



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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JANUARY 2020 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



JANUARY THEME: Authority/Leadership

We do not have a creed that serves as the authority for belief and action. Rather, in our liberal tradition, authority draws on experience and is informed by reason. Our authority is further informed by our principles and sources. Authority informs leadership—not power over, but power with. Leadership is both to act and be acted upon, to be formed and moved by, and to suffer with those led.

January 5 Burning Bowl

Jerry Gray, John Nichols

The Burning Bowl is an annual end-of-year ceremony we perform each January. We will learn what John has been thinking of late and will talk about the meaning of ritual and the history of the Burning Bowl ceremony. We will then collectively perform the ritual. It is a cleansing and healing ceremony to get the New Year started off right.

January 12 How Do We Bring Big Magic?

Rev. Maddie, TBA

As the new year and new decade begins, how can we use creativity in our lives, in our congregation and in our world? Inspired by Elizabeth Gilbert's book, *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*, Reverend Maddie reflects on how we can empower ourselves to try new things, and it doesn't have to be the "great American novel" or a Masterpiece of art. How can we infuse our everyday with creativity, passion, mindfulness and even have fun?

Tuesday, January 14 Gathering

Rev. Maddie

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 Grace. The music will be provided by our friend Eduardo Del Signore from *A Call to Peace* who will be joined by opera singer, Sonia Karazova. Poetry by Atul Ranchod.

January 19 Singing the Journey

Rev. Maddie, TBA

On this weekend when we remember Martin Luther King Jr., we wonder where the journey towards racial justice might point to in the new decade. What would MLK be saying in 2020?

Choir: Quadlibet of Spirituals

January 26 Who's In Charge Here?

Rev. Maddie, MaryBeth

On the day of our Annual Meeting, we reflect on leadership and where our authority comes from as Unitarian Universalists. Given our mission (Practice Inclusiveness ~ Seek Justice ~ Foster Spirituality) how do we decide what our vision for the future will be and make it happen?

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Message from the Minister

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and new decade! It is hard to believe that we are twenty years into the Twenty-First Century! Have you set your intentions for the new year? (Much better than make a New Year's Resolution, in my mind at least). Have you decided what you want to let go off as we start the new year in preparation to the Burning Bowl service on January 5 with Jerry Gray and John Nichols? What is your personal vision and what is our vision as a congregation? It is an especially good time to think about the congregational vision as we finish our budget process (have you made your pledge to the work and ministries of our congregation?) and look toward Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26.

What questions have you asked yourself in your quieter moments?

- *What lessons have I learned in the past year and which new ones now call me forward?*
- *To whom do I still owe an apology or expression of thanks?*
- *And with whom must I draw fresh boundaries?*

What questions are we asking ourselves as we look for 2020 vision in our lives as a congregation in Santa Paula, California?

- *How do/can we serve our members and friends?*
- *What role does our Spiritual Growth Center and Concert series play?*
- *How can we center the voices of those more vulnerable and less served among us?*
- *How can we be good stewards of our historic building and our mission?*
- *How can we remember who came before us, their lives and their legacy?*
- *And how can we celebrate and make meaning together as we recently did in our Winter Solstice Celebration?*

As we pause from our regular rhythms of rush-rush-rush, we open ourselves to new perspectives and possibilities. We give thanks for these moments and for the wisdom they afford us. May they help bring us together in the sacred dynamics of life so that we—as individuals and as members of this community—might reach our full potential.

As we step across this threshold, let this new year be a year of greater awe and gratitude, Of deeper kindness and acceptance, and more courageous acts of conviction.

*On the path of our faith,
Reverend Maddie*



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Message from the Board of Trustees

It's January and that can mean beginnings, endings, and a mix of them both. We are starting a new fiscal year and the Board and Finance committee have been working to put together the budget for the coming year. It will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 26. All committee chairs and others with budget requests are asked to get them to us as soon as possible. On the income side, if any of you have not submitted your pledge for 2020, you can still do that, too! The Board meets this month on the 9th and their biggest job that night is to verify and move the budget to the congregation for a vote.

We have a lot to be thankful for, and we have a lot to do. Revisiting our Vision and Mission continues, programs, concerts and services continue, and keeping a progressive, liberal religion alive and well certainly continues. Happy New Year – see you at the Annual Meeting and throughout 2020.



ANNUAL MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

All members and friends are encouraged to attend our congregation's **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26** for a Potluck following the morning service in the Parish Hall. Only official members in attendance will be able to vote. If you are a church friend and would like to join the church and have voting privileges at Annual Meeting, please contact Rev. Maddie by January 7.

All committee chairs, church officers and staff and any others who are responsible for writing reports for inclusion in our annual meeting booklet should have their report in electronic form to our administrator, Krystal at uucspoffice@gmail.com no later than Friday, January 17.

Message from the Board of Trustees

MEMBERSHIP—

Are you an *official member* of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula or thinking of becoming one? As we approach our Annual Meeting which will be January 26th after church, it is a good time to think about what our congregation means to you. Becoming a member allows you to vote on the budget and all-important decisions we make.

Becoming a member of UUCSP is an individual decision, so some people in a family may be member while others are not. While only members can vote on church matters, both members and non-members alike are welcome to attend services and other church activities, volunteer, and contribute financially to our congregation. Like many other UU churches, we have dedicated friends who have been active in our congregation, perhaps for years, but have never signed the membership book.

If you fall into that “friend” (active non-member) category, you might want to consider becoming a member now. If you have never gotten around to signing the book, but want to become an official member now, it’s easy—simply arrange to meet with Rev. Maddie to talk about the meaning of membership and to sign the membership book. To vote in Annual Meeting, please talk to Rev. Maddie about the path to membership by January 7 and sign the book.

WON'T YOU BE OUR MEMBER?

The conditions for membership, according to our bylaws, are these: “This society shall welcome as members any person who is in sympathy with the purpose and program of this church, has signed the membership book subject to acceptance by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees or the members present at any legal meeting of the congregation. Membership is open to all persons 13 years of age or older without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, physical or mental challenges, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Members are expected to make an identifiable financial or service contribution.

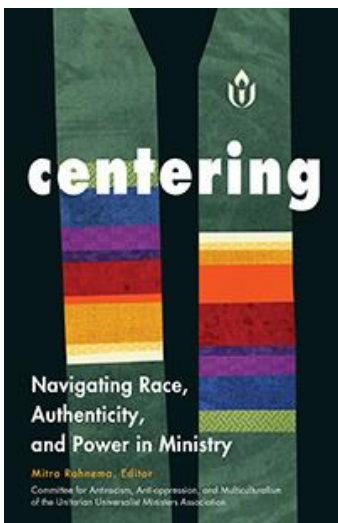


Faith Formation

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 but need parishioners to step forward to help address the needs of our younger friends and visitors. Here is the volunteer schedule for As of the Newsletter Deadline there are no volunteers signed up. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie or sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall.

January 5 -	?	(Burning Bowl)
January 12 -	?	
January 19 -	?	
January 26 -	?	(Annual Meeting)



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 next two meetings will be on **January 12**, and **February 16** after coffee hour in her office.

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BELOVED CONVERSATIONS

Last year we participated along with the other area UU congregations in a joint retreat and small group process with the Fahs Collaborative of Meadville Lombard Theological School's outstanding curriculum Beloved Conversations. This curriculum is designed for exploring the role of race/ethnicity in individual and congregational lives. We are about to kick off participation again, with the opening retreat taking place at UU Ventura on Friday evening, February 7 and daytime February 8. The eight sessions that follow will be scheduled at the convenience of our small group members. We have several people already planning to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall. For more information, be in touch with Kate English at 805-207-5013 or kate@mysonestep.org



WORSHIP TEAM POTLUCK: JANUARY 7

The Sunday morning service or “Worship” is a unifying event in the life of our congregation, a place where members and friends come together for inspiration, intellectual challenge, spiritual nourishment, community belonging, intergenerational connections, and continuity with the Unitarian Universalist faith, and where all other areas of church activity can connect, including music, other arts, religious education, social action, hospitality, and stewardship. Our Worship Team meets quarterly, together with the Minister, to schedule Worship Hosts, consider and support any and all aspects of worship services on Sunday mornings, but also special worship services and worship-related events that take place at other times of the week like the Winter Solstice and monthly Gatherings.

All current Worship Hosts and anyone interested in becoming one or in the philosophy of worship is cordially encouraged to attend a Worship Team Potluck at Rev. Maddie's home on Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM. Please be in touch with her to confirm you are coming to let her know you are coming and so we can coordinate the food.

GATHERING*



*DEFINITION OF GATHERING

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

JANUARY 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM

You are invited to our Gathering for sound, silence and word.

Led by Maddie Sifantus with
Grammy Nominated Musicians

Sonia Kazarova, soprano and Eduardo Del Signore from *A Call to Peace*

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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A very special evening with music provided by 2020 Grammy Nominees
Sonia Kazarova and Eduardo Del Signore.

Rev. Maddie Sifantus will lead the next Evening Gathering with Sound, Silence and Spoken Word at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM. This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some beautiful music, share some silence and hear spoken word. The music will be provided by Sonia Kazarova and Eduardo Del Signore from *A Call to Peace*. This is the first appearance of Ms. Kazarova in Santa Paula. Classically trained operatic soprano, Sonia Kazarova has sought to combine opera with other musical genres, as well as other classical and modern art forms, including dance, live sculpting, aerialists, rock and world music, poetry and Taiko drumming. Eduardo has appeared in previous Gatherings and with the members of *A Call to Peace* in the Santa Paula Concert Series. He is a performer, a producer, an educator and a composer. Both are 2020 Grammy nominees for their work with Sekou Andrews & The String Theory. Free, but with a free will offering to compensate our Gathering musicians.

Spiritual Growth Center

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

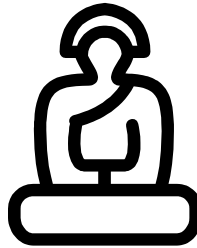
Our Meditation Practice Group takes place every Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Group leadership is shared by Rev. Maddie Sifantus and Jim Cole. Enter through the front gate to the left of the main entrance and come in the side door. Allow about an hour and bring your meditation cushion, if 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.

January 8 with Rev. Maddie

January 15 with Rev. Maddie

January 22 with Jim Cole

****January 29 with Rev. Maddie,***
followed by vision potluck



Free Will Offering

For information call

Rev. Maddie Sifantus

805-525-4620 or
msifantus@uuma.org

*MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP VISION POTLUCK

Following Meditation on Wednesday, January 29, we will have a special potluck for those who attend or have attended our Meditation Practice Group the last five years. Our congregation, which hosts it as part of our Spiritual Growth Center, is going through a Mission and Vision Process which includes getting input, from not only our members, but also our friends and all the groups meeting in our building and the larger community as well. What would you like to see as part of the Spiritual Growth Center? What need does our Meditation Group fill? How can the congregation better serve its members and friends and the large community? We will enjoy eating together and answer "three powerful questions" together through the lens of mindfulness. All are invited, whether you have been once or attend weekly. If you can't come at 6 PM to meditate, come to share the potluck at 7 PM. It would be helpful if you let Rev. Maddie know you are coming and what you might bring to share so she can coordinate it. Reach her at 805-525-4620 or 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 since the Fall of 2012, and teaching since Summer 2013, 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 Stephenson of Sacred Living Yoga. Lisa Hammond can be reached at 831-801- 2276 or 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

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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People and Doings

NEWS FROM AMONG US – January 2020

- We recently sang Happy Birthday to two of our number during Joys and Concerns: Ken Stock who was Worship Host on the actual Sunday of his birthday (way to celebrate Ken!) and Marian Tothoroth who had turned 99 two days before!
- We are saddened by the death of UU Ventura member and friend to our congregation, Harold Cartlidge. Our thoughts are with his wife, Dorothy Fasthorse. His service will be at UU Ventura on Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 PM.
- 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 taking the first week of January off and will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 7. She is reachable in an emergency. Later in the month she will be at the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association's Pacific Southwest District's Winter Retreat in Arizona from January 20 through 24. If there is an emergency during that time, be in touch with Krystal in the church office or congregation president John Nichols. Also note that **Rev. Betty** will be on vacation in Asia the whole month of January.

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.

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. 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 an interest in this effort or concerns. Our next meeting is January 8 at Noon in Rev. Maddie's Office. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.



UNDECORATE THE CHURCH: TWELFTH NIGHT

Join Rev. Maddie, our friends from the One Step a la Vez LGBTQ Youth Group and their leaders and anyone interested in taking down the decorations from the December holidays on Friday, January 10 from 3:30 PM. We will be a little after Twelfth Night due to scheduling. We will not be doing the traditional Twelfth Night burning of the tree but will mark the end of Winter Holidays season but putting the church back in shape and sharing each other's company. Rev. Maddie will buy pizza!

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CHOIR: SING IN THE NEW YEAR

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! In January we will be having fun with some familiar gospel songs, trying for a quodlibet. According to Wikipedia, a quodlibet (/ˈkwɒdliβet/; Latin for "whatever you wish" from quod, "what" and libet, "pleases") is a musical composition that combines several different melodies in counterpoint. Here is the schedule from January to June. We take a break in the summer months.

January 16	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
January 19	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	Quodlibet of Gospel Songs, Traditional	
February 6	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
February 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	The Gift of Love	
March 5	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
March 8	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	TBA	
April 16	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
April 19	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	The World is Full of Poetry from <i>Earth Songs</i> James Gates Percival, David L. Brunner	
May 14	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
May 17	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	TBA	
June 11	4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
June 14	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	Let There Be Music	Gordon Young



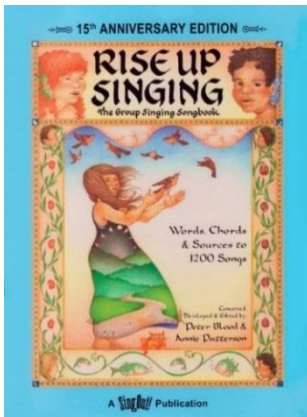
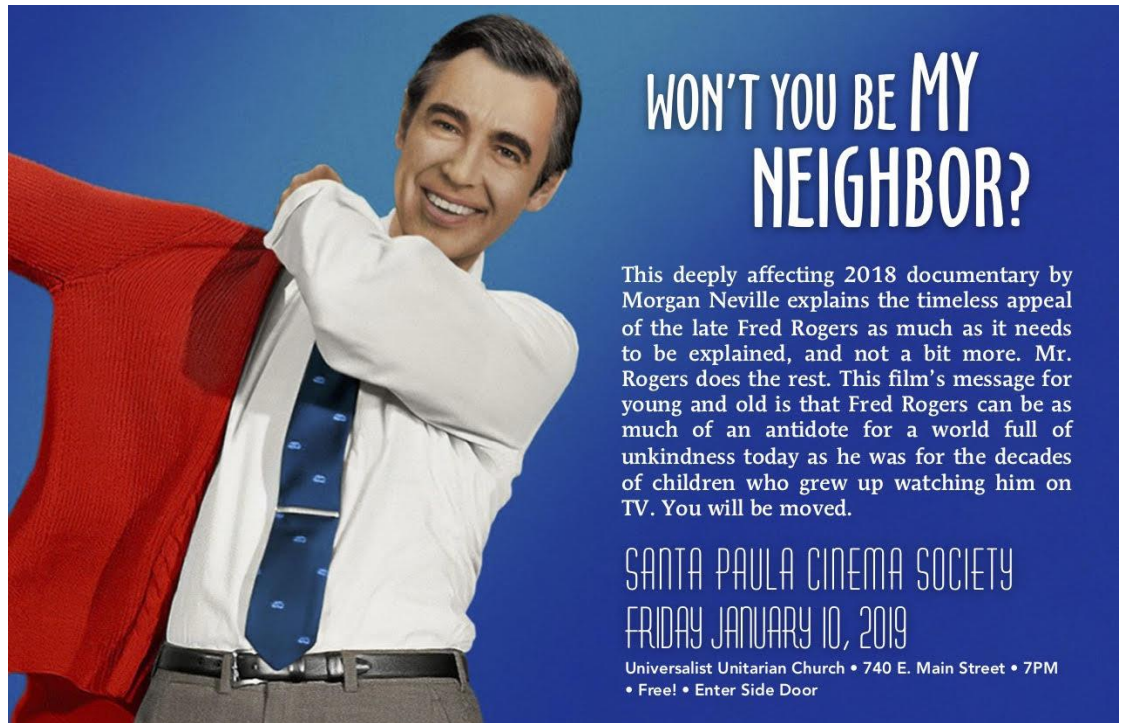
CARING COMMITTEE

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister. The next regular meeting of the committee is Thursday, January 16 at 12:00 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. Each meeting addresses some area pertinent to how we companion our congregation members and friends. On the agenda in the January meeting is how we remember our deceased Members and Friends, including our Memorial Rose Garden, Memorial Fund and Memory Book project. You may have noticed that the painted stones have deteriorated. Several ideas have been proposed for either replacing them or changing to another idea. Members of the Caring Committee or anyone interested is welcome at this first meeting of the new year. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch.

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.

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JOIN US IN SINGING ~ ALL AGES
UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF SANTA PAULA PARISH HALL
740 E MAIN STREET
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 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

RISE UP SINGING JANUARY 17 at 7 PM

After a short hiatus, our next Rise Up Singing is January 17 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Join the fun as we experience communal singing. All ages are welcome. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested). Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome to this informal and spirited evening of shared music making which lasts about 2 hours. Bring a copy of Rise Up Singing or Rise Again, if you have one. copies will be available to buy or borrow for the evening. Our Rise Up Singing Schedule for 2020, all on third Fridays from 7-9 PM, is: **January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19.** *Note that we will be off in July and August.* Invite your friends and family! Especially those who play instruments. There is a piano available if you would like to play the keys. Let's keep the message of music going through singing together.

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MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

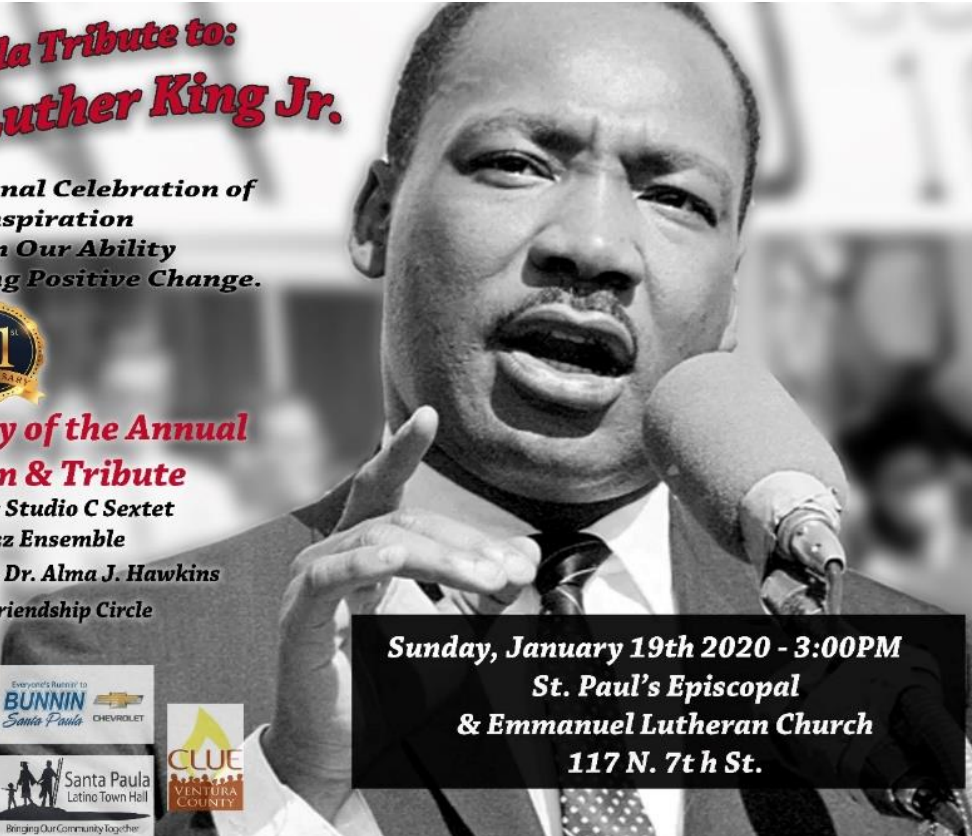
The Mary A. Livermore Society will return to all Fourth Thursday meetings (no quarterly Saturday meetings) this year, again at our favorite lunch spot, Café Flight 126, Thursday, January 23 at 11:30 AM. We have two excellent possibilities for programs for our first meeting but cannot be specific at this time. TBA.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

MEETING – Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 pm. Social Concerns Action Committee will meet regularly on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in 2020. The January meeting, we will be finalizing our 2020 SCAC budget and upcoming films for our monthly documentary series. Meeting in Rev. Maddie's office. All are invited.

DOCUMENTARY Tuesday, January 28 Potluck: 5:30, Documentary: 6:30, *Ready for War*
Andrew Renzi's documentary, *Ready for War*, sheds light on the lives of three of the estimated thousands of immigrants who volunteer for service in the American military yet find themselves deported from the US once their tours of duty are over. The film skillfully raises questions of the justice of separating veterans from their families and deporting them, after they put their lives on the line for America, their adopted country. It asks the tactical wisdom of exiling trained military men to countries torn by drug wars. Free screening. Discussion follows

EXPAND-YOUR-MIND will meet in February. Start reading *They Don't Represent Us: Reclaiming Our Democracy* by the Harvard law prof, Lawrence Lessing. He gives an incisive examination of our failing political culture for which he offers a detailed reform platform of proposals along with issuing an urgent call to arms to every citizen to take back our government from the ones who own it and save our democracy to make it work for all of us. We will discuss it on a date to be announced.



**Santa Paula Tribute to:
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**A Nondenominational Celebration of
Music & Inspiration
to Strengthen Our Ability
to Continue Creating Positive Change.**

51st
ANNIVERSARY

**51st Anniversary of the Annual
Jazz Requiem & Tribute**
Music provided by Studio C Sextet
and SPHS Jazz Ensemble

Keynote Speaker: Rev., Dr. Alma J. Hawkins
•Refreshments •Friendship Circle

Sunday, January 19th 2020 - 3:00PM
**St. Paul's Episcopal
& Emmanuel Lutheran Church**
117 N. 7th St.

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Guest at Your Table boxes will be collected Sundays, January 5 and 12 during the service.

Or you can write a check made out to the UUSC and can be put with the offering in the plate or mailed to the church.

Thank you for supporting Guest at Your Table. It is one of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's main fund raisers to spread their domestic and international justice and service work.

1ST QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING **JANUARY 5, FEBRUARY 2, MARCH 1**



The offering collected at our Worship Services on the first Sunday of the month is given to a cause or group chosen by our Social Concerns Action Committee. To begin 2020, we will support the Deported Veterans Advocacy Project of Veterans for Peace. The mission of the Deported Veterans Advocacy Project is to advocate and assist U.S. military veterans who face deportation or have been deported by the U.S. government.

You can see more about this project at <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/our-work/vfp-national-projects/deported-veterans-advocacy-project>

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OFFERING ONE STEP A LA VEZ

Our church has a long history of donating food as a tangible expression of our generosity toward the deep need in our community. One Step A La Vez is so grateful to begin receiving the monthly UUCSP non-perishable food collection on the last Sunday of each month. The food will be used for meals for the teens served by our program from Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru. Whatever we are unable to use for the youth, will be distributed in our twice monthly **community food pantry** to hungry families (First and second Wednesdays). We welcome ALL non-perishable food items but some very helpful items that the teens will always go through include, peanut butter, jam, breakfast cereal, canned tuna or chicken, jars of pasta sauce, canned pineapple, boxes of macaroni and cheese or cup o' noodles, granola bars, popcorn, and dry pasta. Shelf stable basics like cooking oil, flour, spices and condiments also help!

We can also always use things like tampons, pads, shampoo conditioner, bodywash, deodorant, toothbrushes, laundry soap for our free **toiletries closet** that is accessed by our staff when a youth needs something they do not have at home.

Kind regards, Kate English, Executive Director www.onestepalavez.org

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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES: 2020 EVENTS

CHINESE FOLK ENSEMBLE

The Santa Paula Concert Series will present a very special event when it hosts a concert by the Thousand Oaks Chinese Folk Ensemble on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the historic Universalist Unitarian Church, a Ventura Historical County landmark, located at 740 East Main Street, Santa Paula. It is handicapped accessible through the side gate.

In May of 2007, six amateur Chinese folk instrumentalists got together on a casual occasion and cheered one another for their childhood passion. This marks the informal inception of Thousand Oaks Chinese Folk Ensemble. In the past ten years, the Ensemble has grown from six to twenty members. They now have a percussion team, a string team, and a pluck string team.

They perform a variety of repertoire ranging from “Black Bamboo Melody”, “Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon”, “Dance of the Golden Snake”, “Beaming with Joy”, “Celebration” to the more sophisticated ones such as “Overture of the Spring Festival”, “A Song to the Boxwood Shoulder-Pole”, “Peking Melody”, “Camel Bell”, “Picking Up Reeds Flower”, “Dance Melody of Yao”, and “Beautiful Lake Tai”. Members of the Ensemble proudly believe that they have not only enriched their own daily lives being situated far away from their hometowns, more importantly, they have also contributed effectively to the bridging of East and West music, strengthening the cultural and educational exchange in Conejo Valley, Ventura County, and throughout Southern California.

This concert will have a special reduced admission price of \$10 donation at the door, from the church office during office hours, or by PayPal on the church’s website: www.uucsp.org/events Children 12 and under are \$5; children 5 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula Building and Historical Fund. Parking is on the street or behind the church. UUCSP is a registered Ventura County Historical Landmark. For more information, call 805-525-4647 or email uucspoffice@gmail.com.

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



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People and Doings



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.



Save the Date!

Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm



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Calendar of Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NO Meditation	2 930am Yoga	3 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	4
5 1030am Worship 1 st Sunday Offering	6	7 930am Yoga 600pmWorship Team Potluck	8 12pm Safe Cong Mtg 3pm SCAC Mtg 6pm Meditation	9 930am Yoga 630pm Board Mtg	10 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 330pm Undecorate theTree 7PM SP Cinema Society	11 7pm SP Concert Series Chinese Folk Ensemble
12 1030am Worship 12pmAdult RE	13	14 930am Yoga 7pm Gathering	15 4pm Small Congregations 6pm Meditation	16 930am Yoga 12pmCaring Com.Mtg 4pm ChoirReh	17 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7pm Rise Up Singing	18
19 930amCoir Reh 1030am Worship	20 Martin Luther King	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 930am Yoga	22 6pm Meditation	23 930am Yoga 11:30am MaryA's	24 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	25
26 1030am Worship OSALV Offering ANNUAL MTG	27	28 930am Yoga 5:30PM SCAC dinner&aMovie	29 6pm Meditation &Meditation Potluck	30 930am Yoga	31 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih	

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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

Rev. Maddie Sifantus, Minister, Choir Director

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Affiliate Minister

Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator

Vincent Sorisio, Church Musician

Albie Alamillo, Custodian

Board of Trustees:

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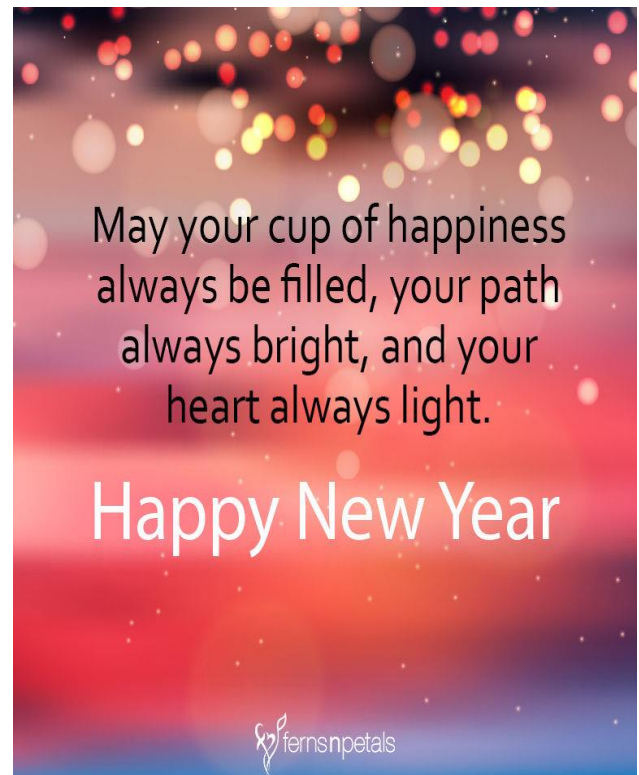
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