



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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## OCTOBER 2016 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



### October 2 Kindness Matters

Michael Guinn, Kate English

Seems rather obvious when you see it in print, but kindness often gets dismissed in our fast paced, sometimes mean-spirited, achievement oriented culture. But kindness matters. It saves lives while transforming both the giver and the receiver. Come join Michael Guinn as he returns to create a day exploring the contagion of kindness.

*First Sunday Plate - One Step a la Vez*

### October 9 Where Compassion Comes From

Kusala Bhikshu, Allan Noel

Wisdom and compassion are the result of Buddhist practice and meditation is the key. Kusala will share a simple practice that leads to Compassion in everyday life.

### October 16 Aiming High: Stewardship Sunday

Rev. Maddie, MaryBeth East

It has been said that "Living is giving." We live life best as we aim high to give our strengths, gifts, and competencies as we are called to serve, not just survive. Our giving makes a difference in our families, our congregation, our community, and our faith.

### October 23 Better Together

Rev. Maddie, CJ Starling

Just about a year ago Rev. Maddie Sifantus was installed as our settled minister. One year along into her ministry she thinks about collaboration with area congregations and its possibility for making a difference in our community. Rev. Maddie was installed with the help of the UU Ventura choir and others. From music to religious education to social justice and more, what are the ways we could be "better together"?

### October 30 We Would Be Comforted: Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos

Rev. Maddie, Mary Nelson

Also called All Saints Day or All Souls Day, it is a day to remember family, friends and loved ones who have passed from among us. We will mark the Day of the Dead with special music, words, and a sermon. Bring an object or picture of someone you have lost to share on our altar.

*CASP food offering*

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## Message from the Minister

As I sit writing this, I am remembering the leaves mixing with pine needles that cascaded down in my yard of my Massachusetts home, where I lived for nearly forty years. The hues in my yard were mostly yellows and orangey browns, looking not unlike those decorations they sell in craft stores out here in California, to make us think it's autumn. I remember the wild turkeys that would be pecking through the pine needles and the squirrels rushing about storing the bounteous crop of acorns for the winter ahead. In New England this is a bittersweet time of year. On the one hand, one is surrounded by the spectacular beauty that only a New England autumn can bring; on the other, we know that colder and messier days are on the way, ice on the roads and snow to shovel. I have to say I love our weather here in Santa Paula but I also do miss the change of seasons and the variety that they can bring.

Here in our congregation we will mark our fall with a traditional Day of the Dead service on October 30, which is our Unitarian Universalist version of what our friends may mark as All Soul's Day or All Saint's Day, coming at the same time as Halloween. It is a sort of hodge-podge mixing of Christianity, the secular, and age old rituals celebrating the deaths of ancestors. Together we will create an altar of pictures and artifacts that remind us of those who came before us. I know I will be bringing pictures of my late parents, Harold and Lina MacNeill, and I will look forward to seeing what you may bring. Later this fall we once more consider all we are grateful for on Thanksgiving, a secular holiday, but one that we will mark in our congregation with a corn bread communion. In addition, we will be hosting the Santa Paula Thanksgiving Interfaith Service later that same day, and we will need folks to help greet our neighbors. We have a lot to be grateful for and why wait for November to consider it! There is an impetus that I believe we feel to gather together and give thanks in community—both in church but especially in our families, whether our families of origin or our chosen families of friends. Life is a complicated combination of happiness and sadness, joys and sorrows. That is not news to any of us. I like to think that our weekly sharing of joys and sorrows go a long way towards holding us, caring for us and making us truly seen by each other. And I am aware each week of those in our community who are not in the sanctuary whose joys and concerns we also hold, even though they may be unspoken. May we share our memories of loved ones and share our love here with each other.

On the path of our faith,  
Reverend Maddie Sifantus

## Message from the Board President

October is the month of our annual church canvass. Patrícia English, Luisa Haskell and Ken Stock are leading the work this year. Be on the lookout for information on how we are asked to participate.

