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FEBRUARY 2019 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY THEME: SURRENDER/LETTING GO

Surrender is not valued in the West. We want control while denying that there are limits to our control. In Buddhism, detachment is cultivated. It is not a failure to care but accepting what is beyond our control. Osho writes, "Linguistically, surrender means to surrender to somebody, but religiously, surrender simply means trust, relaxing. It is an attitude rather than an act: you live through trust."

February 3 Disruptive Grace (Grace in Disguise)

Rev. Stefani Erzbach-Dale, MaryBeth East

We live in a particularly disruptive time. Much energy goes into adjusting to unexpected changes and trying to figure out what we do and don't have control over, and, where hope lies. Today we consider the presence of grace and affirm the power of free will.

Rev. Stefanie Etzbach-Dale lives with her partner George in Redwood City, where she is building a lively Spiritual Direction practice, called: **TendingSpirit: Spiritual Courage in a Disruptive World**. In that capacity she works with individual clients and groups, has an active social media ministry, and supports local Unitarian Universalist congregations as guest Worship Leader. In her spare time, she paints, volunteers at Mission Hospice, mentors underprivileged high school students, and sings to shut-ins with the Palo Alto UU Church "By Your Side" singing group.

First Sunday offering to Santa Paula Pride, LGBTQ youth group

February 10 'Tis the Season of the Ground Hog Day

Rev. Audrey Vincent, Pat English

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

*Tuesday, February 12 at 7 PM Gathering

Rev. Maddie

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 Surrender to Love. The music will be provided by our friends Christine Snipes Mazon, violin and Geno Palilla, piano.

February 17 Know How to Pay Attention: Mary Oliver

Rev. Maddie, CJ Starling

The beloved poet Mary Oliver recently died. We will be focusing on her voice and how it spoke to clergy and lay persons alike. There are three of her poems in *Singing the Living Tradition*. Let Rev. Maddie know if you have a favorite Oliver poem.

February 24 Widening Our Welcome

Rev. Maddie, Jerry Gray

The work of welcome is never done. Welcoming Congregations can learn more about how to be truly welcoming to all people by renewing their commitment.

CASP Offering

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Message from the Minister

Reverend Dr. Rebecca Parker, who was the President of one of our two our Unitarian Universalist seminaries, Starr King Theological School and where our Coordinator of Religious Education, Erik Halseth, is currently a seminarian, wrote in her poem “Benediction”: “You must answer this question: what will you do with your gifts? Choose to bless the world.” As we begin to look at our Mission and Vision this year, I ask YOU what you will do with your gifts in our faith community and in our world? How will our congregation bless Santa Paula and beyond? How do we choose to respond to a changed world?

Edith Hunter, a 20th Century Unitarian educator once said, “Isn’t half the job of becoming educated learning to ask the right questions?” I believe that holds true as we think of what we are trying to accomplish as a Unitarian Universalist congregation in the 21st century. What questions should we be asking? What questions do you have? I am mindful of the whole range of what we do here together, from worship to socializing to life-long learning to social action to music making to movie watching and so much more. And I am aware of how we always need to be asking the right questions, as a congregation or as individuals, in how we plan for the future or even in how we get up in the morning and decide which foot to put forward as we greet the new day.

I hope to see you at Sunday worship, our many activities or any of the times and places where we can ask the right questions and choose to bless the world.

On the path of our faith, Reverend Maddie

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WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING



Folks often ask me what I am reading. Most ministers read all the time—online, on their Kindle and in print. If you have ever been in my office, you know I have a lot of books! And I have a lot more at home. Often, I am reading for specific sermons. This month I am starting to write a short sort of book column to let you know what I am reading. I always have several going, from sermon material books, to the "All Church Read", sometimes for Expanding Your Mind, books to inform my meditation practice, good old fiction (especially mysteries), and cookbooks. The first book I finished this year was "Bearing Witness: A Zen Master's Lessons in Making Peace" by Bernie Glassman. Glassman died in 2018. I attended a workshop he led in 1994, Zen and the Art of Business, before many of the events in his book took place. Glassman was Zen practitioner and non-profit community developer, and, in this book, he offered powerful teaching stories that illustrate ways of making peace one moment at a time. Each chapter focuses on an event or person and demonstrates how a peacemaker vow is put into practice. Through these stories and Glassman's personal testimony we come to understand the essence of peacemaking. Next up on my pile is "The Dude and the Zen Master" by Jeff Bridges (the Dude) and Glassman. His work was a powerful interface between social justice and meditation. Inspiring.

