



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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MAY 2018 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



Theme: Beloved Community

May 6 May Day

Erik Halseth, Sushilla Wood

Join us as we celebrate Spring with our third annual Maypole Celebration. Festivities include a traditional blessing, followed by dancing and the wrapping of the maypole and a potluck lunch. Please note this is an outdoor event. Shade will be provided, but please bring a hat or umbrella. Flower crowns are welcome and encouraged.

First Sunday Plate to The Canine Adoption and Rescue League (C.A.R.L)

*Tuesday, May 8 Gathering

Rev. Maddie

Rev. Maddie leads a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word on the monthly theme. The music will be provided by Geno Palilla, piano and Maddie Sifantus, soprano.

May 13 Beloved!

Rev. Maddie, Jerry Gray

The term "Beloved Community" can be traced back to Josiah Royce, the 19th century American religious philosopher. Rev. Maddie introduces our monthly theme with thoughts about what that might look like and what it calls us to do. Our choir sings "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another."

May 20 Pathways of the Heart

Rev. Maddie, Kate English

What brings us back to Beloved Community when we have drifted apart or when we have fallen out of covenant with each other? What breaks down the barriers between us? What guides us in our lives together and in our larger community? Rev. Maddie will explore these questions and more through words, story and the music of the Rowans. Special music by Chris and Lorin Rowan.

May 27 We Remember

Rev. Maddie, Allan Noel

On this Memorial Day weekend, Rev. Maddie considers the meanings of remembering those we have lost.

CASP food offering

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Message from the Minister

May once more arrives with endings of school years, our looking towards the summer and new flowering and leafing all around us. We begin the month with Erik Halseth and Sushila Wood leading a “bringing in the May” service with our May Pole in the garden, and we end the month on a more reflective note of remembering those we have lost on Memorial Day weekend. I have been meeting all year with our Caring Committee, thinking about how we as a community care for each other, in good times and bad. You will be hearing more about what we have been talking about in the May 27th service, “We Remember”, and in the months ahead. Part of what we do as a community is remember those who have gone before us in our history and in our personal lives. We have memorial windows in our church, stories about where various pieces of furniture and items came from, and stones in our Memorial Garden. Our Caring Committee remembers folks’ birthdays and anniversaries with cards or at times of sickness and loss. How surprised was I that they remembered my birthday at coffee hour on April 22nd, along with Jan Shepherd whose birthday it actually was that day! I was touched that they remembered that my favorite kind of cake was carrot cake—and that anyone remembered at all! I felt taken care of, which is not the job of the congregation nor the Caring Committee but felt good anyway! I especially enjoyed having my granddaughter Pascale help me cut the cake. How do you feel cared for? How can your church community be there for you in the good times and the bad?

One way we care for you is know how to reach a family member or friend in an emergency. I am including once more the Personal Information Sheet in this Newsletter. More copies can be found on the information table in the Parish Hall. This information is confidential. If you don’t want to fill out the end-of-life information at this time, please at least fill out the first section.

On the path of our faith, Rev. Maddie



Message from the Minister

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

YOUR NAME _____
PHONE(S) _____
ADDRESS _____

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

NAME _____ PHONE(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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

(1) NAME _____ PHONE(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

(2) NAME _____ PHONE(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

(3) NAME _____ PHONE(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR HEALTH CARE:

AGENT NAME: _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE(S) _____

ALTERNATE NAME: _____

PHONE(S) _____
ADDRESS _____

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

NAME _____ PHONE(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your

signature _____ Date _____

Message from the Board of Trustees

BOARD NOTES

Did you know our church has been invaded by an invasive species that came from subtropical Asia to North America in the 1980s? You may have noticed some bird “poop” on the east side of the church. Blame that on The Eurasian collared dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*). To fight off this invasion the board authorized placing Bird-X metal spikes above the handicap lift. That seems to be working.

