



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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## MARCH 2019 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



### MARCH THEME: Truth

*Truth. It's part of our religious search according to our fourth principle: "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Truth is the philosopher's quest, the scientist's North Star, the poet's muse, and the social activist's passion. For us, science and religion are both valuable and venerated tools for truth-seeking. Yet we approach truth with humility, truth not TRUTH.*

### March 3 Beloved Conversations

**Rev. Maddie, Kate English**

Race and ethnicity shape our social, emotional, and spiritual lives. Beloved Conversations is a curriculum that holds both the tensions and joys of an intentional multicultural community. Rev. Maddie, Rev. Betty, Kate English, Pat English and Sharon Kufeldt attended a retreat to kick off this program in February, along with members and leadership from the six congregations in our Cluster. Come hear how every conversation with another human being is a cross-cultural conversation.

*First Sunday offering to Santa Paula Pride, LGBTQ youth group*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - SPRING FORWARD

### March 10 International Women's Day

**Rev. Maddie, CJ Starling**

The earliest Women's Day occurrence was held in 1910. The theme of International Women's Day for 2019 is #BalanceforBetter. Right now is a great and important time in history to do everything possible to help forge a more gender-balanced world. Women have come a long way, yet there's still more to be achieved. What does it mean to us in our faith community? Featuring music of Holly Near and Carolyn McDade. Our choir sings.

### \*Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM Gathering with Cairngorm

**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. Music by Cairngorm with John Robles and Mariana Franco-Smith.

### March 17 Irish for a DayRev.

**Maddie, Ellen Deeb**

On this day when many in our culture celebrate St. Patrick's Day, rather than green beer we consider Celtic Spirituality and what truths writers like John O'Donohue and John Philip Newell may have for us.

### March 24 Spectrum Thinking and Holding Complexity

**Kate English, MaryBeth East**

Our culture is steeped in either/or thinking. It has to be x or y, right or wrong, good or bad. How can we use spectrum thinking to navigate the political divisiveness of the moment or our relationships to complex issues such as gender and race? How can we use "both/and" thinking to include and embrace other ideas and people in a way that aligns with our spiritual principles?

### March 31 Pilgrimage

**Michael Eselun, Pat English**

Popular guest speaker and UCLA Oncology Chaplain, Michael Eselun will explore the idea of pilgrimage-- our pursuit of inspiration and enlightenment. Internal journeys and external ones—and some in between.

*CASP Offering*

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# Message from the Minister

Our theme for the month of March this year is “Truth.” You may know that Unitarian Universalists have Seven Principles we covenant and affirm. The Fourth Principle is “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” Back East where I moved from, many of our buildings of worship are called Meeting Houses, harking back to the day when the congregation met in it but so did Town Meeting and more. Rev. Kenneth Patton, creator of much liturgy in our grey hymnal and of numerous writings on our living tradition, once said of a UU meeting house as “...a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of seekers.” Scientists and mystics stirring the pot of truth together. None of us has the corner on Truth here. In our community, we share our truths with each other. We will be exploring facets of our truths in March, yours and mine. In this day of fake news, it seems important to remember this observation from Danish physicist Niels Bohr who said, “The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.” Is there a hard and fast Truth with a capital “T”? Some might think so but for us, revelation is ongoing.

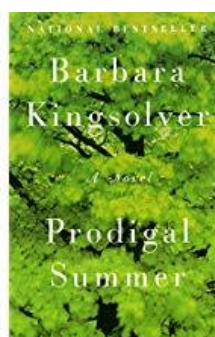
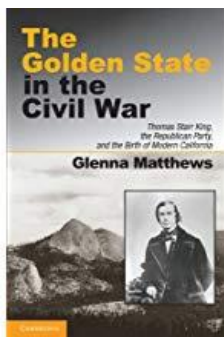
On the path of our faith,

Reverend Maddie

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## ***WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING***

Last month I started a short book “column” about what I am reading. For every book that goes out of my pile, it seems two more go on it! I generally have one fiction and a couple of non-fiction books in rotation. Some of you recommend books to me and so it is that I am currently enjoying a Barbara Kingsolver I hadn’t gotten around to, *Prodigal Summer*, enjoying her poetic prose and storytelling in a hymn to nature, a sense of place and the human spirit. Then in my quest to understand better my new adopted state of California, its history and the threads that make up its ethnic and cultural roots, I am reading *The Golden State in the Civil War: Thomas Starr King, the Republican Party, and the Birth of Modern California* by Glenna Matthews. I am fascinated how Unitarian minister Thomas Starr King was a central figure in California’s integration into the federal union.



