



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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



### APRIL THEME: Salvation/Wholeness

*In our tradition, salvation is understood as wholeness and health. In seeking wholeness, we are attempting to complete our life before death ends it. Parker Palmer suggests that a primary problem in our age is people living divided lives. Revealing, claiming, and nurturing our hidden wholeness is our life's work, the path to salvation in this life.*

### April 7 The Power of Poetry

Rev. Maddie, Pat English

April is poetry month as declared by the Academy of American Poets. What is the power of poetry to nurture our wholeness?

**First Sunday Offering Kigoma Orphanage in Tanzania**

### \*Tuesday, April 9 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 Wholeness. The music will be provided by our friends Christine Snipes Mazor, violin and Geno Palilla, piano.

### April 14 The Blue Green Hills of Earth

Rev. Maddie, Erik Halseth

A multi-generational worship service to celebrate Earth Day and our connection to the Universe, adapted from one written by Rev. Erika Hewitt. Let us gaze outward from our street to our city to our state and all the way to our Galaxy!

### April 21 Halle! Halle! Halle! Easter

Rev. Maddie, Allan Noel

Easter has come around again with the coming of spring and the new life and joy it brings. Our choir sings.

### April 28 Duality and Paradox

Erik Halseth, Kate English

There are many instances in life where competing ideas can both seem to be true. Erik and Kate will take a look at this and examine how these seeming paradoxes can be reconciled.

**CASP Offering**

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# Message from the Minister

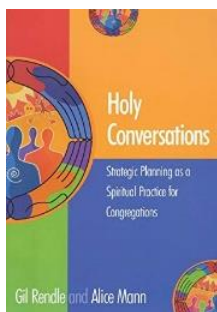
'Tis the time of year! New things are blooming. Days are lengthening. The warmth is coming back, all the while with the hills being alive in green after the wonderful rain. The promise has been fulfilled: the world has made its turn around the sun and springtime has come once more. It is time to celebrate! It is time to sing *Halle! Halle! Halle!* as we will on Easter. It is time for spring cleaning and re-visioning how we live our lives...and re-visioning how we “do church.” I gave a sermon in January on the day of our annual meeting where the blurb on the Order of Service was, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*” (Proverbs 29.18). Our Living Tradition does not stay stagnant—it cannot stay stagnant—as we respond to the world around us. So it is that it is time for us as a congregation to visit our mission and vision this year. Our official mission voted in some years back is: “to practice inclusiveness, seek justice, and foster spirituality.” Does that mission hold true for us in 2019? What does that mission call us to do, inside and outside our walls? Your Board of Trustees and I will start planning a process for us as a congregation to revisit our mission, how it creates a vision for us and what it means for short- and long-range planning. It will be interesting and fun—I guarantee it. Expect to hear more after our Board Retreat on April 13 and as we go further into the spring.

I wish you a Happy Easter and however you celebrate the spring holidays, even if it is just a walk around the neighborhood. The tilt of our hemisphere toward the sun revives not only the flowers and grasses, it has a heartening effect on old plans. It is not necessarily “out with the old, in with the new”—tradition is important too. But we know that lives—and congregations—can be transformed by new directions and fresh possibilities. Alleluia! Halle, halle, halle! As my colleague Janet H. Bowering said, “We draw on that perennial source of life and hope presented by the returning sun—and if we name what happens to us resurrection, we will not be far off the mark.”

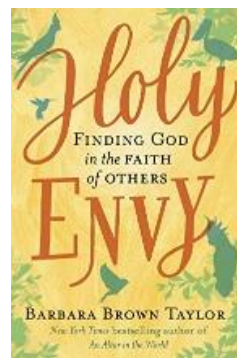
On the path of our faith, Rev. Maddie

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## WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING



This month I have two books in rotation on my desk and night table. The first one is one I have read before but am revisiting as the Board and I spend a day in retreat to begin to plan our Mission and Vision process. *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations* by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann is one I have used before and is chock full of good stuff. There are many books on planning for the corporate world but not many like this one from the late, much missed Alban Institute. As they quote Margaret Wheatley, “There is no power equal to a community discovering what it cares about.”



The second book is the newest from a favorite author of mine, Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, which is a fascinating look through her lens at teaching world religions in a small college. I expect some of her thought to show up in a sermon before too long!