There are many activities scheduled to take place in our church building over the next several months. If you see something that needs fixing or have an idea on how to better use our space, talk to one of your board members. Also, if you are planning on using the space for a meeting, let our Office Administrator, Krystal, know so she can get it on the calendar.

Interested in becoming a board member? We will have three open positions on the board in January. Any current board member is willing to tell you more about what it means to be involved.

Next Board meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and hear firsthand the business of your church.

In wonder and gratitude  
MaryBeth East

## Message from the RE Coordinator

Last month the kids had fun becoming familiar with the chalice as the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith. The picture below shows the children creating their own chalice out of clay. Teacher Lana took the chalices home and baked them in the oven so the kids will be able to keep their chalice for months to come.

We finished up our teddy bear series by teaching the children about caring for one another when we feel sick. Sometimes getting sick or having loved ones get sick can be a scary thing for preschoolers. We gently introduced the potentially scary subject of illness by having the kids make a bed for their teddy bears so they can comfort them when they get sick.

In our last teddy bear session, we taught the children that sharing with friends makes us less afraid. By using a third party – teddy bears – we helped the children talk in a nonthreatening way about how it feels to be lost or scared.



We played a fun memory game on September 18. Teacher Lana took photos of important things in and around the church such as Reverend Maddie, rose bushes from our memorial garden, and the RE chalice and then made a card game for all to play. The kids learned the significance behind the photos and quickly learned to match them up. Thank you Lana...the cards are just adorable!

4-ever learning,  
Ruth Ricards  
RE Coordinator

# Spiritual Growth Center

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH CENTER

We have named some of the activities we already do and those we hope to do in the future as the Spiritual Growth Center of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. This includes our adult religious education offerings and spiritual disciplines. It is an experiment at this point but will provide opportunities and programs to awaken and sustain love, compassion, service and personal transformation. Our goal is to help individuals discover how spiritual practice, learning, and community service can transform their lives and move the world toward peace and justice. Our programs are guided by the set of Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and the Six Sources they draw from. One of the Principles affirms our intention to accept one another and encourage each other's spiritual growth

## HINDSIGHT, HUMOR AND HOPE—HHH 2

Our HHH groups asking "Who, me, an elder?" are drawing to a close, with HHH 2's final session on Thursday, October 20 from Noon to 2:00 PM. Members are encouraged to complete their mandala and lifescape as well as attend the Five Wishes workshop which will be held on Sunday, October 23 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please bring your lunch, your journal and your art kit to our final meeting.

## MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place in our Parish Hall. Our meetings in October will be October 12 and 26 at 6:00 PM. 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 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](tel:805-525-4620) or email [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).



## FIVE WISHES

Rev. Maddie will offer a workshop on Sunday, October 23 from 1:00-3:00 PM on the document Five Wishes published by the organization Aging With Dignity. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall. Five Wishes is an advance directive combining a Living Will and assigning a Health Care Agent, which is user friendly, written in lay persons' terms. We will explore end of life issues and look at how to fill out the document, which will be available to each participant. The workshop is open to the larger community as well as members of the congregation. Everyone of all ages is encouraged to attend, since we are ALL aging and we never know what can happen in the blink of an eye. Having your

family know what your wishes are at the end of life or in an emergency is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. A \$2 donation to the church is asked to help defray the cost of materials. For more information, call Maddie Sifantus at 508-733-8860 (mobile), 805-525-4620 (office, minister's private line) or email [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).

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## SOARING HEARTS YOGA

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend yoga in our Parish Hall led by Lisa Hammond on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM. There is a \$6 fee. Lisa keeps an email list to which you can be added after attending your first session. She has been leading yoga for us for about a year and several of our members and Rev. Maddie attend. Lisa Hammond can be reached at [soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com).