We have been invaded by some two-legged creatures lately also. That is causing us to think about placing some security cameras inside and outside of the church for added security. That technology is growing and relatively inexpensive. Many more small building and grounds projects are constantly in the works on our historic building. We have a long “TO DO” list and constantly add new projects and delete finished ones. Some projects never get finished. Jobs like emptying the trash or doing the dishes. Overall, we are pretty pleased about how the church runs both physically, monetarily and spiritually.

Our board is looking forward to meeting with the board of the Ventura UU Church in August. We can share ideas and learn from each other and just get to know each other better.

Yours, etc.
John Nichols



CAPITAL FUND

The Capital Fund is growing. Earlier this year, the Fund received a substantial donation from Lynn Morrison’s estate in the form of insurance proceeds. Historically, donations made in memory, or in honor, of someone have been directed to this endowment fund. Most recently donations were received from Audrey Vincent, Allan and Jyl Atmore, Spence and Millie Mitchell and Donna Hamer in memory of Bets Weinecke. Might you name the Capital Fund as a beneficiary of an insurance policy or an IRA? Is there someone you wish to remember or honor? The Marjorie Newlin Leaming Capital Fund currently has a market value of \$1,890,050. The Fund provides quarterly distributions to the church for its operating expenses. It accepts donations of any size, as it strives to reach its goal of \$2 million.

Campfire and Movie Nights

Come join the Religious Education program as we raise money for our members to attend Camp DeBennville Pines!

On First Fridays every month starting in June we will be showing family-friendly movies outdoors (weather permitting). Come to downtown Santa Paula for Cruise Night, and stay for the movies, food, and fun!



Roast marshmallows or hot dogs at the campfire. Have fun doing crafts. Play a game with friends and family. And, of course, watch the movie on the lawn.

Location: Backyard of the church

Cruise Night: 5pm-7:30pm

Campfire Time: 6pm-?

Approximate movie start time: Dusk

More information to follow...

GATHERING*



***DEFINITION OF GATHERING**

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

MAY 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with pianist Geno Palilla

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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Maddie Sifantus will lead the next Evening Gathering with Sound, Silence and Spoken Word at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM with the theme, "For the Evening." This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word. The poems will be by Emily Dickenson. The music will be provided by Geno Palilla, pianist with Ms. Sifantus, soprano presenting music by Beethoven, Brahms and Humperdinck. Free, but with a free will offering to compensate our Gathering musicians. For more information, call 805-525-4620 or email msifantus@uuma.org.

Spiritual Growth Center

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

All are invited to our meditation practice group in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays, May 2, 16 and 30 at 6 PM. May 2nd will be led by Jim Cole. May 16th and 30 will be led by Rev. Maddie Sifantus. Enter through the front gate to the left of the main entrance and come in the side door. This group celebrates the diversity of Buddhist and other meditative orientations and welcomes participants from all contemplative traditions to attend. Jim Cole is a long-time meditator from the Mindfulness tradition who has attended our group for some time. Rev. Maddie is also a long-time meditator from the mindfulness or Vipassana tradition of Buddhism as well as the Christian contemplative tradition. Allow about an hour and bring your meditation cushion, if you have one, or you can sit in a chair. The group is open to everyone; there is a free will offering (\$5 suggested but all invited regardless of funds). The meeting will begin with a reading and short discussion, with a guided meditation leading us into a time of silence. There is power in meditating together. We would love to have you join us. For more information, leave a message on Reverend Maddie's private line at the church: 805-525-4620 or email msifantus@uuma.org.

