



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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## JULY 2017 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



### July 2 A Look at Patriotism

Mary Nelson, Loni Kate English, Allan Noel, Mitch Stone

Patriotism. People do not always agree on the meaning of the word. How do you define it? Is patriotism always a positive emotion? We'll take a look at some of the definitions and attitudes towards patriotism down the ages.

*First Sunday Offering to CLUE Ventura County*

### July 9 RE Redux

Rev. Maddie, Allan Noel

As we begin a new period of Faith Formation in our congregation with our new Coordinator of Religious Education, Rev. Maddie returns to her theme of how we learn. We will welcome Erik Halseth as part of the service.

### July 16 Answering the Call of Love: Report from General Assembly Rev. Maddie, CJ Starling

We are a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Rev. Maddie and Rev. Betty both attended our recent General Assembly in New Orleans amidst a swirl of controversies in the UUA. Rev. Maddie reflects on the experience, what it calls us to do as individuals and a congregation now and in the years ahead. Our choir sings.



### July 23 Mindfulness

Rev. Maddie, Pat English

The Reverend George Kimmich Beach once wrote, "Everything begins on the verge of awareness. The dawn is not and then is. Sleep is and then is not. In between is the awakening." How can we be mindful in our daily lives? Special guest, Christine Snipes, violin.

### July 30 Escalating Inequality: The Scourge of our Times Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, MaryBeth East

During our lives, however long, we have seen the gap between the rich and poor steadily widening in our country. And we have witnessed the many physical, mental, and spiritual ills that have resulted. But how can we find hope in the midst of this growing reality? Maybe Universalism can provide some answers. What have we got to lose?

*Casp Offering*

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## Message from the Minister

Summer is a growing time, even though some things grow year 'round in our Valley. Crops grow and are harvested. People come and go on summer travels or stay close to home, watching the flowering plants blooming in pots on the patio or front steps. Summer can be a growing time for us. It can be a time of learning; but it can also be a time of restoring, of mindfully noticing the world around us, the length of the days, the stars in the night sky, and all the small details we rush by some days. Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "I wish to begin this summer well: to do something in it worthy of it and of me; to transcend my daily routine; to have my immortality now, that it be in the quality of my daily life." As we move through these longer days of sun, what will you learn? What will you ponder? What will you mindfully notice on your early morning walk before the heat of the day? Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "In this refulgent summer, it has been a luxury to draw the breath of life. The grass grows, the buds burst, the meadow is spotted with fire and gold in the tint of flowers."

As I move towards my study leave and vacation not far from where Thoreau and Emerson once lived and wrote, I hope to feel the luxury of drawing the breath of life, perhaps visiting the reproduction of Thoreau's simple cabin next to Walden Pond in Concord and having space in my days to read books I don't have time to read during the regular church year, bring out my drawing tools and gaze off at a lake and mountains. But before I do that, we have our July events: a Gathering featuring John Robles on July 11, Meditation on July 12, the Celebration of the Life of Mary Yeates, Sunday worship and more. Won't you join me in breathing together and be mindful of our lives together. What can we learn together? How can we grow where we are planted?

On the path of our faith,

Reverend Maddie



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# Message from the Board of Trustees

## Board Notes

John Nichols, Vice President

Once upon a time, in 1892, our church building was new. Everyone was so proud of it. Now it is old and everyone is still proud of it. We all love the bricks and mortar and rich old wood but we who worship in the building can also be proud of all the events that have occurred here in over 100 years. We can also take pride in all the many events that keep us all busy and productive going on today.

There are many projects and activities to keep our old building running smoothly. We are designing a new sign for the front of the church. The vintage wood on the walls and doors needs some stain and polish. New shelves need to be built to store all the supplies it takes to run our organization. The board and members of the congregation have been making lists and checking them twice. The lists are getting organized and prioritized so we know what to do when. Some jobs are perfect for volunteers and some jobs must be placed in the hands of skilled professionals. Take a look at the new literature racks near the restrooms. And the calendar and bulletin boards near the kitchen. Watch for more action in the future.

