



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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## FEBRUARY 2018 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



**Theme: Love**

### **February 4 Groundhog Day**

**Rev. Dr. Audrey Vincent, Pat English**

It's time for our annual eco-theological exploration of our relationship and responsibilities as human beings to Earth.

*First Sunday Plate to Wheeler Canyon farmworkers through LULAC & Latino Town Hall*

### **February 11 Sharing Love: The Promise and the Practice**

**Rev. Maddie, CJ Starling**

We are in the midst of Thirty Days of Love sponsored by the Side With Love campaign of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The service this Sunday reflects on the themes of the campaign through words, music, story and a sermon. The initiative calls us to listening campaigns, community connection, theological reflection, collective sharing, community education and direct action. Our choir sings.

### **\*Tuesday, February 13 Gathering**

**Rev. Maddie, Geno Palilla, Atul Ranchod**

Rev. Maddie leads a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word on a theme. Geno Palilla, piano, and Maddie Sifantus, soprano, will present out music of J. S. Bach.

### **February 18 Side With Love**

**Rev. Maddie, Mary Nelson**

What would it be like if our UU worship service centered entirely around the voices and the experiences of black Unitarian Universalists? What truths might we hear, however difficult? What might we learn? How might these black UU leaders teach us to be better allies, better siblings in faith, and even better citizens in our community?

### **February 25 Speak With Our Lives**

**Rev. Maddie, Allan Noel**

Do you have a book that has informed your life? A long-time favorite of Rev. Maddie's is Parker Palmer's "Let Your Life Speak: Listening to the Voice of Vocation." Is how we live our life congruent with our deepest sense of self and meaning?

*CASP food offering*



**SIDE WITH  
LOVE**

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## Message from the Minister

Our theme for the month of February this year is Love. Erich Fromm, the social psychologist who wrote the famous book, “The Art of Loving” contrasts infantile love with mature love. “Infantile love follows the principle: ‘I love because I am loved.’ Mature love: ‘I am loved because I love.’ Immature love says: ‘I love you because I need you.’ Mature love says: ‘I need you because I love you.’”

Roberto Vargas, the speaker at the recent Santa Paula Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., paraphrased King’s thinking about love: Dr. King spoke of the 3 forms of love, *eros*, the romantic love, *philia*, the love within friendship, and *agape*, the profound love for each other as members of our human community. In the indigenous tradition, there is also *porvida* love, which includes all others and the love for Mother Earth and justice for all. I would add from the Christian tradition the importance of loving your neighbor as yourself...which presupposes loving yourself! We love our selves by being conscious what food and drink we consume, how we take care of our bodies, attending to our spiritual lives, balancing our work and home lives and more. One way we love ourselves is planning for the unforeseen—whether it is being prepared for emergencies like the recent fire or an earthquake, an unexpected medical emergency, or an accident. One of the roles that faith communities play is being there for its members and friends at those unexpected times. Our Caring Committee addresses some of these situations and can do more. We are hoping to become more able to coordinate rides to church for those who need them on Sunday mornings or other events. We know there will be time when a member needs shopping done for them or the time honored “casserole brigade.” Please let me know if you are interested in loving our community in that way.

Another way of loving ourselves is letting our church community know how to reach our closest friend or family member in the case of an emergency or with instructions I can use at the end of life. Please fill out the form in this newsletter or get one from the table in the Parish Hall. If you only want to fill out the emergency contact at this time, that is fine. All filled out forms are confidential and kept in my locked files. Come let us love one another—and ourselves.

On the path of our faith,

Rev. Maddie

# Message from the Minister

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

This form is for the confidential use of the Minister of this Church. Please complete all information that you would like to have on file. You may make an appointment with the minister if you would like to have assistance with completion of this form, or to facilitate a family discussion regarding decisions.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSEST RELATIVE/FRIEND (and address if it is different):

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE RELATIVES NOT LIVING AT HOME (in priority of notification)

(1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(3) NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR HEALTH CARE:

AGENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION of other person(s) who have keys to your home

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have made a Will or a Trust please provide its location, and Executor contact information.

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In the case of death of both parents please provide contact information if you have designated a Guardian for your minor/special needs children:

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If you belong to a designated Memorial Society (such as Neptune Society) or funeral home, please provide name and address information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you completed the FIVE WISHES document? If so, where is it filed?

