JULY 2019 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JULY THEME: JULY THEME: Freedom and Responsibility

Freedom without responsibility can become anarchy, while responsibility without freedom can become mindless duty. Freedom is our fate. We are faced with endless choices, decisions large & small. How we use our freedom determines everything. Warren Wiersbe reminds us that, "The privilege of freedom is precious, the responsibilities of freedom are serious, and we can't have one without the other."

July 7 If Freedom is Our Creed

Helmi will speaking about the Third Principle of Unitarian Universalism, "Acceptance of one another" and the Fourth Principle, "Free & Responsible search for truth" and how those two ideas call us to "stand in the gap" between conservative and liberal points of view in the 21st Century. Helmi is a longtime UU and the Director of Housing at Los Angeles Housing and Community, Housing Strategies and Services Division. First Sunday Plate to Spirit of Santa Paula

*Tuesday, at 7 PM Gathering

Rev. Maddie, Geno Palilla This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken. The music will be selections from the Great American Songbook including Arlen, Gershwin and Porter with Maddie Sifantus, soprano, and Geno Palilla, piano.

July 14 Our Mission: "Seek Justice"

We are considering our mission and vision at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. We continue our three-part series looking at our official mission with its second statement: "Seek justice." What justice do we seek? How do we agree on our priorities in justice-seeking? How does this part of our mission inform our activities and how we walk our faith?

July 21 Report from GA

Our three Delegates to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association reflect on their experience of this year's gathering in Spokane, Washington. Did they find "the power of we"? What's new? What can we bring back to Santa Paula?

July 28 The Journey of Life from a Taoist Perspective

Taoist Strive to live the Tao Te Ching, an essential guide for the journey we call life. Taoism, also known as Daoism, arose about the same time as Confucianism.

BACK IN THE DAY-UUs of Our Past Leslie Nichols **CASP** Offering

Steve Lee is a middle school teacher in Van Nuys California. Steve Has been teaching English Learners, Special Education Students, and General Ed since 2001. He is the president of the Val Verde Air Monitoring Program, where they test the quality of air for a minority community living adjacent to a landfill. Steve has a Masters Degree in Education and a Theatre Degree from the University of Northridge. Steve publicly fought the expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion and has been an outspoken writer against injustices carried out to minorities living so close to a landfill that accepts deadly chemicals. His writings have been published at SCVNews.com

> The mission of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula is to practice inclusiveness, seek justice and foster spirituality.

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Steve Lee, Rev. Maddie

Message from the Minister

"Summertime and the living is easy" the song goes! I wish for all of us some spacious days to enjoy our beautiful location in Ventura County, our own "pink moments" in our valley and our yards and gardens where all the lovely rain has brought a bounty of flora this year. I hope you find your own special way to slow down and be mindful of the blessing of our lives. But at church things don't slow down so very much! We encourage you go come to church Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM as usual and enjoy our beloved community. Perhaps you may like to light the chalice, usher, host coffee hour or volunteer to be with our children. Perhaps you would like to bring flowers to adorn our altar table or take part in other ways. Please let me or the Worship Host for the specific Sunday know if you want to be involved. We need volunteers every week to keep things going and you don't have to be an official member to do that! Or just relax and take it easy; that's okay too!

"Summertime and the living is easy"! You may like to join the fun on Cruise Night when Rise Up Singing also takes place around our table in front of the church, roping in passersby, those in nearby classic cars, and all comers. Help give tours of the church with Ken Stock, sing a verse or two of "This Land is Your Land", and buy a plant (or sell a plant) at a special table to benefit the Mary A's this July. Cruise Night is Friday, July 5 from about 5 PM to 7 PM. Instrumentalists welcome to join me, guitarist Jon Portero and others. All Ages! (We'll sing anything...or try!)

"Summertime and the living is easy!" That will be one of the songs from the Great American Songbook that I will be singing at our July Gathering on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 PM. Geno Palilla and I are choosing songs from Harold Arlen, George Gershwin and Cole Porter. Do you have a favorite? Let me know.

