



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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



### MAY THEME: MYSTERY

*Our lives are not merely a series of questions to be answered or problems to be solved, but mysteries to be lived. As Annie Dillard reminds us (Buddha-like), "We wake, if ever at all, to mystery." The capacity to value mystery is enhanced by awareness; by a sense of awe, wonder, and gratitude at the reality of being alive and being a witness to existence.*

#### May 5 Now is the Month of Maying: Beltane Rev. Maddie, Sushila Wood

Wear your spring finest including a head wreath if you have one (or flowers in your hair) and join our multigenerational celebration of Beltane, complete with May Pole.

*First Sunday plate to Kigoma Orphanage in Tanzania*

#### May 12 Meeting the Needs Rev. Maddie, Michelle Cowan

On this Mother's Day and as we look back to look forward in our congregation this year, Rev. Maddie considers our Universalist foremother, Clara Barton. Barton credits her faith for influencing her work which began nursing soldiers in the Civil War and resulted in the founding of the American Red Cross. Our choir sings.

#### \*Tuesday, May 14 at 7 PM Gathering

Rev. Maddie, Donna Lynn Caskey

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 Mystery. The music will be provided by Banjo Gal, Donna Lynn Caskey.

#### May 19 Let the Mystery Be Rev. Maddie, Kate English

Andy Warhol once said, "The mystery was gone but the amazement was just starting." Rev. Maddie considers "the mystery", the unknowing, and perhaps just letting the mystery be.

#### May 26 In Memorium Rev. Betty, Pat English

We often think of memorials as celebrations for the dead. But on this Sunday before Memorial Day, we will be looking at the people and events in our lives that we want to honor into life again. We will join in a service to re-member the things in our lives that we want to bring forward. What are yours?

**BACK IN THE DAY—UUs of Our Past  
Leslie Nichols**

*CASP Offering*

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# Message from the Minister

As we go into the lovely month of May, we think of May Day, Beltane, May Poles, May baskets, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. We are pushing through spring to the warmer weather, the hills are turning from green to gold and cars are turning more toward our beaches. Life at church continues to be busy! As I write this, Sushila Wood and I could use some help in producing our May Day/Beltane service, especially in putting up the May Pole and with the winding of the ribbons which will happen at the end of our service. We are beginning a Mission and Vision venture as a congregation, a process that kicked off at Annual Meeting in January and continued at the Board Retreat in April. I am looking for a few good folks to work with me as we plan a series of events from Circle Dinners to Focus Groups as we do some re-visioning over the next year. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the planning. I hope to have one Board member and several others who I can brainstorm with and put a plan in place that will social events and ways for us to talk with each other about our hopes and dreams for this place.

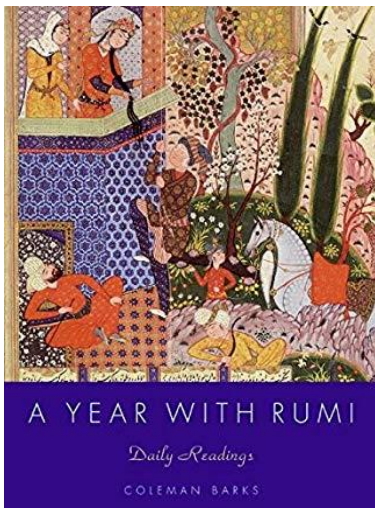
One of the ways things will be changing is that Coordinator of Religious Education for the last two years, Erik Halseth, will be leaving his position at the end of June to concentrate on his path into the ministry, including finishing seminary, Clinical Pastoral Education and an Internship before he is done. However, he is not going far since he is a member of the congregation! We will be recognizing him at our Flower Communion Service on June 9 and look forward to having him and James with us when they can be in the future.

Part of our visioning will be about how we do Faith Formation in our congregation, from the youngest to the oldest. There are many changes in society at larger and our own church that affect how we plan. From decreasing volunteer time, inconsistent attendance for many children to changing goals—many parents find that family time during the week is limited and seek time together Sunday morning. We will be discussing various models of Faith Formation going forward which may or may not involve hiring someone. Stay tuned for more on that and let your voice be heard.

