



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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JUNE 2018 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Theme: **Wisdom**

June 3 Renewal and Revival for Feminism and Collective Liberation Chris Crass, Rev. Maddie

Drawing from his own experience as a man coming into feminist consciousness and his work with men to embrace feminist values, around the country, Chris Crass shares vulnerable, humorous, and powerful reflections on challenging sexism and working for collective liberation.

Crass is a social justice educator who writes and speaks widely on courage for racial justice, feminism for men, and creating healthy culture and leadership for progressive activism.

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

June 10 Flower Communion Rev. Maddie, Pat English

All ages join together for Flower Sunday. Unitarian minister Norbert Capek created the first flower communion for his congregation in Czechoslovakia in 1923. It is traditional for us to have our version of this service, where each of us brings a flower to share, and we go home with a different one. Our New Member Recognition will be part of this service. Our choir sings.

***Tuesday, June 12 Gathering Rev. Maddie, Stuart Fox**

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. Our musician in June will be guitarist Stuart Fox who will be bringing us the *Animal Ditties* which settings of animal poems from Ogden Nash's *Zoo* by composer and trumpeter Anthony Plog. He wrote many settings of these poems for friends on different instruments and ensembles, including sets for woodwind quintet and orchestra. This set was written for a former student of Stuart's, guitarist and guitar maker Jack Sanders.

June 17 Wisdom of Our Fathers Rev. Maddie, Jerry Gray

Let us consider the wisdom of our fathers...or the wisdom you gained by being a father or acting as a father. Rev. Maddie is looking to have several people share their stories as part of this service on Father's Day.

June 24 Wisdom of the Earth: Summer Solstice Rev. Maddie, Kate English

Our Summer Solstice or Midsummer Celebration celebrates the fullness of lush, growing energy. "Litha" was the Saxon name for this period. Other parts of the world have other traditions. We honor the day this week when the hours of light are the longest and the darkness is the shortest

CASP Offering

July 1 Rev. Carolyn Price, Rev. Maddie

Rev. Carolyn, a former settled minister of our congregation, has moved out of Ventura County for the first time in decades, following her husband Orville's new job. She will join us with Rev. Maddie.

First Sunday Plate to TBA

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Message from the Minister

Joseph Meeker writes on “Wisdom Page”: “Wisdom is a state of the human mind characterized by profound understanding and deep insight. It is often, but not necessarily, accompanied by extensive formal knowledge. Unschooled people can acquire wisdom, and wise people can be found among carpenters, fishermen, or housewives. Wherever it exists, wisdom shows itself as a perception of the relativity and relationships among things. It is an awareness of wholeness that does not lose sight of particularity or concreteness, or of the intricacies of interrelationships. It is where left and right brain come together in a union of logic and poetry and sensation, and where self-awareness is no longer at odds with awareness of the otherness of the world. Wisdom cannot be confined to a specialized field, nor is it an academic discipline; it is the consciousness of wholeness and integrity that transcends both. Wisdom is complexity understood and relationships accepted.”

Our theme for June is Wisdom. How do we each identify where we find wisdom? Perhaps we draw our wisdom from our parents and our grandparents, if we were lucky to be born into good parenting. Perhaps we learn wisdom by watching our children. Perhaps we find it in our Unitarian Universalist tradition, its Seven Principles and Six Sources. While the word wisdom is not used in each of our six sources, all of the sources involve cultivating and acting upon wisdom. Wisdom is the distillation of knowledge and experience. It is a resource that is in short supply when the world needs all the wisdom it can create. Perhaps we learned wisdom from hearing the stories of our rich heritage as UUs, such as the story of the first Flower Communion as envisioned by Norbert Capek during World War II and which we will be sharing in our Sanctuary on June 10th—don’t forget to bring a flower or two to share! Perhaps we find wisdom through the cycles of nature and the seasons which we will be marking on January 24th with our Summer Solstice.

Wherever you find your sources of wisdom, we hope you will share them with us in our beloved community, enriching all our lives together. See you in church!