## T'AI CHI CHIH

T'ai Chi Chih continues for four Wednesdays in October (5, 12, 19, and 26) with the first group continuing and a new beginner group beginning at 11:15 AM. Developed by Justin Stone in 1974, the T'ai Chi Chih form is a series of 19 movements and one pose dedicated to circulating and balancing the vital energy (Chi) that flows within us. All the movements are slow and gentle, making them accessible to anybody, regardless of age, weight or physical ability. Can even be performed while seated! T'ai Chi Chih-Joy thru Movement is a moving, meditative approach to increasing energy, reducing stress, improving balance and awareness, healing and growth. No special clothing or equipment. Not a martial art. No religious or cultural affiliations. The teacher, Pete Gregory, will be speaking about the practice of T'ai Chi Chih at the Blanchard Community Library on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 3-4 PM, if you are interested in a lecture about the topic.

For more information or to sign up, call Pete Gregory at 219-671-4636, email him at [psgreg24@gmail.com](mailto:psgreg24@gmail.com) or learn more about the practice from the website [www.taichichih.org](http://www.taichichih.org)

Present group continues at 10:00 AM

NEW GROUP for beginners from 11:15 PM-12:15 PM \$20 (minimum 6 students)

## MINDFUL EATING WORKSHOP

The current Mindful Eating Workshop is closed so the facilitator, Ruth Ricards, is creating a list of those that are interested in participating in the program when it is offered again. Please contact Ruth at [uucspre@gmail.com](mailto:uucspre@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending a class in the future and let her know what day of the week you would prefer the classes be offered as well as what time of day you prefer; morning, afternoon or evening. She will keep you posted. Namaste



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# People and Doings

## MEMBERSHIP

Please make an appointment with Rev. Maddie Sifantus if you are ready to sign the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula membership book and call this community your spiritual home. Rev. Maddie will be happy to talk to you about the path to membership and get to know you better.

## OCTOBER IS CANVASS MONTH!

From your Canvass Committee: Patricia English, Luisa Haskell and Ken Stock.

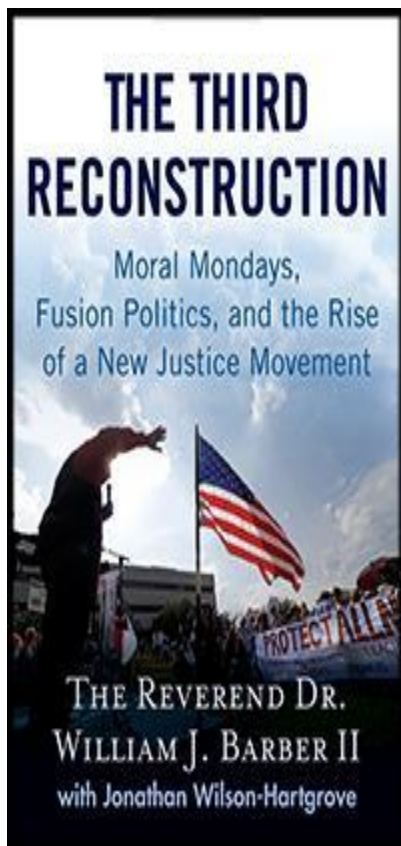
Save the date – Sunday October 16 for Canvass Kick Off Potluck. Your contributions and support are needed as our church community continues to flourish and grow. Think of what you are able to contribute to the life and well-being of our congregation. Please contact Pat English or Ken Stock if you have any questions or input.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the service, we will meet to vote on accepting the Reverend Dr. Betty Stapleford as the Affiliate Minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. As an Affiliate Minister, Betty will continue her ongoing work within Ventura County and bring back to our congregation information on activities of interest. Please join us on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and cast your vote.

## ALL CHURCH READ 2016 - 2017

The Common Read of the Unitarian Universalist Association this coming year is *"The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement"*, by The



Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove (Beacon, 2016). Unitarian Universalists were electrified at General Assembly 2016 by Rev. Barber's call for building and sustaining a movement for justice for all people. The Common Read selection committee believes that this is a moment for Unitarian Universalists to answer that call.