On the path of our faith,  
Rev. Maddie

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## *WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING*



Each morning when I do my Meditation Practice, I read from a collection of different Daybooks and other inspirational readings. I often turn to the Sufi mystic Rumi who some say is the most famous poet in the world. His translator, Coleman Barks writes in an Afterword some musings on poetry as being the mysterious and sacred, fitting in with our May theme of “Mystery.” For my novel, this month I am reading “Oryx and Crake”, an older science fiction piece by Margaret Atwood that has been sitting on my pile for many years with the inscription in the front from someone named Liz, “To Maddie: I hope you like this as much as I did.” Not sure who Liz is but it all goes to prove that I get to all the books on my pile...eventually! How big are your piles?

What are you reading?

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# Message from the Board of Trustees

The Board had its annual retreat in April to welcome its newly elected members, Jyl Atmore and Karen Harris. Our annual retreat is when your Board often focus on strategic planning to ensure the health of the congregation. At this retreat your Board of Trustees reviewed the Mission Statement, "to practice inclusiveness, seek justice and foster spirituality" with an eye to what the vision for this church should be in 2019 and beyond. Creating a workable vision for this church is a task for the whole congregation thus the Board invites you to start thinking about what a vision for your church might be or look like. Please share your ideas with Rev. Maddie and your Board members, John Nichols, Karen Harris, Jerry Gray Patricia English, Jyl Atmore.



Patricia English  
Board Treasurer

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## SAFE CONGREGATION AT UUCSP

### KEY POLICY AND BUILDING/GROUNDS SECURITY POLICY

Did you know that we have a key policy? If you have church building and gate keys, do you know that there are policies you must follow? Do you know that we have recently found gates and doors unlocked after the Month of Sundays board members have secured the building? Everyone with keys, please read this:



There are separate keys for the building, gates and minister's office. The office administrator, maintains and monitors the key book of all individuals who have keys and updates the book annually. Individuals who no longer meet the eligibility requirement will return keys to the office administrator.

Key holders agree to keep the key(s) in their possession for their use only. No reproduction is allowed.

If key holders have entrance keys, they take responsibility to make sure the church doors are securely locked at the time of departure if they are the last to leave the building.

### Eligible for Keys

Church staff, board members, committee chairs, contractors, individuals using the church building for weddings, unions or special events, wedding coordinator or others upon request and approval of the minister or office administrator.

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# Message from the RE Coordinator

Lanston Hughes  
*A Poem By Kevin Young*

LANGSTON HUGHES  
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O come now  
& sang  
them weary blues —

Been tired here  
feelin low down  
Real  
tired here  
since you quit town

Our ears no longer trumpets  
Our mouths no more bells  
FAMOUS POET© —  
Busboy — Do tell  
us of hell —

Mr Shakespeare in Harlem  
Mr Theme for English B  
Preach on  
kind sir  
of death, if it please —

We got no more promise  
We only got ain't  
Let us in  
on how  
you 'came a saint

LANGSTON  
LANGSTON  
LANGSTON HUGHES  
Won't you send  
all heaven's news

*Kevin Young is the Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, newly named a National Historic Landmark, and Poetry Editor of the New Yorker. He is the author of thirteen books of poetry and prose, most recently Brown (2018), a New York Times Notable Book.*

## Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery.  
There is always more mystery.”

— Anais Nin

Mystery is an inherent part of childhood. Whether it's the first time they see the stars unpolluted by light, or the first time they see a blade of grass under a microscope, the mystery and wonder of the world is continuously revealed before their eyes. We will be exploring the world in our classroom and outside during the wonderful May weather. Our hands will keep 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.

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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.

**MAY 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus and Donna Lynn Caskey.

Free will offering for the musicians.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, 740 E Main Street, Santa Paula



## Spiritual Growth Center

**UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA  
PARISH HALL**

# May 8 with Jim Cole

# May 22 with Rev. Maddie

For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).

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T'ai Chi Chih leaders, Peter and Denise are moving to Indiana with the last session being May 17<sup>th</sup>. We wish them much joy and happiness in their new adventure. Please stay tuned to our Friday Blast and Sunday Announcements for new T'ai Chi Chih leader and session times.