On the path of our faith,

Rev. Maddie

“Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.” Socrates

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Message from the Board of Trustees

*But get me to the church on time!
I gotta be there in the morning
Spruced up and lookin' in me prime.*

*"My Fair Lady", 1956
Lerner and Loewe*

Remember that classic song? Some songs never get old. We were humming that tune at the last board meeting and talking about budgets and policies and procedures. We were noticing that more and more church members are wandering into the sanctuary way after the opening bell and welcome. We came up with a few tips to help start the service on time for everyone.

One tip is "If you walk up the front stairs at 10:30 you're late". You might consider leaving home earlier. Another thing to think about are the benefits that will come from entering the sanctuary early and sitting quietly and listening to the prelude music. That will really put you in a good mood to absorb the rest of the service and the meaningful hymns, readings, rituals and sermon.

Another tip is to realize that many times we are late due to factors out of our control. Dead batteries, restless children, traffic, hangovers. We can learn to accept that which we cannot change. We can also learn to change that which we cannot accept.

Yours, etc.

John Nichols



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Message from the RE Coordinator

“Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon and left one unexpended effort that might have saved the world.”

-- Jane Addams



Jane Addams, while not technically a Unitarian or a Universalist (she did attend a Unitarian church in Chicago), was a Presbyterian and Ethical Humanist who lived from 1860 until 1935. She was a social reformer who started Hull House in Chicago (America's most famous settlement house), leader in the women's suffrage movement, role-model for middle-class volunteerism, and co-founder of the American Civil Liberties



Union. Because of all of her work towards these issues, as well as being a well-known peace advocate, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, becoming the first American woman to receive the award. As a tireless reformer throughout her life, she is known as the founder of what is now known as the social work profession.

“True peace is not merely the absence of war, it is the presence of justice.”

-- Jane Addams

Camp Wannago: Family Fun Night - June 1st & July 6th, 6:30pm



Join in the fun on both Friday, June 1st and Friday, July 6th, as we have an evening of fun in conjunction with Cruise Night. Activities begin at 6:30pm, as we will craft, sing, eat s'mores, and gather around the campfire. Do you have a favorite board game? Bring it! Like to play guitar? Bring it! Have a favorite craft you want to teach us? Bring it! Free will offering supports our members and friends going to Camp DeBennville and UU events.

Upcoming RE Youth Classes

This June, we will be exploring what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist through use of our Spirit Play curriculum for the younger kids, and through Tapestry of Faith for the older ones. As always, the children will be creating wonderful works of art and playing in the Rainbow Room.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH CENTER

In 2016 we gathered some of activities we already do and those we hope to do under the umbrella of the Spiritual Growth Center at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. It provides opportunities and programs to awaken and sustain love, compassion, service and personal transformation. Our goal is to help individuals discover how spiritual practice, learning, and community service can transform their lives and move the world toward peace and justice. Our programs are guided by the set of Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and the Six Sources they draw from. One of the Principles affirms our intention to accept one another and encourage each other's spiritual growth. Some of our programs are taking a short hiatus while Rev. Maddie is on Study Leave in July. Ongoing programs will be rejoined by Singing Meditation and others as we go into the fall.

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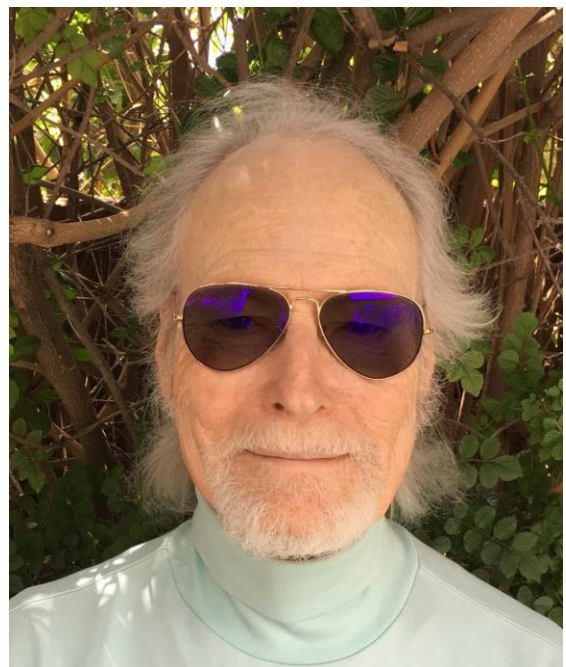
GATHERING*

***DEFINITION OF GATHERING** an assembly or meeting, especially a social or festive one or one held for a specific purpose.

JUNE 12, 2018
7:00 PM

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with musician Stuart Fox
Free will offering for the Gathering musicians
Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula,
740 E Main Street, Santa Paula

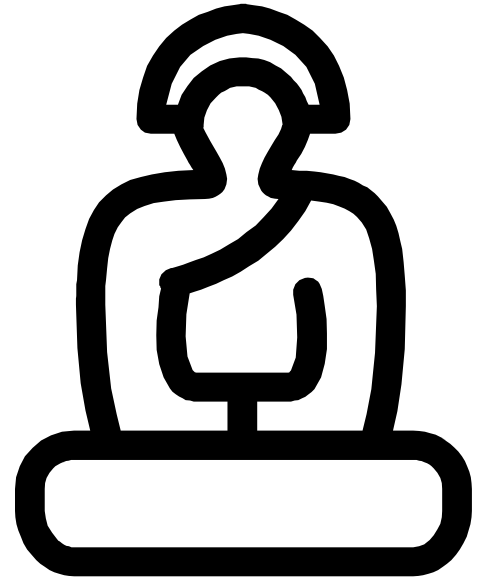


Maddie Sifantus will lead the next Evening Gathering with Sound, Silence and Spoken Word at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM. This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word. Our musician in June will be guitarist Stuart Fox who will be bringing us the *Animal Ditties* which are settings of animal poems from Ogden Nash's *Zoo* by composer and trumpeter Anthony Plog. He wrote many settings of these poems for friends on different instruments and ensembles, including sets for woodwind quintet and orchestra. This set was written for a former student of Stuart's, guitarist and guitar maker Jack Sanders. Free, but with a free will offering to compensate our Gathering musicians.

Spiritual Growth Center

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place in our Parish Hall. The group was started by Rev. Maddie when she came over three years ago. Group member Jim Cole has started leading some of the groups. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM. In June Rev. Maddie will lead on June 6 and 27th, with Jim Cole leading on June 20th. Enter through the front gate to the left of the main entrance and come in the side door. 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.



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.



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

OMG TO OM SERIES

Gurdeep Singh and Shilpa Pandey continue to present their series with a Lecture and Meditation. The next one will be on Monday, June 18th at a new, earlier time: 6:30-8:00 PM. Free Will Offering.



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2nd QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

- ❖ The 2nd 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.

NEWS FROM AMONG US June 2018

- Doris Vernon has been improving in health. Please speak to Judith Beay if you want to know how to visit her in Oxnard.
- Lonely? Your Caring Committee is ready to provide a listening ear or a visit. The members are Penny McManus, chair, Barbara Beach, Karen Harris, Sharon Kufeldt and Delicia Niami. Their contact information is in the Directory. They are supervised by Rev. Maddie.
- 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 21st of every month.

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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 Ministry Days and General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri near the end of the month. Rev. Maddie will be gone from Monday, June 18 to Friday, June 22. While she is gone, pastoral coverage is being provided by our Coordinator of Religious Education, Erik Halseth. Should an emergency arise during this time, please leave a message on the church office phone, 805-525-4647, and Krystal will contact Erik. Monday is Rev. Maddie's day off and Saturday is her study/sermon writing day. Some days she is working from home but can get to the office in five minutes, if something comes up. The best way to plan a time to meet with her is to call and leave a message on her private line at the church, 805-525-4620, call her on her cell phone, 508-733-8860 or email her at msifantus@uuma.org. She is happy to meet you in her office, at your home or place of work, or at a local restaurant for a cup of tea or coffee (she will buy her own!). The minister's office is in the back of the church, near the 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.

MEMBERSHIP

At our Flower Communion Service on June 10th we will be recognizing our new members. If you wish to join our newest members Nuri Ronaghy and Alan Shorb and be recognized this June, please make an appointment with Rev. Maddie Sifantus 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.

FLOWER COMMUNION



Please remember to bring a flower on Sunday, June 10 to share in our traditional annual Flower Communion. It can be a flower from your garden or from a store. We will collect all the flowers together in vases and you will go home with a different flower than the one you came with.

