



# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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

### JUNE THEME: TRANSCENDENCE

*In everyday language, transcendence has the sense of "going beyond." The idea of transcendence is captured in our first Unitarian Universalist source: "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life." By going beyond ourselves, we connect more deeply with others and life.*



#### June 2 Our Mission: "Practice Inclusiveness"

**Rev. Maddie, Pat English**

As we begin considering our mission and vision at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, we begin a three-part series looking at our official mission: "Practice inclusiveness, seek justice and foster spirituality." What does it mean to "practice inclusiveness"? What does that look like in our community, in our many activities and in our pews?

***Final First Sunday plate to Kigoma Orphanage in Tanzania***

#### June 9 Flower Communion

**Rev. Maddie, MaryBeth East**

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, as well as recognition of our Coordinator of Religious Education for the last two years, Erik Halseth. Our choir sings.

#### \*Tuesday, June 11 at 7 PM Gathering

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 Transcendence. The music will be provided by our friends Christine Snipes Mazor, violin and Geno Palilla, piano.

**Rev. Maddie, Christine Snipes Mazor, Geno Palilla**

#### June 16 Rev. Maddie, Ken Stock

*William Blake wrote: "To see a World in a Grain of Sand / And a Heaven in a Wild Flower, / Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand / And Eternity in an hour."* Rev. Maddie considers our monthly theme of Transcendence.

transcending a topic we've ignored far too long - a 4th Principle peek into the free and responsible search for the truth and meaning within death. Brave conversations can be empowering!

#### June 23 *Transcending Cultural Limitation: Saying "Yes" to Brave Conversations*

**Maggie Yenoki, Jerry Gray**

Opening a conversation on any hot topic can take courage these days. While the subjects of politics, religion, and climate change each require a vast amount of deep curiosity and wide boundaries, our culture's resistance to deep, wide, and brave conversation on the topics of death and dying minimizes both our education and our engagement with this topic we all encounter eventually. Let's enjoy our time together

#### June 30 Angels, Fairies and Mermaids

**Ruth Ricards, Michelle Cowan**

Ruth will share her story on how the beliefs she held as a young child have come to fruition. Over the years, her spirituality path has changed many directions and now that she has settled into retirement, she is finding the things that bring her comfort and love have always been deep inside of her. Come with an open mind to touch the magical wisdom of make believe...or maybe, just maybe, the magic is real!

**CASP Offering**

**Back In The Day/UUs of Our Past - Leslie Nichols**

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# Message from the Minister

As we near the end of the regular church year and go into the slower (for some) summer months, as we welcome new members at our Flower Communion on June 9 and make changes in our Faith Formation program (Religious Education) recognizing the two years Erik Halseth served our children as Coordinator of Religious Education, and as we celebrate all our activities that take place in our congregation all week long, it seems like a good time to think of *Ten Reasons to Come on Sunday*, thanks to Touchstones:

One: Life is a puzzle that often eludes our search for a solution. We are a puzzle to our self and others. Our congregation is a place to sort out the pieces, to make some sense of the emerging pattern, and to find the missing pieces.

Two: “Before his death Rabbi Zusya said, ‘In the coming world, they will not ask me: ‘Why were you not Moses?’ They will ask me: ‘Why were you not Zusya?’” Our congregation is a place in which you can become more nearly you.

Three: Because we are not self-sufficient, self-sustaining, or self-derived, all of our lives we are in need of others, and others are in need of us. Within our congregation you will find gentle hands and hearts that create and sustain beloved community. Your hands and heart are also welcome in this work.

Four: Albert Schweitzer said, “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.” Come to have your flame rekindled.

Five: Life is difficult. You might come to our congregation driven by despair. We offer comfort, companionship, and hope.

Six: You might come on out of a sense of profound reverence for the gift of life. Consider making attending a spiritual practice.

Seven: Are you trying to make sense of those things that make it hard to sleep through the night? Within our congregation, the invitation is to engage essential questions; to tell your story and to learn from the stories of others; and to allow your life to become your teacher.

Eight: Life is a high wire act without a net. There is no way forward but forward, and you must risk who you are in service of who you might become. Within our congregation, you will be encouraged and challenged as you travel on your life journey.