*The Third Reconstruction* offers helpful, practical guidance for engaging with justice movements born in response to local experiences of larger injustices. Drawing on the prophetic traditions of the Jewish and Christian scriptures, while making room for other sources of truth, the book challenges us to ground our justice work in moral dissent, even when there is no reasonable expectation of political success, and to do the hard work of coalition building in a society that is fractured and polarized.

We will have a discussion of the book in 2017 but you may like to purchase or borrow the book to begin reading now. A paperback edition is available for purchase at inSpirit: UU Book and Gift Shop, from Amazon or your favorite bookseller and there are two copies available to borrow in the Parish Hall.

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## NEWS FROM AMONG US OCTOBER 2016

-We are happy that Karen Harris signed the membership book and is now an official member of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula! She served coffee hour on September 18th and has become engaged as a member of our beloved community. Please welcome her when you see her!

-Rev. Maddie officiated in September at the wedding of former Massachusetts resident and member of our Duxbury congregation Emily Reed and Cael Kirkland at a walnut farm in Ojai.

-Many of us have very close relationships with those from the animal world. Audrey Vincent recently lost her twenty-year-old cat Gaia. Delicia Miami lost her beloved cat Blossom. Our hearts are saddened with them. All are welcome to include pictures or mementos of their pets no longer with us on the altar on the Day of the Dead.

-We have heard from Jason Johnson writing us from his new home in Vancouver, Washington. He is finding very different weather and enjoying the coming of autumn. He is giving up his membership now that he lives so far away. The office has his address should you wish to write to him. We will miss him!

-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 21st of every month.

## FIRST SUNDAY PLATE RECIPIENT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER

One Step a la Vez is an after school drop-in and resource center for teens. The mission of the OSALV program is to serve the communities of Santa Clara Valley by providing a safe environment for 13-19-year old's and preparing informed, empowered youth who are equipped with the tools to lead, cultivate cultural awareness, bridge the gaps of inequality and advocate for fair, just and healthy individuals and community. Our program has three main components:

-ONE STEP DROP IN CENTER - homework assistance, a computer lab, cultural field trips, college application assistance, career planning, mentoring and resource referrals for youth and their families.

-CIRCLE OF CARE - a collaborative of service providers to offer programs at our center such as a weekly Spanish Speaking Domestic Violence Support Group, Mental Health First Aid Classes, Stress & Wellness classes and more. -

-JUVENILE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE we work with youth in custody to set goals and attain them when they are released.

## 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.

## CRUISE NIGHT

The last Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2016 is Friday, October 7th. Rev. Maddie will be at a table in front of the church as usual greeting passersby, talking about our congregation and having literature available. Ken Stock is not able to be there this time so Rev. Maddie needs volunteers from the congregation to give tours of our historic building and allow folks to ring the bell! We usually are there from about 5 PM until sundown. Come by and say hello...or come by sit a spell at the table. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you can help with set up and tear down as well as giving helping her host visitors to our building and answers inquiries about our free faith.

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

Friday, October 28th Social Concerns Action Committee presents: Ethos, A Time for Change, hosted by Woody Harrelson and directed by Pete McGrain. Ethos lifts the lid on a Pandora's Box of systemic issues that guarantee failure, from the environment to our democracy, our personal liberty, unregulated corporate power, to a military industrial complex with unprecedented influence on our government. After an analysis with interviews from some of today's leading thinkers, Ethos shows how to make meaningful and sustainable changes. Trailer: <http://www.ethosdocumentary.com>. Potluck: 5:45 pm Movie: 7:00 pm.

