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SEPTEMBER 2018 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

More Than a Month of Sundays
September 2018

Theme: Vocation

Vocation goes far beyond occupation. A good way to think about it, Frederick Buechner suggests, is as the intersection between your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger. According to Buechner, vocation involves both a look inward and a look outward. In his poem, Ask Me, William Stafford wrote, "Ask me whether what I have done is my life." This is why vocation is so important.

September 2 Where Everyone Knows Your Name

Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez, Pat English

"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came." Recognize these words? They are from a popular television show and they say a lot about our longing for community. Come join us this Sunday!

First Sunday Plate to Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley

September 9 Gathering of the Waters

Rev. Maddie, Erik Halseth

We come back together, looking back at where we have been over the summer in our traditional water communion and looking forward to the new church year. We ask what we bring of ourselves to our beloved community. Bring a small amount of water from your travels or nearby to share. Our choir sings.

***Tuesday, September 11 Gathering**

Our September Gathering will commemorate 9/11 through music, word and silence. Led by Rev. Maddie, with pianist Geno Palilla and violinist Christine Snipes Mazur

September 16 We are Called to Care

Rev. Maddie, MaryBeth East

Part of being in a congregation is caring for each other. The minister is our professional, trained pastoral care giver but there are many ways we all can minister to each other. Our Caring Committee has been going through training about how we can better listen, pastoral visits and more. Rev. Maddie reflects on what this can mean to a small congregation.

September 23 International Day of Peace

Rev. Maddie, Kate English

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. The United Nations has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The theme this year is "The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70".

September 30 The Blessing in Our Brokenness

Maggie Yenoki, Jerry Gray

Our fourth Unitarian Universalist principle calls us to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. In our service, we will wander through the ways that search can be enhanced by an embrace of the blessing within our broken places. Maggie Yenoki is a Candidate for Ministry in the Unitarian Universalist Association and served for two years as Minister to the Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society in the North Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, fondly known as 'The Onion.'

CASP Offering

October 7 So, What's all this about "Spirituality", Anyhow?

Rev. Ken Collier, Pat English

A slippery term, spirituality. Means everything from nothing to everything religious. Yet it seems to mean a great deal to a lot of people, me included. So how about a meaning the Unitarian Universalists might grasp? Rev. Ken Collier is the Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. We are happy to welcome him back to our pulpit!

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Message from the Minister

Minister's column for the September 2018 Newsletter

Here we go again! The world seems geared to beginnings in September. Children go back to school. Families begin to pack up their beach gear. Arts organizations begin their new seasons. And we gather waters from our travels and kick off a new church year. Many of you have been traveling during the summer; others of you have started attending our beloved community for the first time while the travelers were away. I hope you have collected a small portion of water to share in our service on September 9th when we will gather as a community of all ages, our choir will sing, and we will pour our water into a common bowl, just as we share our time, talents and treasure with one another.

Our theme for September is "Vocation", suitable for the month in which we mark Labor Day in our Country as a sort of official end to summer. See elsewhere for information about Santa Paula's Labor Day Parade. Last year I talked about Parker Palmer's views on vocation in September and his small but inspiring book, "Let Your Life Speak," which is our quote for this September on the Roadside Pulpit on Main Street. Whether you are still working or retired, how do you think about the work you do or did, paid or unpaid? What calls you?

There are three ways to look at work, according to Brett and Kate Mckay:

A Job. Those who see their work as a job are those who belt out "Everybody's Working for the Weekend" with great gusto. They live for breaks, for vacation. The job is simply a means to the end: a paycheck. They need to support their family/pay their rent, and this is the ticket they punch to do it. The job may not be terrible, but it offers the worker very little real satisfaction.

A Career. The careerist derives meaning not from the nature of the work itself but the gratification that comes from advancing through the ranks and earning promotions and raises. This motivates the careerist to put in extra time; work doesn't necessarily stop when they punch out. However, once this forward progress stops, the careerist becomes unsatisfied and frustrated.

A Vocation/Calling. A vocation is work you do for its own sake; you almost feel like you'd do it even if you didn't get paid. The rewards of wages and prestige are peripheral to getting to use one's passion in a satisfying way. Those in a vocation feel that their work has an effect on the greater good and an impact beyond themselves. They believe that their work truly utilizes their unique gifts and talents. This is what they were *meant to do*.

I know that what I have been doing for decades now is a calling, a vocation. I was called to a musical career, inspired by my musical family and the gift of a voice. I was called to youth work when I discovered Unitarian Universalist in the 1980s. And I was called when I founded an elder chorus in 1988 and directed it for 20 years. And along the way I was called to the ministry. It was certainly not a way to get rich...but it was and is a rich immersion in beloved community. Let us all come back into community and welcome all in our doors.

On the path of our faith,
Rev. Maddie

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Message from the Board of Trustees

RE: TREAT

Your assignment, should you decide to accept it, is to ask a board member what happened at the Joint UU Board Retreat of the Ventura and Santa Paula UU Churches of August 25. The morning meeting covered joint activities and the afternoon was dedicated to the Santa Paula board goals and activities.

A retreat is when you go away and get help to bring about spiritual growth and organizational healing. I can only assume that it will be successful in drawing our board's attention to some techniques to better achieve our vision. I'm going to predict that our vision as a board and church is going to be energized and we'll discover new techniques for moving toward our goals.

This could make for a good discussion for many coffee hours to come. Just like the coffee hours at the end of the Sunday services contain a lot of treats so will discussion of what came out of the retreat contain a lot of treats. That's why the discussions about what happened at the retreat will be about the treats received. re:treats. Eat up.

Yours, etc.

John Nichols

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR CANVAS COMMITTEE

Hold the Date - October 21 - Canvass Sunday Potluck - After church on Sunday, October 21st, there will be a church pot luck to kick off the 2019 Canvass. This year's theme is "Looking Back to Look Forward". The UU Church of Santa Paula has a rich history of serving

the residents of the Santa Clara River Valley of which we are the current beneficiaries. Be part of our ongoing story to support inclusiveness, spiritual growth and justice for all.

Message from the RE Coordinator

An Interview With Yvette About Summer Camp At DeBenneville Pines

Recently, I had a chance to chat with Yvette about her experience at Camp DeBenneville Pines this summer. It was her first year attending the High School age camp. Camp was a full week from Sunday to Saturday, and Yvette had a great time.

Highlights from the week included hiking to Jenks Lake and doing archery (she never missed the hay bales!). Yvette enjoyed the “rap sessions”, but the topics were pretty heavy. Her favorite meal of the week was on Pasta Night (spaghetti with marinara sauce). Her least favorite meal was any of the breakfasts (she doesn’t like breakfast in general), with pancakes taking the cake (so to speak).

While Yvette missed seeing some of her friends who were still attending the Middle School age camp, she made a lot of new friends during her week in the mountains. She spent a lot of time just hanging out and chatting with all of these new friends. If you haven’t had a chance already to talk with Yvette about her camp experience, please do so!

Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

— Benjamin Franklin

This fall, we will be taking our lessons outside depending on the weather. The theme for September is Vocation, and we will be discussing what the kids consider their favorite “activities”, and what that means in finding our lifelong passions.

Substitute RE Teachers Wanted!!!

The RE Program at UUCSP is looking for substitute teachers to fill in both on a regularly scheduled basis (Erik or Yvette need a day off once in a while), as well as for those occasions when one of the scheduled teachers is sick or out of town.

Please contact Erik at uucspre@gmail.com, or 805-200-1670, or in-person on a Sunday morning if you are interested in teaching our UU values to the youth in our congregation.

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM
SPECIAL FOR 9/11

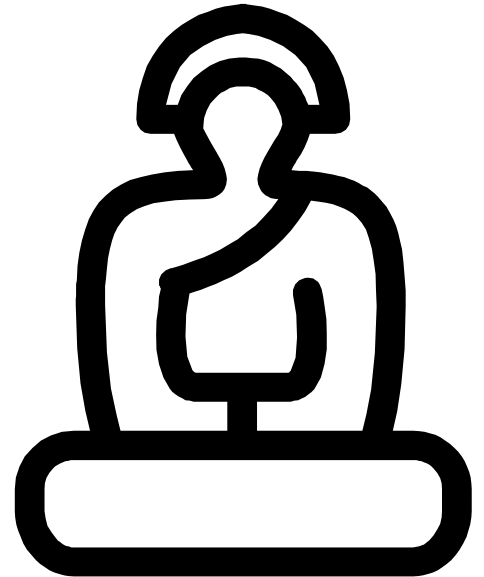
You are invited to our Gathering for sound, silence and word as the sun goes down.
Led by Maddie Sifantus with Christine Snipes Mazur violin and pianist Geno Palilla
Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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Spiritual Growth Center

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place in our Parish Hall. The group was started by Rev. Maddie when she came going on four years ago. The group meets on Wednesdays at 6 PM. In September Rev. Maddie will lead on September 5 and 19. There will be no Meditation on September 26. 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.



Lecture on
Dharma-Artha
Kama-Moksha
with
Gurdeep and Shilpa
followed by
Meditation
6.30 - 8 pm Monday
September 17, 2018

free will offerings are greatly appreciated

Please invite your family and friends to join us at:
Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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.

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Joy thru Movement

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NEWS FROM AMONG US September 2018

- Mary Nelson has finally returned home after a long stay in hospital and rehab. She would love to hear from her Santa Paula church friends. Her contact information is in our Directory.
- Our young friend Amiya Wood appeared in her first opera performance with Ojai Youth Opera in August. And Ivy and Lily Calhoun have also been singing up a storm!
- Rev. Maddie is sad to report the recent death of her close friend, jazz singer and pianist, Paul Broadnax. You may remember him accompanying her on *Come Sunday* at the 2015 Installation. She will be returning to Boston for his Memorial Service which will be Saturday, September 1.
- Please let our administrator Krystal Johnson or Rev. Maddie know if you want to be added to our Birthday List.
- 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.

OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL COVERAGE

Rev. Maddie has an unexpected trip back to Boston to attend the Memorial Service of one of her close inner circle. She will leave early on Monday, August 27 and return on September 2, in time to walk in the Labor Day Parade. Rev. Lora Young will provide pastoral coverage while she is gone. She will be gone again to serve on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association, leaving on the redeye on Sunday evening, September 23. Following the MFC she will take a week's vacation, returning on October 8th, back in the office on October 9th. Rev. Betty Stapleford will provide coverage during this second time. Should an emergency arise the process is to leave a message on the church office phone, 805-525-4647, and Krystal will contact Rev. Lora or Rev. Betty. You can also let congregation president John Nichols know, if it is a day when Krystal is not working. Between September 2nd and September 24, she will be usually available in the office by appointment or pot luck drop in from Tuesday through Friday. 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.

3rd QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

Our 3rd Quarter First Sunday Offering recipient is the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley, Serving the youth of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru. The Club's mission is "To enable young people, especially those who need us the most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens."

Teens at the Club meet twice weekly, are provided dinner, help with homework, skills/resources for higher education, taught financial literacy, and have the opportunity to go on field trips and college visits.

Please contribute to the Boys and Girls Club of the Santa Clara Valley. Our contributions could hardly be better spent.

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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PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed three new members in June. Perhaps it is now YOUR turn! 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.

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, Audrey Vincent and new member, Ken Stock. COCL meetings are held quarterly in the context of confidentiality and mutual honesty. Members are encouraged to let Rev. Maddie or one of the members of the committee know if there are any issues of the ministry of the congregation of which they should be aware. The next meeting of the COCL will be Thursday, September 13 at 6:00 PM at Rev. Maddie's home.

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. This year we are transitioning from a Worship Committee to a Worship Team which will meet quarterly, together with the Minister, to schedule Worship Associates, consider and support any and all aspects of worship services, 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 Associates 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 Monday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. Please be in touch with her to let her know you are coming and so we can coordinate the food.

RE TEAM

As you see elsewhere in this newsletter, we are moving to the team approach rather than committees except those mandated by our Bylaws. In many congregations the work of a Religious Education Committee, what we abbreviate as "RE", has the entire lifespan as its scope and includes programming for the youngest to the oldest. This includes program development, teacher and leader recruitment and publicity for programming. Even in a small congregation like ours, the work of thinking about the lifespan of RE or "faith development" should be more than the job of the minister and the Coordinator of Religious Education. Erik Halseth's job description with its minimal hours focuses on children and youth. So, it is that we are looking to have a RE Team which meets bi-monthly (or more if they choose) to think about our offerings across the lifespan. The hope is to have liaisons from our Board of Trustees, our Caring Committee, our Worship Team and our Social Concerns Action Committee as well as a couple of at large members. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with questions and to show our interest at msifantus@uuma.org or 805-525-4620.

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CARING COMMITTEE 2018-2019

We all need extra care sometimes. The Caring Committee of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula offers compassionate listening and support of congregants in times of special need. Rev. Maddie offers special training to those who wish to serve on this important committee of the church. Let Rev. Maddie know if you wish to be involved and come hear more about it in our service on Sunday, September 16. Here is our schedule for the 2018-2019 church year which will be augmented by educational offerings open to the congregation and larger community, as well as two presentations listed in the schedule by the Ventura County Area Council on Aging.

Sunday, September 16 10:30 AM “We Are Called to Care” Sunday Service

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Thursday, September 20 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Thursday, October 18 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Wednesday, October 24 10:30 AM Five Wishes Workshop
Santa Paula Council on Aging

Sunday, October 28 10:30 AM Day of the Dead Sunday Service

Wednesday, November 7 10:00 AM “Living Within Your Means”
Sponsored by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, the Ventura
County Credit Union and the UUCSP Caring Committee

Thursday, November 8 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Thursday, January 17 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Thursday, February 21 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Wednesday, February 27 10:00 AM “Free Legal Information Workshop”
Sponsored by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, Grey Law
and the UUCSP Caring Committee

Thursday, March 21 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Thursday, April 18 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

Thursday, May 16 12:15 PM Committee meeting, Maddie’s Office

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LABOR DAY PARADE

Santa Paula holds one of the only Labor Day Parades in California. Audrey Vincent has been on its Planning Committee for some years. Labor Day was first held in America on September 5, 1882. Oregon made it an official holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, 30 states were celebrating it as a holiday. The first Labor Day observance in Canada was

in December 1872 by the Toronto Typographical Union as part of their strike for a 58 hour week. It also became formalized in Canada in 1894 as an annual celebration on the first Monday in September. Labor Day becomes more important as unions are weakened and minimum wages in many areas are not living wages. Santa Paula's Parade is always festive and is led off by the Ministerial Association near the front of it all. Come join the fun as it kicks off near the intersection of 7th Street and Main Street at 10 AM on Monday, September 3.



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CRUISE NIGHT

The next Santa Paula Cruise Night of 2018 is Friday, September 7. Rev. Maddie and Ken Stock will be hosting, offering 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 Campfire Fun Night, sponsored and run by Erik Halseth and our Religious Education Committee and benefiting our new UUCSP Scholarship Fund which will help send folks to Camp DeBenneville and other UU events. Come say hello to Rev. Maddie and Ken and stay for fun for *all ages*. Free will offering. What is your favorite song to sing around the campfire or with you children and grandchildren? What do you remember singing with your parents or grandparents?



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BRING YOUR WATER!

As is our tradition, we will be kicking off the Fall with a Water Communion on Sunday, September 9 led by Rev. Maddie. We ask that you bring a small amount of water from whatever source is meaningful to you, either from the environs of Santa Paula or from your summer travels. The combined water from our shared sources will be used in part to water some of our thirsty plants here on the Church grounds and sterilized for use in any future Baby Dedications.



REFLECTIONS

We gather about once a month after coffee hour to share thoughts on the day's service, the monthly theme, ideas, information, concerns for our community and the world. Our next Reflections will be in Rev. Maddie's office on Sunday, September 9th as coffee hour winds down, a little after Noon.

CHOIR: SING!

Did you know that singing in a choir or a community chorus helps people in different stages of life, with a variety of viewpoints, find something in common: making music together. In this digital age, choir provides a uniquely human connection. It's powerful! 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. The Choir is on hiatus until the fall. Then we will return to singing once a month. 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. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions. All invited to sing!

Thursday, September 6	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
September 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM service
		Down in the River to Pray arr. Sheldon Curry
		Peace Like a River
Thursday, October 25	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 28	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service
		The Path We Walk Upon Catherine Dalton

WINTER SOLSTICE

Rev. Maddie is once more producing a Winter Solstice Celebration for the community which will be held on Friday, December 21 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary of the church. This year she is hoping to have a theme with Songs and Stories from Mexican and Spanish traditions. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in working with her on the planning team. Singers and readers will be needed and the call will go out in October. Please call or leave a message for Rev. Maddie at her private line at [805-525-4620](tel:805-525-4620) or email her at msifantus@uuma.org.

CHURCH SUPPLY LIST If there are any supplies needed for kitchen, bathroom, cleaning, building office etc., please add to the bright green list located on the kitchen counter to the right of the stove, along with the name of the person requesting, in case there are questions as to size, quantity, style, etc. A phone call/message or email to Krystal also works well. 805-525-4647 or uucspoffice@gmail.com.

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CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT



SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

presents

Some Like it Hot

In this landmark gender-bending comedy, Billy Wilder took on the big taboos in American culture and treated them as if they didn't even exist. This bold sleight of hand changed Hollywood forever, demolishing what was left of the strictures of the Production Code that had restrained film content and themes for 25 years. It mattered little that the code office declared the film unsuitable for children on its release in 1959, or that the Catholic Legion of Decency termed it "morally objectionable." What mattered more is the film was received as a comedy masterpiece. It hardly hurt Wilder's cause that he had Marilyn Monroe at the top of the bill (though she proved to be a huge production challenge), and the superb supporting cast of Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, George Raft, Pat O'Brien, and Joe E. Brown serving up a razor-sharp screenplay by Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond. This is not only one of the greatest film comedies of all time, but one that can also be appreciated for what was accomplished. (2:02)

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

This is our last month for Zodiac Zunday during coffee hour to honor those who celebrate the astrological sign of that month. Thank you to Ruth for all your hard work.

"ZODIAC ZUNDAY":

On September 16 we will be honoring *Virgo* (August 23 - September 22)

Sign Characteristics:

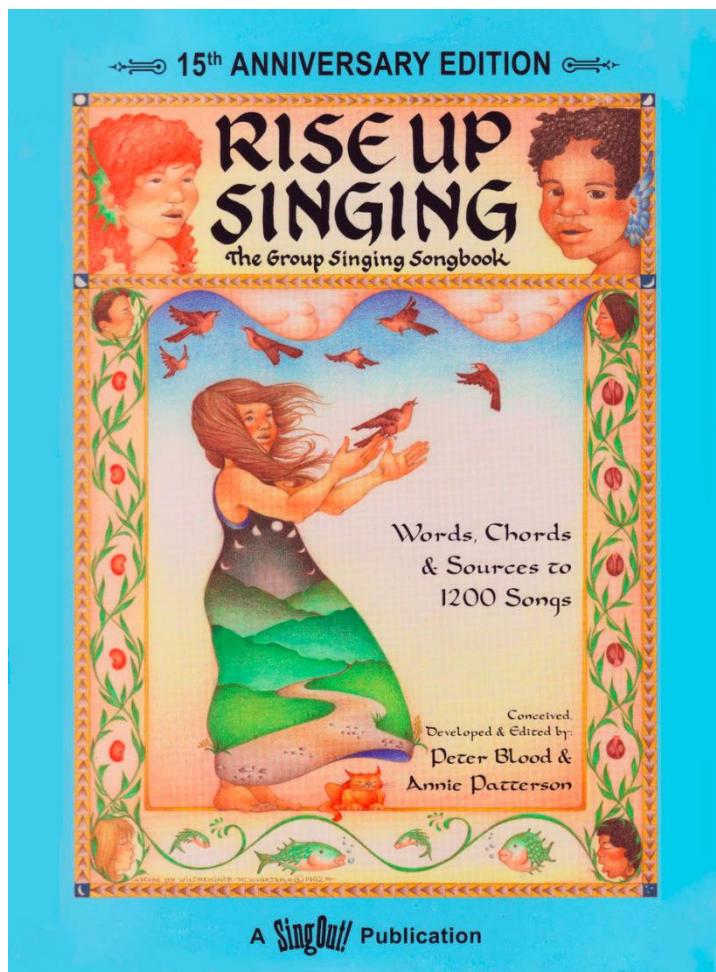
Virgos are always paying attention to the smallest details and their deep sense of humanity makes them one of the most careful signs of the zodiac. Their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance, and although they are often tender, their heart might be closed for the outer world. This is a sign often misunderstood, not because they lack the ability to express, but because they won't accept their feelings as valid, true, or even relevant when opposed to reason. The symbolism behind the name speaks well of their nature, born with a feeling they are experiencing everything for the first time.



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JOIN US IN SINGING ~ ALL AGES
UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF
SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL
740 E MAIN STREET
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 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!

“See You In September!” Our Rise Up Singing group is named from the title of the book *Rise Up Singing*. We are back on the third Friday schedule, September 21 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. 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. The large size version is available for \$20. And there are copies to borrow each month. Free will offering that keeps our piano tuned.
Yours in song, Rev. Maddie and Donna Nelson

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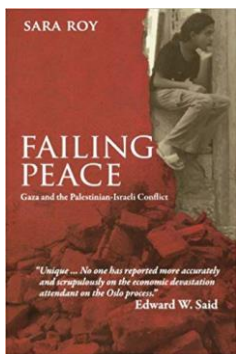
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THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS AND EVENTS

MEETING Wednesday Sept 12, 6:30 pm: Social Concerns Action Committee will meet. Come help us decide what worthy nonprofit organization will be our next beneficiary for the 4th First Sunday of the Month offering.

DINNER AND A MOVIE – *The Waiting Room*, a documentary released by Bullfrog Films, uses extraordinary access to go behind the doors of an American public hospital struggling to care for a community of largely uninsured patients. In the midst of waiting room chaos, we track a compassionate nurse, an anxious father, and a handful of other indelible characters. Instead of hearing about America's broken health care system, we are made to feel, touch and experience it firsthand. Sponsored by the Social Concerns Action Committee of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula on September 25, 6:30 pm, 740 E. Main St. Free presentation, donation accepted. Discussion follows.

EXPAND-YOUR-MIND will prepare to discuss the Gaza and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict by reading the *Failing Peace* by Sara Roy. Our discussion will take place on Sunday, September 16th 2:00 pm at a home in Ventura. Call Margaret Wilson or church office for address and information.



This book is the culmination of 20 years of research, fieldwork and analysis on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the impact of Israeli occupation. Discussion of Israeli policy toward Palestinians is often regarded as a taboo subject, with the result that few people -- especially in the U.S. -- understand the origins and consequences of the conflict. Roy's book provides an indispensable context for understanding why the situation remains so intractable. The focus of Roy's work is the Gaza Strip, an area that remains consistently neglected and misunderstood despite its political centrality. Drawing on more than two thousand interviews and extensive first-hand experience, Roy chronicles the impact of Israeli occupation in Palestine over nearly a generation. Exploring the devastating consequences of socio-economic and political decline, this is a unique and powerful account of the reality of life in the West Bank and Gaza. Written by one of the world's foremost scholars of the region, it offers an unrivalled breadth of scholarship and insight.

THE MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Thursday Sept. 27, 11:30 am: The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet at Flight 126 Café. All welcome.

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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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People and Doings

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 28 – Sunday, September 30, 2018.

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

Friday, September 28 – Sunday, September 30, 2018

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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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 1030AM Worship 1stSunday Plate	3	4 930am Yoga	5 6pm Meditation	6 930am Yoga 7pm Choir Reh	7 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 5pmCruise Night 6:30pmCampfire Fun Night 530pmProject Pride SP	8
9 930am Choir Reh 1030AM Worship 12PM Reflections	10 630pm Worship Team Potluck	11 930am Yoga 7PM Gathering	12 630pm SCAC mtg	13 930am Yoga 6pm COCL mtg	14 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject Pride SP 7pm Classic Movie Night	15
16 1030AM Worship Zodiac Zunday Coffee hour 2PM Expand Your Mind	17 Gurdee&Shilpa Meditation 630-830pm	18 930am Yoga	19 6pm Meditation	20 930am Yoga 1215pm Caring Comm mtg 630pm Board mtg	21 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject Pride SP 7pm RiseUpSinging	22
23 1030AM Worship	24	25 930am Yoga 530&630 SCAC dinner & a movie	26	27 930am Yoga 1130am MaryA's mtg	28 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 530pmProject Pride SP	29
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Vincent Sorisio, Church Musician

Albie Alamillo, Custodian

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Newsletter deadline Friday, September 21

SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES

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John Reed-Torres, Pianist



Join Us for an Evening of Early 20th Century Ragtime Piano Music by Scott Joplin & His Contemporaries, as well as Contemporary Ragtime by John Reed-Torres. Silent Film Shorts will be Featured.

Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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