



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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NOVEMBER 2019 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



NOVEMBER THEME: Vision and Mission

Mission asks, "Why do we exist?" "What is our purpose?" "Whom do we serve?" Vision asks, "What is the picture of the future that we want to create?" "What do we want to become?" Mission is a congregation's North Star. Vision describes the distant horizon envisioned. Both are essential. Some say that the mission of our congregations is to transform people who will transform the world.

November 3 Day of the Dead/AIDS Observance **Rev. Maddie, Keith and Neil Coffman-Grey** **with Ruth Ricards**

Halloween, All Souls, All Saints and Samhain all take place at this time of the turn of our year when vegetation withers, colors change, and days grow cooler and shorter. We mark this time together by creating an altar to honor our loved ones who died, including those who have died from AIDS. Please bring a picture to share as we honor our beloved dead.

Choir: To Everything There is a Season Ed Harris

November 10 'Vision' What is it?

Pat English, MaryBeth East

We've talked a lot about our Mission Statement and are in the process of discovering a Vision for this church.

The question is what exactly does Vision mean in this context. Come see if we can gain some clarification.

***Tuesday, November 12 at 7 PM Gathering**

Rev. Maddie

This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word.

The music will be provided by Eduardo Del Signore. Original poetry by Atul Ranchod.

November 17 What's the Story?

Rev. Maddie, Karen Banfield, Erik Halseth

A Sunday of laughter, larceny, and loss with special guest, Storyteller Karen Banfield. Karen brings a wealth of experience to us this morning as a performer, healer, writer and teacher. She has toured with both American and Japanese Theater companies, studied Opera in Austria, been an Artist in Residence for the city of Portland and demonstrated her ability to intuitively read people as a guest on NBC Television. She was the president of Ojai valley Toastmasters, is the founder of the Ojai School of Storytelling and currently offers emotional healing in a unique, spiritual and non-traditional way. Time for All Ages told by Ruth Ricards.

November 24 "Grateful"

Rev. Maddie, Michelle Cowan

In a multigenerational service, we share a cornbread communion with one another, expressing our gratefulness for our community of all ages and the opportunity to give thanks for all the gifts we are given and can give. Special Music.

BACK IN THE DAY—UUs of Our Past

Leslie Nichols

Monday, November 25 at 7 PM Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
at St. Paul's and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 117 N 7th Street, Santa Paula
Homily by Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Combined Choir, Bell Choir
6 PM Community Potluck

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Message from the Minister

One of my practices both as your minister and in my personal life is to regularly touch base with what I am grateful for, even in this world where there is so much difficulty, struggle and sorrow.

Even as I walk with you in times of illness or bereavement, confusion or discouragement. Even and especially as I work for justice. A part of my meditation and reflection time each morning, in addition to my silent practice and holding those I pray for in love, is listing in a “little black book” what I am grateful for, even if it is just that I was able to get out of bed in the morning and stand on my two feet, something I was not able to do for some time after a nearly fatal car accident. I think about my call to this congregation and this valley and how I learn things every day in this place so different from where I was born and lived most of my life. I think about my family and my chosen family, about all those friends and family members I have walked with in my life. I think about the sun rising and shining down the valley and the sunset casting its pink glow on South Mountain which I can see from my front room each evening, if I stop to look out its windows. It all reminds me of a song I learned recently from musician Karen Drucker which I hope we can sing at our Thanksgiving Multigenerational Service:

Gratitude before me
Gratitude behind me
Gratitude to the left of me
Gratitude to the right of me
Gratitude above me
Gratitude below me
Gratitude within me
Gratitude all around me
I'm so grateful.

What are you grateful for this Thanksgiving?

On the path of our faith,

Rev. Maddie



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, Ken Stock and the Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford. 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 ministries of the congregation of which they should be aware. The next meeting of the COCL will be Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 PM at Rev. Maddie's home.

Message from the Board of Trustees

A SPLINTER FROM THE BOARD

Though our church was tented it wasn't for the Circus. Suffice it to say we shouldn't have to worry about termites splintering our boards.

All kidding aside the Board of Trustees would like to thank all Members, Friends and Rev. Maddie for putting up with scheduling issues and upheaval of the environment. We have a 3-year guarantee so if anyone notices any termites please let the Board know.

Patricia English
Board Treasurer



Message from the Safe Congregation Team

BECOMING A SAFER CONGREGATION

Your Safe Congregation Team continues to meet to look at a number of our policies and the safety of our building and practices. Stay tuned for a Fire Drill in the near future on a Sunday morning. We have been studying best practices through our insurance company, Church Mutual, and the Unitarian Universalist Association. We will be looking at our overall plans but starting with a Drill so that we know what to do as a congregation in the case of an emergency such as a fire, earthquake or other. When it happens, please follow the instructions of the Month of Sunday's person and the Safe Congregation Team. There will be 3-4 drills for the next year or so and then one a year once we know what we are doing. Your Safe Congregation Team is Rev. Maddie, Erik Halseth, Karen Harris representing the board, Pat English on fiduciary safety, Krystal Johnson from the staff and our friend Sharon Kufeldt. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you have interest in this effort or concerns. Our next meeting is November 6 at Noon in Rev. Maddie's Office. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.



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Faith Formation

Small Congregations Webinar

The Board, committee chairs, leaders of programs and all interested are invited to the next is a series of Small Congregation webinars which will be held in the Youth Room (Rainbow Room) downstairs at the church on Wednesday, November 13 from 4-5:30 PM. Here is the topic:

Small congregations that try to be full-service churches burn out their leaders and volunteers. We will look at how you can structure your board, programs and ministries to keep your congregation nimble and effective.



PLANNING FOR OUR CHILDREN

The experimentation with our faith formation/religious education for our children and youth continues. We need input from all our members and volunteers who are willing to lead or assist in leading a Sunday, several Sundays or a month of Sundays along with Yvette Sanchez. Rev. Maddie is helping provide structure of the Sundays that the children go downstairs. Here is the volunteer schedule for November as of the Newsletter Deadline:

November 3 *Multigenerational Day of the Dead, choir*

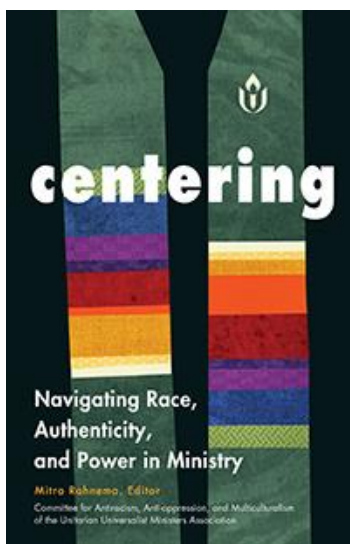
November 10 Erik Halseth

November 17 Ruth Ricards

November 24 *Multigenerational Thanksgiving, choir*



The challenges, the call, and the opportunity of this moment in Unitarian Universalism and in the broader US American society are compelling. Unitarian Universalists must be prepared and willing to look inward, examining, exploring, and acting to dismantle white supremacy culture in our association, in our congregations and groups, and in ourselves. At the same time, we must be prepared and willing to look outward and act to lift up Unitarian Universalist values in the political and civic challenges of our time. Rev. Maddie will be leading a three part workshop this church year based on the former UUA Common Read book: *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*, edited by Mitra Rahnema (Skinner House, 2017), centers the stories, analysis, and insights of a number of Unitarian Universalist religious leaders of color as they explore how racial identity is made both visible and invisible in Unitarian Universalist communities. She has ordered several copies of the book which are available to borrow, or you can order your own from the UUA Bookstore. The three meetings will be on November 17, January 12, and February 16 after coffee hour in her office.



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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.

November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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

Led by Rev. Maddie Sifantus with musician Eduardo del Signore

Original poetry by Atul Ranchod

Free will offering for the musician

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



Spiritual Growth Center

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

Our Meditation Practice Group takes place every Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Group leadership is shared by Rev. Maddie Sifantus and Jim Cole. 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.

November 6 with Jim Cole

November 13 with Rev. Maddie

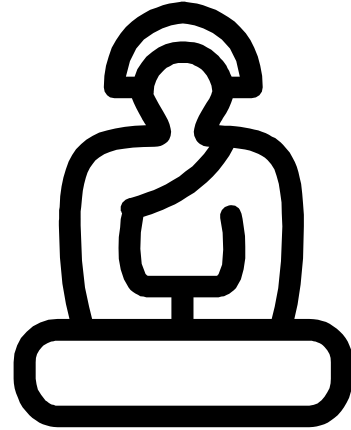
November 20 with Jim Cole

November 27 with Rev. Maddie

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

Free Will Offering

For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or msifantus@uuma.org.



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## 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.

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TAI CHI CHIH

Please join us on Fridays. We practice with concentration, quieting the mind, letting go, relaxing, and moving in slow motion. The benefits are spiritual, emotional and physical, and include tranquility, a sense of wellbeing, better coordination, balance and a general increase in energy. All ages are welcome!



Tish Jaramillo leads 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 tishj1@hotmail.com.

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NEWS FROM AMONG US – November 2019

- Our recent winds and power outages have disrupted most of our schedules. Please know that if your power is out at home, often the power is still on in the church. This last outage we had several of our members and friends come to hang out at church, charge their phones and other devices including even a C-Pap machine, get some fresh water and have a comfortable place to be. During the weekdays from Tuesday through Friday, Rev. Maddie is usually in her office and can be reached on her cell phone or the minister's office line: 805-525-4620. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Krystal is in the church office for at least part of the day: 805-525-4647. Call one of us and we will let you in. We might even put on a pot of coffee!
- Jan Shepherd has been in and out of Community Memorial Hospital. As of this writing, she is back in for observation.
- Our friend Kim Mann who began attending last spring and made friends with many has moved home to be with her parents as her father enters hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with her in the death of her grandmother and her aunt Loretta, her father's sister. Cards may be sent to her at 4785 Coho Lane, West Linn, Oregon 97068.
- Sadly, CASP has lost their location and will no longer be able to receive canned and non-perishable food donations.
- 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 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.

CHOIR: SING!

November begins with our annual Day of the Dead Service on November 3 with the choir singing *To Everything There is a Season* by Ed Harris. We will rehearse on the morning of the service, November 3 at 9:30 AM. Bring something for the Day of the Dead altar. We will have our monthly Thursday rehearsal on November 21 at 4 PM where we will be preparing the anthem for the November 24 Thanksgiving Multigenerational Service which will also be the anthem for the Santa Paula Interfaith Thanksgiving Service which will be at 7 PM on Monday, November 25. There will be a Combined Choir directed by Steve Batstone, the choir director of the Presbyterian Church. We will be singing "We are One, Lord" by Stan Pethel for both Thanksgiving services. We are experimenting with some new music as well as some of the repertoire we have learned over the last several years. 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. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions at msifantus@uuma.org. All invited to sing!

WINTER SOLSTICE 2019

Rev. Maddie is planning our Winter Solstice 2019 which will be at our church on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 PM. There will be both an adult choir and a children's choir, readers and who knows what else! Please let Rev. Maddie know if you wish to be involved. And Save the Date to attend the Solstice!

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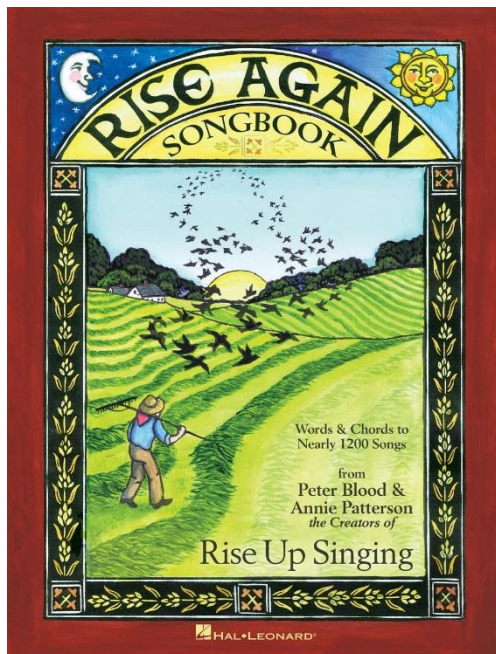


Our next film is RIFIFI, the crime drama from 1955 made in France by American director/screenwriter Jules Dassin. Often described as film noir, RIFIFI is probably better classified as the prototypical caper flick. The blacklisted Dassin was an expatriate living in Paris and desperate for work of any sort when he was offered this ultra-low budget adaptation of a gritty crime novel by Auguste Le Breton. In true B-movie tradition, Dassin improvised, stretching his tiny budget by hiring solid but underemployed character actors to fill out the cast, and by playing one of the supporting roles himself. Being forced out of necessity to shoot on the streets of Paris in often miserable weather supplied the film with a feeling of directness and realism that is rarely found in more slickly-produced fare. The most memorable sequence is the inspired staging of the crime itself, a scene nearly a half-hour long without dialog or music. Unlike the many caper flicks that followed, the intricately-planned and executed heist is not the film's climax. Instead, the plot quickly moves on to how the "perfect crime" unravels. This is a film that defined a genre, and then defied it.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2019 *(note: a week earlier than usual!)*

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



RISE UP SINGING RETURNS

UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA

PARISH HALL ~ 740 E MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 7:00 PM

BRING RISE UP SINGING AND/OR

RISE AGAIN BOOKS IF YOU HAVE THEM

ALL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME!

COMMUNITY SINGING!

FREE WILL OFFERING (\$5 recommended)

LED BY MADDIE SIFANTUS ~ ALL AGES

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CARING COMMITTEE

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister. The group sponsors workshops which in November is presented by the Ventura County Agency on Aging. The next regular meeting of the committee is Thursday, January 16 at 12:15 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. Each meeting addresses some area pertinent to how we companion our congregation members and friends. We minister to others in need today, knowing full well that we may need ministering tomorrow. If you would like a call or a visit from a member of the Caring Committee or are interested in serving as a lay minister, ask Rev. Maddie or Committee Chair Karen Harris.

CARING COMMITTEE SPONSORS A VCAA PROGRAM "LIVING WITHIN YOUR MEANS" FOR SENIORS ON NOVEMBER 13

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and the Ventura County Credit Union will be offering Living Within Your Means, a financial workshop for older adults, at Santa Paula's Universalist Unitarian Church on November 13 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The workshop is offered in English and Spanish and is free and open to the public.

Designed to provide valuable financial information to individuals 60 and older, Living Within Your Means gives participants access to financial planning and budgeting resources. With a special focus on individuals on a fixed income, Living Within Your Means provides a full presentation from a VCCU financial specialist as well as one of the VCAAA's Information and Assistance specialists. All participants will receive a workbook and will have the opportunity to ask individual questions.

The workshop is free and open to the public, however registration is recommended. To register, please call the church office at (805) 525-4647.

Grey Law was founded in 1979 by volunteers and provides year-round free assistance to individuals and non-profit groups who otherwise have limited access to legal services. The goal is to help clients resolve any legal issues, while also working to preserve their independence, hope, and dignity. Grey Law assists clients with government benefits such as Social Security, and 551 Medicare and Medi-Cal. They also offer "long-term care" counseling related to a spouse or family member entering a nursing home. Grey Law assists with consumer matters, powers of attorney, and advanced healthcare directives.

The Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, an agency of the County of Ventura, is the principal agency in Ventura County charged with the responsibility to promote the development and implementation of a comprehensive coordinated system of care that enables older individuals, people with disabilities, and their caregivers to live in a community-based setting and to advocate for the needs of those 60 years of age and older in the county, providing leadership and promoting citizen involvement in the planning process as well as in the delivery of services.



COUNTY OF VENTURA
Area Agency on Aging

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THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

NEWS - The Social Concerns Action Committee is seeking a late model laptop computer or ipod to use in our documentary film series. We are a 501c3 organization for tax purposes. Talk to Margaret Wilson.

MEETING – The Social Concerns Action Committee will not meet during holiday months of November and December, but our work continues through our support of UUSC's Guest at Your Table Program to be highlighted at the Sunday November 17 worship service.

DOCUMENTARY The Social Concerns Action Committee announces that its once a month Documentary Film series will be on Hiatus November and December. Look for our January Newsletter announcement for details of our next documentary.

EXPAND-YOUR-MIND Expand-Your-Mind will meet 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16 at the home of Nuri Ronaghy and Alan Shorb to watch and discuss a film that shall soon be announced.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE BOXES: Each year we participate in the annual Guest at Your Table intergenerational program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) which raises support for and awareness about their work to advance human rights. This year's program theme is Women Leaders, Strong Communities, recognizing that each of us can make big changes in our community and the world. Each day families and individuals can put change in the boxes imagining a guest visiting their table. Checks may also be written to the UUSC. The boxes will be passed out during the service on November 24 and will be collected in early January. Extra boxes and donation envelopes will be on the table in the Parish Hall.

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Mary A. Livermore Society will meet THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 11:30 AM at Café Flight 126. NOTE: THIS IS A WEEK BEFORE OUR USUAL DATE DUE TO THANKSGIVING BEING ON THE 4TH THURSDAY.

Constancia Leshin will speak about Friendship Bridge and the incredible work being done to sustain craftswomen in Guatemala in their businesses there while at the same time supporting their health and wellbeing. If you missed the evening event in September, this is your chance to catch up as well as vote in support of this worthy non-profit when we select beneficiaries for Mary A's year-end giving.

4TH QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING

November 3, December 1



Neighborhoods for Learning

Santa Paula



Serving: Fillmore, Santa Paula,
Ventura

For more information please

call: 805-340-9608

We are located at:

217 N. 10th Street

Santa Paula, CA 93060

Parent and Child Together (PACT) Classes

- Participate in play-based learning
- Enjoy a warm and welcoming environment
- Connect with parents, caregivers, and your local community

Neighborhoods for Learning also offers:

- Parent Education and Support
- Developmental Checkups
- Resource and Referral

Who can attend?

Classes are available to parents/caregivers with children ages 0 – 3 who reside in Ventura County and are grouped by age as follows:

Infants: 0 - 8 months

Young Toddlers: 9 - 20 months

Older Toddlers: 21 months – 3 years old

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The Santa Paula Ministerial Association (SPMA) will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Potluck and Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service for our community on Monday, November 25, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal and Lutheran Church, 117 N 7th Street, Santa Paula. The Potluck begins at 6:00 PM and the Service will be held at 7:00 PM.



The theme for this years' service will be **“We are One.”** The message will be given by the Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, the Community Minister for Social Justice of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. An offering will be collected for the Spirit of Santa Paula and the new homeless shelter located on Harvard Boulevard.

This will be a service in which all in our community may participate from their tradition and express thanksgiving for our families and all the gifts we share in our beloved community.

The goal of the service is to include a diverse representation of faith traditions and languages of prayer. Readings and prayers will be by local clergy, members of our congregations and the community of Santa Paula. The Call to Worship will be a Prayer to the Four Corners given by Roberto and Connie Vargas. For more information, call Pastor Lupita at pitaalonzo@outlook.com or 760-562-7660.

There will be a combined choir directed by Steve Batstone and accompanied by Janelle Fanslow. Those interested in singing with the choir, please be in touch with minister@uucsp.org. The Bell Choir of the Presbyterian Church will also be participating in the service.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Let's Keep Our Welcoming Congregation Status!

Our congregation kicked off its Welcoming Congregation program in 2001, chaired by Jerry Gray, which resulted in the earning of our Welcoming Congregation status by the UUA. The intention was to renew our status. The time has now past due! Many Welcoming Congregations in the UUA confess to not having updated or reviewed their LGBTQ+ programs and outreach since the 1990s. As such, the UUA unveiled the

Welcoming Congregations renewal program in 2015. The goal was, "To honor your original pledge, it's essential that new people in the congregation understand your congregation's commitment to this work and that people who were originally involved in the program, and learn about the current needs and concerns of LGBTQ+ people." It is now time for us to revisit the Welcoming Congregation and achieve Renewal Status. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you would like to be part of the planning.

What is the Welcoming Congregations Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal program?

In 2019, we wish to be bolder with our Welcome. Transgender Unitarian Universalists are still struggling to find community in UU congregations. Bisexual UUs suffer from invisibility while asexual, intersex, and polyamorous communities are wrestling with a progressive faith that does not privilege their truth. These and the many more social ills that plague our LGBTQ+ and TGQNB communities are calling us into a deeper commitment to ensure that our Unitarian Universalist congregations are living into the Welcome that we boldly proclaim. As such, the UUA is unveiling The Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal, which are:

1. Become a Welcoming Congregation

We already are!

2. Welcoming Worship Services

We do that as part of our normal worship life and our service on November 3rd with the visit of the AIDS quilt and short reflections by Rev. Maddie and Neil and Keith Coffman-Grey as part of our Day of the Dead Observance.

3. Welcoming Days of Observance

The third Pillar of Welcome Renewal is an annual recognition and celebration of the Welcoming Days of Observance. These days and seasons are important to LGBTQ+ / TGQNB communities because they bring visibility and affirmation after generations of invisibility and erasure. These days remind all that "All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome."

4. Welcoming Congregation Module

The fourth Pillar of Welcome Renewal is an annual opportunity for your congregation to experience a Welcoming Congregation Module. A WC module is a UUA approved seminar / webinar. Each year the UUA LGBTQ program office will offer at least one Welcoming Webinar engaging LGBTQ+ / TGQNB issues and topics. Welcoming Congregations may register for a webinar or may choose to sponsor a local seminar for its local congregation and community.

5. Support a Welcoming Project

The fifth Pillar of Welcome Renewal is Support a Welcoming Project. Welcoming Congregations are congregations that give generously of our gifts and resources. To remain current, WCs may donate a sizable donation to a local and national organization, campaign, or project that uplifts the dignity of LGBTQ+/TGQNB communities. Our welcoming project is the One Step a la Vez youth group which meets in our Rainbow Youth Room.

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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS HIROYO TSUKAMOTO

The Santa Paula Concert Series presents guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 PM. Hiroya Tsukamoto returns to take us on an innovative, impressionistic journey filled with earthy, organic soundscapes that impart a mood of peace and tranquility.

Tsukamoto 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 United States. Since then, he has been performing internationally including several appearances with his group at the Blue Note in New York City and released six albums as a leader. He has also performed and appeared on major television shows internationally such as NHK (Japanese National Television) and EBS in Korea. His website is www.hiroyatsukamoto.com.

Admission is \$20 donation at the door, from the church office during office hours, or by PayPal on the church's website: www.uucsp.org. Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted at the door. Children 12 and under are \$10; children 5 and under are free. Seating is first come, first served. Proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund.

You Tube Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaPLbxCHOFU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IDkAwYvxFc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IDkAwYvxFc&list=RD_IDkAwYvxFc&start_radio=1&t=11

Concert Help Needed

Please let Rev. Maddie know if you can help out with moving pulpit furniture after church on November 3, moving equipment and furniture after the concert, help with the sound and other production needs. msifantus@uuma.org or 805-525-4647.



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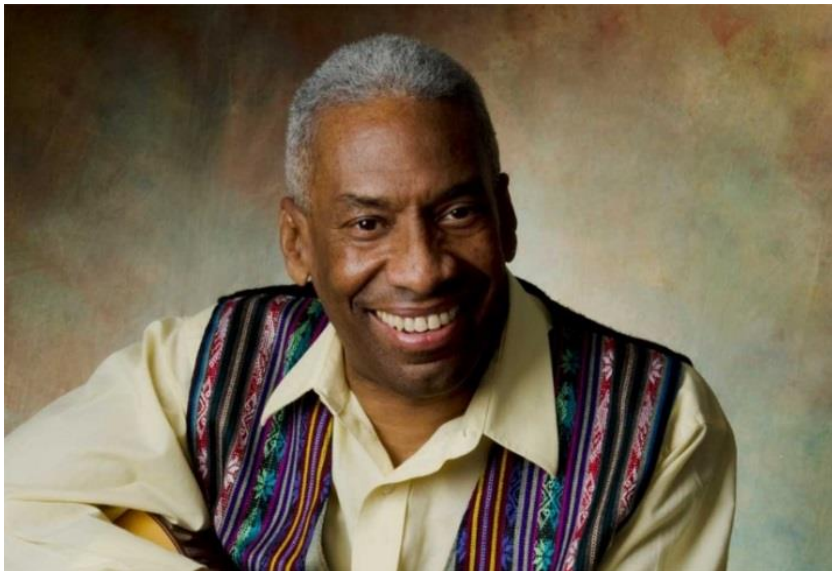
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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES: 2020 EVENTS

THOUSAND OAKS CHINESE
FOLK ENSEMBLE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020
7:00 PM



The ensemble performs a variety of repertoire which bridges Eastern and Western Music, strengthening the cultural and educational exchange in Ventura County and Southern California. There will be reduced ticket prices of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under for this concert.



REGGIE HARRIS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9,
2020
4:00 PM

A songwriter of great depth and passion, Reggie Harris writes from a personal sense of mission that merges a world wise point of view with a singularly hopeful stance that life, though often challenging, is filled with possibility and hope. His songs reveal thoughts about life and love and some of the deep aspects of the human experience and cover topics from his own personal journey to world issues and history.

The Santa Paula Concert Series proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund. The church was founded in 1889 and the building erected in 1891. UUCSP is a Registered Ventura County Landmark.

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Calendar of Events



PSUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 1030am Worship Dayof the Dead Aids Quilt 4PM Concert Hiroya Tsukamoto	4	5 930am Yoga 6PM COCL	6 12PM Safe Congregation mtg 6pm Meditation	7 930am Yoga 5PM Caring Comm	8 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PM SP Cinema Society	9
10 1030am Worship	11 Veterans Day	12 930am Yoga	13 10AM VCAAA workshop 4PM Small Congregations webinar 6pm Meditation	14 930am Yoga	15 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PmRise Up Singing	16
17 1030am Worship Guest at Your Table 1215 PM Centering	18	19 930am Yoga 530/630pm SCAC dinner& aMovie	20 6pm Meditation	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 930am Yoga 1130am MaryA's 4PM Choir Reh 630PM Board Mtg	22 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	23
24 930AM Choir Reh 1030AM Worship UUof our Past CASP	25 Thanksgiving Interfaith Service 6PM potluck 7PM service	26 930am Yoga	27 6pm Meditation	28 THANKSGIVING	29 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	30

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