What are you reading?

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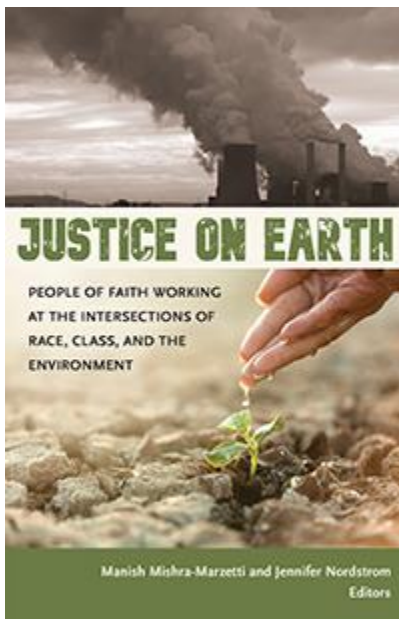
## Message from the Board of Trustees

I am a member of the board of the Santa Paula Art Museum and the UUCSP. I find more similarities between our church and the museums I work with than with other churches. I think we can learn from each other. Currently I am reading a book titled “Magnetic” The Art and Science of Engagement by Anne Bergeron and Both Tuttle. Magnetic describes organizations with a powerful internal alignment and a compelling vision, allowing them to attract critical resources for success. That includes committed and talented people; loyal and engaged audiences, donors and stakeholders; a positive reputation and powerful goodwill; and the financial capital to sustain programmatic excellence and growth. The book is describing museums and presents case histories of successful museums.

As we as a church community move forward into working on our Vision Statement and Mission Statement, I suggest we take lessons from successful museum organizations as well as other churches within and outside our denomination.

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.*

# Message from the RE Coordinator

## The Guest House

*A Poem By Rumi*

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

## Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“When you're a kid you have this sense of wonder and wholeness and a strong sense of your own identity.”

--Hugo Weaving

This April, we will be discussing wholeness through the lens of both Buddhism and Christianity, as both faith traditions have aspects of wholeness at their roots. We will be keeping our hands busy with arts and crafts, including sculpting, painting, and drawing. If you wish to make your own (tiny, tea-light sized) chalice, feel free to join us on a Sunday morning to sculpt one from bakeable clay.

# GATHERING\*



## \*DEFINITION OF GATHERING

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

**APRIL 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

**CHRISTINE MAZOR & GENO PALILLA**

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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# Spiritual Growth Center

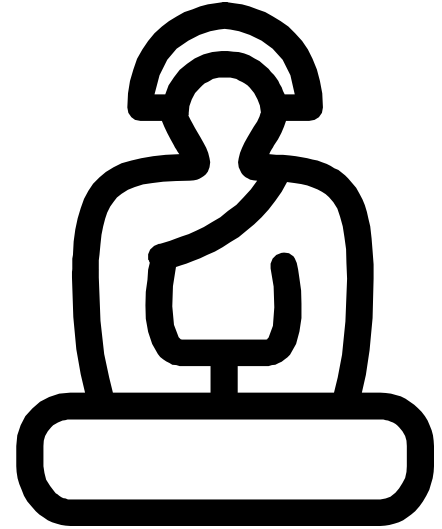
## MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL

**APRIL 3 with Rev. Maddie**

**APRIL 10 with Rev. Maddie**

**APRIL 17 with Jim Cole**

**APRIL 24 with Rev. Maddie**



*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.

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### 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.

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### 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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# People and Doings

## NEWS FROM AMONG US April 2019

- Steve Lattimore has moved to the San Diego area to be near his family. His new address is: The Montera, 5740 Lake Murray Road, #101C, La Mesa, CA 91942. His cell phone remains 310-975-4969.
- Mary Nelson was released from the hospital and has moved back home to Oxnard. She would love to hear from her Santa Paula friends. Her contact information is in the Directory.
- 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, 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.

## 2ND QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING



### KIGOMA CHILDREN'S CENTER

The second quarter First Sunday Plate is going to Kigoma Children's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania. Alan Shorb and Nuri Ronaghy visited the orphanage last summer and saw the wonderful work its director, Felix Apolinary, is doing with the children.

## LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

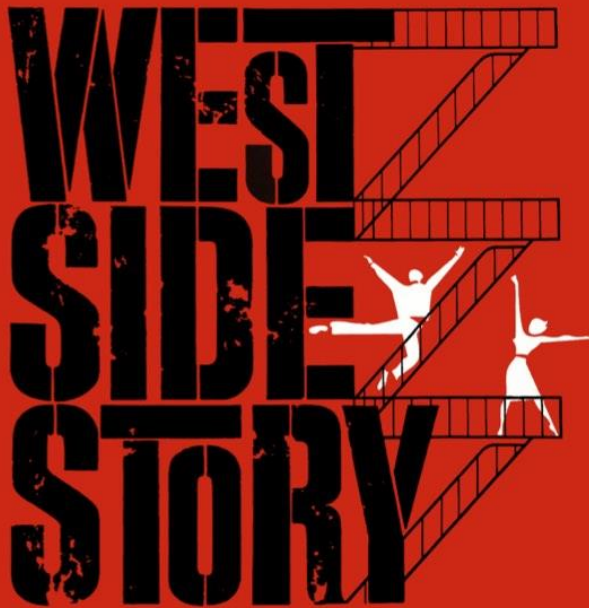
The Last Sunday of each month we collect canned goods, rice and beans and other non-perishable food for CASP: Community Assistance Santa Paula. CASP, a non-profit organization, provides a Food Pantry to serve the disadvantaged of Santa Paula. Being a community charity, CASP's Food Pantry program is largely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

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### CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!

The first Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2019 is Friday, April 5. Rev. Maddie and Ken Stock will be hosting, offering tours of our Historic Church, including ringing the bell. We can always use some co-hosts! We have a table under a pop up tent in front of the church, greeting passersby, talking about our congregation and its programs and having literature available. We are usually there from about 5 PM until sundown. Cruise Night is held on the first Friday of each month from April through October.



The second in our two-film juvenile delinquency miniseries is the stunning 1961 adaptation of the Tony Award-winning 1957 Broadway stage musical "West Side Story." The original book by Arthur Laurents, loosely based on "Romeo and Juliet," was animated by the music of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, and choreography by Jerome Robbins. The result was one part familiar literature, one part stylish postwar modernism, and one part old-fashioned musical, with the added attraction of being topical (youth problems having become a cultural obsession). For the film, co-directors Robbins and Robert Wise were faced with the basic issue of stage material often not taking well to the screen. The bold choice of using outdoor New York City filming locations was key to opening it up. Though many of the supporting stage players were carried over, all of the major roles were recast. The part of Maria went to Natalie Wood only after it was decided that Carol Lawrence, who originated the role on Broadway, was too old to recreate it on film. The part of Tony went to virtual unknown Richard Beymer when many other more well-known actors (including Warren Beatty, Robert Redford, Tab Hunter, Burt Reynolds, and Elvis Presley!) were either passed over for the part or turned it down. Despite some risky (questionable, even) casting choices, the film did not disappoint on any level. An enormous hit, it equalled if not exceeded its source material, winning ten Academy Awards, and that's still a record for a musical. (2:32)

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula  
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7PM • Free! • Enter Side Door

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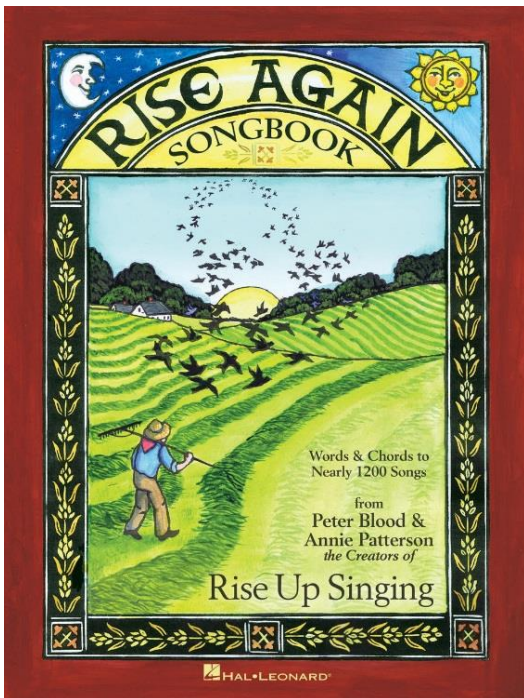


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## CHOIR: SING!