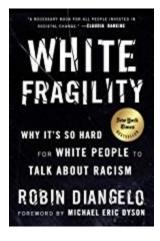
"Summertime and the living is easy!" Did you know that summer is the time that many people move into an area and investigate congregations? It is one reason we are open year-round when some remember the "olden" days when churches closed in the summer months. How can you help welcome our guests when they come in the door, making newcomers into friends who join us on Sundays and all our weekday activities...and maybe one day into members? How do we make sure they don't feel like "outsiders"? How do they know which door to come in on Sunday morning or for the events of our Spiritual Growth Center like yoga, meditation and T'ai Chi Chih? How do they get a nametag? Subscribe to the newsletter? Maybe you remember your first time and what it felt like to be an "outsider"? Those of us who have become "insiders" within our community can do so much to help visitors and newer members to get their bearings. Bring a new person with you to coffee hour. Find out what they like to do and invite them to one of our many activities. Introduce them to folks they may have something in common with. Then maybe all will feel welcome.

Wishing you a restorative and interesting summer! On the path of our faith, Rev. Maddie



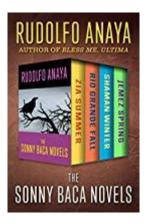
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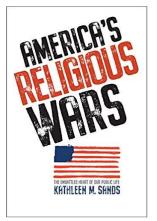
WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING



As I write this I am heading off to Ministry Days and the UU General Assembly in Spokane, then some down time in Anacortes on the Coast of Washington State which I don't know at all. I have loaded some books on my Kindle to read during flights and airports. The first one is Robin Diangelo's "White Fragility" which many ministers, Beloved Conversations groups and others have been reading this year and I am looking forward to hearing her speak at GA:

The second one is a collection of novels for fun by Rudolfo Anaya, the Sonny Baca Novels, which are set in the Southwest, blending its Spanish, Mexican and Native American cultures. I used to love visiting a late friend in Sante Fe, enjoying its cuisine, art and landscape. Perfect for down time, I figure!





Finally, I am reading a new book by an old friend of mine, Kathleen M. Sands, America's Religious Wars: The Embattled Heart of Our Public Life. Kath and I were in a "Salon" in Boston for many years before she moved to take a new Professorship at the University of Hawaii. This book says that "When Americans fight about "religion," we are also fighting about our conflicting identities, interests, and commitments. Religion-talk has been a ready vehicle for these conflicts because it is built on enduring contradictions within our core political values. The Constitution treats religion as something to be confined behind a wall, but in public communications, the Framers treated religion as the foundation of the American republic. Ever since, Americans have translated disagreements on many other issues into an endless debate about the role of religion in our public life."

What are you reading?



Message from the Board of Trustees

Small Steps

Recently it was noticed that the No Parking signs on the cinder block wall at the rear of the church were worn out and practically unreadable. New signs were ordered from Howard Bolton then the fun began. The old metal signs were bolted and glued to the wall. It took about an hour and a half to remove all the old signs. Mounting the new signs was a breeze. All that was needed was a masonry bit for the portable drill and some



special screws and washers obtained from Frank's Hardware on Main Street. Mounting the new signs took less than an hour but two separate trips due to the battery running low after the first trip. Only one sign had to be hung a few inches lower than the rest so as to cover up an old cement patch.

Does this sound like a fun job to you? If so, we have work for you. The next job of the House and Grounds Committee involves sorting out the brown paint in the basement and doing a little sanding and painting on the brown wooden posts and rail going up the stairs to the east door. Take a look at the missing paint area on that post next time you visit the church. How long can you live with it like that now that it has been pointed out to you?

Yours, etc. John Nichols

Our church is not a "Green Sanctuary" – not the UUA-sanctioned and certified kind – not yet anyway. That is a good and worthy goal that may be worked on in the future. With or without a title, most of our congregation practices being green, though. We separate out our recyclable materials from trash, we water our lawns judiciously, we have low-flow restroom fixtures, and we use energy wisely.



One non-green thing that has come to light recently: There was a LOT of

plastic ware in our kitchen cupboards. How did it get there? Who is using it? No one seemed to know. It has been disposed of in as environmentally friendly a way as is possible with plastic. When we host coffee hour, prepare for a concert reception, or set up for a food-inclusive meeting or event, let's ditch the single-use plastic. We have plenty of utensils of the multi-use variety. Thanks for greening our church!

Submitted by Jerry Gray

Faith Formation

WHAT IS FAITH FORMATION?