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# People and Doings

## 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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## NEWS FROM AMONG US May 2019

- We are thrilled to receive the news that our member Allan Noel and our friend LJ Stevens will be joined in a Handfasting Ceremony on Saturday, May 25 at 2:00 PM at The Elite Theatre Company, 2731 Victoria Ave., Oxnard. There will be a reception immediately after the ceremony. Our congregation is invited! RSVP to L.J. Stevens at [LJ@LJStevens.com](mailto:LJ@LJStevens.com) or 805-579-7056. There are postcards with more details with a Happy Noels picture on the table in the Parish Hall.
- Our friend Ellen Deeb has moved to Florida to be near her two East Coast daughters. Her new address is 1365 Lake Baldwin Lane #210, Orlando, FL 32814. She writes on a 4-14-19 postcard to us: "Dear Friends, I send you warmest greetings from Orlando, Florida. It goes without saying that I miss you all enormously. I've found the UU Church here very welcoming and it has quite an activist congregation. Wishing you all a beautiful spring!" We miss her and look forward to when she visits her California daughter.
- Doris Vernon continues her aging and still enjoys visits from us. Ruth Ricards and most faithful Judith Beay have visited recently.
- We were very happy to have a number of children with us on Easter, including Jan Sheperd's daughter and granddaughter from the Boulder, Colorado, coming in for a special birthday.
- Rev. Maddie thanks the Caring Committee for surprising her with a cake on Easter for her Decade birthday which is April 28.
- 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.

## NEW WEBSITE!



Rev. Maddie and her daughter-in-law Samantha Sifantus, a professional web designer who works for Disney, have redesigned our website. Take a look! There are links to click to our Facebook page and UU sites as well as make a donation to our congregation, and more. The URL is the same: [www.uucsp.org](http://www.uucsp.org). It is still a work in progress as the team of Krystal Johnson, our administrator, Ruth Ricards and Rev. Maddie learn to navigate the new site and upload more events and photos. The newsletter is accessible from the website, as it was on the old one. If you see Samantha, please thank her for all her work!

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



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## CRUISE NIGHT Friday, May 3rd

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 canopy 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.

## WORSHIP TEAM

The Sunday morning service or "Worship" is a unifying event in the life of our congregation, a place where members and friends come together for inspiration, intellectual challenge, spiritual nourishment, community belonging, intergenerational connections, and continuity with the Unitarian Universalist faith, and where all other areas of church activity can connect, including music, other arts, religious education, social action, hospitality, and stewardship. Our Worship Team meets quarterly, together with the Minister, to schedule Worship Hosts, consider and support any and all aspects of worship services on Sunday mornings, but also special worship services and worship-related events that take place at other times of the week like the Winter Solstice and monthly Gatherings.

All current Worship Hosts and anyone interested in becoming one or in the philosophy of worship is cordially encouraged to attend a Worship Team Potluck at Rev. Maddie's home on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 PM. Please be in touch with her to let her know you are coming and so we can coordinate the food.

## 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!

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| 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<br>Song of Peace |
| June 9 | 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal | Flower Communion                  |

## CARING COMMITTEE

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister. The last regular meeting of the 2018-2019 church year is Thursday, May 16 at 12:15 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. All interested invited. 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. If you would like a call or a visit from a member of the Caring Committee, ask Rev. Maddie or Committee Chair Karen Harris.

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## CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