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!

April 18	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Halle Halle Halle, Hopson
April 21	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Easter
May 9	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Over the Rainbow
May 12	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Mother's Day
June 6	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	We are the Music Song of Peace
June 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Flower Communion



## RISE UP SINGING APRIL 19 at 7 PM

Pete Seeger is quoted in "Rise Again", the sequel to the song collection, "Rise Up Singing": "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. Different religions, different languages—the act of singing together makes us realize we're human beings. We can't put it into words. To a certain extent all the arts are important—the dancing arts! Cooking arts! Humor arts! Sports!

"But if we're still here I believe singing will be the main reason why. Not solo singing, singing together. Families can sing together. Strangers can sing together. People who think they hate each other can sing together."

Let's sing together! Our next Rise Up Singing is April 19 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. Join the fun as we experience communal singing. All ages are welcome. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested). Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome to this informal and spirited evening of shared music making which lasts about 2 hours. Bring a copy of Rise Up Singing or Rise Again, if you have one. Some copies will be available to buy or borrow for the evening. For more information, call Maddie Sifantus at 805-525-4620 or email her at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org)

Our Rise Up Singing Schedule for 2019, all on third Fridays from 7-9 PM, is:

April 19, May 17, October 18, November 15 and December 20

*Note that we will be off in June, July, August and September.*

Invite your friends and family! Especially those who play instruments. There is a piano available if you would like to play keys. Let's keep the message of music going through singing together.

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## COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

According to the Bylaws of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, the Committee on Congregational Life's primary mission to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the congregation's ministry (ordained, staff and laity). The COCL is not a committee of the Board, but a committee of the congregation in special relationship to the Board. It consists of three members serving staggered terms of two years each. Current members are Judy Triem, Ken Stock and new member, Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford. COCL meetings are held quarterly in the context of confidentiality and mutual honesty. Members are encouraged to let Rev. Maddie or one of the members of the committee know if there are any issues of the ministries of the congregation of which they should be aware. The next meeting of the COCL will be Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 PM at Rev. Maddie's home.

## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

**MEETING** – Wed., April 10, 4:00 pm Social Concerns Action Committee will meet in Maddie's Office.

**DOCUMENTARY** Date: Tuesday, April 23 ,2019, Potluck Dinner: 5:30 PM, Documentary: 6:30 PM  
The Social Concerns Action Committee presents the documentary, *Evolution of Organic*, the story of organic agriculture, told by those who built the movement. A motley crew of back-to-the-landers, spiritual seekers, and farmers' sons and daughters rejected modern chemical farming and set out to invent organic alternatives. The story evolves into restorative agriculture that brings dead soil back to life, grows nutritious vegetables and drawdowns carbon out of the atmosphere and sinks it into the soil. All who love good and healthy food, will give an exhalation of thanks for these pioneers. Discussion follows.

**EXPAND YOUR MIND** Expand-Your-Mind will meet to discuss the book, *Twilight of American Sanity* by Allen Francis, M.D., on Sunday, April 7, 2:00 P.M. at the home of Anna and Jim Cole. Doctor Francis does not contemplate Trump's sanity, but asks "What does it say about the mental health of Americans that they elected Donald Trump?" It's lively, thought provoking and propels us to seek solutions to our predicament.

**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

Thursday, April 25, 11:30 am

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet at Café Flight 126. All women of the church welcome.

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## CARING COMMITTEE POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION



*YOU Can Do It!*

TOOLS TO BETTER  
MANAGE YOUR  
HEALTHCARE

*Catherine Callahan*

All are invited to a Potluck lunch on Thursday, April 18 at Noon in the Parish Hall of the church. Bring a salad or small entrée to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided. We will be joined by Catherine Callahan, author of *YOU Can Do It! Tools to Better Manage Your Health Care*. Catherine is a member of our congregation, the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara where she sings in the choir. She is a land use planner turned healthcare advocate. Her business, ICareHealthCare, was born out of her own journey through the healthcare system and the lessons she learned through advocating for her own healthcare. Members and friends of the congregation invited. For more questions, be in touch with Rev. Maddie or with Caring Committee Chair, Karen Harris.