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Do you prefer a funeral service at death or a memorial service later? Do you have special music, poetry or writings you wish to be included? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list here the name of individual(s) who you will provide a copy of this form and their address and phone information if they were not already listed above.

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Please feel free to provide and additional information. You are urged to update this form when it is appropriate. In that regard, a review on your birthday could serve as a reminder to validate/update the information. Having this information on file will enable the minister to serve you and your family in the event of a death or other crisis.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Message from the Board of Trustees

## Board Notes

**It's always fun and educational when church members from one of the church's** many committees attend a board meeting and fill us in on their project. Last month Audrey Vincent was there to fill us in on the plans for the Martin Luther King event. That event got lots of compliments from members of the community who spoke to me about it. At the December board meeting we heard details about the activities of the Marjorie Newlin Leading Capital Fund. Investments are doing well and providing a large addition to our operating budget each quarter. Donna Hamer and Laura Phillips are making plans to celebrate not only Groundhog Day but generous giving through estate planning.

**At the beginning of each meeting we "check in" and tell our fellow board members what is** going on in our personal life. It is beneficial to talk about personal events and challenges and also beneficial to listen to the other members. We light a single candle at the beginning and extinguish it at the end. **I'm struck by how similar a board meeting is to a** Sunday morning church service. We come in as one person, we interact with people and process ideas and at the end we leave as a different person.

Yours, etc.

*John Nichols*

## Message to the Congregation

It has been my pleasure to be the board president since December 2014. As I leave the board this year, I want to say thank you to Luisa Haskell, Pat English, Kate English, John Nichols, Ken Stock and Barbara Beach. It was a good serving with you and appreciate your input guidance and lively discussions.

A new Board will form in February with new ideas, new vibrancy and new energy. Stay tuned!

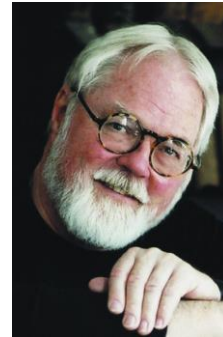
Together we live our vision.

MaryBeth East  
January 2018

# Message from the RE Coordinator

## Kids' Place

DON'T WORRY THAT CHILDREN  
NEVER LISTEN TO YOU;  
WORRY THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS  
WATCHING YOU.”  
— ROBERT FULGHUM



## Famous UUs in History



Abigail Adams was the first Second Lady and the second First Lady of the United States. She was also the first First Lady to be the mother of a President. But aside from that tongue-twister of a historical description, she was also a fierce advocate for abolition and women's rights. In letters to her husband during the Continental Congress, she advocated strongly for her beliefs in women's property rights, as well as her view that slavery was the biggest risk to the new republic; it took decades for her views to become the laws of the land.

As a member of First Parish Church in Quincy, MA, she was essentially a life-long Unitarian, as the church had renounced Trinitarian views in 1753. In a letter to her daughter-in-law, Louisa Adams, that shows much in common with what many modern UUs believe, she wrote the following:

When will Mankind be convinced that true Religion is from the Heart, between Man and his creator, and not the imposition of Man or creeds and tests?

## Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“Change is the end result of all true learning.”