Message from the Affiliate Minister

Report from Affiliate Community Minister for Social Justice -Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford – 2018

Support of Social Justice work has been a great need in our country and our county during the past year. And I have been pleased to represent you in the community and to provide opportunities for our congregants to get involved.

As a the president of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California, I have become involved in leadership of this group and its work on immigration, environmental and economic justice and have shared information about those subjects through sermons and discussions with congregants. And I was actively engaged the search for and installation of the new Executive Director of the UUJM CA., Ranwa Hamamy.

I am continuing as the co-chair of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice Ventura County (CLUE VC) and have engaged with others to present programs in other congregations and public forums. I have also shared information in our congregation with regard to undocumented students in our county who need support and participated in the founding of a student scholars' group at Santa Paula High School. I addition, I make monthly visits to detainees at the Adelanto Detention Center and have taken others from our congregation on these trips.

I continue to serve as the co-chair of the Social Justice Fund for Ventura County, a group that gives grants to numerous social justice organizations. And I will be inviting congregants to attend a forum on March 2nd. in Camarillo about the needs of vulnerable children and teens in our county to broaden their knowledge and support of efforts to support those young people.

Along with other members of the Social Concerns Action Committee, I helped create a new group called Expanding the Mind to read books and view movies related to social justice and to discuss issues they reveal. I have also been an active member of the SCAC and supported their activities.

I am a member of the UU Society for Community Ministers to learn more about varieties of community ministry and make collegial contacts at ministers' convocations. And I am also an active participant in the UU Ministers Association at the national, chapter, and cluster levels.

I also serve on the Stewardship Council of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the UU Association President's Council, bringing information back to our congregation from those groups. In addition, I attended the UU Regional and General Assemblies and the Parliament of the World's Religions this year.

As a member of the Santa Paula Ministerial Association, I have attended monthly meetings, provided invocations for the Santa Paula City Council, and served with Rev. Audrey and with Rev. Maddie as a participant in the second annual Martin Luther King Service at the Santa Paula Community Center. And I joined Rev. Maddie and congregants at the Women's March for Justice in Ventura in January.

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I have preached three social justice sermons this year at UUCSP – one on Living from Abundance, another on Liberty and Justice for All, and a third on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. I have also preached social justice sermons at other UU and UCC congregations and have participated in UUCSP services as a part of the choir and for Community Ministry, the Winter Solstice, and the Christmas story. And it has been my pleasure to support Rev. Maddie as a member of the Worship Team and in pastoral care coverage.

And I look forward to continuing my service to and with the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula in the year ahead.

With Blessings and Hugs,

Rev. Betty

Message from the Board of Trustees

Congratulations to our continuing and newly elected

Board of Trustee members

John Nichols, President,

Karen Harris, Vice-President

Jerry Gray, Secretary,

Pat English, Treasurer

Jyl Atmore, Member at Large

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Message from the RE Coordinator

Womanist Thought and Being UU

I recently attended a symposium at First Unitarian Church of Oakland that was taught by the Rev. Dr. Melanie Harris. She spoke extensively about Womanism (feminism as seen through the lens of African-American women) and brought all of the UU seminarians and ministers in attendance into discussion about how womanist thought relates to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. When she talked about Alice Walker's artistic works being integral to the development of Womanism, I thought of the poem below. And with our upcoming February topic of Surrender and Letting Go, I'm thinking about how the narrator's yearning for the fallen tree (metaphorical or real) relates to letting go. What do you think...?