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## GhostWalk 2016

Santa Paula's original GhostWalk returns for its 22<sup>nd</sup> year this October with an entirely new cast of characters and stories from the Great Beyond. This year's tale takes you back to 1912, when Santa Paula's original moviemaker, Gaston Méliès was creating silent films at his home and studio on Main Street, where Ebell Park is today. Our journey into the past begins at the Santa Paula Theater Center and continues at the Universalist Unitarian Church for the really big scene! GhostWalk opens on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> and continues for three weekends, with Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances. This is a GhostWalk, more than ever, not to be missed!

For more information and reservations, visit [ghostwalk.com](http://ghostwalk.com).

Photo: Allan Noel as Gaston Méliès, /credit: John Nichols

## UUCSP CHOIR

Calling all Singers. Our choir will be singing during the Day of the Dead Service on Sunday, October 30, singing an anthem "For Everything There is a Season". We will be rehearsing with Vincent on Thursday, October 27 at 7 PM and at 9:30 AM before the service on the Sunday. If we have time we will also get a start on a John Rutter anthem, "All Things Bright and Beautiful" for November. Singers from the community are welcome to join us.

## DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR

Building a Dia de los Muertos altar is an important part of celebrating Mexico's most famous holiday, Day of the Dead. Traditionally, families will build altars in their homes during the weeks leading up to November 1st, as a way to celebrate and remember loved ones who have passed to the other side. Many Unitarian Universalist congregations build Day of the Dead altars as we will be doing for our service on Sunday, October 30, as a way of honoring Mexican traditions and encouraging cross-cultural understanding, especially noting the community in which we live. Please bring something to put on the altar when you come to church on Sunday or on Saturday morning, October 29th around 10 AM when several of us will be building our altar in the Sanctuary.



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## LA MURAL TOUR

Sign Up Now for Fabulous LA Murals Trip Sat. Oct. 15, 7:00 - 5:00 pm. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at UU Church. We will drive by van to Pasadena where we will park near the Memorial Park Gold Line area and begin our tour to see John Valadez' art piece. Take the Gold line to Lincoln Park Stop and discuss art piece statue "La Sangera". We will then meet muralist David Botello, and continue our train tour to East LA College library where David will discuss his and Wayne Healing's Mural and continue our journey through East LA. We will break and have our lunch at Home Girl Cafe and continue our tour through the city concluding with a stop at an artist's home/studio for a dessert break. \$65. includes all transportation, tours, guides, lunch and afternoon dessert. See flyer in parish hall. Check payable to Vanessa Acosta; give to Audrey Vincent or Margaret Wilson

## SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Action Committee will meet Friday Oct 21 at noon. We welcome guest The Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford to join us for this meeting. Brown bag lunch.

## THE MARY A'S

NOTE DATE CHANGE! The Mary A. Livermore Society will hold its first Saturday quarterly meeting Oct. 22, 11:30 am, at Café 126. Women of the church who cannot meet monthly on the fourth Thursday -- this meeting is scheduled for you, so you can join us four times a year. We would like your support, membership, and your company!

Program: Bring your voter's guide to the 2016 ballot propositions! We will provide guidance though the myriad of propositions you will be voting on this fall.

## COME TO PINECON – THE GAME CONVENTION IN THE MOUNTAINS!

Love games? Love good company? Want to enjoy a weekend away in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains? PineCon – The game convention in the woods is for you! Come join fellow Unitarian-Universalist gamers at Camp De Benneville Pines the weekend of October 21 – 23. We'll have table top games of all kinds and role playing games for every player. Pricing ranges \$85 - \$155 and includes all meals for the weekend, 5 organized game slots, lodging in shared bunkrooms, Archery, Hot Tub and Canoes. Sign up now and bring your favorite Board Games, Role Playing Games and Card Games! For more info, check us out on Facebook

at: [www.facebook.com/Pineconconvention/](http://www.facebook.com/Pineconconvention/)

Or Online: <https://pineconsite.wordpress.com>

Or Drop us a line at: [pinecon.reg@gmail.com](mailto:pinecon.reg@gmail.com)