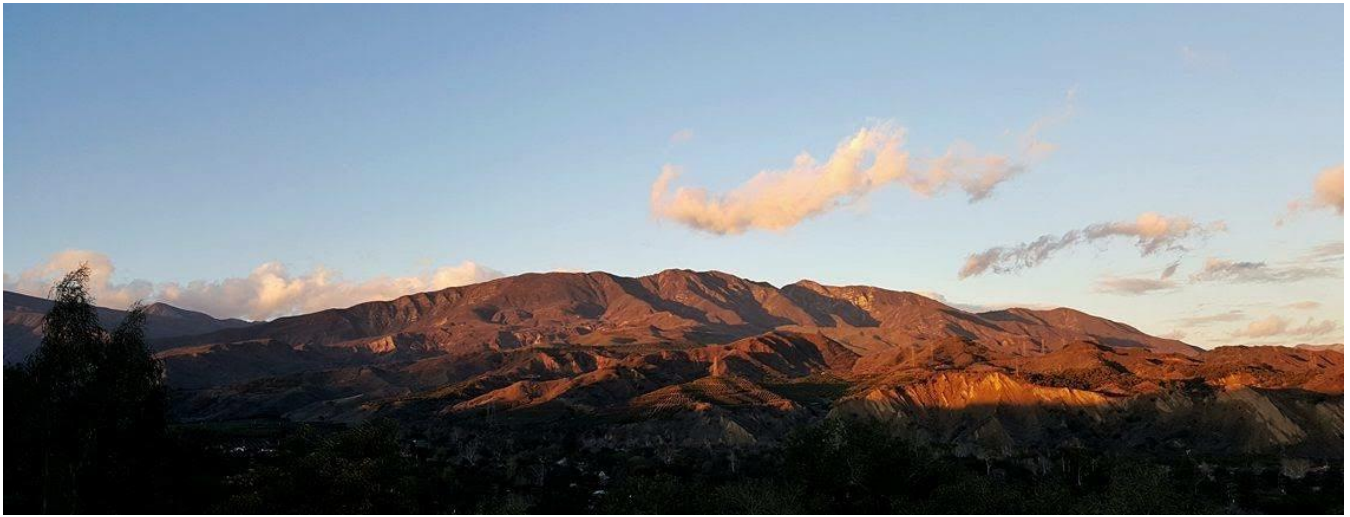
— Leo Buscaglia

February's theme is Love, and we will be talking about the stories from Time For All Ages during class. As always, the children will be creating wonderful works of art and playing in the Rainbow Room.

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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.

## **FEBRUARY 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

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

Led by Rev. Maddie Sifantus with poems by Atul Ranchod and others

with musician Geno Palilla, piano and Maddie Sifantus, soprano

Songs and instrumental music from J. S. Bach

Free will offering for the musician

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### **DROP IN SMALL GROUP**

Come join Rev. Maddie for a Drop-In Small Group in her office on occasional Sundays after coffee hour in her office. The next one will be Sunday, February 11 at about Noon PM, for about an hour. The theme this time is “Love”, which is our theme for the month of February. Join together as we hear one another’s thoughts, stories and experiences, and get to know a few others better. No need to sign up, just show up!

### **MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP**

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place in our Parish Hall and is led by Maddie Sifantus. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM. In February we will be meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. In March we will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>. Enter through the front gate to the left of the main entrance and come in the side door. 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).

# Spiritual Growth Center

## SINGING MEDITATION

On Wednesday, *February 28 at 7:00 PM* the Reverend Maddie will lead an hour of Singing Meditation in the Parish Hall. Singing Meditation is a contemplative hour which combines song/chant with short periods of silence. This is not about performance for an audience but rather the blending of voices in simple song and chant interspersed with silence. Songs will be eclectic and come from a number of spiritual paths including Unitarian Universalist, Taize, earth based, and world sources. Join in this spiritual practice which is suitable for beginners as well as experienced singers and/or meditators. This group is open to all. For more information, call or email Rev. Maddie.

## SOARING HEARTS YOGA



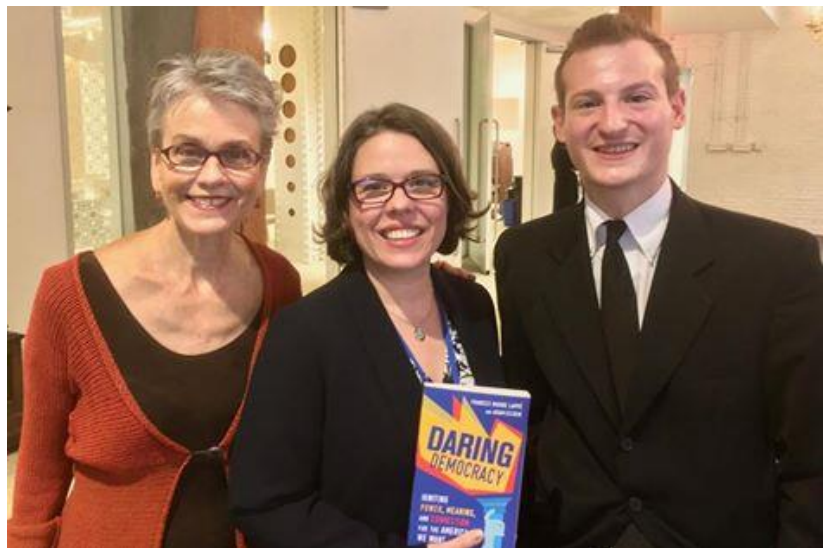
Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend yoga in our Parish Hall on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:30 am – 10:30 am. with Yoga instructor, Lisa Hammond. Class fee is \$6 - \$8 per session. Lisa keeps an email list to which you can be added after attending your first session. She has been leading yoga for us for about two years 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 On Friday mornings we continue to offer T'ai Chi Chih, - Joy thru Movement, with Instructor Pete Gregory. Our group of T'ai Chi Chih (TCC) practitioners is looking to grow in 2018, with two new Beginner Courses to be offered in February. Cost is \$40 for 8 weeks. Dates: Fridays, 11:15 a.m., 2/9-3/30; Mondays, 6:30 p.m. 2/12-4/2. 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).