What are you reading?

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# Message from the Board of Trustees

## Judgement in Santa Paula

Sort of sounds like a B Movie title that could be showing at the Santa Paula Cinema Society's monthly movie night in the Parish Hall. That plot played out differently as we conducted our first board meeting of 2019 in the Parish Hall with two new cast members joining the board.

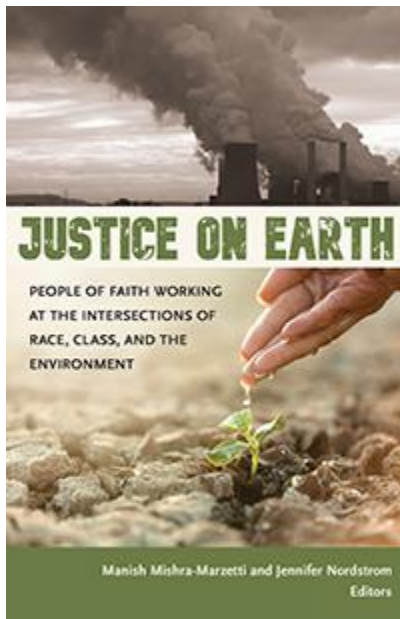
We welcomed Jyl Atmore and Karen Harris at the chalice lighting that begins each meeting and then we talked our way through a full agenda. Another horror movie theme could be called "The Invasion of the Termites". Our historic building has them and we are consulting experts and getting bids to deal with them.

What all board members bring to the meetings is the commitment to do the work involved. An element equal to and possibly even more important is that each board member is expected to bring their unique and individual judgement to keep the church running smoothly and to help the church community to grow.

Yours, etc.

**John Nichols**

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## 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.*

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# Message from the RE Coordinator

“Life is an unfoldment, and the further we travel the more truth we can comprehend. To understand the things that are at our door is the best preparation for understanding those that lie beyond.”

--Hypatia

## What Is A Chalice?

The UUA defines our chalice thusly: “A flame within a chalice (a cup with a stem and foot) is a primary symbol of the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition. Many of our congregations kindle a flaming chalice in gatherings and worships and feature the chalice symbol prominently. (It symbolizes) sacrifice and love...the light of reason, the warmth of community, and the flame of hope.”

In RE class we have several different from chalices from which to choose from. The question for the children is “which shall we choose, and why do we choose that particular one?” Each of the children is designing their own chalice to either take home or add to the RE collection.



## Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“My work is to be honest. My work is to try to think clearly, then have the courage to make sure that what I say is the truth.”

--Maya Angelou

March will be a month of discussing truth, which connects us to our discussion about the many forms a chalice can take. We will be keeping our hands busy with arts and crafts, including sculpting, painting, and drawing.

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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.

**MARCH 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**CAIRNGORM**

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with Mariana Franco-Smith and John Robles, musicians

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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## Spiritual Growth Center

**MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP**  
**UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA**  
**PARISH HALL**

## MARCH 6 with Jim Cole

## MARCH 13 with Jim Cole

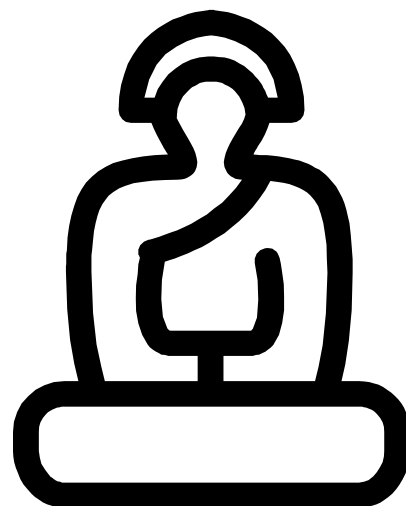
**MARCH 20 with Rev. Maddie**

## MARCH 27 with Jim Cole

NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus,  
805-525-4620 or [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:psgreg24@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.taichichih.org](http://www.taichichih.org).