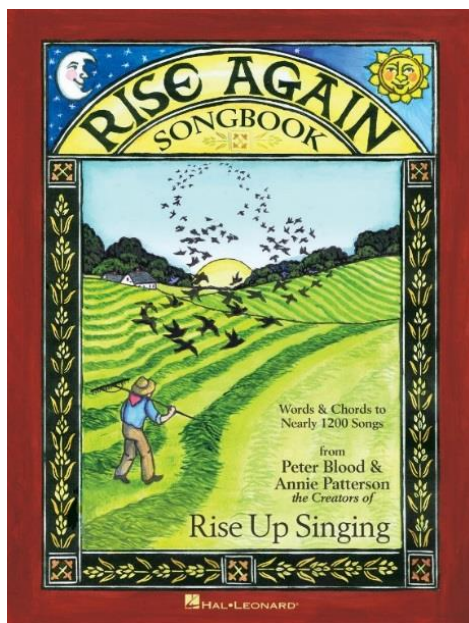
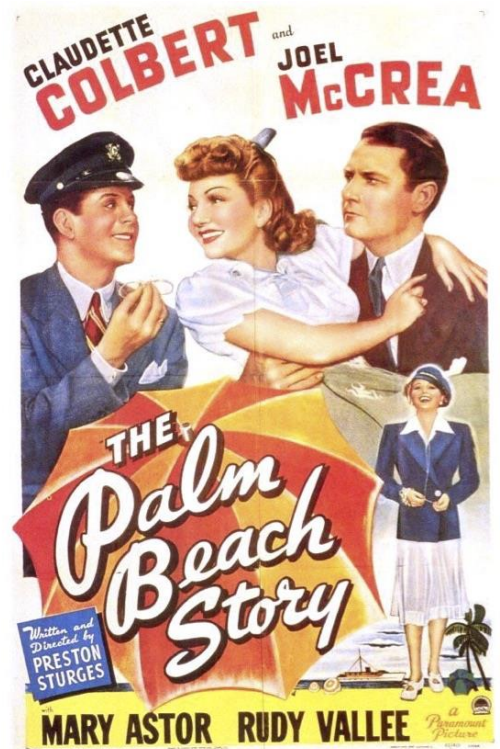
This month we revisit the great American screwball comedy with one of the best from writer/director Preston Sturges, the acknowledged master of the genre. Tom and Gerry (Joel McCrea and Claudette Colbert, the personified cartoon cat and mouse) are a flat broke and squabbling married couple. She decides to head off to Florida to cross at least that one item off their list of problems. With Tom giving chase, on the train Gerry meets John D. Hackensacker III (Rudy Vallee), who we can guess by his name is fantastically rich, and prepared to spare no expense in courting her. His sister, the manhunting Princess Centimillia (Mary Astor) goes after Tom, naturally, even though her former paramour Toto (Sig Arno) remains in dogged if bizarre pursuit. And what language does Toto speak, exactly? Follow all of this so far? Because from here on, it gets more complicated. Did we remember to mention Tom and Gerry's unexpected benefactor, the Wienie King?

Working here in his prime, Sturges jams the pedal to the metal in the first frames of this film and never lets up, unleashing a steady barrage of the lightning banter, goofy characters, and impossible situations that were his stock and trade. It's a complete nonsense from start to finish, but with the added Sturges satirical edge that separated him from the lesser screwballers of the era. But don't try to make too much sense of this film, it will only spoil the fun – and what great fun it is! Also featuring Franklin Pangborn and William Demarest, among many other Sturges favorites. Neets! (1942, 1:28)

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

FRIDAY MAY 10, 2019

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



LAST SINGING CIRCLE UNTIL FALL!

RISE UP SINGING

UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA

PARISH HALL ~ 740 E MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, MAY 17 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 ~ ALL AGES

Come sing songs of Spring and then take a break from Rise Up Singing until the Fall. Join us and invite your friends who love to sing! Or come and listen. Rise Up Singing is a community monthly from Fall to Spring drop in singing circle at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. All are

invited to join us on Friday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. Join the fun with all ages are welcome. We sing a wide variety of songs including folk, pop, oldies, show tunes, scouting and campfire songs, hymns, etc. Everyone gets a chance to pick a song and we will try just about anything as long as someone is willing to lead it!

Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested). We meet in the Parish Hall of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula which is located at 740 E Main Street in Santa Paula. Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome to this informal and spirited evening of shared music making. 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 at 805-525-4620 or email her at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org).

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## GENO PALILLA PIANO STUDENTS RECITAL

The piano students of Geno Palilla will be giving a piano recital on Sunday, May 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The students range from ages 6-16, and levels range from earliest beginner to intermediate-advanced. Public is invited. Geno will play an encore.



## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

**MEETING** —. Wednesday, May 8, at 4:00 pm. Social Concerns Action Committee meets in Maddie's office to plan upcoming films on issues of interest.



**DOCUMENTARY Tuesday, May 28 Potluck: 5:30 Movie: 6:30**

The Social Concerns Action Committee presents the documentary, *The Perfect Firestorm: The Thomas Fire Story*, produced by Caps Media of Ventura. It's a "not-to-miss" video of the 2017 local fire that chronicles the personal stories of survival and healing during and following the devastating Thomas Fire to a community of neighbors. Discussion follows.

**EXPAND YOUR MIND** is a small cozy group that wants to expand their numbers. All are invited. We bring snacks, eat and chit-chat, and then we clear the table and get down to the serious issues of the day. We sometimes watch a film or arrive having read a book to discuss. This month we are going to examine our economic system that accepts that affordable homes, food, clean water and healthcare are not for everyone. We will listen to a video presentation, "How Capitalism is Killing Itself" by Richard Wolff, professor of economics. Afterwards we will discuss it. We will meet in the home of Anna and Jim Cole, at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, May 19.

## MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Thursday, May 23, 11:30 am. The Mary A. Livermore Society will gather at Café Flight 126 for lunch and meeting.



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## SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS **THE LANDMARK STRING QUARTET**

FORMERLY SINCOPA STRING QUARTET

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

*Think you don't like string quartets? You will like this one!*

The Santa Paula Concert Series presents a classical concert by the Landmark String Quartet on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the historic Universalist Unitarian Church, a Ventura Historical County landmark, located at 740 East Main Street, Santa Paula. They will be performing the Borodin String Quartet No.2 and Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 6 in F minor

Landmark string quartet is formerly the Sincopa String Quartet which was successfully established since 2015 and who performed for us in November 2016. They were renamed Landmark String Quartet last year, inspired by a supporter's suggestions and comments. Landmarks can be new and innovative, but they can also be old and historical. With either new or old landmarks, there's always a story to tell. This is the story of Landmark String Quartet. Their goal is to rejuvenate classical music and bring live music into every corner in the world.

The members of Landmark String Quartet are from very different countries and culture, yet they met in LA county with the same dream. Each one has his or her own accomplishments in music performance. They bring together the Brazilian, Czech, Korean and Taiwanese cultures! The musicians include new member Petr Masek from the Czech Republic, violin, along with Luis- Gustavo Mascaro Alberto from Brazil, violin, Jennifer Wu from Taiwan, viola and Wonsum Keem from Korea, cello.

Our Concert Series receptions are now at Intermission rather than after the concert.

Admission is \$20 donation at the door, from the church office during office hours, or by Paypal on the church's website: [www.uucsp.org](http://www.uucsp.org). Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted at the door. Children 12 and under are \$10; children 5 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund. For more information, call 805-525-4647 or email [uucspoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uucspoffice@gmail.com). Parking is on the street or behind the church.



# SATURDAY, MAY 11 7:00 PM

## 740 E MAIN ST, SANTA PAULA

<https://uucsp.org/events/176/landmark-string-quartet/>  
or at door

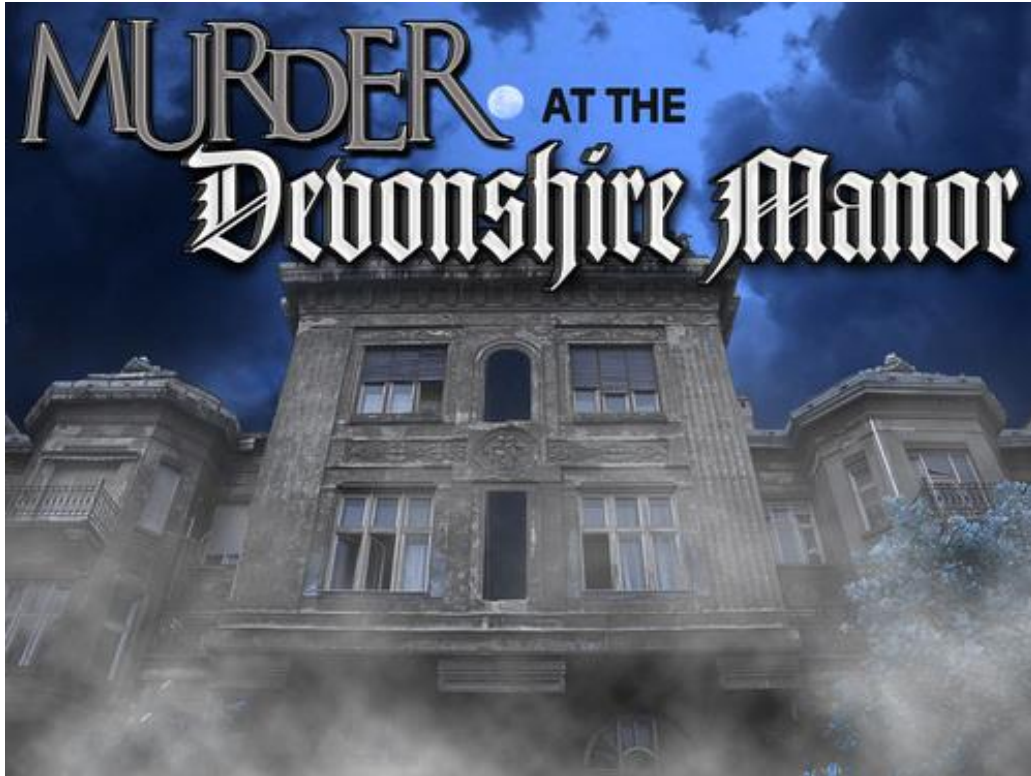
\$20 for adults ~ \$10 children 12 and under ~ Under 5, free  
Office 805-525-4647

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# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A MURDER MYSTERY PARTY...