## ALL CHURCH READ: DARING DEMOCRACY

Our first All Church Read of 2018 will be *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want*. The authors Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen are shown in this photo with the president of the UUA, the Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray after a book signing in which they shared some of the stories and messages of their book including: "In this moment of extreme threat, we come to see that



the opposite of evil is no longer goodness. It is courage. Goodness without action isn't good enough." We will meet after Coffee Hour (or about 12:15 PM) on Sunday, February 25th in Rev. Maddie's Office.

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# People and Doings

## NEWS FROM AMONG US

- Doris Vernon was hospitalized recently with declining health and is now back at her facility and has entered Hospice. Judith Beay is coordinating visits.
- Jan Shepherd was hospitalized with issues exacerbated by the Thomas Fire and is now taking care of herself at home.
- We are sorry that Audrey Vincent was unable to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. event that she was instrumental in creating due to a nasty bug. We are glad she is on the mend.
- We would like to remind you that we like to wish our friends and members happy birthday when it is their birthday month. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall or you could let our administrator Krystal Johnson know so that we can add you to the list. Now that we are having Zodiac Sundays once month at coffee hour, it is one more reason to join the fun.
- 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.

## REV. MADDIE'S OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Maddie is usually available in the office by appointment or pot luck drop in from Tuesday through Friday. Rev. Maddie's office is located in the "addition" across from the rest rooms at the back of our building. 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](tel:805-525-4620), call her on her cell phone, [508-733-8860](tel: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.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

The Social Concerns Action Committee has chosen the 11 Limoneira farmworker families who lost their homes in Wheeler Canyon during the Thomas Fire. We are partnering with LULAC (League of United Latino American Citizens) and Santa Paula Latino Town Hall, to help collect furniture and cash for these families.

## LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

The Last Sunday of each month we collect canned goods, rice and beans and other non-perishable food for CASP: Community Assistance Santa Paula. CASP, a non-profit organization, provides a Food Pantry to serve the disadvantaged of Santa Paula. Being a community charity, CASP's Food Pantry program is largely dependent on the generosity of its citizens.

## CHOIR

All are welcome to join our choir, including our young singers who are able to read music. We will be singing once a month in 2018, taking a break in July and August. Rehearsals will be directed by Rev. Maddie and accompanied by Vincent Sorisio. All choir rehearsals will cover the music for that Sunday and will include learning music for future monthly Sunday mornings. Individual or small group rehearsals with Rev. Maddie can be arranged. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions. All invited to sing!

February 8	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
February 11	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service
		<i>The Gift of Love</i>
March 8	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
March 11	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service
	We are One	Brian Tate

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## CARING COMMITTEE

Do you want to learn how to be a better listener? The Carin Committee is currently involved Lay Ministry Training at their monthly meetings to better serve our members and supplement the ministry of Rev. Maddie, our professional pastoral care provider. This training facilitated by Rev. Maddie takes place at the regular monthly meetings of the committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 15. Meetings are at 12:15 PM and last about an hour and a half. Let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in joining with the Caring Committee members Barbara Beach, Karen Harris, Penny McManus, Delicia Niami, Sharon Kufeldt, and Jan Shepherd. We have room for a couple more members; let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested.

## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

- **MEETING** Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 pm Social Concerns Action Committee meets. Come join the Social Concerns Action Committee plan upcoming movies and events that help benefit the community beyond our church doors.
- **DINNER AND A MOVIE** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27. POTLUCK 5:30 PM MOVIE: 6:30 PM  
The multiple Emmy award winning film, *Sonic Sea* (2017) will be shown Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 PM, at the Universalist Unitarian Church, [740 East Main St, Santa Paula](#). *Sonic Sea*, co-produced by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, shows the ocean as a sonic symphony. Sound is essential to the survival and prosperity of marine life. However man-made ocean noise is threatening this fragile world for whales, porpoises and other ocean life. *Sonic Sea* is about protecting life in our waters from the destructive effects of ocean noise pollution. Q & A discussion afterward. Event is sponsored by the Social Concerns Action Committee of the Universalist Unitarian Church. Free event. Donations accepted.
- **EXPAND YOUR MIND DISCUSSION** February, 18 2018, 6:30 P.M.  
The Conejo Valley School District voted on banding Sherman Alexie's book, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Get your copy, read it and we will discuss it. We will meet at Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford's home. RSVP Betty.

## THE MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet Thursday, February 22, 11:30, at Café Flight 126. Margaret Wilson will tell her process of getting in touch with her dark side in order to write a play about homelessness. She says she “wants to write a play that will grab people in their gut.”

## NEW UU: ENGAGING OUR TRADITION

Save the date for an hour and a half workshop for New UUs who have signed the membership book, those who are thinking about doing so and any who are interested in knowing more about Unitarian Universalism and our Universalist Unitarian congregation. We will meet from Noon to 1:30 pm after coffee hour on Sunday, March 4th. Please contact Rev. Maddie for more information.

## CEMETERY PLOT AVAILABLE

Please consider making Pierce Brothers Santa Paula Cemetery your final resting place with the purchase of cemetery interment rights to Section R, Lot 121. This plot was donated to UUCSP by Rebecca Malm, a former member who moved to Ashland, Oregon. Your purchase of this plot will benefit the Marjorie Newlin Leaming Capital Fund, an endowment fund which provides distributions to the Church's Operating Fund. Sales price is approximately \$4,500, with a discount offered if purchased by a church member. If interested, please contact Mary Beth East or Donna Hamer.

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SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

## HEART OF A DOG

Life, death, family, 9/11, philosophy, poetry, paranoia, technology, dreams, and a beloved pet, among other seemingly random subjects are hooked together in this unique meditation of a film created by performance artist Laurie Anderson. Alternately puzzling, disturbing, ironic, moving, and funny, it builds on Anderson's kitchen sink of striking visual and auditory images, including original artwork and musical scoring, home movies, abstract camera work, and her detached, almost whimsical narrative storytelling style. The result is a deeply personal work of filmmaking that defies easy categorization, if any categorization at all. Make of it what you will, but once seen, this film won't soon be forgotten. (2015, 1:15)

FEBRUARY 9, 2018

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7PM • FREE! • ENTER SIDE DOOR



**“Zodiac Zunday”** Once a month during coffee hour we will be honoring those who celebrate the astrological sign of that month. As we know, astrology is a pseudo-science often linked to superstition. We are hoping for this to be a fun time to connect with others while enjoying some delicious food.

**“ZODIAC ZUNDAY”:** On February 11 we will be honoring *Aquarius*

(January 20 - February 18).

Sign Characteristics: Aquarius-born are shy and quiet, but on the other hand they can be eccentric and energetic. However, in both cases, they are deep thinkers and highly intellectual people who love helping others. They are able to see without prejudice, on both sides, which makes them people who can easily solve problems. Although they can easily adapt to the energy that surrounds them, Aquarius-born have a deep need to be some time alone and away from everything, in order to restore power. People born under the Aquarius sign, look at the world as a place full of possibilities. The biggest problem for Aquarius-born is the feeling that they are limited or constrained. Because of the desire for freedom and equality for all, they will always strive to ensure freedom of speech and movement.