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## SINGING MEDITATION

**MAY 23, 2018**  
**at 7:00 PM**

Singing Meditation is a contemplative hour which combines song/chant with short periods of silence. Songs will be eclectic and come from a number of spiritual paths including Unitarian Universalist, Taize, earth based, and world sources. Join in this spiritual practice led by Rev. Maddie Sifantus. Suitable for beginners as well as experienced singers and/or meditators. Open to all. Free will offering



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On Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM the Reverend Maddie will lead an hour of Singing Meditation in the Parish Hall. Singing Meditation is a contemplative hour which combines song/chant with short periods of silence. This is not about performance for an audience but rather the blending of voices in simple song and chant interspersed with silence. Songs will be eclectic and come from a number of spiritual paths including Unitarian Universalist, Taize, earth based, and world sources. Join in this spiritual practice which is suitable for beginners as well as experienced singers and/or meditators. Free Will Offering. For more information, call Maddie at 805-525-4620 or email her at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).

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# Spiritual Growth Center



## SOARING HEARTS YOGA

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend yoga in our Parish Hall on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:30 am – 10:30 am. with Yoga instructor, Lisa Hammond. Class fee is \$6 - \$8 per session. Lisa keeps an email list to which you can be added after attending your first session. She has been leading yoga for us for about two years and several of our members and Rev. Maddie attend. Lisa Hammond can be reached at [soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com).



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).

## the power of gratitude

three sessions  
with  
gurdeep & shilpa  
on monday  
april 23rd, 30th & may 7th  
7 to 8.30 pm 

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free will donations

## OMG TO OM: NEW SERIES

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula announces the debut of a new series, OMG to OM on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM starting April 9th in the Parish Hall of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula which is located at 740 E Main Street in Santa Paula. Please enter through the front gate into the side door. This will be a lecture followed by Meditation presented by Gurdeep Singh and Shilpa Pandey. 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](mailto:uucspoffice@gmail.com).

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# People and Doings

## NEWS FROM AMONG US May 2018

- Perhaps you or someone you know is suffering from trauma experienced from the Thomas Fire and subsequent mudslide. There is an organization providing Thomas Fire Survivors with free confidential counseling and self-care support which can be accessed by calling 805-833-9495, emailing [hopeventuracounty@gmail.com](mailto:hopeventuracounty@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/hopeofvc/](http://www.facebook.com/hopeofvc/)
- Please let our administrator Krystal Johnson or Rev. Maddie know if you want to be added to our Birthday List Now that we are having Zodiac Zundays once month at coffee hour, it is one more reason to join the fun.
- If you have any News from Among Us you would like to share with our community, please let Rev. Maddie know by the newsletter deadline which is the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month.

## OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Rev. Maddie is usually available in the office by appointment or pot luck drop in from Tuesday through Friday. Please note that both she and Rev. Betty will be out of town to attend the Pacific Western Regional Assembly in Portland, Oregon from April 26-30 and then Rev. Maddie will be on vacation from May 1-7. While she is gone, pastoral coverage is being provided by our Coordinator of Religious Education, Erik Halseth. Rev. Betty will cover from May 1-7 after she returns. Should an emergency arise during this time, please leave a message on the church office phone, 805-525-4647, and Krystal will contact Erik or Rev. Betty.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please make an appointment with Rev. Maddie Sifantus if you are ready to sign the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula membership book and call this community your spiritual home. Rev. Maddie will be happy to talk to you about the path to membership and get to know you better. This is a great time to sign as we will be recognizing new members during our Flower Communion Service on Sunday, June 10.

## ENGAGING OUR TRADITION

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to know more how things work around here and the history of our building and congregation? Please join Rev. Maddie and others after our service and coffee hour on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for an hour and a half introduction to engaging Unitarian Universalism and the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. Hear about our history as a congregation and how it fits into the larger movement of Unitarian Universalism. Bring your questions about how we do things around here. Who makes decisions? What about Social Justice? What about Faith Formation? Who is the Caring Committee or the Committee on Congregational Life? Inquiring minds want to know. Please come if you have been around the place for a while or if it is your first day in the door.

## CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee is currently involved in Lay Ministry Training at their monthly meetings to better serve our members and supplement the ministry of Rev. Maddie, our professional pastoral care provider. This training facilitated by Rev. Maddie takes place at the regular monthly meetings of the committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 17th. Meetings are at 12:15 PM and last about an hour and a half. Let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in joining with the Caring Committee members Barbara Beach, Karen Harris, Penny McManus, Delicia Niami, Sharon Kufeldt, and Jan Shepherd. The Caring Committee is responsible for overseeing the Memorial Rose Garden and its binder and will be kicking off a new project of a UUCSP Memory Book with pages to remember those we have lost.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

- ❖ The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter First Sunday Recipient is The Canine Adoption and Rescue League (C.A.R.L.)
- ❖ Canine Adoption and Rescue League (C.A.R.L.) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit all breed, no-kill dog rescue and adoption organization. Since 1996, C.A.R.L. has rescued and placed thousands of unwanted, sick, abandoned, and homeless dogs. Dogs in our adoption program are placed in pre-screened, loving and secure homes. We make a lifetime commitment to all of our dogs.
- ❖ C.A.R.L. is located in Santa Paula, California and primarily serves Ventura County dogs. Because of our lifetime commitment to our dogs we have a preference to place dogs locally, so we are available to them if needed. We rely on donations and do not receive government, state, or city funding. We operate almost entirely by volunteers.
- ❖ C.A.R.L. has established "CARL's Golden Oldies", a new rescue program focusing specifically on the unique needs of dogs aged 10 and older. Senior dogs have so much to give. They are calm and patient, affectionate and loyal. All they ask in return is the same love and care deserving of any pet and a warm place to rest their head.
- ❖ These animals deserve to spend their remaining time in safe, loving, and secure homes. Those homes will be enriched and brightened by the presence of a loyal companion, one who is often already house trained, calm, and used to the company of people and other pets. Senior citizens who could not otherwise afford the medical bills of a senior dog are encouraged to foster these dogs.
- ❖ C.A.R.L.'s Golden Oldies program funding has run out and they are currently seeking help to keep maintaining medical care for the older dogs in the program as well as roofs to keep the dogs dry when it rains. Currently their roofs are in dis-array and they have a quote to fix these but are still about \$10,000 short. Anything you can do to help would be amazing

## LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

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

## CHOIR

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

|         |         |                                                              |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 10  | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal                                              |
| May 13  | 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service                         |
|         |         | Beloved, Let Us Love One Another Arthur Foote, Jason Shelton |
| June 7  | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal                                              |
| June 10 | 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM service                         |
|         |         | We Are One Brian Tate                                        |

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## CRUISE NIGHT

The next Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2018 is Friday, May 4. Erik Halseth will be hosting, setting up and tearing down in the absence of Ken Stock and Rev. Maddie who have been hosting these for the last three years and who will be back in June. Tours are offered of our Historic Church, including ringing the bell, if we have two people at the table. The table is under a pop-up tent in front of the church where we greet passersby, talk about our congregation and its programs and have literature available. We are usually there from about 5 PM until sundown. Please let Erik know if you can help with setting up and/or tearing down or join him at the table. Cruise Night is held on the first Friday of each month from April through October.

## MAY DAY CROWN MAKING

In conjunction with Cruise night, we will host May Day Crown making in front of the church on Friday, May 4th from 5-7:30pm. All welcome to come make flower crowns. Flower donations wanted - if you have a garden of flowers to share, we can arrange flower collectors to come early Friday to gather some flowers for crown making.

## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

**MEETING** Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE** – Tuesday, May 22 Potluck: 5:30 Movie: 6:30

The Age of Consequences, a documentary, investigates how climate change impacts resource scarcity, migration, and conflict through the lens of national security and global stability. The film's unnerving assessment is no reason for fatalism, but a call to action to rethink how we use and produce energy. Afterward, Col. Douglas Jackson, Ret. US Army will offer comments and facilitate the discussion. Free event; donations welcome. Presented by the Social Concerns Action Committee.