"The Tree of Life" by Alice Walker

The tree of life
has fallen on my small house.
I thought it was so much bigger!
But it is not.
There in the distance I see the mountains
still.
The view of vast water stretching before me
is superb.
My boat is grand and I still command the captain
of it; not having learned myself to sail.
But I am adrift
without my tree of life
that has fallen heavy
without grace or pity
on this small place.
For the departing dictator, in perpetuity.

Upcoming RE Youth Classes

"The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity."
--Leo Tolstoy

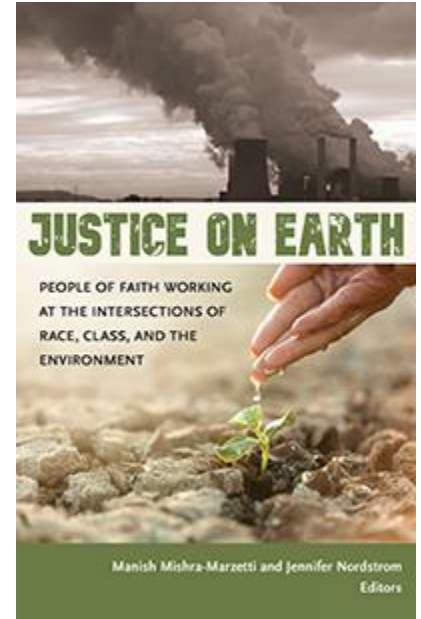
During February, we will discuss stories and ideas aligned with the theme for the month: Surrender/Letting Go. Theologically, Buddhism's role in developing the concepts of surrender and letting go will be our focus. We will be keeping our hands busy with arts and crafts, including sculpting, painting, and drawing.

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Spiritual Growth Center

ALL CHURCH READ: JUSTICE ON EARTH

Our All Church Read of 2019 will be *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class and the Environment*. At a time when racial justice, environmental justice, and economic justice are seen as issues competing for time, attention, and resources, *Justice on Earth* explores the ways in which the three are intertwined. People and communities on the margins are invariably those most affected by climate disaster and environmental toxins. The book asks us to recognize that our faith calls us to long-haul work for justice for our human kin, for the Earth and for all life. It invites us to look at our current challenges through a variety of different perspectives, offers tools to equip us for sustained engagement, and proposes multiple pathways for follow-up action. This is an anthology edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom. *Justice on Earth* is available at inSpirit: UU Book and Gift Shop.



All invited to meet after Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 14 in Rev. Maddie's Office.

OUR BOOKSTORE



Have you discovered our UUA bookstore? Going by the name of inSpirit: The UU Book and Gift Shop, you can find all manner of books, pamphlets and gifts by going online or if you are visiting Boston, at the first floor of the UUA. The word *inspirit* is rich in meaning. It can mean to fill with spirit, to encourage, to exhilarate, or to bestow with strength or purpose. They offer books to support people of all faiths and seekers alike to engage with spiritual questions. Unitarian Universalists will find items that will help to nurture their faith, to connect with our history, and to ground and enhance our work for social justice. They also offer a wide range of fair-trade gifts, as well as accessories proudly bearing the Unitarian Universalist Association and Side of Love logos. Contact us at 800-215-9076 or at bookstore@uua.org.

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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 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM

SURRENDER TO LOVE

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with Christine Snipes Mazur violin and pianist Geno Palilla

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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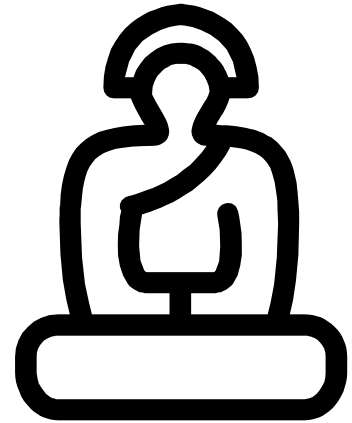
MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL

FEBRUARY 6 with Rev. Maddie
FEBRUARY 13 with Rev. Maddie
FEBRUARY 20 with Jim Cole
FEBRUARY 27 with Rev. Maddie

NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus,
805-525-4620 or msifantus@uuma.org.