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Joy thru Movement

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## NEWS FROM AMONG US March 2019

*Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*

- Our thoughts are with Laura Phillips and her family after the death of her mother, Cora Lee Knight Whiteley. We will miss her visits to Santa Paula.
- Rev. Maddie, Ellen Deeb and Audrey Vincent helped produce One Billion Rising 2019 which took place at Las Piedras Park on February 16. Kate English and Sandy Gomez from the Coalition for Family Harmony were co-chairs.
- Steve Lattimore is staying at Ventura Post-Acute, 4020 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, 93003 after a fall. He is recovering nicely and would like visitors. He will likely be moving to the San Diego area to be near his family.
- Mary Nelson has had another hospital stay. As this is being written she is still in Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura recovering from pneumonia.
- 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 AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Rev. Maddie will be back in Boston to serve on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) of the Unitarian Universalist Association from March 22 to 31. Rev. Betty will be providing Pastoral Coverage. Please call the office or congregation president John Nichols if you need to reach her during that time.

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](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.

## 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.

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## 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. Rehearsals are now 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](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org). All invited to sing!

March 7	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	<i>I Am Willing, Holly Near</i>
March 10	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	<b>International Women's Day</b>
April 18	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Halle Halle Halle, Hopson
April 21	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	<b>Easter</b>
May 9	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Over the Rainbow
May 12	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	<b>Mother's Day</b>
June 6	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	We are the Music
			Song of Peace
June 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	<b>Flower Communion</b>



What's the matter with these kids today? That question has probably been asked by adults since the dawn of time, so it's a wonder it took so long for it to be addressed in the movies. A few takes on this theme were made in the 1930s, but it wasn't until the late 1940s that juvenile delinquency developed into an identifiable filmmaking genre. It emerged at the same time film noir began delivering cynical stories of crime, deceit, and general moral turpitude. While delinquency films often overlapped stylistically and can be seen as a subset of noir, they were really responding to something quite different: angst over the rise of the postwar youth culture. Two of the more famous of these kids-gone-bad films "The Wild One" (1953) and "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955) were career-makers for real-life "bad boy" actors Marlon Brando and James Dean. The first of our two-film juvenile delinquency miniseries is the 1956 film "Crime in the Streets," first produced for TV directed by Sidney Lumet from a Reginald Rose teleplay. Don Siegel (on the heels of his success with "Invasion of the Body Snatchers") was tasked with adapting the hour-long TV version to a theatrical-length film. John Cassavetes and Mark Rydell were carried over in the cast and James Whitmore and Sal Mineo added. The resulting film shows its TV roots, coming off a bit stagey (and not just a little bit earnest), but Cassavetes, in his first major film role, carries it with a performance of real substance, as surely as those better-known delinquents, Brando and Dean. To be followed in April by "West Side Story," the film that treated juvenile delinquency as high concept. (1:31)

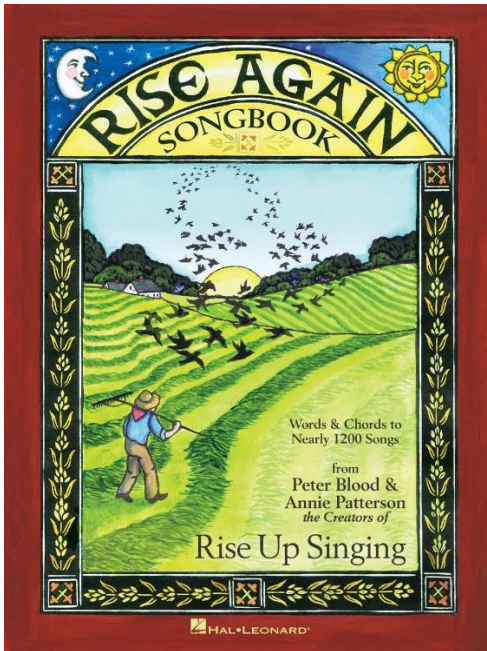
SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY  
MARCH 8, 2019

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula  
740 E. Main Street  
7PM • Free! • Enter Side Door