Nine: You might come to our congregation without a specific reason except your willingness to place yourself in a place of possibility.

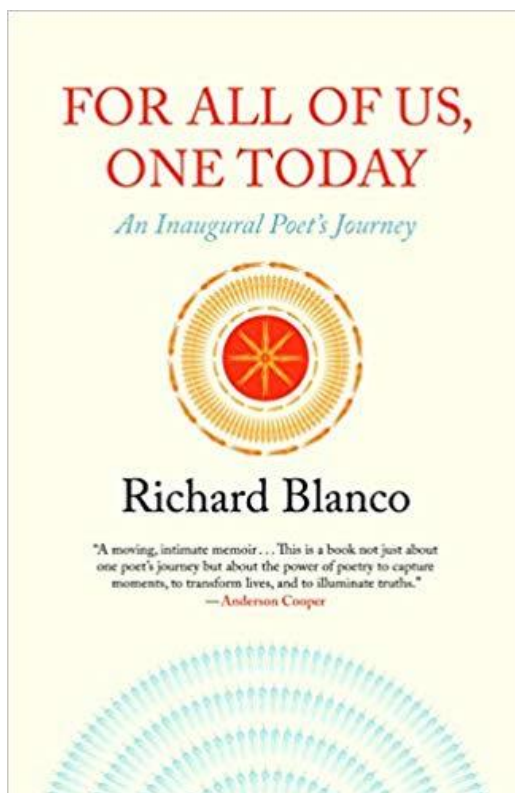
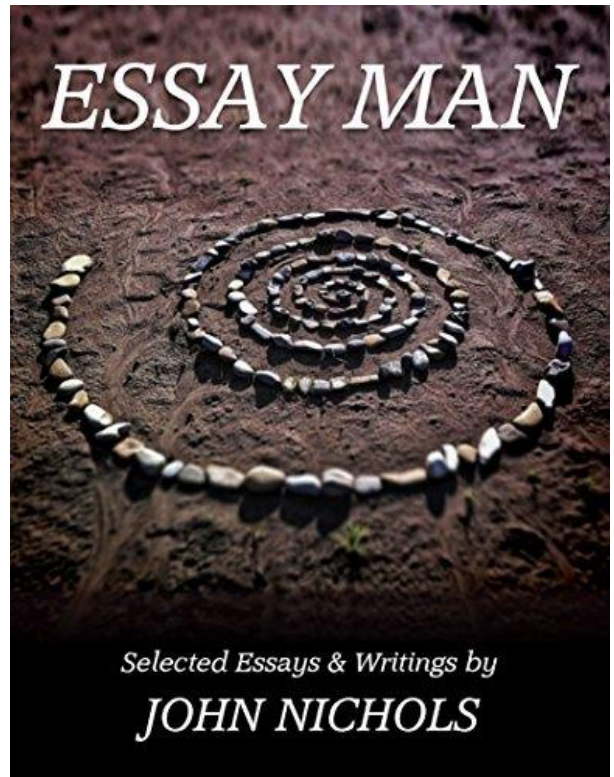
Ten: You might come because you take important things seriously. Annie Dillard wrote, “It is madness to wear ladies’ straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews.” Enjoy the ride! We are glad that you are here!

On the path of our faith,  
Rev. Maddie

# Message from the Minister

## *WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING*

I love that some of you are telling me what you are reading and why! Some of us read on a device such as a Kindle, others like old fashioned books, which is my preference. When I do air travel, I load a book or two on my Kindle app, which is where I have been reading John Nichols' *Essay Man* on recent cross-country trips to serve on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the UUA.



This month I am reading Richard Blanco's *For All Of Us, One Today*. Blanco is the Ware Lecturer at General Assembly in June and I look forward to hearing him speak. This book is his memoir of his journey from Cuban born to finding his place in America to being chosen Inaugural Poet by President Obama.

What are you reading?