Unitarian Universalism is a faith home for people who seek to transform ourselves, our communities, and the world we share. We know that we need one another to inspire and support our transitions, discoveries, and spiritual growth. As we move from having a paid Coordinator of Religious Education to a new way of being for members and friends from the youngest to the oldest here at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, You may ask, "Why do we no longer have a paid staff person?" and "What is Faith Formation?" The short answer is that as a small congregation in the 21st Century, we are dealing with the very same issues larger congregations are, which are described in a White Paper, the Death of Sunday School. The realities in 2019 include the decreasing volunteer time, inconsistent attendance of children on Sunday morning and the limited family time as goals change.

Google *The Death of Sunday School* and Kim Sweeney to read the whole Paper. Whether or not we agree that Sunday School is dead, it is time for us to revision how we do it our congregation.

What does this mean for us? Eight of us met in May to begin discussing our opportunities and challenges going forward, including Erik Halseth, Karen Harris from the Board, Michelle Cowan, Yvon Ortega, Yvette Sanchez, Ken Stock, Sushila Wood, and Rev. Maddie. We will be meeting again soon and hope to have others join us. We talked about our downstairs classrooms and optimizing their use for children, youth and adults. See elsewhere in this Newsletter about how to clean up our classrooms to make them ready for all ages. Questions and suggestions? Talk to one of the folks listed above.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are needed to help with our younger ones every Sunday morning. Please volunteer to join our paid caregiver, who most often will be Yvette Sanchez, to accompany children to the downstairs classrooms, to our grassy areas behind the church or even to Ebell Park. Here are the Sundays we need folks to sign up for:

July 7	
July 14	
July 21	
July 28	
August 4	
August 11	
August 18	
August 25	
September 1	(Labor Day Weekend)

Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall or leave a message at the office: 805-525-4647.

CHILDREN SONG

Stay tuned for a weekly day-time gathering for our children in the fall, learning rounds and songs led by Rev. Maddie with the help of Sushila Wood! Community members invited.

Spiritual Growth Center

GATHERING*

*DEFINITION OF GATHERING

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



JULY 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM GENO PALILLA AND MADDIE SIFANTUS GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with pianist Geno Palilla

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL

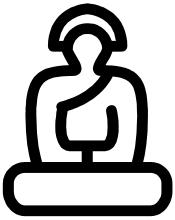
July 3 with Jim Cole

July 10 with Rev. Maddie

July 17 with Rev. Maddie

July 24 with Jim Cole

July 31 with Rev. Maddie



NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM Free Will Offering For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or <u>msifantus@uuma.org</u>.



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 <u>soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>tishi1@hotmail.com</u>.



NEWS FROM AMONG US July 2019

- We have several housebound members. Mary Nelson lives in Oxnard and would love a visit or phone calls. Margaret Broughton lives at home in Santa Paula with a care giver. Doris Vernon is in a Board and Care in Oxnard.
- Please let Rev. Maddie or a member of the Caring Committee know if you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit from the minister, a friendly visit from a member of the Caring Committee, or a phone call.
- The Santa Clara Valley Hospice is need of a volunteer to deliver flowers to shut ins on a monthly or bi-weekly basis. Let Rev. Maddie know if you would like to of service in this way.
- 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.

REV. MADDIE'S OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Maddie is working for the month of July but will be on silent retreat from Sunday afternoon July 21st through Thursday, July 25th. Let our administrator know if you need pastoral care during that time and she will contact Rev. Maddie. For the rest of the month, she 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. 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.

CRUISE PLANT AND SING NIGHT!

The Santa Paula Cruise Night is held monthly on the first Friday of the month from April to October. On July 5th 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 canopy in front of the church, greeting passersby, talking about our congregation and its programs and having literature available. We are there from about 5 PM until sundown.

While we are meeting people, we sing songs from the Rise Up Singing book and beyond. Guitars welcome too. We can always use some co-hosts! Special guest will be guitarist Jon Portero. There will also be a plant sale which will benefit our Mary A. Livermore Society.



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.



WE NEED YOU. YES YOU! VOLUNTEER!

