at the UU!



Brian Kougl

I am a retired educator, with a serious passion for cooking, and have three sons and three grandkids and most of my time is spent these days caring for my three year-old granddaughter. Over the past few years I have enjoyed serving with SOLACE, the ACLU, San Diego Rapid Response Network, and the JFS Migrant Shelter. These days you'll find me almost every Saturday morning at the South Bay Food Pantry. I am also the newest member of our Social Justice Executive Team.



Lilia Barr

I love to read and enjoy my 3 book clubs, two groups in English and one in Spanish. Ushering at theaters and here at Church take up some time as does keeping involved with my beloved grandchildren. Walking my shitzu, Izzy, keeps me close to home.



Jim Davis

Jim Davis moved to San Diego from Jefferson City MO. He has been a Unitarian Universalist for more than 30 years, and was a lay leader not only in his local congregation but also in the St Louis Area UU Council and the Central MidWest District of the UUA. Jim lives with his family here in San Diego. He enjoys reading, gardening and cooking.