Date: Friday, May 31, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Place: UU Church of Santa Paula, 740 E. Main St., Santa Paula

Cost: \$50 per person (Price includes 3 course meal and mystery game activities)

Help raise money for the UUCSP Scholarship Fund. This fund helps pay for registration fees so our children, youth and adults can attend UU events. For more information please contact:

Ruth Ricards at [rgricards@gmail.com](mailto:rgricards@gmail.com) or (805) 630-8950

### ***Mystery Synopsis...***

*The Devonshire Manor is an 18th century mansion on the outskirts of the town of Pinehorn. It was once owned by the wealthy Devonshire family and is a legendary estate to the citizens of Pinehorn. In their day, the Devonshires were beloved, treated as royalty, as they owned more than half of the businesses in town. The Devonshire Manor has exquisite architectural features, albeit weathered throughout the years. Weeds and high grass have long since replaced the flowering shrubs and ornamental trees that adorned the property in its day. The remaining Devonshire lineage passed away in the early 1900's, leaving their estate in the hands of the town of Pinehorn. The townspeople have neglected to keep up with the place, mostly due to the legend that the Devonshires still roam the corridors at night. The mayor of Pinehorn has made it her quest to remodel and reinstate the Devonshire Manor as a historical bed and breakfast. She believes that the old estate can generate tourism and an income for the town of Pinehorn. Most of the townspeople stand behind her, although a few people are adamantly against her pursuit – stating that the place is haunted and should be left alone. The mayor cleaned up the dusty cobwebs and is hosting a fundraiser bash for the townspeople of Pinehorn. She hopes to raise enough funds for her remodeling endeavors. You have been invited to attend the event and this is where your story begins...*

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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

# MAY

| SUNDAY                                                                                           | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                          | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY                                                                       | FRIDAY                                                            | SATURDAY                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                  |        |                                                                  | 1<br>6PM<br>Meditation                        | 2<br>930am Yoga                                                                | 3<br>10&11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br><br>5pm Cruise<br>Night         | 4                                                                              |
| 5<br>1030AM<br>Worship<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Plate<br><br>6:30PM Geno<br>Pallila Recital | 6      | 7<br>930am Yoga<br><br>11AM<br>REteam<br><br>6PM Worship<br>Team | 8<br>4PM SCAC<br>mtg<br><br>6PM<br>Meditation | 9<br>930am Yoga<br><br>4PM Choir<br>Reh                                        | 10<br>10&11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih<br><br>7PM Classic<br>Movie Night | 11<br><b>S P Concert<br/>Series – 7 PM<br/>Landmark<br/>String<br/>Quartet</b> |
| 12<br><b>Mother's<br/>Day</b><br>1030AM<br>Worship                                               | 13     | 14<br>930am Yoga                                                 | 15<br>6PM<br>Meditation                       | 16<br>930am Yoga<br><br>1215PM<br>Caring Comm<br>mtg<br><br>630PM Board<br>mtg | 17<br>10&11:15am<br>T'aiChiChih                                   | 18                                                                             |
| 19<br>1030AM<br>Worship<br><br>2PM Expand<br>YourMind                                            | 20     | 21<br>930am Yoga<br><br><b>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE</b>           | 22<br>6PM<br>Meditation                       | 23<br>930am Yoga<br><br>1130AM<br>MaryA's                                      | 24                                                                | 25                                                                             |
| 26<br>1030AM<br>Worship<br><br>CASP                                                              | 27     | 28<br>930am Yoga<br><br>530PM SCAC<br>dinner&<br>aMovie          | 29<br>6PM<br>Meditation                       | 30<br>930am Yoga                                                               | 31<br><b>6PM UUCSP<br/>Murder<br/>Mystery<br/>Dinner</b>          |                                                                                |

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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

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Newsletter deadline Tuesday, May 21



*Landmark String Quartet*

*Saturday, May 11*

*7:00 PM*

*UU Church of Santa Paula*

*Dated Material  
Time Value*

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