## PSW DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

APRIL 26-28, 2019 • LONG BEACH, CA

**From the Ground Up: The Power of Our PSWD Communities**

Keynote Speaker: Donald Milton III, Director of Music, UUCA



**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:** \$125 April 1 through April 11, \$65 Youth (14-18)

Financial assistance available, request via registration form.

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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES  
PRESENTS  
LANDMARK STRING QUARTET  
FORMERLY SINCOPA STRING QUARTET

Borodin String Quartet No.2 and Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 6 in F minor



SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 AT 7 PM  
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TIX: [www.uucsp/sp-concert-series](http://www.uucsp/sp-concert-series)  
or at door

\$20 for adults ~ \$10 children 12 and under ~ Under 5, free  
Office 805-525-4647





## **UUCSP MYSTERY DINNER PARTY!!!**

**Friday, May 31, 2019, 6:00 pm**

**Help raise money for the UUCSP Scholarship Fund**  
***Donation \$50/person\****

Please let us know if you are interested in attending so we can assign you a character role for the mystery dinner game. Invitations to follow.

Mystery Dinner is open to all so if you have a friend(s) that would like to participate, please let us know. The game is intended for ages 16 and up due to difficulty.

Hosts: MaryBeth East, Leslie Nichols and Ruth Ricards

*\*Price includes 3-course meal and mystery game*



# People and Doings

**Sun, Apr 07, 2019 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Imagining Liberation Together: UUJMCA & You

***"How do we cultivate the muscle of radical imagination needed to dream beyond fear?"***

*-Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds, by adrienne maree brown*

What does it mean to imagine, truly imagine, a more just and liberated world? What does it mean to extend our understanding of what is possible to include what we have always believed is impossible?



The Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California is ready to make our imagination a reality. But first, we need to liberate our imagination - we need to liberate ourselves from the fear that tells us another way is no longer possible. We need to liberate ourselves from the belief that we do not have the power to transform the world.

**We do have the power. We can transform the world. We will create liberation together.**

Join UUJMCA's new Executive Director, Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, for a workshop and conversation as we explore what it means to collaboratively imagine a liberated world, and then to collectively work towards it. Justice makers, Justice dreamers, and anyone else who is curious about the realities we can create when we imagine "the impossible." Included will be updates on UUJMCA's programs for the coming years, and opportunities to share what your community hopes to accomplish with our support.

## **Gathering Objectives:**

- 1) Spiritual Grounding & Theological Reflection on the role of social justice in progressive faith.
- 2) Examination of your congregation's context in the broader community.
- 3) Education on upcoming legislative and advocacy opportunities from UUJMCA partners.
- 4) Cross-congregational community building and strategy development.

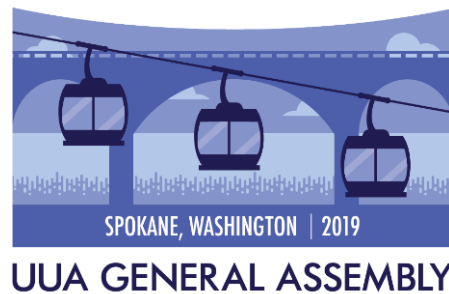
This event is open to the public and free of charge. Donations to UUJMCA appreciated & welcome.

Event Location

**Conejo Valley UU Fellowship** 3331 Old Conejo Road Newbury Park, CA 91320-2115

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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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# Calendar of Events

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 930am Yoga	3 6PM Meditation	4 930am Yoga	5 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih  5pm Cruise Night	6
7 1030AM Worship  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Plate  2PM Expand YourMind	8	9 930am Yoga  7PM Gathering	10 4PM SCAC mtg  6PM Meditation	11 930am Yoga	12 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	13 9AM Board Retreat  7PM Classic Movie Night
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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

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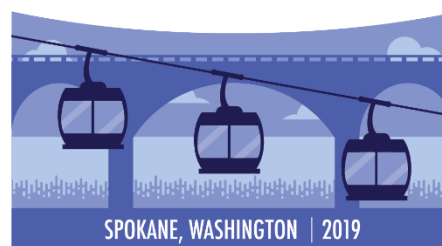
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