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# Message from the RE Coordinator

## Breakage

*A Poem by Mary Oliver*

I go down to the edge of the sea.  
How everything shines in the morning light!  
The cusp of the whelk,  
the broken cupboard of the clam,  
the opened, blue mussels,  
moon snails, pale pink and barnacle scarred—  
and nothing at all whole or shut, but tattered, split,  
dropped by the gulls onto the gray rocks and all the  
moisture gone.  
It's like a schoolhouse  
of little words,  
thousands of words.  
First you figure out what each one means by itself,  
the jingle, the periwinkle, the scallop  
    full of moonlight.  
Then you begin, slowly, to read the whole story.

## Upcoming RE Youth Classes

“Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation.”

— Rumi

During Erik's last month as Coordinator of Religious Education, we will be exploring our first UU source: “Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder”. 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.



**TUESDAY, JUNE 11,  
7:00 PM**

**CHRISTINE MAZOR & GENO PALILLA**

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with Christine Snipes Mazur violin and pianist Geno Palilla

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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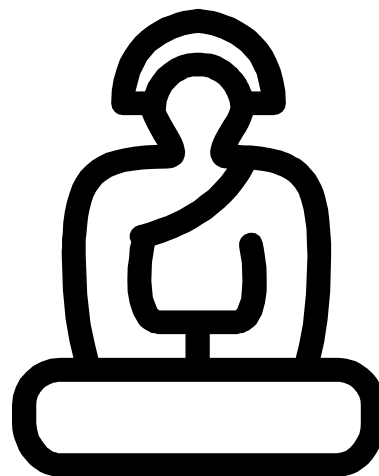
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## Spiritual Growth Center

**UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA  
PARISH HALL**

## June 12 with Rev. Maddie

## June 26 with Jim Cole



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

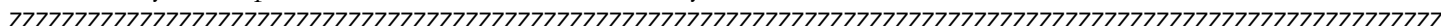


## SOARING HEARTS YOGA



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 has been practicing yoga for approximately 6 years, teaching for 5 years, and has been blessed to have been leading yoga here in our Parish Hall since early Summer 2015. Several of our members and Rev. Maddie attend. She teaches a gentle style yoga and her classes are appropriate for all levels. In addition to a variety of trainings she has taken over the years, in December 2018 she completed her 200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training Certification under the loving guidance of Ventura based Pixie Kastrup of Sacred

Living Yoga. Lisa Hammond can be reached at 831-801-2276 or [soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com](mailto:soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com) If you'd like to receive Lisa's weekly email, please feel free to email or text her your contact information.



# TAI CHI CHIH

Tish Jaramillo will be continuing the T'ai Chi Chih sessions on Friday's at 10 AM with Intermediate sessions and 11:15 AM with Beginner sessions. Tish Jaramillo can be reached at [tishi1@hotmail.com](mailto:tishi1@hotmail.com).



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# People and Doings

## VISION, MISSION AND COVENANT

Who are we, as an individual Unitarian Universalist congregation, the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula? Who are we, when we gather? Who are we, as a religious community?

Vision, mission, and covenant are resources for congregational development and health. Congregations without a compelling and shared vision may too easily lose track of what they should be doing and, consequently, struggle to determine how to allocate their human and financial resources. Without a centralizing agreed-upon focus, battles can rage over competing interests and equally good projects. However, when vision and mission and covenant are in place, all discussion circles back to these articulated statements for a double-check and grounding. So it is that your Board and Rev. Maddie with all of our members and friends are beginning a process of focusing on our Mission which is to “Practice Inclusiveness; Seek Justice and Foster Spirituality”. A sermon series on each part of our mission will begin on June 2, continue on July 14 and conclude on September 15, given by Rev. Maddie with a different board member as Worship Host. And we are kicking off a series of small group meetings, one-on-ones, circle dinners and potlucks over the next year or so focusing on who we are and where we are going, including not only Sunday morning but the many other ways we show up in our building at other times of the week and in the larger world. Already in the planning are meetings for existing small groups in the church, with the Worship Team meeting for a potluck on Saturday, July 13 at Noon and the Caring Committee for a potluck on Thursday, September 12 at Noon, both at Rev. Maddie’s home.

**Needed:** a small group to work with Rev. Maddie and Pat English from the Board to coordinate the meetings, hosts for Circle Dinners, help brainstorm the powerful questions that will be asked and compile the results. Please let us know if you are interested. And we hope to make it fun!

