

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 / 12 pm–1 pm

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Present: Steve Finley, Manette Fairmont, Jason Mayer, Curran Reichert, Peadar Dalton, Matt Pearson, Donna Thomas, and Pam Nadeau.

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing** - Manette opens with a Maui prayer hymn in honor of the Lahaina fire victims.
- Steve shares new clergy in town: Phil Neese of the First Baptist Church, welcome back to Matt Pearson at United Methodist Church of Sonoma, and the Hanna Center had *briefly* welcomed Father Sam Natale who has now moved on to Columbia.

12:05 pm

- **Checking in with everyone** -
 - Peadar, Federation of Christian Ministries and member of St. Leo's is keeping busy as always with his life cycle events and helping out with the radio show.
 - Curran, First Congregational Church has gone through some internal changes and in the process has lost a few members but is now embracing their new sense of openness and their partnership with Shir Shalom, as well as supporting the Old Adobe Preschool who is also on property. On the side, she has started an Equine Ministry for small groups and individuals. Reach out if you would like more information at pastorcurran@sonic.net. *Please save the date*, more information to come: FCC and Shir Shalom will be hosting an event on **Grief and Loss on November 2nd**.
 - Jason, Sonoma Collective is in their second year and now has an office space on West Second St.. They have launched their Communities (small groups that meet once a month for a meal, some fun and bible study). They are looking forward to weekly meetings soon.
 - Matt, Sonoma Methodist Church, is happy to be back where he started. He is hoping to be here for a long time to come. Welcome back!
 - Donna, Church of Scientology is thriving and in search of new staff. She has brought her colleague, Pam Nadeau, who will be joining in our radio rotation. We look forward to adding Pam to our group.
 - Manette, Christian Science the two groups have merged to become one and with that they are navigating all that is involved in the "blending" process. They are seeing success in growing their online presence as well.

- Steve, Shir Shalom is thriving and he is now in his 10th year here in Sonoma, congratulations! **Wednesday, September 13th, 3:30pm-5:30pm** you are all welcome to an **open house at Shir Shalom** during our **Hebrew School** hours. Shir Shalom is hoping to welcome non-Jewish Sonoma youth or anyone interested in learning more about Judaism or the Jewish holidays or anything Jew-ish. Please join us or share with your congregants who might have children and wish to have a little education and awareness of their Jewish neighbors and classmates.
- Trinity Episcopal is still searching for their replacement for Jim Thomas who has now retired.
- Scott at the Church of the Nazarene has just had surgery. If you would like to send him a card you can mail it to: *Pastor Scott Pryor, 18980 Arnold Dr., Sonoma CA 95476*
- Nicole of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is also going through a medical procedure this week, you can send her a card to: *Rev. Nicole Trotter, 16290 Arnold Dr, Sonoma, CA 95476*

12:45 pm

- **More news -**
- Next month we will honor **Jim Thomas and send him off into retirement from Trinity** Episcopal Church. We will be meeting in town for lunch at the Hop Monk. Our guest, Anne Ching from the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, will be joining us as well to share a bit about her job with us.
- In **October we would like to have a “retreat”** of some sort. We will try for a Monday and somewhere local-ish. Scott Pryor and Steve are looking for a speaker and a space that can provide us all some spiritual enrichment to keep us going forward in our positions. If you have any suggestions/ideas please email Scott at, scott@sonomavalleychurch.org
- Our annual **Sonoma Valley Thanksgiving Eve service** will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm. Matt will head the planning committee and the service will be held here in the shared sanctuary of First Congregational Church and Shir Shalom. If you would like to help Matt or offer a reading, song, or prayer please email Matt at matthewalexanderpearson@gmail.com
- In addition to our KSVY Tuesday morning 9am Interfaith spot we now have an Interfaith Radio hour on KSVY Thursdays @3pm. If you would like to get deeper into a topic with Rabbi Steve let him know rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com
- **Closing -** Manette closes

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 27th, 12pm-1pm, we will gather at the Hop Monk in Sonoma to honor Jim Thomas.
- **KSVY - Please mark your date on your calendar.** If you are not available on your assigned date please find someone on the list to trade with. The studio is located at 680 W. Napa Street Sonoma. The call in number is 707-933-9133. The information is on their website www.ksvy.org

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