In 1923 a brand new Estey organ was installed in the church. The new pipes for that organ required the sealing of the front door on the northwest corner of the building to create space for all the pipes. Stairs lead up to that door that has been shut since 1923. To blow air into the pipes at the touch of a key on the organ required a huge electrical motor in the basement hooked up to large metal tubes. We modernized the organ blower system over 10 years ago and no longer needed the old organ blower motor. Our organ repair experts advised us that the old motors were too noisy to be of any use and we should remove it and recycle it properly. We recently hired an expert to do that job. The result is a vacant space that can now be used for storing supplies in a secret room behind a secret door in the old downstairs kitchen area. Special tours of that room are available upon request.

Watch this space for more reports on fixing and maintaining the old and traveling into the future to discover the new.



Digital Archives of the UU Church - "Pat Alderson Second From Right, More Research To Be Done"

In addition to the huge archive of physical documents and photographs that go back to the 1890s the church will also be maintaining a digital archive. Both photographs and documents can be digitized as you know. Back in 1985, before computers and scanners were everywhere I photographed this photograph to a negative for printing. For the Newsletter I scanned that negative at high resolution, cropped it and digitally removed dust spots and enhanced the contrast. A better way of doing

that now would be to go back to the original print and scan that. It does take certain skills but nothing that can not be learned. Our archives can now contain the original paper print, a high resolution digital scan for making large prints and a web size image like this for electronic distribution. J.N.

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# Message from the RE Coordinator

It's hard to believe this will be my last RE Newsletter article. I began volunteering as the Director of RE back in the days when Melitta Haslund was our minister. I had a wonderful assistant at the time, Heather Poehler-Miller. We did some wonderful things in RE. There were two classrooms going on at the same time: one for elementary children and one for preschoolers. We even had someone hired to watch the infants. There was also a time when we had a few youths in our program. I can remember transporting one of our youths over the hill to attend an OWL class in Thousand Oaks. I will always cherish those car rides when I got the opportunity to really get to know our youth.

In 2012, I finally decided to pull away from volunteering in the RE program. That is when our interim minister, Kristin Kohn, stressed to the Board the importance of having an active Religious Education program in place when recruiting a full-time minister. The Board agreed to create a paid RE position. Since I had recently retired from the school district and could use a few extra dollars to help my family get by, I decided to apply.

I believe the interview panel selected me because of my years of experience as well as my positive relationship with the children. The panel thought it would be better to hire someone the children already had developed a strong relationship with. The rest is history.

For years, Yvon Ortega was my assistant. We had a wonderful working relationship. She would bring her children to class and I have grown very fond of them over the years. I have "adopted" them as my grandchildren since my two daughters do not have any children. It was a win-win situation.

In 2016 when Yvon had her third child, she decided to resign from her RE position. We were fortunate to have an active parent that was willing to step in and take Yvon's place. Her name is Lana Moore who is an experienced Montessori teacher and she has brought so much to our program. Last spring, we changed our curriculum to "Spirit Play" which is a program based on Montessori teachings. I would have never been able to implement the program without her support and experience.

I know I will miss the children the most. There is something about interacting with the brilliant minds of our UU children. I am in awe every time we meet. It is an honor to know that I helped shape the minds of our children in a positive and loving way. One of my favorite things about our RE program is that children are encouraged to ask questions.

The time has come for me to bid farewell to the RE program and let someone else take over. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work as an employee for the church community that I love. Thank you so very much.

4-Ever Learning,  
Ruth Ricards, RE Coordinator

## **WELCOME ERIK HALSETH—NEW COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We recently said goodbye to Ruth Ricards as our Coordinator of Religious Education. Ruth is now "Member Ruth" and her personal email is [rgricards@gmail.com](mailto:rgricards@gmail.com). She officially let go of her duties during our service on June 11 and her last day was June 30. We are pleased to announce that we have hired Erik Halseth as our new Religious Education Coordinator. Starting July 2 Erik will be with our children where he will be joined in the summer by child care provider, our own Yvette Sanchez. We will be welcoming Erik officially during a Sunday service on Sunday, July 9. You may have met Erik these last several months as he visited our congregation with his son, James. Reverend Maddie is available to answer any questions you may have.