## FAITH FORMATION TEAM

As we move into the Mission/Vision process of this congregation and the changes to our program for what has been called Religious Education (RE) for the youngest, we are looking at a more integrated philosophy of Faith Formation across the lifespan and what is now being called Family Ministry. It is in its initial planning stages and the more voices the better as we continue to serve our children and youth but in perhaps a different way than we have in recent years—or ever! It is a new world in congregations where over the last several decades, changes in the larger society have affected church attendance for all and the number children in particular. And we want to have more offerings for the rest of the lifespan. You are invited to a Potluck at Rev. Maddie’s on **Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 PM** to brainstorm, look at the immediate implications of not having a paid Coordinator and to start the Mission/Vision process for this part of the ministry of the congregation. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with questions and to show our interest at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org) or 805-525-4620.

## NEWS FROM AMONG US JUNE 2019

- Please welcome our new members, Richard Hauge and Ann Hewitt. They have been attending for about a year and signed the Membership Book on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be recognizing them in a New Member Recognition Ceremony during our Flower Communion Service on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It’s a pleasure to know you! And we look forward to knowing you better. One thing to know about Richard is that he plays trombone with the Ventura County Concert Band. See more information about their upcoming June 2 concert elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Congratulations to our member Allan Noel and our friend LJ Stevens on their recent marriage. Rev. Maddie and others enjoyed attending their handfasting ceremony at the Elite Theater Company on May 25.
- Congratulations to Amiya Wood for her participation in the Ojai Youth Opera’s Nightingale and the Tower, lighting up the stage as a butterfly. In addition, congratulations to her father Michael Wood for his two pieces in the current Face of California exhibition at the Santa Paula Art Museum. The show can be seen until September 15. And congratulations to Sushila Wood for her graduating from Waldorf training!
- 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.

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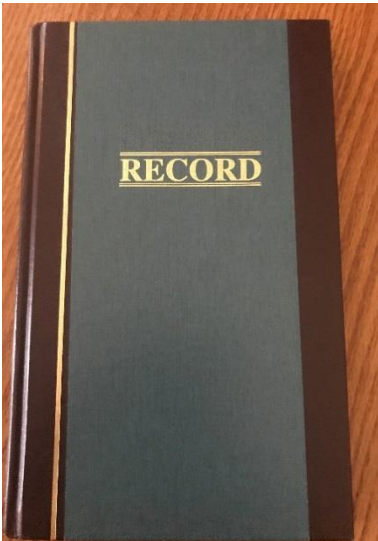


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## REV. MADDIE'S OFFICE HOURS

In June Rev. Maddie will be leaving to attend the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association's ministry days followed by the UUA General Assembly, both held in Spokane, Washington. She will be taking a week off following those events on the coast of Washington State. During the time she is gone, our Administrator, Krystal Johnson and our congregation president, John Nichols, will know who is covering for her. Rev. Betty will also be gone during that time frame. Rev. Maddie will be back in the office on July 3.

Rev. Maddie is usually available in the office by appointment or potluck 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).



## MEMBERSHIP

Please make an appointment with Rev. Maddie Sifantus if you are ready to sign the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula membership book and call this community your spiritual home. Rev. Maddie will be happy to talk to you about the path to membership and get to know you better. Or join in our "Won't You Be Our Member?" small group below to hear more.

## WON'T YOU BE OUR MEMBER?

On Sunday, June 2nd, come meet with Rev. Maddie in her office as coffee hour winds down to talk with her about the path to membership or how to become more involved in our community. Bring your questions, concerns, suggestions and thoughts....and your cup of coffee.

## BRING A FLOWER FOR JUNE 9

We will be recognizing new members during our annual Flower Communion Service on Sunday, June 9. Please remember to bring a flower 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. Should you forget, we will have some extras for visitors and you.



## REFLECTIONS: JUSTICE ON EARTH

All invited! We continue the discussion of our former All Church Read book, Justice On Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class and the Environment. Please come even if you didn't attend the first discussion. The book is edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom. Reflections happen about once a month after coffee hour to share with each other. Our next Reflections will be in Rev. Maddie's office on Sunday, June 16th as coffee hour winds down, a little after Noon.

