

## Sonoma Valley Interfaith

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 / 12 pm–1 pm

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**Present:** Steve Finley, Peadar Dalton, Curran Reichert, Matt Pearson, Nicole Trotter, Jane Hernandez, Donna Thomas, and Dave Gould.

### 12:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Blessing** - Donna opens with a blessing.

### 12:10 pm

- **Checking in with everyone - things to note:**

- Curran of First Conversational Church hope you can join the Pride event on Thursday, May 30th with your rainbow attire, more info [here](#). Also note the movie “Bad Faith” showing at the Sebastiani Theatre. Tickets will sell out. More info [here](#).
- Matt Pearson of Sonoma United Methodist Church, reports a great Pentecost worship last week. The General Conference allowed the region of the Americas more autonomy, conversations continue with Episcopal church in sharing pastors and more, and a momentous decision was made to approve of same sex marriages and allow gay clergy.
- Donna Thomas shares the Church of Scientology is offering courses on Sundays at 11am on how to handle and reduce stress. All are welcome to attend, contact [here](#).
- Dave Gould of St. Francis reports a successful confirmation mass last week.
- Jane Hernandez reports for Trinity Episcopal that they will be having an opera, *The Passion of Joan of Arc* the last two weeks of June, more info and tickets [here](#).
- Nicole Trotter of St. Andrew Presbyterian reports they just completed their annual “Don’t Go To Church, Be The Church” community service event.
- Rabbi Steve shared that Shir Shalom has a very successful Community Passover and are preparing for a group Bat Mitzvah of 7 women in their 70s. He has just completed his 10th year at Shir Shalom and will sign an new 10 year contract next month. He will be sending an email regarding the Jewish community’s stand on the cease fire support request before the City Council.

### 12:45 pm

- **Guest: Whitney Evens and Scott Murray on the Health and Wellness Initiative proposed**

Care Partners has partnered with Scott Murray and the Rotary Club to address emergency and home safety for families in Sonoma Valley. Scott is working with a task force to

assist Fire and Police in creating a database they can use to identify special needs in a home before they arrive. For example, if you have someone in the home with a wheelchair, a disability, or is bed bound or has dementia or service pets or any special needs circumstance that would be helpful to have on file in advance for Police and Fire and EMT in case of an emergency before arriving to the home. Confidentiality is being taken into consideration and no personal information will be stored. Similar programs are already in place in Napa and Vallejo. They would like to come to the churches after an event or service to discuss and offer enrollment assistance via paper document or Google doc. They are currently doing a trial at the Methodist Church and will reach out when they are ready to expand.

Whitney reminds us that there are 1000s of people in Sonoma with memory loss and caregivers who receive no mental/emotional support or financial compensation for their difficult job. Care Partners would really like to identify these families in 2024 and offer support. Please consider allowing them to make a small presentation at the end of a service or other event. Whitney can be reached at [wevans1114@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wevans1114@sbcglobal.net) and you can visit the website [here](#) for more information. Consider sharing the information on your websites, newsletters and announcements.

Also in the works are 4, seasonal discussion series presented by Sonoma Valley Interfaith, Care Partner and Hanna Center. Each series will have 4 sessions and will each be based on topics of loss (jobs, loved ones, divorce and more). Please consider helping to lead one of these series being hosted at the Hanna Center. Reach out to Steve for more information at [rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com](mailto:rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com)

- **Other info.:**

1. We need guests on the KSVY Thursday Radio Hour, *this is separate from our Tuesday 9am Morning Show Interfaith 20 minute spot*. You don't need to commit to the whole hour, just 15-20 minutes at some point in the hour. 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. Currently discussing Proverbs. If you wish to discuss your faith or a topic please reach out to Steve at [rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com](mailto:rabbisteve.shirshalom@gmail.com)
2. KSVY SVI 9-9:15am spot. Please send a representative of your church if you are not able or bring a guest with you. If you are not currently in the rotation please see if you can find a representative of your church to come instead.
3. End of year lunch to be on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday in June. Info. to come this week.

- **Closing:** Matt closes with a song.

- **Next meeting:** Lunch in June and then Summer Break July and August.
- **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](http://www.ksvy.org)

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