## LET'S CREATE A NEW UUCSP BANNER TOGETHER!

Attention members and friends of the church. We are in the process of creating a new church banner that will be used at future UU events such as the general and district assemblies. If you are interested in participating with ideas for the design and/or construction of the banner, please contact Ruth Ricards at [uucspre@gmail.com](mailto:uucspre@gmail.com)

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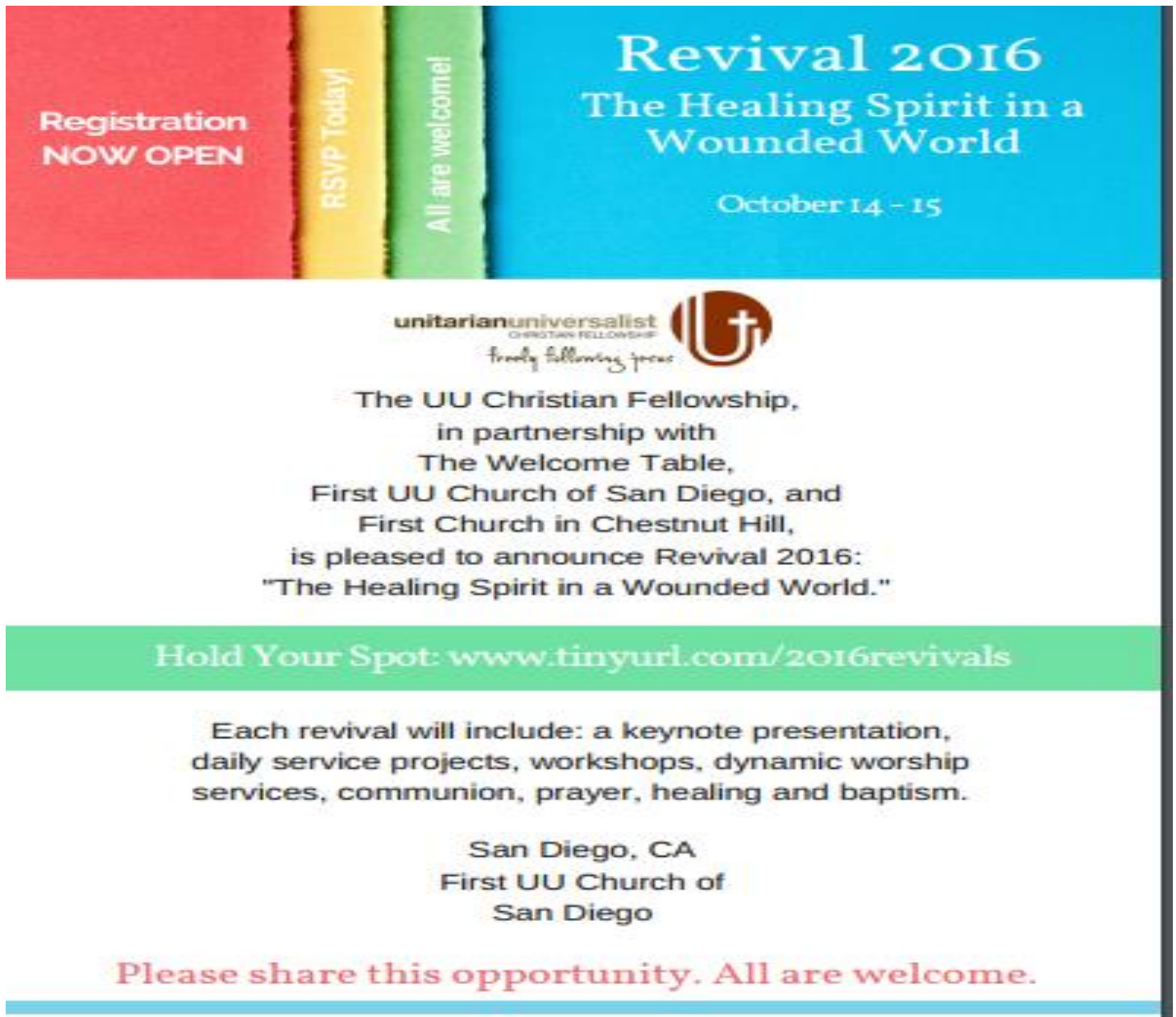
# WINTER SOLSTICE SINGERS AND ACTORS!