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## CRUISE NIGHT AND SONG!

The Santa Paula Cruise Night is held monthly on the first Friday of the month from April to October. On June 7<sup>th</sup> Rev. Maddie and Ken Stock will be hosting, offering tours of our Historic Church, including ringing the bell. While we are not meeting people, we sing a few ukulele friendly songs. Guitars welcome too. 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.



## 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 at 4:00 PM on Thursdays. Our last choir for this church year is for Flower Communion on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring a flower and come sing! We will take a break for July and

August, starting back up for the fall with a rehearsal at Thursday, September 6 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary and singing at the Water Communion Service on Sunday, September 9 with a 9:30 AM rehearsal that day. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions at [msifantus@uuma.org](mailto:msifantus@uuma.org). All invited to sing!

June 6	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	We are the Music Song of Peace
June 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Flower Communion

## CARING COMMITTEE

The last regular meeting of the Caring Committee until fall was in May. Our next meeting will be a Mission/Vision potluck to kick off the new church year on Thursday, September 12 at Noon at Rev. Maddie's home. All those interested in this important ministry of the congregation invited. If you would like a call or a visit from a member of the Caring Committee during the summer months, ask Rev. Maddie or Committee Chair Karen Harris



## UUCSP MEMORIAL FUND

The UUCSP Memorial Fund has recently been recently reestablished. This fund, according to our by-laws, receives contributions and gifts in memory or honor of members and friends. Monies from this fund shall be used for furnishings and refurbishment of the interior of the church building.

In May, for Mother's Day, we received gifts in memory of the following:

*Emilie Atmore      Lucy Schilder      Lucille Atmore      Jane Emilie Atmore-Mead*  
*Mary Louise Hardison      Cora Crane Hardison*  
*Lynn Morrision      Alvina Wise*  
*Lina MacNeill      Ruth C. East      Madeleine Ricards*

The Memorial Fund is a nice way to remember that special someone, birthday, anniversary, or occasion.

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## CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

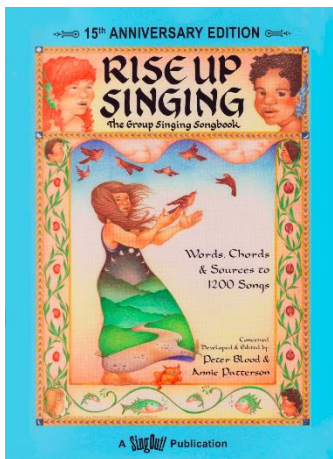
### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON



Filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda has often returned to the theme of family, which over many films he has explored as emotionally complex, darkly secretive, contradictory, and even arbitrary. The Japanese title of this film, among the best in the family drama genre for which is known, apparently doesn't translate easily into English, so the selection of a cliché for the title of its Western release can perhaps be forgiven. The storyline, about two children switched at birth, feels as if it could have been lifted straight from a 19th century potboiler. This might sound like a hopelessly derivative, melodramatic concept, and in the hands of another filmmaker it probably would be, but Kore-eda's laser-like attention to emotional detail reduces plot devices to an afterthought. As in all Kore-eda films, the focus in this one is exploring how people negotiate their situations, in this case, two very different families thrown together by random circumstances. The theme of nature vs. nurture also comes into play, but fades into the background as the more basic human drama plays out, with the insight and empathy to human conditions that Kore-eda brings to all of his films, along with a highly composed filmmaking style that is uniquely and beautifully Japanese. With Masaharu Fukuyama, Machiko Ono, Yôko Maki, Lily Franky, actors who will be familiar to Kore-eda fans—which you may well become yourself after watching this first-rate example of his work. Requires a bit of effort to absorb, but well worth it. (2014, 2:01, Japanese with English subtitles)

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY  
FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2019

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT  
RISE UP SINGING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18  
7:30 PM

Starting back up monthly in the Fall.

In the meantime, let's sing at  
Cruise Night!