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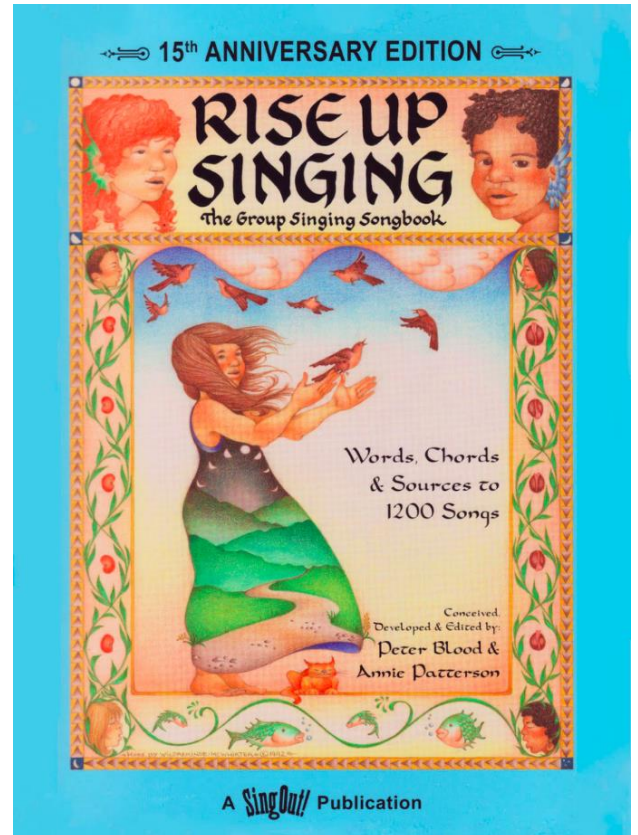
## RISE UP SINGING!

Rise Up Singing is a success with more than 30 people joining in the fun in January. Our Rise Up Singing group is named from the title of the book *Rise Up Singing*. Pete Seeger once said, "The older I get, the more I am convinced that if there's a human race still here in a hundred years, one of the main reasons will be that we found ways we can sing together." Come help save the world—or just have fun—at our next meeting of Rise Up Singing in our Parish Hall on Friday, February 16 at 7 PM. What is your favorite love song? Instruments and all ages invited. Bring your *Rise Up Singing* book if you have it; copies will be available to buy for \$15 or borrow.

Yours in song,  
Rev. Maddie and Donna Nelson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16  
7:00 PM

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL 740 E MAIN STREET



## SINGING MEDITATION FEBRUARY 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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Free will offering

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# ***SONIC SEA***



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**MOVIE: 6:30 PM**

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Q & A discussion afterward.

Free event. Donations accepted.

Event sponsored by:

**Social Concerns Action Committee**  
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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES  
PRESENTS  
*Romantic Piano Music*



*Performed By*  
***Daniel Newman-Lessler***

Join Us for an Evening of Romantic Piano Music  
in Celebration of Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

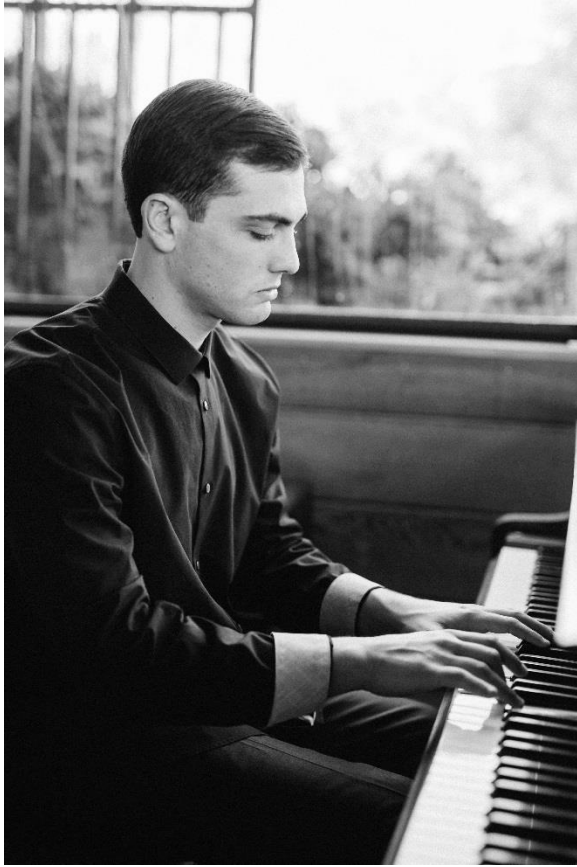
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Donation \$20.00 Children 12 & Under \$10.00  
Free for Children 5 and Under

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# People and Doings



## Santa Paula Concert Series Presents Pianist Daniel Newman-Lessler

Our next concert in our series presents Daniel Newman-Lessler in a program of Romantic Piano Music for Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 17 at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$20 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 \$10; children 5 and under are free. Seating is first come, first served. Proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund. For more information about the concert or to volunteer to help with the event, call Rev. Maddie 805-525-4620. Save the date for the return of Singer-Songwriters Chris and Lorin Rowan for Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.