**MESSAGE FROM ERIK:** Whether it's teaching R.E., facilitating a Coming of Age program, or entertaining younger children, Erik combines his love of Unitarian Universalism with a knack for working with kids. He currently works as a nanny and is a stay-at-home parent while attending Starr King School for the Ministry part-time.

# Spiritual Growth Center

## YOGA

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend yoga in our Parish Hall led by Rebekha Wolf on Tuesday's, July 11, 18, & 25, and Thursday's July 6, 13, 20, & 27, at 9:30 am. For more information please contact Krystal at 805-525-4647 or [uuucspoooffice@gmail.com](mailto:uuucspoooffice@gmail.com)

## MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place in our Parish Hall. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM. We will be meeting on July 12 and then be off until September when we will meet on September 6 and 20. Enter through the front gate to the left of the main entrance and come in the side door. This group celebrates the diversity of Buddhist, mindfulness and other meditative orientations and welcomes participants from all contemplative traditions to attend. Rev. Maddie is a long-time meditator from the mindfulness or Vipassana tradition of Buddhism. Allow about an hour and bring your meditation cushion, if you have one, or you can sit in a chair. The group is open to everyone; there is a free will offering (\$5 suggested but all invited regardless of funds). The meeting will begin with a reading and short discussion, with a guided meditation leading us into a time of silence. There is power in meditating together. We would love to have you join us. For more information, leave a message. For more information, leave a message on Reverend Maddie's private line at the church: 805-525-4620 or email [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).

## T'AI CHI CHIH

T'AI CHI CHIH On Friday mornings we continue to offer T'ai Chi Chih, - Joy thru Movement, with Instructor Pete Gregory. Often called a moving meditation, the movements are accessible to anybody, regardless of age weight or physical ability. No special clothing or equipment needed. Come and learn how to play with the Chi. For more information or to sign up, email Pete at [psgreg24@gmail.com](mailto:psgreg24@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.taichichih.org](http://www.taichichih.org).



## TWILIGHT GATHERING

Our next Gathering as the sun goes down with Sound, Silence and Spoken Word will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM. This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word on a theme, which this month is Summer. The music will be provided by John Robles, harp, and Maddie Sifantus, soprano. John Robles is a member of our congregation and member of the group Chucumite which performed in a past Santa Paula Concert Series event. Atul Ranchod will once more provide original poetry. Free, but with an optional free will offering to compensate John Robles and the fund for Gathering musicians.

# People and Doings

## NEWS FROM AMONG US

July 2017

- Our long-time member Mary Yeates died on Sunday, June 11. Her Celebration of Life will be at our congregation on Saturday, July 15 at 11 AM. Cards may be sent to her daughter Sandra Muller at 965 King Henry Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
- Rev. Maddie officiated at a dispersal of ashes of Lynne Morrison who died in December 2016 in our Memorial Rose Garden on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with her niece, Kristen Leigh Foster, who was able to attend and dispersed the remainder of the ashes at sea, according to Lynne's wishes.
- Rev. Maddie officiated at the wedding of Jeff Brubaker and Eve Southworth at the Midlands School in Los Olivos on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Eve's father was a member of her Meditation group at First Parish in Wayland.
- If you have any News from Among Us you would like to share with our community, please let Rev. Maddie know by the newsletter deadline which is the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month.



### **Celebration of the Life of Mary Yeates**

Please join together to celebrate the life of our member Mary Yeates on Saturday, July 15 at 11 AM. Mary was a long time member of both the church and the Mary As. Be thinking of a memory to share or give your memory to Rev. Maddie.

### **OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL COVERAGE**

Rev. Maddie is usually available in the office by appointment or pot luck drop in from Tuesday through Friday. Please note that she will be out of town to attend the UU Musician's Network Conference in Arlington, Virginia, leaving Santa Paula on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Then she will be on vacation and study leave from August 1-29. While she is gone, pastoral coverage is being provided by our Affiliate Minister, Betty Stapleford. Should an emergency arise during that time, please leave a message on the church office phone, 805-525-4647, and Krystal will contact Rev. Betty. Should it be between our Administrator's days in the office, please call congregation president MaryBeth East at 805-341-8809. Monday is Rev. Maddie's day off and Saturday is her study/sermon writing day. Some days she is working from home but can get to the office in five minutes, if something comes up. The best way to plan a time to meet with her is to call and leave a message on her private line at the church, 805-525-4620, call her on her cell phone, 508-733-8860 or email her at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org). She is happy to meet you in her office, at your home or place of work, or at a local restaurant for a cup of tea or coffee (she will buy her own!). The minister's office is in the back of the church, near the rest rooms. If the front or back doors are locked, call her, and she will come let you in through the back gate off the alley.

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## CRUISE NIGHT

The next Santa Paula Cruise Night is Friday, July 7th. You are invited to help Ken Stock and Rev. Maddie host Cruise Night when we talk about our congregation, our events and take people on tours of our Historic Church. We have a table under a pop up canopy in front of the church, greeting passersby, talking about our congregation and having literature available. We are usually there from about 5 PM until sundown. Come help host or just drop by and say hi.

## CHOIR

All are welcome to join our choir, including our young singers who are able to read music. We will rehearse again at 9:30 AM before singing in the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, July 16. Please note that this is a change of the previously scheduled date. Rehearsals will be directed by Rev. Maddie and accompanied by Vincent Sorisio. All rehearsals will cover the music for that Sunday and will include learning music for future monthly Sunday mornings. Individual rehearsals with Rev. Maddie can be arranged as time allows.

July 16	We Bid You Welcome	Richard Gilbert, Wally Kleucker
September 10	Down in the River to Pray Peace Like a River	arr. Shelden Curry

Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions. All invited to sing!

## CARING COMMITTEE



You will notice that your Caring Committee has provided new pillows in the sanctuary for those who may need one behind their back or to sit on. Members of the Caring Committee will be helping with the reception for the Celebration of Life of Mary Yeates on Saturday, July 15 at 11 AM. Please let Jan Shepherd or Rev. Maddie know if you are willing to help. Lay Ministry Training for committee members and other interested folks will be offered in the fall to better serve our members and supplement the ministry of Rev. Maddie, our professional pastoral care provider. The seven-part Training facilitated by Rev. Maddie will take place at the regular monthly meetings of the committee starting on September 21 and run through April 19, 2018. The Caring Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 21 at 12:15 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. Meetings last about an hour and a half. Let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in joining with the Caring Committee members Barbara Beach, Penny McManus, Delicia Niami, and Jan Shepherd.

**THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE** will meet July 21, 1:00. This time will be permanent until otherwise noted. Brown bag lunch if desired.

**THE MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY** will hold its next SATURDAY QUARTERLY MEETING July 22m 11:30 am. Lois Fox Freeman, church member and Fillmore artist will present her life story. All welcome.

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## FIRST SUNDAY PLATE

Our First Sunday offerings in July, August, and September will benefit CLUE-VC, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, Ventura County. CLUE is focusing all its resources this year on immigration issues, partnering with faith groups to teach and provide resources such as Know Your Rights information for our undocumented neighbors who are contributing to our community. CLUE-VC is one of the sponsors of our How to be Good Allies event August 30 here at the church.

## CASP - LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

We collect canned goods, rice and beans for CASP, Community Assistance of Santa Paula, a non-profit food pantry located in a back building of the First United Methodist Church. Santa Paulans of limited means are served by CASP on Mondays before noon. We are pleased to add to CASP's pantry.

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# GATHERING

## \*DEFINITION OF GATHERING

an assembly or meeting, especially a social or festive one or one held for a specific purpose.

## Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 PM

You are invited to our Gathering for sound, silence and word as the sun goes down.

"There is healing in the night."

Free will offering for the musicians.

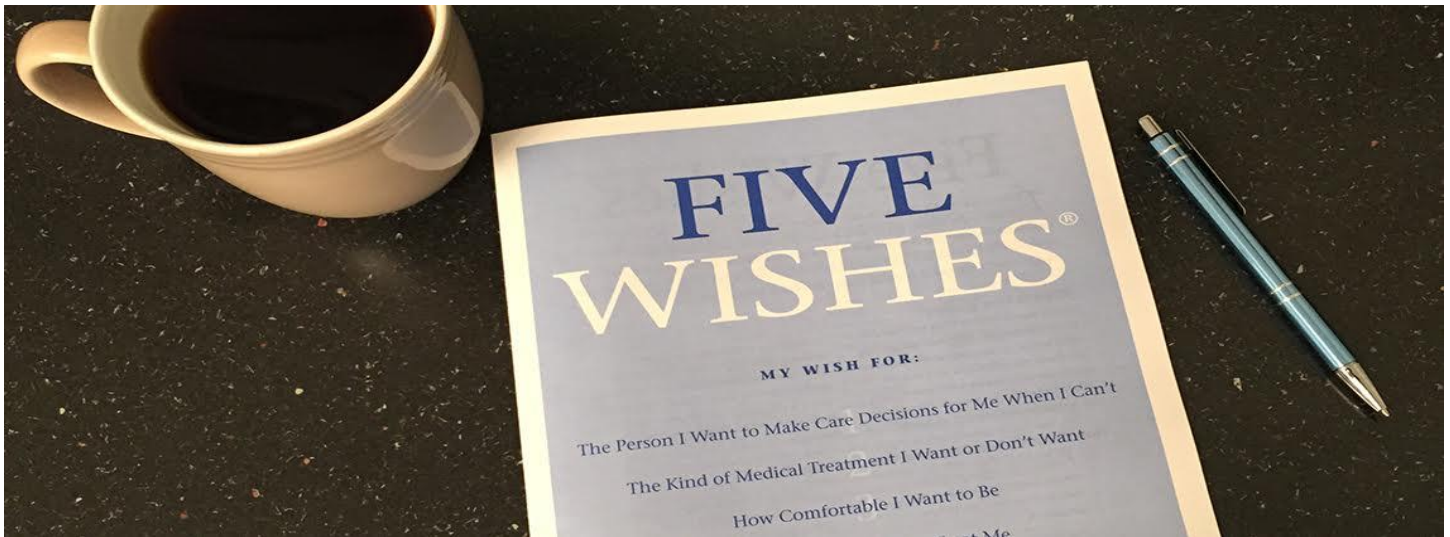
Led by Maddie Sifantus with Atul Ranchod, poet.

Music provided by John Robles

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## DAYTIME FIVE WISHES WORKSHOP AT LIBRARY

**On Wednesday, July 12 at 3:00 PM at the Blanchard Community Library, Rev. Maddie will repeat her workshop open to all on planning for the end of life using the outstanding document, *Five Wishes*. This document** is an easy to use legal document written in everyday language that lets adults of all ages plan how they want to be cared for in the case they become seriously ill. It is America's most popular living will with more than 14 million copies in circulation.

*Five Wishes* helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself. It is unique among all other living will and health agent forms because it speaks to all a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual. *Five Wishes* also helps structure discussions with your family and physician. It is also a great tool to focus discussions with aging relatives so that you know their wishes.

Five Wishes is a legal document in California. There are only eight states remaining in which *Five Wishes* does not yet meet the legal requirements. These states either require a specific state form or that the person completing an advance directive be given a mandatory notice or "warning." Residents of these states can still use *Five Wishes* to put their wishes in writing and communicate their wishes with their family and physician. Most health care professionals understand they have a duty to listen to the wishes of their patients no matter how they are expressed.

*Five Wishes* was introduced and originally distributed with support from a generous grant by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care.

Rev. Maddie will present the *Five Wishes* document and talk about the issues involved. *Five Wishes* will be available to all participants. There is no cost; a donation of \$5.00 is recommended to defray costs.

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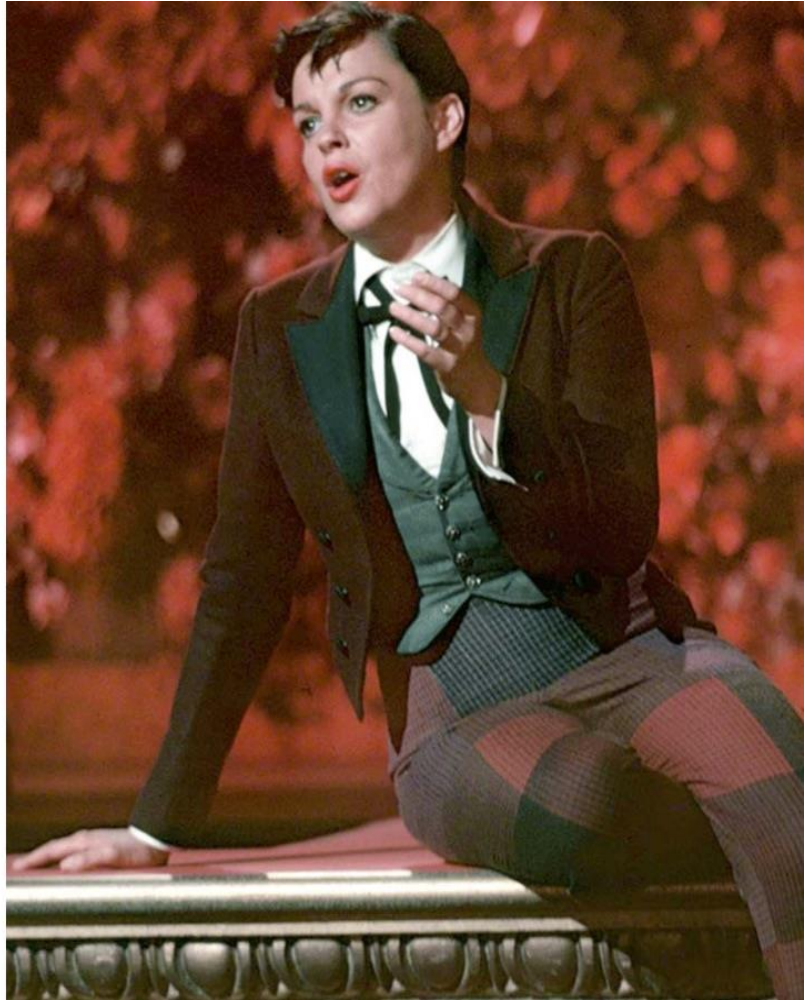
SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

## A STAR IS BORN

The 1954 edition of "A Star is Born" was the second of three versions of this showbiz musical melodrama to be filmed (so far, another is coming next year). It proved to be the ultimate vehicle for Judy Garland, and also her big comeback after spending years in Hollywood purgatory. Under the direction of George Cukor and armed with songs by Harold Arlen and Ira Gershwin, Garland unleashed everything in her arsenal for this one, and few in film history had anywhere close to as much to give to a camera. The film was an immediate sensation, but what happened next is a true story even sadder than the on-screen fiction. Immediately after its release, due to exhibitor complaints about its length, the film was substantially cut by the studio, and the removed parts unceremoniously discarded. Reconstructing the film to Cukor's original cut became one of the greatest movie treasure hunts of all time. What we see today is not the complete original, but as fully restored as film historians could make it. With James Mason and Jack Carson. Long, but worth every minute. (2:56)