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JOIN US IN SINGING ~ ALL AGES  
 UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF  
 SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL  
 740 E MAIN STREET  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AT 7:00 PM  
 BRING RISE UP SINGING AND/OR RISE AGAIN  
 BOOKS IF YOU HAVE THEM  
 ALL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME! COMMUNITY  
 SINGING!  
 FREE WILL OFFERING (\$5 recommended)  
 LED BY MADDIE SIFANTUS

JOIN US FOR A WEEK CELEBRATION  
 HONORING  
**CESAR CHAVEZ**  
 &  
**FARM WORKERS**  
 IN OUR COMMUNITIES



*Una semana de Celebración...*

SUNDAY DOMINGO MAR 24	MONDAY LUNES MAR 25	TUESDAY MARTES MAR 26	WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES MAR 27	THURSDAY JUEVES MAR 28	FRIDAY VIERNES MAR 29	SUNDAY DOMINGO MAR 31
<p>Kick off!</p> <p><b>FARM WORKERS MARCH</b>  <i>¡Si Se Puede! Una Marcha y evento para conocer sobre César Chavez y el trabajo de los campesinos.</i></p> <p>Who:  <b>Chavez Memorial March Committee</b></p> <p>Time:                      Gathering- 9:00 a.m.                      Cesar Chavez Elementary                      224 N Juanita Ave.                      Oxnard                      [March begins at 10:00a.m]                      March ends at "Plaza Park"                      500 S. C Street                      Oxnard</p> <p>Cultural event follows the 'marcha' at Plaza Park [Mariachi, folklorico &amp; more]</p>	<p>Free Event for Children</p> <p><b>READING CIRCLES</b>  <i>"Side by side/Lado a Lado"</i></p> <p><i>The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez/La Historia de Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez</i></p> <p>Where &amp; When:                      3:00 pm  <b>Blanchard Community Library</b>                      119 N 8th St, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p> <p>5:30 pm  <b>Fillmore Library</b>                      502 2nd St, Fillmore, CA 93015</p>	<p>Free event</p> <p>Potluck &amp; Movie  <b>"Made in L.A"</b>  <i>The remarkable story of three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles garment sweatshops as they embark on a three-year odyssey to win basic labor protections.</i></p> <p>Who:                      Social Concerns group</p> <p>Where &amp; When:  <b>Universalist Unitarian Church – Santa Paula</b>                      740 E Main St, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p> <p>5:00 Potluck                      6:00 Movie                      Followed by dialogue</p>	<p>Free Event</p> <p><b>"Farmworker Labor Struggles"</b>                      Presentation by                      Dr. Jose Alamillo</p> <p><i>Dr. Alamillo was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and raised in Ventura County, California. His family worked in the year-round lemon industry which allowed him to attend local public schools uninterrupted.</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m.  <b>Agricultural Museum</b>                      926 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula, CA 93060                      [Tentatively]</p>	<p>Student Event                      12:00 noon  <b>MECHA event</b>                      Santa Paula High School</p> <p>6:00 pm                      Movie  <b>"Made in L.A"</b>                      Who:                      One Step A la Vez</p> <p>Where &amp; When:                      Followed by dialogue                      Were:                      421 Sespe Ave, Fillmore, CA 93015</p>	<p>Film:  <b>"Fighting for Our Lives"</b>  <i>A great documentary about the United Farm Workers Movement and their non-violent struggle against police brutality in 1973.</i></p> <p>Honoring  <b>Farmworkers</b>  <i>"Reconocimiento a Trabajadores del Campo"</i></p> <p>Where:  <b>Casa del Mexicano</b>                      218 S 11th St, Santa Paula, CA 93060</p>	<p>Closing Event                      2:00 pm  <b>SIDEWALK MARCH</b>  <i>"Si se Puede"</i></p> <p>Organized by CAUSE                      From the SP HIGH School to the Farm Worker Memorial Plaza</p> <p>3:00 pm                      Blessing Ceremony  <i>"Llevando el amor de César Hacia Adelante"</i></p> <p>Where:                      Farm Worker Memorial Plaza                      Corner of N. 9th St. &amp; E. Santa Barbara St.</p> <p>Participación de los Danzantes y Clérigos de la Comunidad (participation of Aztec Dancers and local Clergy)</p>

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## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

**MEETING** – Wed. March 13, 4:00 pm, Social Concerns Action Committee will meet. The new afternoon time seems to be working out for all. All invited to provide input to upcoming issues for movies to come.