Daniel Newman-Lessler is the conductor of the Kadima Senior and Conservatory Philharmonics, assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Zimriyah Chorale, assistant conductor of the California State University Channel Islands University Choir, music director of the Pleasant Valley School District Chorus, and music director of the Temple Ner Ami Choir. He recently served as the assistant conductor for the Santa Barbara Symphony's 2017-

18 season opening concerto: *Mozart in Dance*, and until recently, was the pianist for the Singer Chamber Players.

Daniel received a Master of Music in Sacred Music from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, where he also graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's in Music in Piano Performance with emphases in composition and conducting. While at Thornton, Daniel received a Board of Councilors Mentorship, Discovery Scholarship, Town and Gown Scholarship, and Skull and Dagger Society Scholarship.

In addition to his studies at USC, Daniel has studied conducting, composition, and piano at the: Idyllwild Arts Academy; International Summer Academy of Music in Ochsenhausen, Germany; Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Sopron, Hungary; Oregon Bach Festival with Helmuth Rilling; Los Angeles Conductors Workshop with Kenneth Kiesler; and the Conductors Retreat at Medomak in Maine, also with Kenneth Kiesler.

Daniel has sung in live and recorded performances with Andrea Bocelli, Natalie Cole, Jennifer Hudson, Mary J. Blige, and David Foster at the Nokia Theatre, Capitol Records, and Paramount Pictures.

As a pianist, Daniel has won the SYMF and MTAC concerto competitions, repeatedly performed as a soloist with the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic and performed chamber music throughout Southern California with the Singer Chamber players. He has performed piano on the sixth season of *Glee* and as a panelist for MTAC. He regularly performs benefit concerts, which have included fundraisers for the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo, Planned Parenthood, and the Channel Islands Choral Association to provide after-school choral music education. He has served as the Music Director of the Harmony for Humanity Daniel Pearl World Music Days Festival in Camarillo for ten years.

His new work for choir, *Emunah*, will be by the Torrance Civic Chorale, and his award-winning choral arrangement of *Jerusalem of Gold* was performed by the Los Angeles Zimriyah Chorale and by the USC Thornton University Chorus. Daniel will be touring as the Assistant Conductor of the Los Angeles Zimriyah Chorale in Canada this coming summer.

# Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 930 Yoga	2 10:00am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih	3 2pmOne Billion Rising
4 1030am Worship- Groundhog CapitalFund coffeefhour 1 <sup>st</sup> SundayPlate	5 630pm T'aiChiChih	6 930 Yoga	7 6pm Meditation	8 930 Yoga 7pm ChoirReh	9 10:00am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 1130amSP Ministerial 7pmClassic MovieNight	10
11 930amChoirReh 1030amWorship ZodiacZunday 1215pmDropIn Small Group	12 630pm T'aiChiChih	13 930 Yoga 7PM Gathering	14 630pmSocial ConcernsMtg	15 930 Yoga 1215pmCaring CommMtg 630pmBoard Mtg	16 10:00am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 7pmRiseUp Singing	17 7pm SPConcert Series Daniel Newman- Lessler
18 1030amWorship 1215pmWorship CommMtg 630pm Expand YourMind	19 630pm T'aiChiChih	20 930 Yoga 530pm& 630pm SCAC Dinner& aMovie	21 Newsletter Deadline 6pm Meditation	22 930 Yoga 1130am MaryA's	23 10:00am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih	24
25 1030amWorship 1215pmAll ChurchRead CASP	26 630pm T'aiChiChih	27 930 Yoga	28 7pmSinging Meditation			

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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**  
**2-4 p.m.**

**Santa Paula says, "NO MORE VIOLENCE!"**  
**Dance • Learn • Heal**

**Free Event!**  **5th Annual**

**ONE BILLION RISING!  
SOLIDARITY**

**What does ONE BILLION look like?**  
We are calling on our community to harness their power and imagination to rise to revolutionize how women and girls are treated and join people around the world (170 countries and growing) in making the world a better place!

Please wear comfortable clothing that is **Pink, Red, or Black** to show your support.

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**JOIN US - Imagine, One Billion Women**  
sharing their stories, dancing and speaking out for justice, learning about resources available in our community, experience Healing Arts, and demanding an end to gender-based violence.

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The event will be in Spanish with English translation

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