Free Will Offering.



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 has been practicing yoga for approximately 6 years, teaching for 5 years, and has been blessed to have been leading yoga here in our Parish Hall since early Summer 2015. Several of our members and Rev. Maddie attend. She teaches a gentle style yoga and her classes are appropriate for all levels. In addition to a variety of trainings she has taken over the years, in December 2018 she completed her 200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training Certification under the loving guidance of Ventura based Pixie Kastrup of Sacred Living Yoga. Lisa Hammond can be reached at 831-801-2276 or soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com If you'd like to receive Lisa's weekly email, please feel free to email or text her your contact information.



TAI CHI CHIH

On Friday mornings, we continue to offer T'ai Chi Chih, - Joy thru Movement, with Instructor Pete Gregory. Intermediate class 10:00 – 11:00 am and Beginner session 11:15 am – 12:15 pm. Often called a moving meditation, the movements are accessible to anybody, regardless of age weight or physical ability. Come and learn how to play with the Chi. For more information or to sign up, email Pete at psgreg24@gmail.com. Learn more at www.taichichih.org.



GURDEEP AND SHILPA Present: Two sessions on Subtle System & Self Realization

The audio-visual and the lecture aim to help you understand the Nadis or the channels of energy on your journey to awakening of the Kundalini. The sessions are scheduled for Saturday February 16 and Saturday, March 16 from 4 to 5.30 pm.

Gurdeep Singh is a Himalayan spiritual scientist who considers himself a universal citizen of East Indian origin. Shilpa Pandey serves on the US National Board of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Free Will Offering. For more information, call the church office at 805-525-4647 or email uucspoffice@gmail.com.

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People and Doings

NEWS FROM AMONG US February 2019

- Rev. Maddie officiated at the Graveside service of Jean Derbyshire at Pierce Brothers Cemetery in Santa Paula on December 28. Our thoughts are with the family, especially Linda Derbyshire.
- Reverends Audrey Vincent, Betty Stapleford and Maddie were on the Planning Committee of the MLK Jazz Requiem and Tribute that was held at the Community Center on January 20th. Audrey and Betty both spoke. Maddie sang a solo and led all the singing with Studio C accompanying.
- Mary Nelson was hospitalized again and had a stay at Victoria Care.
- 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Maddie will be attending the Beloved Conversations retreat in San Luis Obispo on February 1 and 2, and then spending two nights in the Cambria area, back in the office on February 5. If you need to reach her during those four days, leave a message on her cell phone 508-733-8860 or email her at msifantus@uuma.org. 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, call her on her cell phone, 508-733-8860 or email her at 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 restrooms. If the front or back doors are locked, call her, and she will come let you in through the back gate off the alley.

1ST QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

To begin 2019, we will financially support a group that meets weekly right under our own roof, "Project Pride," on Friday evenings led by our own Kate English for our Santa Paula LGBTQ teens. This support group is a program of the One Step A La Vez teen center in Fillmore. The Santa Paula group meets in the UU church basement every Friday creating safe space for teens to bring their whole identities and build healthy connections with other youth and supportive adults. The group is also deeply supported by the Coalition For Family Harmony. We are so grateful to be chosen as a recipient of the First Sunday Plate collection. The youth will be part of the planning process to determine how this generous gift will best support them and may go towards a special trip or activity. Thank you UUCSP!

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.

People and Doings

REFLECTIONS

All invited! Let's talk about the days service highlighting the Welcoming Congregation Renewal process and anything on our minds. We gather about once a month after coffee hour to share thoughts on the day's service, the monthly theme which this month is Surrender/Letting Go, as well as ideas, information, concerns for our community and the world. Our next Reflections will be in Rev. Maddie's office on Sunday, February 24th as coffee hour winds down, a little after Noon.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, be sure to like us on Facebook by searching for Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula or clicking on <https://www.facebook.com/UUCSP/>. Share our events with your Friends on your Page to extend our reach and let out the good news about what goes on in our congregation. We have a second Facebook page for the Santa Paula Concert Series which you can find by searching of it or clicking on <https://www.facebook.com/SPconcertseries/>.