**FAIR TRADE EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL FROM THE HOLY LAND** is available. Grown in the Ramallah area by Palestinian farmers who are prohibited from selling their oil in neighboring Israel or Jordan, this oil has a 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. Cost is \$16 per 500 ml bottle, and all proceeds over cost go to support the Social Concerns Action Committee's documentary films. Contact Donna Hamer at 805-746-6587 or [ddhamer@gmail.com](mailto:ddhamer@gmail.com).

## THE MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet Thursday May 24 at 11:30 am at Flight 126 Café. The Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford will share her life story. All women of the church welcome.

## PROJECT PRIDE SANTA PAULA

Every Friday from 5:30pm -7pm in the church basement starting on May 11th.: Project Pride is an activities based support group for LGBTQ+ teens age 13-19 and their allies/accomplices. All are welcome. The program will be coordinated by teen program One Step A La Vez with additional facilitation support from UU Church of Santa Paula, the Coalition for Family Harmony and others. If you are interested in more information or in volunteering please contact Kate English at 805-207-5013.

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

## **“ZODIAC ZUNDAY”:**

On May 6 we will be honoring

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20)

### Sign Characteristics:

Practical and well grounded; Taurus is the sign that harvests the fruits of labor. They feel the need to always be surrounded by love and beauty, turned to the material world, hedonism, and physical pleasures. People born with their Sun in Taurus are sensual and tactile, considering touch and taste the most important of all senses. Stable and conservative, this is one of the most reliable signs of the zodiac, ready to endure and stick to their choices until they reach the point of personal satisfaction.



SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

## **CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS**

If ever a film attempted to find a way to address the moral ambiguities of film noir in a contemporary setting, it is this 1989 drama by Woody Allen. With the production code no longer providing filmmakers with a mandatory moral roadmap requiring the bad guys to get what is coming to them in the end, the question of how (or whether) misdeeds are punished can be treated as an open question. The film tracks two parallel stories, one comic led by Allen, and the other far darker, by Martin Landau. Their separate ethical dilemmas intersect, randomly, in the film's unforgettable finale. The superb ensemble cast also features Alan Alda, Claire Bloom, Mia Farrow, Joanna Gleason, Anjelica Huston, Jerry Orbach, and Sam Waterston. An ambitious, thoughtful (and controversial) film that poses difficult questions and refuses to leave us with any easy answers. (1:44)

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JOIN US IN SINGING

~ ALL AGES

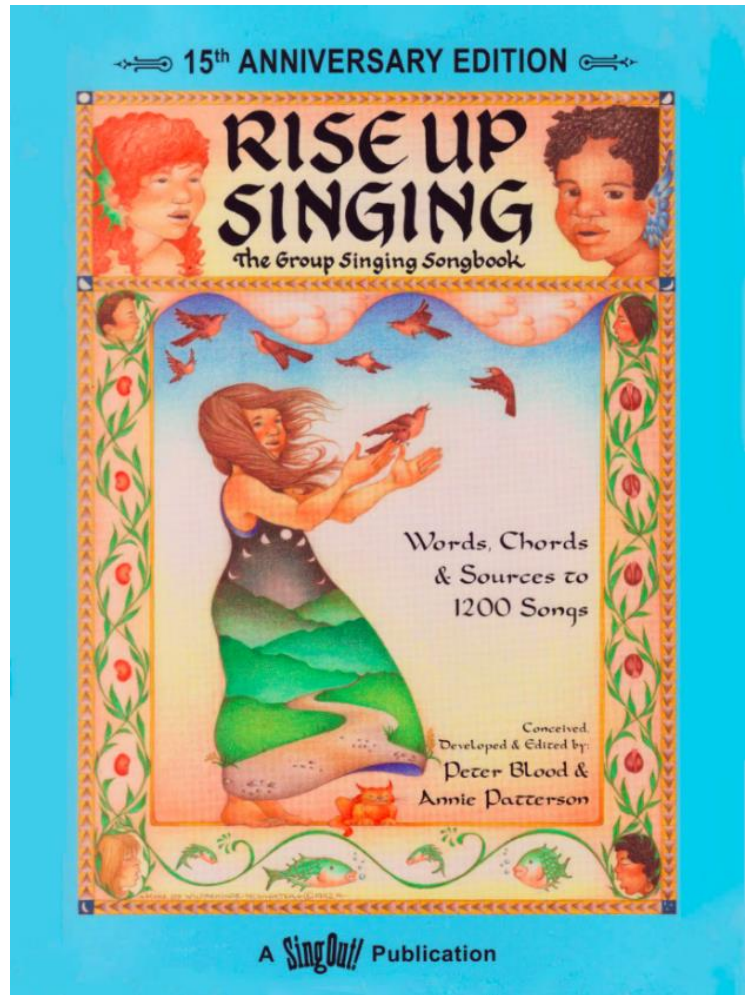
UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN  
CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA  
PARISH HALL