**DOCUMENTARY** Date: March 26, 2019, Potluck Dinner: 5:30 PM, Documentary: 6:30 PM

*Made in L.A.* follows the remarkable story of three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles sweatshops as they embark on a three-year odyssey to win basic labor protections from trendy clothing retailer Forever 21. In intimate verité style, *Made in L.A.* reveals the impact of the struggle on each woman's life as they are gradually transformed by the experience. Compelling, humorous, deeply human, *Made in L.A.* is a story about immigration, the power of unity, and the courage it takes to find your voice. Discussion follows.

**EXPAND YOUR MIND** Sunday, March 3 at 2:00, will meet at Anna and Jim Cole's to watch and discuss a thought-provoking movie.

**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."

## MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Thurs. March 28, 11:30 am, The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet at Café Flight 126 for lunch and to hear Ellen Deeb tell her life story.

## REFLECTIONS

All invited! Let's talk about the day's 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 Truth, as well as ideas, information, concerns for our community and the world. Our next Reflections will be in Rev. Maddie's office on Sunday, March 17th as coffee hour winds down, a little after Noon.

## CARING COMMITTEE

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister. The next regular meeting of the committee is Thursday, March 21 at 12:15 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. Each meeting addresses some area pertinent to how we companion our congregation members and friends. We minister to others in need today, knowing full well that we may need ministering tomorrow. We are assembling Resource Files of useful information and will publish excerpts in future newsletters.

### CARING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 21	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Rev. Maddie's Office "Answering the Call"
Thursday, April 18	Noon. Potluck lunch. All invited. Presentation by Catherine Callahan, author of <i>YOU Can Do It! Tools to Better Manage Your Health Care</i>
Thursday, May 16	12:15 PM Committee meeting, Rev. Maddie's Office "Mission and Ministry"

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### **Santa Paula Concert Series Upcoming Concerts**

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

\$20 for adults ~ \$10 children 12 and under ~ Under 5, free



**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

# “From the Ground Up: The Power of Our PSWD Communities” ~ District Assembly April 26-28 in Long Beach

The congregation is the foundation of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Everything we do as an expression of our faith is grounded in the local communities from which we all take comfort and strength. Some of our greatest joys sprout from the spiritual communities and the congregations of the Pacific Southwest District – both big and small. How does this theme apply to your congregation or your life? In addition to a Keynote address by Donald Milton III, there will be opportunities for worship, workshops, a youth con, social justice field trip, and plenty of chances to connect with UUs from throughout Southern California, Arizona, and Southern Nevada.



The keynote speaker for the 2019 PSW District Assembly has been announced and he has a few simple questions for every member of every UU community:

- Are you engaging your congregants on the deepest and most meaningful levels possible?
- Are you impacting their lives through your worship services to the point that they want to go out into the highways and byways to spread compassion, grace and radical hospitality?
- Are you ready to “upcycle” your community’s worship?

If so, then you need to attend the 2019 Pacific Southwest District Assembly April 26-28, 2019, at the UU Church of Long Beach, California.

**Donald Milton III**, director of music at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, the largest UU congregation in the Southeast, will lead the keynote presentation entitled “Upcycling Church Music for Deeper Engagement.” Together we will explore new ways of approaching hymns, music, readings, rituals and sermons to make them more meaningful, impactful and fully engaging. Milton runs one of the most eclectic and exceptional music programs in the UU movement. He wrote a chapter on upcycling church music for the recently released book, “Upcycle Your Congregation: Creative Ideas for Transforming Faith Communities.”

**Registration is now live at [www.pswd.org/events/district-assembly](http://www.pswd.org/events/district-assembly)**

**Let Rev. Maddie know if you would like to be one of our two delegates**

### **Fees:**

\$100 through March 31

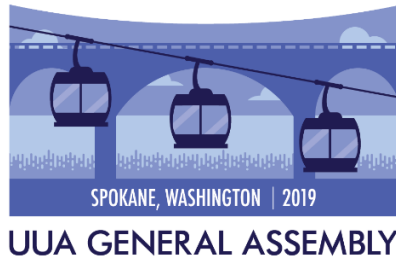
\$125 April 1 through April 11

\$65 Youth (14-18)

Financial assistance available, request via registration form.



