

Sonoma Valley Interfaith
Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 / 12 pm–1 pm

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Present: Steve Finley, Jason Mayer, Curran Reichert, Henrik Mann, Nicole Trotter, Peadar Dalton, Scott Sherman and Donna Thomas.

12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing** - Peadar opens with a blessing on “belonging”

12:10 pm

- **Checking in with everyone - things to note:**
 - Jason of Sonoma Collective shares that they are going to begin weekly services this week in the theater at Sonoma Valley High School.
 - Scott Sherman will be attending meetings for Lisa Cole/Trinity Episcopal for now. Lisa will be doing three services per month with one service offered by a guest priest.
 - Nicole Trotter of St. Andrew Presbyterian is back from medical leave.
 - Save the date for a Vigil for Peace on Thursday, November 2nd at 5pm-5:30pm @ First Congregational Church and Shir Shalom.
 - John Bonniot shared that St. Francis is celebrating 200 year anniversary with services and events.
 - Donna shares the Church of Scientology is offering self improvement courses.
 - Steve shared that Shir Shalom is doing well and supporting each other, they have also received a grant for security upgrades beginning soon.
 - Henrik shares that Sonoma Valley Community Church will offer a live nativity this year and continues with goodwill and outreach.
- **Sonoma Valley Community Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 22nd 6:30pm at First Congregational Church Sanctuary - 252 West Spain St.**
 - Please reach out to Matt Pearson matthewalexanderpearson@gmail.com or Curran Reichert vivoudou@aol.com if you plan to attend the service or send a representative. We need more volunteers for blessing and prayer readers. We also need to decide on a donation cause if you have any suggestions please reach out. Peadar will notify the Index Tribune.

12:40pm

- **Guest - Eric Gonzalez, VP of Teen Services at Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma**

The Boys & Girls Club services about 2000 registered students in the valley, 300 of them are teens. They have an average of 20-30 teens every day coming into the Teen Center at 17440 Sonoma Highway near Flowery Elementary. They provide transportation, mental health services, academic support and help them with after high school planning including career options and post secondary school. They are looking to expand their mental health services and find a space on site at the high school. They work with the Stand By Me Mentoring program and offer a newsletter. Please visit their website <https://www.bgcsonoma.org/> for more information or email Eric at egonzalez@bgcsonoma.org

The public is invited to attend their Youth of the Year Celebration on Thursday, November 16th from 6-7pm at the Maxwell Clubhouse at 100 W Verano Ave., Sonoma. Four teen nominees will speak and one will be chosen to move on and compete in the North Bay competition with 20 other Boys & Girls Club winners. Our Youth of the Year event promotes and celebrates: Service to the Club, community, and family, Academic success, Strong moral character, Life goals, Poise and public speaking ability

The public is also invited to attend the Winter Wonderland event in December. There will be a gift drive and tree giveaway. Reach out if you would like more information or to help. Email Eric or keep a watch on their website for more information.

- **Other info:** We need guests on our KSVY Thursday Radio Hour, *this is separate from our Tuesday 9am Morning Show Interfaith 20 minute spot.*

Sonoma Valley Interfaith Radio Hour Hosted by: Rabbi Steve Finley Thursdays 3pm – 4pm. Sonoma Valley Interfaith Radio Hour's Intention: Educate on the various paths of faith and religion. If you wish to discuss your faith or a topic please reach out to Steve at rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com

- **Closing:** Matt closes with a reminder that the call to ministry is always evolving and encourage us all to lean into the ways of the calling.
- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:30pm just before our Thanksgiving service. We can have a nosh and set up the Sanctuary for the service.
- **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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