740 E MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, MAY 18 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



LED BY MADDIE SIFANTUS AND DONNA NELSON

## RISE UP SINGING

Our Rise Up Singing group is named from the title of the book Rise Up Singing. Pete Seeger once said, "The older I get, the more I am convinced that if there's a human race still here in a hundred years, one of the main reasons will be that we found ways we can sing together." Come help save the world—or just have fun—at our next meeting of Rise Up Singing in our Parish Hall on Friday, May 18th at 7 PM. Instruments and all ages invited. Bring your Rise Up Singing book if you have it or a song you want to bring to the group. Regular size copies of Rise Up Singing will be available to buy for \$15 or borrow. We have received a new shipment of the large size version which are available for \$20. We will be taking a break for June and July and be back on the third Friday on August 17th.

Yours in song,  
Rev. Maddie and Donna Nelson

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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, chair, Ken Stock and Audrey Vincent. COCL meetings are held 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 ministry of the congregation of which they should be aware. The COCL created and the congregation adopted its Covenant of Right Relations during the Interim Ministry period before Rev. Maddie was called and reviews it annually, as well as periodically publishing it in the newsletter as a reminder to all our members and friends.

## COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS OF THE UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA

### LISTENING AND SPEAKING

We promise to listen compassionately and speak with care.

*Listen from the heart. Use "I" statements when expressing opinions or feelings. In conversation, refrain from blame and judgment. Listen more to understand than to reply. Leave space for others to speak / let your voice be heard (or as our Youth say), "Step Up / Step Back". Respect different points of view.*

### WORKING WITH CONFLICT

We promise to address conflicts directly, using openness and compassion.

*Assume others have good intentions. Talk to the person directly. Stay engaged with each other through difficult conversations. Be curious about the other side of an issue. Agree to disagree and do so with openness and gentleness. Respect decisions made by the group.*

### SERVING OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

We promise to serve our church community with generosity and good humor.

*Attend worship and other church events. Say "yes" to service that nurtures you. Honor our commitments. Respect the right to say "no". Encourage people to make choices that balance their needs with others' needs. Use humor when appropriate.*

### HOSPITALITY AND WELCOMING

We promise to practice hospitality and acceptance, welcoming all who enter and encouraging diversity in our congregation.

*Greet people warmly. Engage those who are different from us. Welcome newcomers into conversations. At Coffee Hour be intentionally inclusive. Treat others with respect and loving kindness.*

### FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

We promise to acknowledge our shortcomings and be willing to forgive those of others.

*Acknowledge our own and others' imperfections. Forgive ourselves and others. Lovingly call each other to account for behavior that is hurtful to others. Treat each other with openness, honesty and fairness.*

### APPRECIATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We promise to acknowledge the service of others and support each other in times of joy and need.

