

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 / 12 pm–1 pm

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Present: Steve Finley, Scott Pryor, Peadar Dalton, Donna Thomas, Curren Reichert, Jim Thomas, Nicole Trotter and Manette Fairmont.

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing** - Peadar opens with “The Welcoming Prayer” by [Mary Mrozowski](#)

Curran gave a brief summary of the Ukrainian Fundraising concert. \$5000 raised through [Church World Service](#) and another \$5000 was raised through [IsraAID](#)

12:20 pm

- **Guest: John Hennelly, CEO, Sonoma Valley Hospital**

John has been here for about a year. It is his 5th hospital as an executive leader. He believes that healing includes more than just doctors and hospitals. He believes in a hospital with walls where staff and educators can go out into the community for prevention and care. Sonoma Valley Hospital recently partnered with UCSF. The hospital’s relationship with UCSF brings experts from the city to practice in Sonoma one or two days a week. With a special focus on stroke, cardiology and neurological care, hundreds of patients have been able to receive UCSF’s top-level care without leaving the Valley. He hopes to also expand geriatric services, especially urology and endocrinology.

He admits the the hospital’s engagement with SVIMA has been inconsistent and is happy to hear we are available if/when needed. He would like to formalize and deepen that relationship and will check with hospital attorneys to legalities of members from our group coming into the hospital to support not only patients but staff as well. John is actively engaged with Hanna Boy’s Center, S.O.S. and other community groups. The hospital is currently having conversations about moving past just MDs and including D.O.s, chiropractors, acupuncturists and other alternatives to drugs as healing support. To read more about John and his position visit [here](#) and [here](#).

How can we help?

John would like to come back to continue the conversation of mental health, community outreach and preventative medicine. We hope to have him back in the Fall.

- **Other news:**

- May 22nd, St. Andrew “Don’t Go To Church, Be The Church” all day then gather in the plaza at 4pm. It is the 3 year anniversary today of Rich Gantenbein’s passing and his birthday.

- Donna has pamphlet’s “The Way to Happiness”, if anyone is interested she can drop off.

- Curran announced that the Earth Care Alliance will be showing “Our Children’s Trust” on Thursday, April 28th. See more about the film [here](#).

- Steve asked for a prayer as Shir Shalom will hold their Yom HaShoah Holocaust memorial remembrance service tonight.

- Ryan Rindels of the First Baptist Church will be moving to a new assignment this month. Reach out to wish him well.

- Long time resident and former pastor of Sonoma Valley Community Church, Tim Arensmeier, is also moving. Reach out and wish him well if you know him.

- Kathryn Stark is also moving to a new assignment in Santa Rosa and will be taking time to care for her husband. We will miss her.

- Curran begins her 3 month sabbatical next week. Tim Boeve will be leading her flock and will join us in May.

- **Closing:** Curran closes with a poem, “Sacred Song” by [Macrina Weidekher](#)

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 25, no guest. We will discuss use of our community grant and when/where to resume our meetings.

- **KSVY - Please mark your date on your calendar.**

The call in number is [933-9133](tel:933-9133). The information is on their website www.ksvy.org

May 3	Jim Thomas	707-933-6514
May 10	Scott Pryor	831-747-0139
May 17	Nicole Trotter	707-996-6024
May 24	Donna Thomas	707-939-6774
May 31	Marie Wilson-Johnson	707-996-2151