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### STRETCH YOUR MIND SERIES

SUNDAY, JULY 23

5:00 PM

Come to our first event of the Stretch Your Mind Series. We will watch the film "Get Out" and discuss it at Margaret Wilson's house after a light potluck dinner. The film's subject is race and should touch off a lively discussion. Come with your suggestion for a book or film for our next monthly event. Contact Margaret, (805) 647-7962, for directions and parking information to her hard to find home. (Sponsored by the SCA Committee)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this important event. Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

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The Social Concerns Action Committee will sponsor a public event to help inform the community about immigration issues here, in the county, and in the country.

--*How to be Good Allies*: Getting informed about laws that affect our undocumented neighbors to better support them in these stressful times. All community members need this vital information!

Aim of event: Informational gathering: to better understand hazards and hardships of undocumented in Ventura County in these politically charged times so as to better support those at risk.

As we go to press, co-sponsors include the League of Women Voters, CAUSE, CLUE-VC, and the Santa Paula Ministerial Association.

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## The Social Concerns Action Committee of The Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Presents:



**A nuclear war between the United States and China is not only imaginable but a current 'contingency', says the Pentagon. Filmed over two years across five potential flashpoints in Asia and the Pacific, THE COMING WAR ON CHINA reveals the build-up to war on more than 400 US military bases that encircle China in a 'perfect noose'.**

**Using rare archive and remarkable interviews with witnesses, Pilger's film discloses America's secret history in the region - the destruction wrought by the equivalent of one Hiroshima every day for 12 years, and the top secret 'Project 4.1' that made guinea pigs of the population of the Marshall Islands.**

**In key interviews from Pentagon war planners to members of China's confident new political class, who rarely feature in Western reports, Pilger's film challenges the notion and propaganda of China as a new 'enemy'.**

**THE COMING WAR ON CHINA is also a film about the human spirit and the rise of an extraordinary resistance in faraway places. On the island of Okinawa, home to 32 US bases, the population is challenging the greatest military power in the world. On the Korean island of Jeju, villagers block the entrance to a new nuclear naval base, with its missiles aimed at China.**

### DISCUSSION FOLLOWS

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

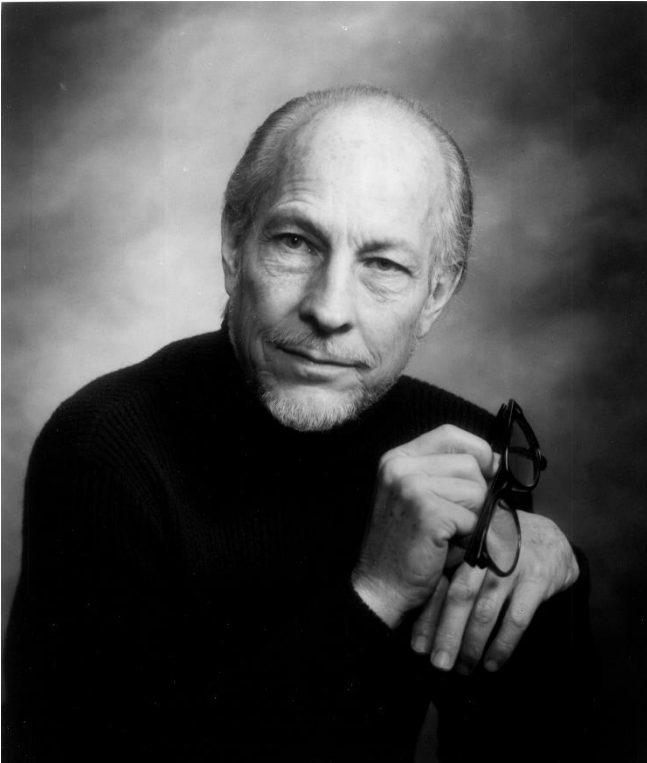
**Potluck at 5:45 P.M. Film starts at 7:00 P.M.**

**Free admission, but donations are welcomed**

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### Santa Paula Concert Series Presents

## JOHN BIGGS, COMPOSER

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 p.m.