Rev. Maddie and her daughter-in-law Samantha Sifantus, a professional web designer for Disney, are in the process of switching our website to a new platform, making it more user friendly for those of us who update it, and easier to navigate for members and visitors. The staff will have new email addresses associated with it, the Spiritual Growth Center and Santa Paula Concert Series will have their own tabs, there will be links to click to Facebook and to make a donation to our congregation, and more. The URL will be the same: www.uucsp.org. Stay tuned for the announcement of its launch.

CHOIR: SING!

All are welcome to join our choir, including our young singers who are able to read music and singers who only attend church when the choir sings. Rehearsals are 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. We are experimenting with our weekday rehearsals at 4:00 PM on Thursdays. We will take a break for July and August. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions at msifantus@uuma.org. All invited to sing!

February 14	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	<i>"The Gift of Love"</i>
February 17	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
March 7	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	
March 10	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
April 11	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	
April 14	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Easter
May 9	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	
May 12	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	
June 6	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	
June 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Flower Communion

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CARING COMMITTEE

As we start a new year, the Caring Committee is planning their priorities for 2019. The next regular meeting of the committee is Thursday, February 21 at 12:15 PM in Rev. Maddie's office.

CARING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019

Thursday, February 21	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie's Office
Wednesday, February 27	10:00 AM "Free Legal Information Workshop"
Sponsored by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, Grey Law and the UUCSP Caring Committee, Parish Hall	
Thursday, March 21	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie's Office
Thursday, April 18	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie's Office
Thursday, May 16	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie's Office



CARING COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR A PROGRAM ON LEGAL INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

COUNTY OF VENTURA Area Agency on Aging

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and Grey Law will be offering the L.I.F.E. (Legal Information for Elders) workshop in the Parish Hall on February 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is the second visit from the VCAAA that the Caring Committee has sponsored this year. The first workshop last fall was about financial planning for seniors

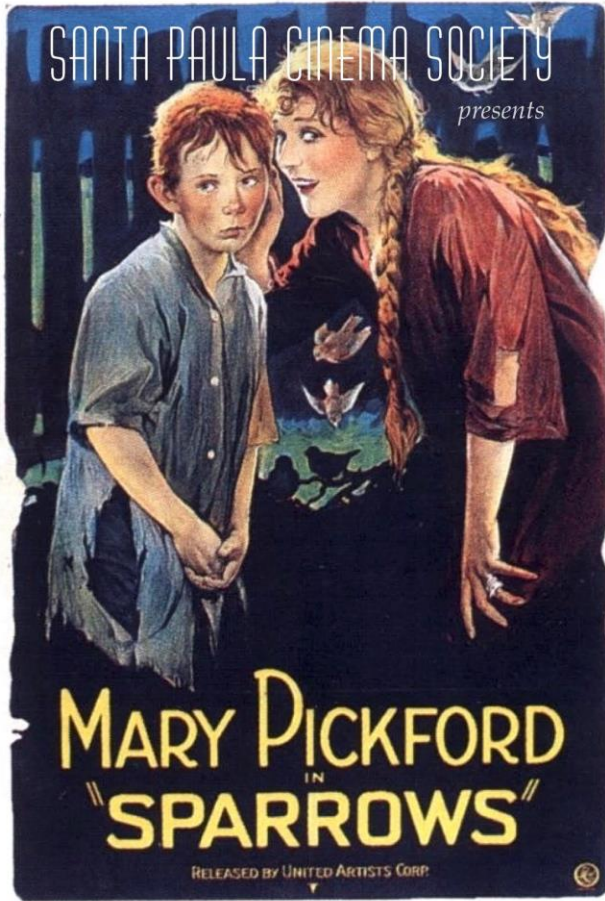
Designed to provide valuable legal information to individuals 60 and older, the L.I.F.E. workshop allows participants to engage with Michael Williams, attorney and director of Grey Law, regarding areas of concern including identifying legal needs; grandchildren and legal relationships; legal documents for elders; resolving housing disputes; communication and hiring legal professionals.