Rev. Maddie Sifantus and Santa Paula music educator Donna Nelson are collaborating to produce a Winter Solstice Celebration for the community which will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall of the church which is located at 740 East Main Street, in Santa Paula. The centerpiece of the Celebration will be an adaption of the play “The Jester’s Test” by Paul Brandvik along with Madrigals, Carols, Fanfares and general hilarity to bring mirth to the shortest day of the year. We need child singers, musicians, dancers, and folks to help with props and costumes. ADULT REHEARSALS WILL BE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15 PM. Children’s choir rehearsals will likely be Saturday mornings.

*For more information, call Rev. Maddie at 805-525-4620 or [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org) or Donna Nelson at 805-933-1446 or [msdonnalou@gmail.com](mailto:msdonnalou@gmail.com).*

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**Registration  
NOW OPEN**

**RSVP Today!**


**All are welcome!**

## Revival 2016

### The Healing Spirit in a Wounded World

October 14 - 15

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
*freely following jesus*



The UU Christian Fellowship,  
in partnership with  
The Welcome Table,  
First UU Church of San Diego, and  
First Church in Chestnut Hill,  
is pleased to announce Revival 2016:  
"The Healing Spirit in a Wounded World."

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Each revival will include: a keynote presentation,  
daily service projects, workshops, dynamic worship  
services, communion, prayer, healing and baptism.

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San Diego

**Please share this opportunity. All are welcome.**

## Women's Convocation—Save The Dates!

Are You Ready to Take a Stand on Issues that Concern Women Like You? Good news: the early bird rate for the Third International Women's Convocation (February 16-19, 2017, Monterey Peninsula, CA) has been extended one last time. You can still save \$100 on registration – but only through September 30th! The Convocation will bring together U\*U women from around the world to connect, share, celebrate, and empower in the beautiful, inspirational setting of Asilomar, “a refuge by the sea.” An additional \$50 discount is available for UU ministers. Young adults aged 18-40 can register at a special rate of \$490, covering accommodation and all meals in addition to the reduced registration fee. Are you interested in offering a workshop at the Convocation? If so, please submit a proposal. Visit [IntlWomensConvo.org](http://IntlWomensConvo.org) for all details.

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<b>REV. MADDIE'S OFFICE HOURS</b>	Rev. Maddie is usually available in the office by appointment or pot luck drop in from Tuesday through Friday. Monday is her 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 <a href="mailto:msifantus@uuma.org">msifantus@uuma.org</a> . 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.
<b>FIRST SUNDAY PLATE</b> Sunday, October 2	Our fourth quarter First Sunday plate offerings will benefit One Step a la Vez. For more information, see article in this newsletter.
<b>CRUISE NIGHT</b> Friday, October 7, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	The last Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2016 is Friday, October 7th. Rev. Maddie will be at a table in front of the church as usual greeting passersby, talking about our congregation and having literature available. Ken Stock is not able to be there this time so Rev. Maddie needs volunteers from the congregation to give tours of our historic building and allow folks to ring the bell! We usually are there from about 5 PM until sundown. Come by and say hello...or come by sit a spell at the table. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you can help with set up and tear down as well as giving helping her host visitors to our building and answers inquiries about our free faith.
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<b>CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT</b>	Due to GhostWalk activities at our church, we will not have classic Movie Night in October. Stay tuned for our November selection.
<b>LOS ANGELES MURALS</b> Saturday, October 15, 2016	Join the Social Concerns Action Committee and our friend Vanessa Acosta for a tour of Los Angeles Murals, Artists' Studios, taste eclectic cultural foods on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Cost: \$65 pp, includes roundtrip transportation, lunch and snacks. For more information, please contact, Vanessa Acosta, Founding Director of Cultural Arts Tours & Workshops Promoting Peace, Culture & Education at 805.616.8272 (Cell) or talk to Audrey Vincent and Margaret Wilson from the committee.
<b>KICK OFF POTLUCK FOR CANVASS</b> Sunday October 16 12:00pm	From your Canvass Committee: Patricia English, Luisa Haskell and Ken Stock. Your contributions and support are needed as our church community continues to flourish and grow. Think of what you are able to contribute to the life and well-being of our congregation. Please contact Pat English or Ken Stock if you have any questions or input.