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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019 IN SPOKANE

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates. The 2019 General Assembly will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington. Most General Assembly events will be held in the Spokane Convention Center. We can have two delegates in addition to Rev. Maddie and Rev. Betty. Please contact Rev. Maddie if you are interested. You have to be an official member of UUCSP to be a Delegate.

### The Power of We

What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community. Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity. Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the Power of We.

### Registration and Housing Open March 1

GA Registration and the GA Housing Reservation System open at 9 a.m. PST at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

### Spokane

The Spokane region is the gateway for adventure and exploration in the Intermountain Northwest. Located driving distance from Glacier National Park and Yellowstone, Spokane is nestled in natural beauty.

Spokane is located on interstate I-90, 110 miles from the Canadian border and 18 miles from Idaho. It is the largest city between Seattle and Minneapolis.

Spokane International Airport (GEG) is serviced by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United Airlines. Nonstop service is offered to 17 destinations, including Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, and LAX.

Spokane is accessible by rail via Amtrak's Empire Builder route (Chicago - St. Paul/Minneapolis - Spokane - Portland/Seattle). It is also reachable by Greyhound Bus.

### Excellent Programming

GA will offer more than 100 programming selections over the course of five days. This year, in addition to Theme-Based Programming, the schedule will feature Role-Based Track Programming, including time for discussion among attendees, sharing inspiring models and stories, and concrete suggestions for how to further the work or "take it home." More programming details are available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

### Financial Aid Available

The UUA is committed to the goal of making GA accessible to as many attendees as possible. Go to [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) in the month of March to learn about scholarships to support delegates - particularly those from marginalized groups - and volunteer opportunities (work in exchange for registration).

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Hope . . . Not Hell

Save the Date May 17 – 19, 2019 for Universalist Convocation 2019 at Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center in NJ. Attending this Universalist Convocation is a perfect opportunity to learn the rich history of the other U in our UU faith tradition. This Convocation will explore the roots of Universalism in America with discussions on John Murray, Hosea Ballou and other early Universalist voices in America.

Speakers include: Rev. John Buehrens, UUA President 1993 – 2001, Rev. Richard Trudeau, former Universalist Convocations President and Rev. Liz Strong, retired Unitarian Universalist Minister of Religious Education and Minister Emerita of the First Parish UU Church in Ashby, MA.

Registration opens February 4, 2019 and closes April 30. Register early to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount.

Visit [UniversalistConvocation.org](http://UniversalistConvocation.org) for full details.

## **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)

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## **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](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org), email [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org) or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	2
3  1030AM Worship  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Plate  3PM Expanding YourMind	4	5  930am Yoga	6  6PM Meditation	7  930am Yoga	8  10&11:15am T'aiChiChih  7PM Classic Movie Night	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 930AM Choir Reh 1030AM Worship	11	12  930am Yoga  7PM Gathering	13  4PM SCAC mtg  6PM Meditation	14  930am Yoga  4PM Choir Reh	15  10&11:15am T'aiChiChih  7PM Rise Up Singing	16
17  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 31 1030AM Worship CASP	25	26 930am Yoga  SCAC dinner 530PM & movie 630PM	27  6PM Meditation	28 930am Yoga  11:30am MaryA's	29  10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	30

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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

Rev. Maddie Sifantus, Minister, Choir Director

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Affiliate Minister

Erik Halseth, Religious Education Coordinator

Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator

Vincent Sorisio, Church Musician

Albie Alamillo, Custodian

Board of Trustees:

John Nichols, President,

Karen Harris, Vice-President

Jerry Gray, Secretary,

Pat English, Treasurer

Jyl Atmore, Member at Large

Newsletter deadline Thursday, March 21

UU Women of Santa Paula invited

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura  
34th Annual Women's Retreat



Mt. Calvary Retreat House, Santa Barbara

May 3 - May 5, 2019

\$270 before April 15 - \$290 after April 15

Includes Meals, Lodging & Workshops

Scholarships available

Questions and Information - Dorothy 805/218-9478, [dfasthorse@aol.com](mailto:dfasthorse@aol.com)

Brochures on the Parish Hall table

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