The workshop is free and open to the public; however, registration is recommended. To register, please call the church office at (805) 525-4647.

Grey Law was founded in 1979 by volunteers and provides year-round free assistance to individuals and non-profit groups who otherwise have limited access to legal services. The goal is to help clients resolve any legal issues, while also working to preserve their independence, hope, and dignity. Grey Law assists clients with government benefits such as Social Security, and 551 Medicare and Medi-Cal. They also offer "long-term care" counseling related to a spouse or family member entering a nursing home. Grey Law assists with consumer matters, powers of attorney, and advanced healthcare directives.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, an agency of the County of Ventura, is the principal agency in Ventura County charged with the responsibility to promote the development and implementation of a comprehensive coordinated system of care that enables older individuals, people with disabilities, and their caregivers to live in a community-based setting and to advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services.

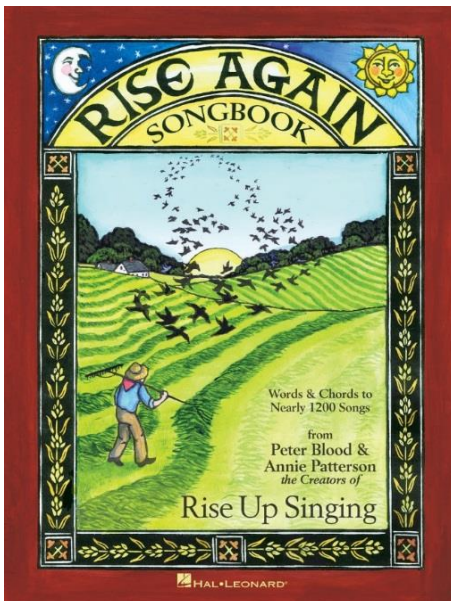
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Gladys Smith, better known to the world as Mary Pickford, began working with pioneering filmmaker D.W. Griffith in 1909 when she was still just a teenager, making short films at the hectic pace of nearly one a week. Though actors weren't credited on screen in these early Griffith films, Pickford's great range and talent for both comedy and drama led "the girl with the golden curls" to become in short order one of the most identifiable faces in early motion pictures. Within a few years, Mary Pickford had grown so phenomenally popular with the moviegoing public that any film she was in was by definition a Pickford film, and her name would be posted prominently above the film's title. Pickford had become one of the first superstars in movie history. Very canny about managing her own career, Pickford negotiated salaries from the studios commensurate with her popularity, and acted as her own producer. Mary Pickford also became a real force in the industry on the other side of the camera, when she, Griffith, Douglas Fairbanks, and Charlie Chaplin banded together to form the first independent film studio, United Artists, in 1919. When she married Fairbanks (a huge star in his own right) the following year, the couple were treated like Hollywood royalty, holding court at Pickfair, their opulent Beverly Hills estate. "Sparrows" is one Pickford's most well-regarded films, made in 1926, at the height of her popularity and powers as a film star. The film is also notable for its dark brooding style influenced by German expressionism. Will be shown with a period short (TBA).

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FREE WILL OFFERING (\$5 recommended)

LED BY MADDIE SIFANTUS

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MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Congregants Nuri Ronaghy and Alan Shorb will address the Mary A Livermore Society about their trip to Africa this past summer. The purpose of their trip was to visit an orphanage they are supporting in Tanzania, as well as to attend the 33rd International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in Ghana. Along the way they also visited the site of Jane Goodall's primate research and that of the largest point of departure in West Africa of slaves bound for the Americas. The meeting will be at the Flight 126 restaurant on February 28, starting at 11:30.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

MEETING – The Social Concerns Action Committee will meet Wednesday, February 13, 4:00 pm.
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NEW TIME.

DOCUMENTARY Date: Tuesday, February 26 Potluck Dinner: 5:30 PM Documentary: 6:30 PM

[The Sequel](#): What will Follow Our Troubled Civilization? challenges its viewers to grasp a much larger picture and comprehend the root causes of the social ills that have frustrated us, misdirected our energies, and even ended our lives unhappily and prematurely for centuries. Imagining entirely new social and economic systems is the work of great minds such as the late David Fleming, whose visionary efforts are brilliantly captured, explored and built upon in this acclaimed documentary. Discussion follows.