First Fridays from now through October

### The Ventura County Concert Band

presents a FREE Concert:

*All That Jazz*

An afternoon of jazz classics from Miller, Gershwin, Ellington and more.

Our new member Richard Hauge plays trombone in the band!

Sunday, June 2 at 3 PM

Ventura High School Auditorium

For information call 805-289-7925

**Ventura Writers' Block** is performing a stage reading of their members' original short plays at the Santa Paula Theater Center Backstage at 7:00, Sunday, June 2. Margaret Wilson's play "Living Close" will be featured along with five other shorts.

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## THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

**MEETING** – Wed. June 12, 4:00 pm Social Concerns Action Committee will meet. All welcome to bring social issues you would like to see aired on the screen and then discussed by those in attendance at an upcoming screening.

**DOCUMENTARY** Tuesday, June 25      Potluck: 5:30      Movie: 6:30

***Deadman Walking*** (1995) is the Oscar winning narrative of a convicted murderer (Sean Penn) on Death Row and the nun, Sister Prejean (Susan Sarandon) who befriends him and gives him spiritual counseling. Powerful emotions are unleashed as they fight for a stay of execution and the Sister reaches out to help the surviving relatives of the victims. Since California is under a stay of all executions, the Social Concerns Action Committee thought it is a good time to examine our feelings of justice, revenge, forgiveness, and capital punishment. Pat English will facilitate the discussion afterwards.

**EXPAND YOUR MIND** Expand-Your-Mind will meet Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm at the home of Anna and Jim Cole. After listening to Richard Wolff's analysis of Capitalism in May, we want to find out more about Cooperatives. We plan to watch and then discuss a video (TBA) about Cooperatives and the role they play in today's economy.

Good news for raw **GOATS' MILK** Fans! For a donation of \$6.00 you can get a quart of Nuri Ronaghy and Alan Shorb's unpasteurized goats' milk. The proceeds are given to the Social Concerns Action Committee projects. Nuri asks you return the Mason jars for the next week's deliveries. The SCA Committee thanks everyone who participates in this fund raiser.



## **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.

## **MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY**

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet Thursday, June 27, 11:30 am at Flight 126 Café. Karen and Ray Harris will speak about their extraordinary trip to Bali. All welcome.

### **SAVE THE DATE: MARY A'S PLANT SALE    FRIDAY, JULY 5 & SUNDAY JULY 7**

The abundant rains have given us so many baby plants we want to share and raise the funds for upcoming worthy projects. What we don't sell at the Cruise Night we'll offer during Sunday morning coffee hour.

See Audrey Vincent or Donna Hamer for details.

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# SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES

## COME JOIN THE FUN

Rev. Maddie restarted the Santa Paula Concert Series of yore when she arrived to serve the congregation in January 2015. She ran concert series in her two previous congregations, Wakefield and Milford, both historically Universalist congregations in Massachusetts. She also produced sixty concerts a year for her elder chorus and has sung professionally since the 60s. Concerts are a way to maximize our visibility in the larger community, bring varied music to Santa Paula and raise funds to improve the light and sound in our Sanctuary. Rev. Maddie acts as Director but many volunteers are needed to host and run the concerts. The Concert Committee assists in scheduling artists, staffing volunteers for the front and back of the house including set up and tear down/clean up, box office, marketing, planning any reception and evaluation. A meeting of the Concert Committee will take place in July; please let Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in attending as we will be doing Mission/Vision thinking at that meeting which will likely be a potluck in her home.

## **REMAINING CONCERTS IN 2019**



JACQUELINE SCHWAB, PIANIST ~  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:00 PM

### *I Lift My Lamp ~ Vintage Songs and Dances of Immigrant America*

This celebrates our country's immigrants, their vibrant spirit of community music-making, and their multicultural contributions to our heritage. Jacqueline will perform music from The British Isles, Scandinavia, Poland, Eastern Europe, Cuba, Brazil, Chile and Mexico, along with ragtime, Tin Pan Alley and other vintage American tunes arising from the immigrant wellspring. She will speak about the music and about growing up in Pittsburgh's "melting pot."