COFFEE HOUR

It is sometimes joked that Coffee Hour is the Unitarian Universalist sacrament. Whether or not that is true, we certainly do enjoy our coffee hour at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula! Each week a different person, family or friends hosts our coffee hour. This year Ruth Ricards hosts Zodiac Zundays once a month. Many of you bring your best culinary talents to our Sunday morning coffee hour. Please consider hosting a coffee hour, signing up on the clipboard on the Parish Hall. Note that you don't have to provide anything really fancy because it is the hospitality and chance for conversation with each other that is the main point of coffee hour. Making sure the coffee is going and bringing some sweets and/or savory prefab offerings is fine! Speak to Rev. Maddie, Ruth Ricards or any of our experienced coffee hour hosts if you want to know more...or just sign up!

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee has been involved this year 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. They are now on meeting hiatus until September 20th. 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 in the fall. The Caring Committee is responsible for overseeing the Memorial Rose Garden and its binder and is kicking off a new project of a UUCSP Memory Book with pages to remember those we have lost, as Rev. Maddie talked about in her sermon on May 24, "We Remember". Everyone who wishes can create a page for our book which will be kept in the Parish Hall in memory of a family member or congregation friend. See Rev. Maddie or a Caring Committee member for more information

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CRUISE NIGHT

The next Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2018 is Friday, June 1. Ken Stock and Rev. Maddie have been hosting these for three years when they offer tours of our Historic Church, including ringing the bell. 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. We are now being joined by Family Fun Night, sponsored and run by our Religious Education Committee and benefiting our new UUCSP Scholarship Fund which will help send folks to Camp DeBennville and other UU events. Come say hello to Ken and Rev. Maddie and stay for fun for all ages.

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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 June 3 we will be honoring *Gemini* (May 21 - June 20)



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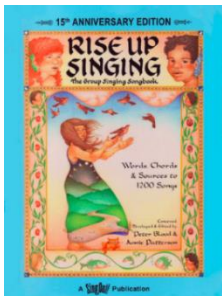
Expressive and quick-witted, *Gemini* represents two different personalities in one and you will never be sure which one you will face. They are sociable, communicative and ready for fun, with a tendency to suddenly get serious, thoughtful and restless. They are fascinated with the world itself, extremely curious, with a constant feeling that there is not enough time to experience everything they want to see.

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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!

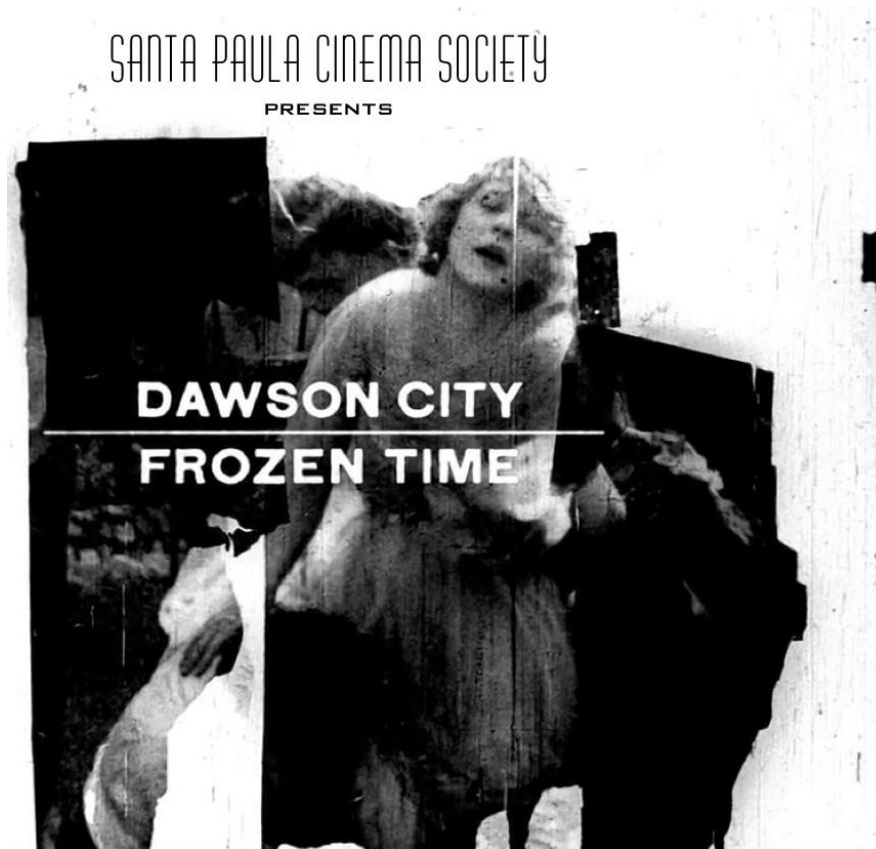
June 7	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
June 10	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM service
	We Are One	Brian Tate

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RISE UP SINGING

Rise Up Singing is taking a two-month break while Rev. Maddie travels to the UU General Assembly and takes Study Leave and Donna Nelson visits her mother back home in Alabama. We will be back together on Friday, August 17th and will continue on the third Friday through the next church year. Please see Rev. Maddie if you want to purchase your own own Rise Up Singing book which contains 1200 songs of many genres. The larger type size is \$20, and the regular size are \$15, checks made out to UUCSP with RUS in the memo line.

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Somewhere on the order of ninety percent of all films made during the first five decades of movie-making are considered lost. Not only was nitrate film stock notoriously combustible and difficult to store, once the commercial value of the films was exhausted, the distributors did not much care whether they were ever returned. The end of the distribution line for many films during the silent era was the remote Yukon gold mining boomtown of Dawson City, where they were screened in a theater that doubled as a recreation hall. When Dawson went bust, so did the theater. Many of the stockpiled reels were burned, and others pitched into the Yukon River. The ones that didn't meet those fates were thrown into a disused swimming pool, covered with dirt, and forgotten—until 1978, when they were unearthed during construction on the site. Bill Morrison's haunting documentary is about more than the rediscovery of these old, lost movies; he treats them as fragments of the past that tell the story of Dawson City, and as the basis for a mesmerizing contemplation of time, decay, and memory. A unique, must-see work for anyone interested in history or film. (2016, 2:00)

JUNE 8, 2018

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SANTA PAULA
740 E. MAIN STREET
7PM • FREE! • ENTER SIDE DOOR

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THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

MEETING Wednesday June 13, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

DINNER AND A MOVIE – Tuesday, June 26, 2018 Potluck: 5:30 Movie: 6:30

Seed: The Untold Story, a documentary sponsored by the Social Concerns Action Committee, is the story of passionate seed savers protecting our 12,000-year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94% of the world's seed varieties have disappeared. This is the story of farmers, scientists, lawyers and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. It is a heartening story of these heroes rekindling a lost connection with our culture and seeds.

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.

THE MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet Thursday, June 28, 11:30 am at Café Flight 126 at the airport. All welcome.

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Welcome New Member, Alan Shorb.

Over the past few years, I've enjoyed interviewing new church members and writing a short biography to share in the newsletter in order that we may better get to know one another.

Judy Triem

Born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1938, Alan is the son of scientists Mary and Doys Shorb. Mary worked at the University of Maryland and was given a lab and funding that led to the discovery of Vitamin B12. Doys was a helminthologist at the USDA's Beltsville Research Center.

Alan studied physics at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. He received his MA in mathematics from Cornell and his PhD from the University of Minnesota. While at Swarthmore, he met his wife Yohko, a Japanese student. They were married in 1960. After completing his PhD in 1968, Alan and his family moved to the west coast where he began teaching mathematics and computer science at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. In the mid-1970s the family moved back to the east coast with their three children. Alan began working on computer modeling, developing software for schools for a consulting company. He spent one year in Saudi Arabia during this time.

In 1985 Alan started his own software business, Micro Dynamics Company, in Wellesley, Massachusetts and his wife began teaching Japanese at Wellesley College. Alan and his wife always wanted to spend time in Japan, so they moved there in 1990 with their daughter. Yohko taught Japanese to exchange students while Alan taught computer science through a branch campus of Southern Illinois University.

Moving back to Groton, Massachusetts in 1998, Yohko retired and Alan worked in software for Fidelity Investments. Yohko died in 2002 and Alan retired. For six months he hiked the Appalachian Trail after being a marathon runner and doing 10k races his entire adult life. Turning to the bicycle in 2005-06, he made an 8,000-mile bike ride, camping along the way, visiting friends and staying in motels. He visited 33 state capitals, ending in North Dakota, then spending one year in Los Angeles with his son.

Ashland, Oregon was Alan's next move where he developed an interest in permaculture, creating an edible forest on his three acres. One quarter was in production, planted in plum trees and heirloom corn. He created a deer-proof boundary around the house and garden, and became part of neighborhood harvest and Food Share.

When in 2014 he "got too old to garden," Alan moved back to California to visit with his grandsons. While living in Goleta, he met his partner to be, Nuri Ronaghy. The two are enjoying their new home in Upper Ojai and traveling together around the country to conferences supporting their political interests in peace, justice and women's rights groups.

Judy Triem, May 7, 2018

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Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
hosts



Being an Ally for Collective Liberation

Interactive Workshop with
Chris Crass

Sunday, June 3rd 2:00-4:00 p.m.

While awareness of power, privilege and oppression is growing, the question “what can I do” persists. Using stories from his own experience as a white person coming into consciousness about racism and as a man coming into awareness of sexism, Chris takes people on a journey that many can relate to, yet few speak openly about. He shares openly and honestly, with humor and humility, about the often painful experience of becoming aware of one’s privilege, and the awkward confusion of trying to figure out what to do. For Chris, the work of an ally isn’t just to work to end the injustices impacting others. It’s about working against supremacy systems that pit us against each other, suffocate our full humanity, and undermine democracy and economic justice for all.

Join us for an interactive workshop where we will focus on developing a culture of resilience, inspiration and courage to nourish and sustain us.

Chris Crass is a social justice educator who writes and speaks widely on courage for racial justice, feminism for men, and creating healthy culture and leadership for progressive activism. He was a founder of the anti-racist movement building center, the Catalyst Project, and helped launch the national white anti-racist network SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice). Rooted in his Unitarian Universalist faith, he works with congregations and religious activists to build the Spiritual Left.

He is also the author of *Towards Collective Liberation: anti-racist organizing, feminist praxis, and movement building strategy* and *“Other America”: Anti-Racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter*.

Please RSVP for workshop here ~ [Facebook](#)

Suggested donation at the door \$10-15, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Join us for an optional brown bag lunch beforehand (1:00-2:00 p.m.)

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park

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PROJECT PRIDE SANTA PAULA

AN LGBTQ+ ACTIVITIES BASED SUPPORT GROUP (13-19 years old)

ALL SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, GENDER IDENTITIES & EXPRESSION WELCOME

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH basement

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FRIDAYS 5:30 PM - 7 PM



Made possible through the California Mental Health Services Act and Ventura County Behavioral Health.

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.

*Unitarian Universalist Church
of Ventura
33rd Annual Women's Retreat*

June 29th - July 1st, 2018 
Theme:

"Midsummer Days Dreaming"

We will Move ~ Dream ~ Recharge

Held at Mount Calvary Retreat House in Santa Barbara

Contact

Dorothy Fasthorse 805-218-9478 or

Teresa Zdanowich 805-535-0343 phone/text or

tjackiez@gmail.com

for more information

Spirit Rest Retreat, August 12-16, 2018
Sunday dinner through Thursday lunch
Leaders include Rev. Arvid Straube and Rev.
Sharon Wylie

Silent meditation Retreat

Mary & Joseph Retreat Center

5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes,
CA 90275

**Your registration fees include all meals. The
retreat center accommodates the following
diets: Omnivore, Vegetarian and Vegan**

More information: <http://www.spiritrestretreat.com/>

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Cluster Retreat at Camp de Benneville Pines

Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30, 2018

A fall retreat to Camp De Benneville Pines will be held during the weekend of September 29 to October 1, 2017. We are invited to join Rev. Nica Eaton Guinn of the Conejo Valley congregation and others at our beautiful UU Camp in the mountains! Camp de Benneville Pines is an ideal place for members and friends to spend quality time together and strengthen their bonds with one another. It's also a wonderful chance to get to know new people. In the midst of the natural beauty of the wilderness there will be hiking, kayaking, swimming, archery, talent shows and more. The Camp is a place where children can run free in a safe environment and learn about the deep connection that exists between humanity and the natural world. This is a fantastic chance to relax and make new friends. The retreat will include mainly two congregations, Conejo Valley, and Monte Vista, but Live Oak, Santa Barbara, Santa Paula and Ventura are welcome. This will be a wonderful chance to meet and make new friends. The retreat includes meals from Friday evening to Sunday morning, lodging in a heated cabin with indoor plumbing, use of the grounds and common rooms, use of the hot tub (possibly the pool), indoor and outdoor activities provided by fellow congregants and the camp staff, and Sunday Service under the towering Pines. Ask anyone who has visited our UU-owned campgrounds and conference center at Camp de Benneville Pines - it's a peaceful, fun, and renewing environment for singles, couples and families. Mark your calendars now! Registration forms are available, and space is limited. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in attending. Perhaps we can get a group together! For more information and to register, email Kathleen Holland at shockwavephysics@gmail.com.

UU Retreat at Camp deBenneville Pines

www.uucamp.org

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Are your summer plans under way?

Wait... Save time and space for Camping in September.

Here's a taste of some things you might experience:

Reflection - Nature - Relaxation - Spiritual Practice - New Friends - Old Friends - Fun Kids - Seniors - Parents - Good Food - Seminars - Arts and Crafts - Frisbee Golf - Talent Show - White Elephant Bingo - Games - Puzzles - Music - Singing - Dancing - Meditation - Yoga - Nature Hiking - Worship - Brunch - Smiles - Play - Ping-Pong - Swimming - Massage - Walk to the Lake - Knitting - Geology Hike - Walk the Labyrinth - Volleyball - Basketball - Snacks - Happy Hour - More!

Mingle with UU's from CVUUF, MVUUC, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Live Oak, and Santa Paula

Registration includes meals Friday (buffet) through a Sunday morning breakfast. For an extra fee (\$20) campers may be welcome (TBD) to come up on Thursday, September 27th.

For more information and a registration form, go to:

<https://cvuuf.org/events/fall-camp-debenneville-retreat-2018/>

or contact one of the following people:

Conejo Valley	Annie Barker David Barker	Anniezbarker@gmail.com Davidabarker@gmail.com	805- 415-4918 805- 415-4919
Monte Vista	Amy Randall	Amyran4@yahoo.com	909- 731-9852
Live Oak	S Krystal McCauley	Mccauley-k@ucsb.edu	805- 966-6461
Santa Barbara			
Ventura			
Santa Paula			

Do you have a passion, a talent to share, a craft, a song, a sport or spiritual practice... let us know, we'll provide the time and space to make the sharing happen!

"The Mountains are Calling - And I Must Go!" - John Muir

Rev. 5/9/2018

Registration forms on the Parish Hall table.

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Donation \$20.00 Children 12 & Under \$10.00
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Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 5pmCruise Night 6:30pmFamily Fun Night 530pmProject Pride SP	2
3 1030amWorship 1stSunday Plate ZodiacZunday	4	5 Polling Location NO YOGA	6 6pm Meditation	7 NO YOGA 7pmChoir Rehearsal	8 10am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject Pride SP 7pmClassic Movie	9
10 930amChoirReh 1030amWorship FlowerCommunion	11	12 930 Yoga 7PM Gathering	13 630pmSocial ConcernsMtg	14 930 Yoga	15 10am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject PrideSP	16
17 1030amWorship Father's Day	18 6:30PM OMG to OM: Meditation &Lecture	19 930 Yoga	20 6pm Meditation	21 930 Yoga 6:30pm BoardMtg NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 10am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject PrideSP	23
24 1030amWorship CASP	25	26 930 Yoga SCAC Dinner& aMovie 530&630	27 6pm Meditation	28 930 Yoga 1130am MaryA's	29 10am& 11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject PrideSP	30

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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

Rev. Maddie Sifantus, Minister, Choir Director

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Affiliate Minister

Erik Halseth, Religious Education Coordinator

Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator

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