UUCSP Summer Workday Saturday, July 6 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



Our annual summertime sci-fi drive-in movie is THE THING FROM ANOTHER WORLD, from 1951 (better known to his close friends as merely THE THING). A group of scientists discover a crashed alien spacecraft buried in the Arctic ice and decide the interests of science would be served by thawing it out. What could possibly go wrong? Yes, all the sci-fi tropes we know and love are present, but the story (based on a 1930s novella by John W. Campbell, Jr.) sounds more cheesy than it is. This is not just another guy in a rubber suit flick, but one of the sturdiest films from the early years of the sci-fi/horror decade of the '50s. Officially directed by Christian Nyby, but according to some sources, the real credit belongs to the versatile Howard Hawks, who produced it for RKO, and was part of an uncredited screenwriting team that included Ben Hecht. Well, any movie featuring a theremin in the score can't be all bad, and this one sure isn't. With Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan... and just who is that guy in the rubber suit? (1:27)

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY FRIDAY JULY 12, 2019

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

WORSHIP TEAM MISSION VISION POTLUCK

As all the teams, committees, members and friends of our congregation begin a Mission, Vision and Long-Range planning process, the Worship Team will kick off the process with a special potluck at Rev. Maddie's home on Saturday, July 13 at Noon. All Worship Team members, Worship Hosts and anyone interested in Worship in our congregation: you are invited to discuss our mission through the lens of our worship life, which includes Sunday mornings, Gathering, Christmas Eve and special things like the Winter Solstice. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie or Worship Team Chair Ruth Ricards for more information and to let her know what you will bring.

REFLECTIONS: Seek Justice with Freedom and Responsibility

All invited! We will reflect on the second part of the church's mission, "Seek Justice", after Rev. Maddie's sermon of the morning. How does it fit with our monthly theme, "Freedom and Responsibility"? 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, July 14th as coffee hour winds down, a little after Noon.

BECOMING A SAFER CONGREGATION

We strive to be a safe and welcoming place for all of us. It is impossible to make a congregation 100% safe; however, there are steps that can be taken to make our congregation *safer* while still creating a supportive space for learning, growth, and challenge as well as actively working for the inclusion and safety of all people. We are beginning a process of adapting a new UUA template for a Safe Congregation Handbook for our congregation, which will take some of our existing policies and expand on them or add to them. We will look to prevent and address issues pertaining to the safety of our *people* (staff, volunteers, leaders, congregants, guests, children, youth, vulnerable adults, etc), *places* (congregational buildings, grounds, campus, etc), and *things* (finances, data, property, etc). Working on this to get started is Rev. Maddie, Erik Halseth, Karen Harris representing the board, Krystal Johnson from the staff and our friend Sharon Kufeldt. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you have interest in this effort and stay tuned for updates. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, July 17 at Noon

CHOIR: SING!

Our choir is on hiatus until the fall. We generally sing once a month for the Sunday Service. 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 Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are at 4:00 PM on Thursdays and 9:30 AM on the Sunday morning we are singing. Our first choir rehearsal of the fall will be Thursday, September 5th at 4:00 PM for 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. All invited to sing!

UUCSP CHOIR Schedule 2019 (as of 6-12-19)

	All are	welcome to join our choir! Questions? Be in touch with Rev. Maddie					
September 5	4:00 P	PM Choir Rehearsal					
September 8	9:30 A	AM Choir Rehearsal					
	TBA						
		Gaelic Blessing John Rutter					
October 24	4:00 P	PM Choir Rehearsal					
October 27	9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal						
	To Everything There is a SeasonEd Harris						
November 7	4:00 P	PM Choir Rehearsal					
November 10	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal					
November 25	TBA	Santa Paula Interfaith Thanksgiving Service					
December 12	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal					
December 15	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal					
December 21	7:00 PM	Winter Solstice Celebrations (rehearsals TBA)					



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.

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

A June contribution made in the name of: Harold MacNeill

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

MEETING – Wednesday, July 10, 4:00 pm Social Concerns Action Committee meets to discuss upcoming films and plans for a speaker on a Guatemalan microlending nonprofit organization supporting home industries there.

DOCUMENTARY The Social Concerns Action Committee of the Universalist Unitarian Church will screen *The Nuclear Option*, a Nova production (2017). It opens by updating the Fukushima Daiichi power plant disaster. Five years after the unprecedented trio of meltdowns, scientist and engineers are still struggling to manage the ongoing crisis. The film asks if further research and development will find new technology that will make nuclear power safe. Free Screening, 6:30, Tuesday, July 23 at 740 E. Main St., Santa Paula. Discussion follows.

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.