HIROYA TSUKAMOTO, GUITAR ~  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 4:00 PM

We bring back enchanting guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto who visited us in 2017, bringing his magical, fluid style. Hiroya is a guitarist and composer originally from Kyoto, Japan. In 2000, he received a scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston and came to the US. Since then, he has been performing internationally.





# People and Doings

## Teach-in/Act-out

A day of building advocates for immigrants and refugees

Saturday June 8 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

U.U. Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston St. Ventura



Sponsored by:  
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### Learn about:

- Immigration Law – Past & Present
- Why are so many families emigrating from Central America?
- Immigrant Detention Centers & Visitation
- Asylum & Sanctuary as Expressions of Faith
- What is Happening on the Border NOW

Pre-Register at: <https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/teach-inact-out-tickets-59340196124>

Pre-registration by May 31 - \$15 Registration at the door - \$20

Childcare available by pre-registration only (ages 4 – 10)

Light refreshments provided – lunch available for purchase

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019 IN SPOKANE: 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.



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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.

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. There are many events to choose from at GA. One of the most important is the Ware Lecture. This year's Ware Lecturer is **Richard Blanco**. Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. 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 have three delegates attending: Rev. Maddie, Rev. Betty and Erik Halseth. To see more about General Assembly go to [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

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# People and Doings



**WE NEED YOU.  
YES YOU!  
VOLUNTEER!**

**UUCSP Summer Workday**  
**Saturday, July 6, 2019**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

*Lunch will be provided*  
*Help clean out the kitchen refrigerator,*  
*oven, cupboards,*  
*or go downstairs and clean and organize*  
*the RE Room.*

**UU Retreat**  
at Camp deBenneville Pines  
Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2019



Mingle with UU's from CVUUF, MVUUC, Ventura, Live Oak, Santa Barbara, and Santa Paula  
To register visit [bitly.com/ClusterReg2019](http://bitly.com/ClusterReg2019)  
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Fees start at \$155 per adult, \$115 for youth, \$95 for children 3+  
Registration includes meals Friday (buffet) through Sunday breakfast. For an extra fee (\$20) campers are welcome to come up on Thursday, however no meals are served until Friday evening.

**Camp Scholarships Available!**

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 - Hiking - Worship - Play - Ping-Pong - Swimming - Massage - Walk to the Lake - Knitting - Geology Hike - Walk the Labyrinth - Volleyball - Basketball - Snacks - Happy Hour - More!

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Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California

## TURNING THE TIDES INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE SUMMIT



### Camp de Benneville Pines

Sunday, August 4 – Thursday, August 8, 2019

A Gathering of Restoration and Imagination for Unitarian Universalist Justice Makers

Justice-seeking UUs of all ages are invited to register for UUJMCA's multi-day gathering and justice leadership summit in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. Join other justice dreamers and justice makers as we:

- Ground our whole selves in UU theologies and history to transform our world
- Nourish our spirits with collaboratively-led worships and spiritual practices
- Strengthen our resilience in the power and welcome of a UU community
- Learn and share strategies to engage climate, immigrant, healthcare, and economic justice
- Relax and connect by canoeing, hiking, swimming, or a dip in the hot tub!

**Registration opens March 2019.**

Visit <http://uujmca.org/training-education/turning-the-tides/> for details.

# Calendar of Events

# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 1030AM Worship 1 <sup>st</sup> SundayPlate 12PM Won't You Be Our Member	3	4 930am Yoga 630PM Faith Formation Team Potluck	5 6PM Meditation	6 930am Yoga 4PM Choir Reh	7 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	8
9 930Am Choir Reh 1030AM Worship 2PM Expand Your Mind	10	11 930am Yoga 7PM Gathering	12 4PM SCAC mtg 6PM Meditation	13 930am Yoga 1215PM Caring Comm mtg	14 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PMClassic Movie Night	15
16 1030AM Worship 12PM Reflections Justice on Earth	17	18 930am Yoga	19 6PM Meditation	20 930am Yoga 630PM Board mtg	21 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 1030AM Worship 30 1030AM Worship CASP	24	25 930am Yoga 530PM SCAC dinner& aMovie	26 6PM Meditation	27 930am Yoga 1130AM MaryA's	28 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	29

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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 Friday, June 21



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