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CARING COMMITTEE Wednesday-October 19, 2:00 pm	Committee will meet in Minister's office.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Thursday October 20, 6:30 pm	All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Contact Board President MaryBeth East at 805-341-8809 if you have any questions.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Friday, October 21	Please submit your October newsletter items to Krystal at <a href="mailto:uucspoffice@gmail.com">uucspoffice@gmail.com</a> by October <u>21</u> .
SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING Friday October 21, 12:00 pm	Social Concerns Action Committee will meet in the Parish Hall. Brown bag lunch.
MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY Saturday, October 22 11:30 am	<i>NOTE DATE CHANGE!</i> The Mary A. Livermore Society will hold its first Saturday quarterly meeting Oct. 22, 11:30 am, at Café 126. Women of the church who cannot meet monthly on the fourth Thursday -- this meeting is scheduled for you, so you can join us four times a year. We would like your support, membership, and your company! Program: Bring your voter's guide to the 2016 ballot propositions! We will provide guidance though the myriad of propositions you will be voting on this fall.
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday October 23 12:00pm	On Sunday October 23rd, immediately following the service, we will meet to vote on accepting the Reverend Betty Stapleford as the Affiliate Minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. As an Affiliate Minister, Betty will continue her ongoing work within Ventura County and bring back to our congregation information on activities of interest. Please join us on October 23rd to discuss and cast your vote.
FIVE WISHES WORKSHOP Sunday October 23 1:00 pm	There will be a special 2-hour workshop about the Five Wishes end-of-life planning document on Sunday, October 23 from 1 to 3 PM open to those who attended either Hindsight, Humor and Hope group, and anyone interested going into greater depth on this document including members of the larger community. For more information, contact Rev. Maddie at her private church line 805-525-4620 or email her at <a href="mailto:msifantus@uuma.org">msifantus@uuma.org</a> .
RE COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday October 27, 4 pm	Committee will meet in the RE classroom.
UUC SANTA PAULA CHOIR October 27, 7:00pm October 30, 9:30am	Our choir will be singing during the Day of the Dead Service on Sunday, October 30, singing an anthem "For Everything There is a Season". We will be rehearsing with Vincent on Thursday, October 27 at 7 PM and at 9:30 AM before the service on the Sunday. If we have time we will also get a start on a John Rutter anthem, "All Things Bright and Beautiful" for November. Singers from the community are welcome to join us.
DINNER AND A MOVIE Friday, October 28 Potluck: 5:45 pm Movie: 7:00 pm	Social Concerns Action Committee presents: Ethos, A Time for Change, hosted by Woody Harrelson and directed by Pete McGrain. Ethos lifts the lid on a Pandora's Box of systemic issues that guarantee failure, from the environment to our democracy, our personal liberty, unregulated corporate power, to a military industrial complex with unprecedented influence on our government. After an analysis with interviews from some of today's leading thinkers, Ethos shows how to make meaningful and sustainable changes. Trailer: <a href="http://www.ethosdocumentary.com/">http://www.ethosdocumentary.com/</a>
WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday October 16, 12:00 pm	Committee will meet in Minister's office.
CASP Sunday October 30	The children will collect the non-perishable food items for CASP during the service. Please bring your food items with you into the sanctuary for collection.

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