EXPAND YOUR MIND SAVE THE DATE Expand-Your-Mind will meet at Anna and Jim Cole's to watch and discuss a thought-provoking movie on Sunday, March 3 at 2:00.

PALESTINIAN OLIVE OIL bottles are available for a mere \$16 each. We order from a fair-trade source supplying organic extra virgin olive oil grown in Palestine. This source supports the work of farmers in the Ramallah area who are prohibited from selling their oil in neighboring Israel or Jordan. This olive oil is "characterized by its distinct personality, robust aroma, and a flavor evocative of fresh fruit. It has a peppery bite and a hint of bitterness [a desirable trait] that disappears as the oil ages over time. Once you have tried olive oil from Palestine, most other olive oils appear bland by comparison." See Audrey Vincent to place your order.

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ONE BILLION RISING 2019

Santa Paula celebrates its Sixth One Billion Rising event Saturday, February 16 from 11AM to 2 PM, at Las Piedras Park, 13th Street and Saticoy Street in Santa Paula. This year, we welcome the Clothesline Project as part of our One Billion Rising event. We will also have our Resource Fair and Healing Corridor. The event is free and open to all community members.

One Billion Rising is a global movement to raise awareness about gender-based violence and to rise up against it. This event will bring together and highlight resources and organizations in our community supporting survivors of violence. Organizations participating include the Coalition for Family Harmony, One Step a la Vez, the District Attorney's Office, Diversity Collective Ventura County, Lideres Campesinas, MICOP, PODE Popular, Promotoras y Promotores Foundation, Proyecto Esperanza, Santa Paula West's Pride Clinic, Interface, the United Farm Workers Foundation and the Welcoming Congregation of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula.

The Clothesline Project is a creative show of support and visibility for survivors of rape, sexual assault and violence. Its mission is to educate the community that violence is a problem everywhere, help is available, and there is hope and path to healing. The Clothesline Project aims to break the silence about violence in our communities. The Healing Corridor is organized by committee member and Massage Therapist Pamela Fuller with body workers for participants to experience healing arts.

One Billion Rising is a global movement to end violence against women and girls and other vulnerable communities. United Nations statistics show that globally, one out of three women will be beaten or raped in her lifetime. Because one out of three women in the world is roughly a billion people, One Billion Rising happens annually around February 14th all over the world in an effort to have numbers equal to those affected by violence rise and stand against it. It is a gathering to decry violence, empower women, and work for change. One out of three means that we all know someone, perhaps even ourselves, who have or will experience violence. We can't undo what has happened but by coming together to work for change, we do have the power to change the future.

The Sixth One Billion Rising is organized by the One Billion Rising Planning Committee consisting of local clergy and community partners. It is sponsored by the Santa Paula Ministerial Association, the Coalition for Family Harmony, One Step a la Vez and others.

All are invited! For more information, be in touch with Kate English or call Sandy Gómez at 805-983-6014 (ext. 1114) or email sgomez@thecoalition.org.

NEEDED: Someone with a truck or large vehicle to transport two tables and four chairs to La Piedras Park at 10 AM on Saturday, February 16. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie

WWW.ONEBILLIONRISING.ORG

PosterMyWall.com



Santa Paula Concert Series Upcoming Concerts

Tickets for our upcoming concerts can be purchased on our website at uucsp.org/sp-concert-series or by calling the church office for reservations at 805-525-4647.

SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

ROBYN CARMICHAEL

ROMANTIC PIANO FOR VALENTINES MONTH



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019 AT 7 PM

740 E MAIN ST, SANTA PAULA

Robyn Carmichael will be performing a romantic concert for Valentine's month, with pieces by Felix Mendelssohn and Fryderyk Chopin. Carmichael's distinctive style has defined her concerts in the U.S. and Europe. Her past seasons included West Coast concerts in Seattle, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, a radio interview on Berkeley's KPFA-FM "Piano" program, and a CD release with music of Scarlatti, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, de Falla, Tchaikovsky, Bach-Alkan, and Rachmaninoff. For more information about Robyn Carmichael, visit www.robyncarmichael.com ~ TIX: www.uucsp.org/sp-concert-series or at door

People and Doings



**Saturday, May 11th
7:00 PM**

**Landmark String Quartet
(Formerly known as Sincopa String Quartet)**

The Landmark String Quartet changed their name in 2018 from the Sincopa String Quartet, drawing inspiration from their supporters' suggestions and comments. Their goal is to rejuvenate so-called classical music for newer generations. They want to bring the live music into every corner in the world. Does classical music only belong in a serious concert hall? Is classical music boring? Landmark String Quartet, as the former Sincopa String Quartet, played the Santa Paula Concert Series in 2016. They have also played at many other venues including the Ojai Art Center Concert Series and Desert Hot Spring Concert Series. The members of Landmark String Quartet are from very different countries and cultures, yet they met in Los Angeles with the same dream. Each one of us has his or her own accomplishments in music performance. We are mixed with Brazilian, Czech, Korean and Taiwanese cultures! This factor makes us together as one!

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FOR ALL UU HISTORY BUFFS OUT THERE:

CONVO IV: SAVE THE DATE October 17-20, 2019

We are now less a year away from our fourth triennial History Convocation, again jointly sponsored by the UU History and Heritage Society and Collegium and this year also with the Murray Grove Association. We will be meeting at the Maritime Conference Center outside Baltimore, Maryland, from October 17-20, 2019.

Baltimore was chosen in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the seminal sermon preached by William Ellery Channing entitled "Unitarian Christianity" (and better known as the Baltimore Sermon) on May 5, 1819. And Baltimore is not far from Murray Grove in New Jersey where John Murray preached the first recorded Universalist sermon in the new world.

Inspired by this, the broad theme of the Convocation will be origins:

Origins of Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism in America: Liberal Religious Thought and Practice (William Ellery Channing, John Murray and Hosea Ballou)

WhaleCoast Alaska 2019

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2019** is for you! Four Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Our program is truly the best way to visit Alaska! Tours led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert. Find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime. For complete information go to: www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more. We would love to share our Alaska with you!



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the fabulous Hotel Del Coronado
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for further questions email SDVisit@firstuusandiego.org

Group limited to 12 people. A \$300 deposit reserves your spot, and is refundable up to 30 days ahead (less a \$75 administrative fee). Balance due 45 days before the visit. Participants must be able to walk up to one mile, handle stairs and some hills, and stand indoors and out.

We just got a posting from the UUs in San Diego that they are running a fundraiser to support their Social Justice work, especially at the border with Tijuana. They are offering a 5-day tour package including staying with church members, most meals, and insider tours to their famous sights. It is slated for March 2-7. Details are at <http://www.firstuusandiego.org/sdvisit>

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	2
3 1030AM Worship 1 st Sunday Plate	4	5 930am Yoga	6 6PM Meditation	7 930am Yoga	8 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PM Classic Movie Night	9 SP Concert Series 7PM Robyn Carmichael
10 1030AM Worship	11	12 930am Yoga 7PM Gathering	13 SCAC mtg 4PM 6PM Meditation	14 930am Yoga 4PM Choir Reh	15 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PM Rise Up Singing	16 11Am One Billion Rising 4PM Gurdeep & Shilpa
17 930am Choir Reh 1030AM Worship	18	19 930am Yoga	20 6PM Meditation	21 <small>Newsletter Deadline</small> 930am Yoga 12:15pm CaringCom 630pm Board mtg	22 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	
24 1030AM Worship Reflections	25	26 930am Yoga SCAC dinner 530PM & movie 630PM	27 10AM VCAAA Workshop 6PM Meditation	28 930am Yoga 11:30am MaryA's		

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Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator

Vincent Sorisio, Church Musician

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Newsletter deadline Thursday, February 21



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