*Honor all levels of service and financial support to the church. Help each other in time of crisis. Recognize each other's talents. Appreciate the efforts of others. Give positive feedback, comments and thoughts. Stay open to other points of view. Challenge ourselves and each other to grow.*

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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES  
PRESENTS

## THE ROWAN BROTHERS



Join Us for an Evening of Acoustic Roots Music with a Dash of Americana & Bluegrass, as We Welcome Chris and Lorin Rowan back to the Santa Paula Concert Series! Come enjoy their Trademark Tight Harmonies and Haunting Melodies!

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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The Santa Paula Concert Series will present the *Chris and Lorin Rowan* on Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary at the historic Universalist Unitarian Church, a Ventura Historical County landmark, located at [740 East Main Street, Santa Paula](#). It is handicapped accessible through the side gate.

The Rowans perform their own music and Acoustic roots/Americana with a splash of Bluegrass. Their most recent CD is “Now and Then.” Both record and perform on their own and with others. Their trademarks are tight harmonies and haunting melodies underscored by crisp guitar and mandolin. With their older brother Peter Rowan, who has performed for the Concert Series in the past, they have also recorded several albums including “Sibling Rivalry”, “Tree on a Hill” and “Crazy People”. Lorin’s song “Soldier of the Cross” is the title track of country artist Ricky Skaggs’ Grammy winning CD. Their CDs will be available at the artists’ reception following the concert.

The Rowans are longtime musical collaborators with Rev. Maddie. She will join them on several songs. The next morning, May 20 at 10:30 AM, they will provide the music as she presents a worship service based on Lorin’s song “Pathways of the Heart.”

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# Calendar of Events



| Sunday                                                         | Monday                                                                         | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                           | Thursday                                                           | Friday                                                                                      | Saturday                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                |                                                                                | 1<br>10am<br>Yoga                                              | 2<br>6pm<br>Meditation              | 3<br><br>10am Yoga                                                 | 4<br>10:00am&<br>11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br>Cruise Night<br>530pmProject<br>Pride SP         | 5                                                               |
| 6<br>1030amWorship<br>1stSunday Plate<br>ZodiacZunday          | 7<br>7PM<br>OMGTO<br>OM:<br>Meditation<br>& Lecture                            | 8<br><br>930 Yoga<br><br>7PM<br>Gathering                      | 9<br><br>630pmSocial<br>ConcernsMtg | 10<br><br>930 Yoga<br><br>7pmChoir<br>Rehearsal                    | 11<br>10:00am&11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br>530pmProject<br>PrideSP<br>7pmClassic<br>MovieNight | 12                                                              |
| 13<br>930amChoirReh<br>1030amWorship<br>Mother's Day           | 14<br>7PM<br>OMGTO<br>OM:<br>Meditation<br>& Lecture                           | 15<br><br>930 Yoga                                             | 16<br>6pm<br>Meditation             | 17<br><br>930 Yoga<br>1215pmCaring<br>CommMtg<br>630pmBoard<br>Mtg | 18<br>10:00am&<br>11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br>530pmProject<br>PrideSP<br>7pmRiseUp<br>Singing | 19<br>7PM SP<br>Concert<br>Series –<br>The<br>Rowan<br>Brothers |
| 20<br><br>1030amWorship<br>12:15pm<br>EngaingOur<br>Traditions | 21<br>7PM<br>OMGTO<br>OM:<br>Meditation<br>& Lecture<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | 22<br>930 Yoga<br>530pm&<br>630pm<br>SCAC<br>Dinner&<br>aMovie | 23<br>7pmSinging<br>Meditation      | 24<br><br>930 Yoga<br><br>1130am<br>MaryA's                        | 25<br>10:00am&<br>11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br>530pmProject<br>PrideSP                         | 26                                                              |
| 27<br>1030amWorship<br>CASP                                    | 28<br>7PM<br>OMGTO<br>OM:<br>Meditation<br>& Lecture<br>Memorial<br>Day        | 29<br><br>930 Yoga                                             | 30<br>6pm<br>Meditation             | 31<br><br>930 Yoga                                                 |                                                                                             |                                                                 |

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