Ojai's Honored Orchestral, Choral,  
Operatic Composer

'How he sets words to music'

Los Angeles Times review of his Opera, *Ernest Worthing*: "Biggs conveys a flowing, sophisticated musical language that savors witty wordplay, a sly irreverence and an underlying tenderness - the innate hallmarks of Oscar Wilde's piece..." (The Importance of Being Ernest").

The Santa Paula Concert Series hosts a presentation by Composer John Biggs of Ojai on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$10 donation at the door, from the church office during office hours, or by PayPal on the church's website: [www.uucsp.org/SP-Concert-Series](http://www.uucsp.org/SP-Concert-Series). Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Seating is first come, first served. Proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund.

John Biggs was born in Los Angeles on October 18, 1932. He received his Master's degree in composition from the University of California at Los Angeles, doing further study at the University of Southern California and the Royal Flemish Conservatory in Antwerp, Belgium. His teachers included Roy Harris, Lukas Foss, Ingolf Dahl, Flor Peeters, Halsey Stevens and Leonard Stein. As an educator, he has taught at Los Angeles City College, UCLA and UC Berkeley. He also served as a composer-in-residence to six colleges in Kansas under a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. As a performer, he founded the John Biggs Consort, which toured internationally under Columbia Artists Management, specializing in medieval, renaissance, and twentieth century music. As a composer, he has won numerous awards and honors including a Rockefeller Grant, Fulbright Grant, Atwater-Kent Award, ASCAP "Serious Music Award" and a number of "Meet the Composer" grants from diverse parts of the United States.

John will share with us how he sets words to music with an entertaining presentation. Wine available for purchase and a summer reception.

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**To learn more about John Biggs: [consortpress.com](http://consortpress.com)**

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## Walking the Walk UU Justice Summit and Camp

August 12-16, 2017 at Camp de Benneville Pines

The **2017 Walking the Walk Justice Summit & Camp** is just around the corner! Sponsored by the UU Justice Ministry of California and UU Justice Arizona Network, brings together justice seeking UU's for four days of dynamic worship, workshops, practical skill building, networking and community building, with time for reflection and recreation. This intergenerational gathering is open to the whole family!



Special guests, Pamela Sparr, Director of Justice Building for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and Katia Hansen, President and CEO of Unitarian Universalist Refugee & Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE) will join us this year. Come develop skills that will strengthen our congregational justice work, helping us become more grounded in Unitarian Universalism to support action in the world. Issues covered include next steps and strategies on climate change; housing insecurity; immigrant justice; race, class and cultural divides along with other issues. You will leave refreshed and engaged from spirited worship and the warmth of UU justice community.

There will be time for reflection *and* recreation – including canoeing, archery and a hot tub! - during this extended weekend! Join us on August 12-16 at Camp deBenneville Pines, in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. Registration and more information is can be found at [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk). There are discounts for youth and families and scholarships also available. For more information and to reserve your space, visit [uujmca.org/walkingthewalk](http://uujmca.org/walkingthewalk) or contact [beverly@uujmca.org](mailto:beverly@uujmca.org) or 916-441-0018 ext.103.

# Calendar of Events



2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1  Board of Trustees Retreat
2 10:30am-Worship <i>First Sunday Plate</i>	3	4	5	6 9:30am-Yoga	7  10:00am T'ai Chi Chih  5:00pm Cruise Night	8
9 10:30am-Worship	10	11 9:30am-Yoga  7pm Gathering	12 10am Staff Mtg  3pm Five Wishes Workshop@library  6:00pm- Meditation	13 9:30am-Yoga	14  10:00am T'ai Chi Chih Practice & lunch  7:00pm-Classic Movie Night	15
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