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

SATURDAY, July 27, at 11:30 am The Mary A. Livermore Society will have their QUARTERLY meeting at Café Flight 126. Come to hear the results of our first ever plant sale held earlier this month.

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.

3rd QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

July 7, August 4, September 1

Spirit of Santa Paula





Our services include:

- * Food Rescue of commercially prepared, unserved food for our City's hungry and homeless.
- * Food Pantries three times per week, open to any who are hungry whether homeless or housed.
- * Drop-in Center for people who are homeless, providing meals and services, Monday Friday, 9am to 3pm * Emergency Shelter
- * Counseling and assistance to find housing, related services and help with behavioral health issues
- * Many Meals, every Wednesday night at First Presbyterian Church, 121 Davis -- open to all
- * One Stop Showers, Health Care and Homeless Services connections, Fridays at 1029 E. Santa Paula Street * Rental and Utility Assistance
- * Annual Homeless count each January
- * 2020 Census "Hard to Count" Sector
- * Homeless Court and Community Service advocates
- * Safe Sleep, in a secure location, 1029 E. Santa Paula Street
- * Laundry for Homeless Management Services clients every Friday at a local laundromat

There are so many steps to take before we can use this "almost perfect" building. Here are a few:

- * Remodel existing kitchen to our County's Health standards. Approvals are almost complete.
- * Addition for office space for staff. Plans are in the works.
- * Obtain approval from our City to provide Emergency Shelter.
- * Raise funds for kitchen remodel and office addition.
- * Paint the building, inside and out; landscape and beautify
- * Retrofit lighting, add power, check all building systems and more...

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SAVE YOUR WATER!

As is our tradition, we will be kicking off the Fall with a Water Communion with a multigenerational service on Sunday, September 8 led by Rev. Maddie with special music by our Choir. 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.

CARING COMMITTEE

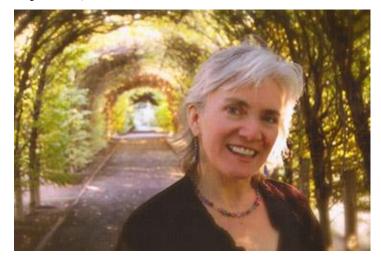
OUR MISSION IS TO SERVE THE LEAST POWERFUL AND MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. OUR GOAL IS TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA PAULA.

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

SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES

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.

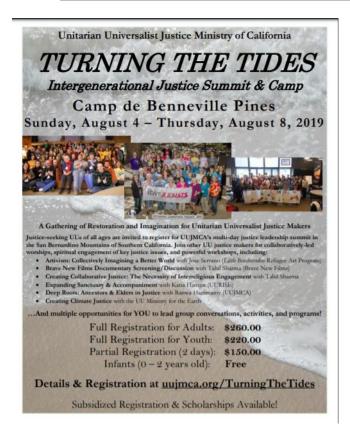


SPIRITREST SILENT RETREAT

Albert Camus said, "In order to understand the world, one has to turn away from it on occasion." The pace of our modern lives is more hurried than ever before. Even our vacations have become something we need to recover from. Perhaps it is time to consider slowing down to experience the world in a new way...in silence. Rev. Maddie has attended the UU oriented SpiritRest Silent Retreat for the last several years and will again this year with Rev. Betty joining her for the first time. It is open to all, UU or not, lay and clergy. Returning leaders this year will be the Reverends Arvid Straube, Sharon Wylie and Lucy Bunch, this year joined by Stefanie Etzbach-Dale.

WHEN: July 21-26, 2019, Sunday dinner through Friday lunch. WHERE: Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

MEALS: Your registration fees include all meals. The retreat center accommodates the following diets: Omnivore, Vegetarian and Vegan. For pricing information, registration and much more, go to <u>http://www.spiritrestretreat.com/</u>





Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		930am Yoga	6pm Meditation		10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	10am-1pm Church Clean Up Day
					5PM Cruise Night & Plant Sale	
7 1030am	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship		930am Yoga	4pm SCAC	930am Yoga	10&11:15am	12pm
1 st SundayPlate		7pm	mtg		T'aiChiChih	Worship Team Potluck
Mary A Plant Sale		Gathering	6pm Meditation			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1030am Worship		930am Yoga	Yoga 12pm Safe Congregations 6pm Meditation	930am Yoga	10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	
12pm Reflections				630pm Board of Trustees mtg		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		530/630pm SCAC				
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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

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT