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MARCH 2020 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



MARCH THEME: Forgiveness

In our tradition, in which love is the doctrine of our church, forgiveness must be informed by this question: What does love require? To forgive is to side with love. While some things cannot be forgiven, much can. Despite the challenge and the pain, forgiveness, both self-forgiveness and forgiveness of others frees us from the prison of our past.

March 1 The Gift of Forgiveness

Rev. Maddie, Karen Harris

Our theme for March is Forgiveness. It is one of those themes that comes up again and again in our lives and that many of us struggle with. When we forgive, we don't forget that we were hurt but we are freed from the domineering power of the hurt.

First Sunday Offering to Deported Veterans Advocacy Project

March 8 The Promise and the Practice

Rev. Maddie, Kate English

Our second annual service centering the voices of people of color (POC). All words written and the choir anthems composed by POC. Our choir sings.

Tuesday, March 10 Gathering with Donna Lynn Caskey and Steve Werner

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 Forgiveness.

March 15 Hope Against Despair

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford and Michelle Cowan

Reading and hearing about the horrific things that are happening in our world today, it is difficult for us to keep a positive attitude. So, what can we do? Today's service will focus on the ways our Universalist tradition can help.

March 22 Multigenerational: Ostara

Rev. Maddie, Ruth Ricards

Ostara marks the Spring Equinox in earth-based theologies, when night and day are again equal in length. Following this the days will grow longer than the nights. We think of planting and the earth comes to life again. A service for all ages.

March 29 Humility and Forgiveness

Pat English with MaryBeth East

Does forgiveness require humility? Pat English says "yes" come find out why.

UU's Back in the Day Leslie Nichols

Food & Toiletrie Offering for One Step a la Vez

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Message from the Minister

As I am writing my words for the March newsletter, I am aware that you are likely to receive it on Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday when many of our Christian friends are entering Lent. Lent is part of our Judeo-Christian history as is Advent, those four weeks leading up to Christmas. Both can be times of reflection. You have heard me quote the theologian Frederick Buechner on a number of occasions. I became aware of him many years ago when I was the soprano soloist for one of our largest congregations, the First Parish in Concord (MA) through their minister, the Rev. Gary Smith, who was prone to quoting him and got me interested in his thinking. The first book I read by Buechner was *Wishful Thinking: An Alphabet of Grace* in which he addresses theological terms in a clear and funny way. Here, in part, is his definition of “Lent”, containing some suggestions for hard work we are invited to do this season (once we get over partying for Mardi Gras). As Gary once said, “he asks five questions, not Christian questions, not Jewish or Hindu questions, but five human questions:”

- When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?
- If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?
- Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?
- Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?
- If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

What if you were to wrestle with these questions for the next few weeks...or if you made up some of your own? Our theme for March is Forgiveness. Two more questions might be “Who do you want to forgive?” And “What do I want to be forgiven for?” If you want to share some of your wrestling with me, please be in touch through email at msifantus@uuma.org, leaving a message on my private office line which is 805-525-4620 or you can nab me on a Sunday or after a meeting to make an appointment to come in and chat.

On the path of our faith,

Reverend Maddie



*Life is grace. Sleep is forgiveness.
The night absolves.
Darkness wipes the slate clean,
not spotless to be sure,
but clean enough for
another day's chalking.
~ Frederick Buechner*

Message from the Board of Trustees

Your church needs you!

There are so many things that make our church “work” smoothly. Our minister handles so many of them... so does our Board of Trustees. So do our committees. One thing that has not been taken care of quite so well is day to day maintenance. In times past, we had ‘handyman’ members who were able to fix, repair, or replace things. Light bulb is out in the Parish Hall? Ask Bill. The light switch in the vestibule isn’t working? Ask Ken.



We’re a (mostly) aging congregation, and we find there aren’t people who can climb ladders, fix restroom fixtures, and do those little jobs that any building requires from time to time. We are looking for two things at present: A ‘fix-it’ type person, and someone to keep track of those small jobs (before they become big problems) – making sure the right person tackles the right situation.

Do you know of, or occasionally employ, a contractor, service provider, or Jack/Jane of all trades? Someone you trust to do the job(s) right? Let one of our Board members know who they are and how to contact them.

Do you notice “the little things” that aren’t just right? Are you one who can occasionally oversee someone completing their tasks? Can you keep track of a list of issues that need addressing? Is arriving at the church to let someone in to replace a lightbulb or fix a faucet something you’d be willing to handle a few times per year? Please talk to one of our Board members. Our beautiful old building may just need you! Thank you!



Final Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities Webinar

The final in the Webinar series we have been participating in this year aimed at small congregations like ours will be on Saturday, Wednesday March 14 from 9am-12pm "Pi Day." All are invited to join Rev. Maddie at her home for pie and participation with other small congregations in the Pacific Western Region by Zoom. Each individual needs to register at:

<https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/webinars/pi-day-small-congregation-virtual-meeting>

Please let Rev. Maddie know if you have registered or have any questions.

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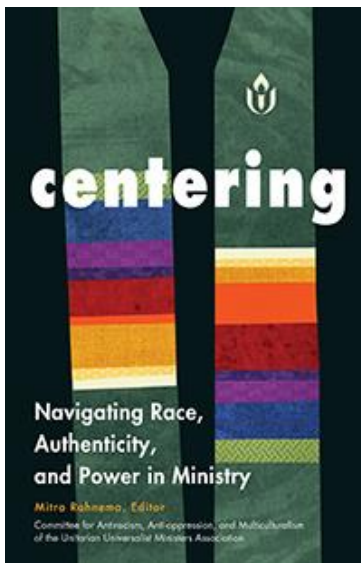
Faith Formation

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 adult volunteer schedule as of the Newsletter Deadline. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie or sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall. Our next brainstorming session will be April 19 at Noon.

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| March 1 | Ruth Ricards |
| March 8 | Michelle Cowan |
| March 15 | Rev. Maddie |

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| March 22 | Multigenerational Service |
| March 29 | Ken Stock |
| April 5 | Ruth Ricards |



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 is continuing with the workshop series based on the former UUA Common Read book: *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*, edited by Mitra Rahnema (Skinner House, 2017), which 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. The final meeting will be March 8 after coffee hour in her office. For the March meeting please read “The Religious Educator of Color” by Rev. Natalie Maxwell Fenimore and Aisha Hauser (MSW) and the response by Rev. Sofia Betancourt, pages 87-102.



SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES WITH REV. MADDIE

We kicked off a Sermon Seminar for Lay People on February 29th at 10 AM in the Parish Hall on the extra day of 2020. We are using a book to guide the seminar, “The Shared Pulpit” by Erika Hewitt. Join members of the Worship Team and others to learn about how to write a sermon and craft worship. There will be 8 in the series. You can join if you have missed the first session by having a private meeting with Rev. Maddie; after that the group will be closed as it operates as a small group, building trust among its members. Be in touch with Rev. Maddie for more details.

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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.

MARCH 10, 2020

7:00 PM

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus

Special Guests, Steve Werner and Donna Lynn Caskey

Free will offering for the Gathering musicians

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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.

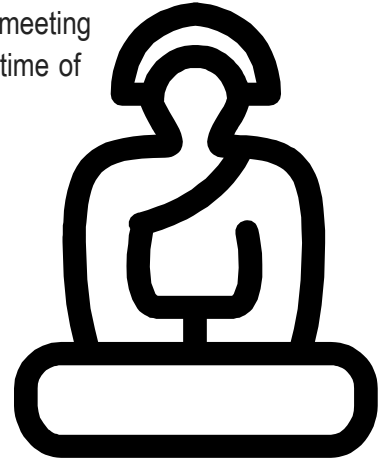
March 4 with Jim Cole

March 11 with Rev. Maddie

followed by Potluck at 7 PM on 3/11

March 18 with Jim Cole

March 25 with Jim Cole



MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP POTLUCK

The second Meditation Practice Group Potluck will be after Practice on Wednesday, March 11. Our sitting is at 6 PM as usual with the potluck following at about 7 PM. All who attend or have attended are welcome and everyone pitches in with food to share, setting up and cleaning up. As usual, there is a free will offering for Meditation (\$5 suggested but all welcome) to defray the costs to the church and support its Spiritual Growth Center of which Meditation is one activity.



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 – March 2020

- We are celebrating with Arturo Mentz and Steve Lee as we received the news that Arturo's immigration status change has been approved!
- We are also celebrating the return to membership of our former member Ariel Alexander. Welcome back!
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of our former member Jean McGregor. Her Memorial Service will be at our church. Information below.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael Gonzales in the death of the man who filled the role of his father.
- It is with great sadness we absorb the loss of "Big X", Xavier Montes, to the Santa Paula community, his partner Vanessa Acosta, his family and friends. His Memorial Service will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, March 20 and will be followed by a Celebration at La Casa Del Mexicano.
- We have changed the **due date for newsletter** submissions. Please have them to the office uucspoffice@gmail.com, by the 15th of the previous month. (March 15th for the April newsletter)
- 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 15th of every month.

In Memorium

Memorial Service for Jean McGregor

Universalist Unitarian Church
of Santa Paula
Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM
Rev. Maddie Sifantus

Memorial Service for Xavier Montes

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
427 E Oak Street, Santa Paula
12 PM - Rosary followed by Indigenous Blessing
12:30 - Mass followed by Procession to
Celebration of Life at La Casa del Mexicano,
218 S 11th Street

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.

PASTORAL COVERAGE

Rev. Maddie will be gone from March 23-31 to serve on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston. During the time she is gone from Santa Paula, our Administrator, Krystal Johnson or our congregation president, John Nichols, will contact who is covering in the case of a pastoral emergency. Note that Rev. Betty will be away in Cuba during that time frame.

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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, Ken Stock, and our friend Sharon Kufeldt. Please let Rev. Maddie know if you have interest in this effort or concerns. Our next meeting is March 4 at Noon in Rev. Maddie's Office. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.

CHOIR AND MUSIC VISION POTLUCK

The choir sings once a month for the Sunday Service. We welcome Sean Wilson and hope some lover voices will join him. 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. Thursday and Sunday 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. Thursday rehearsals are 90 minutes. Sunday rehearsals are 45 minutes. Please try to be prompt and bring your chair to the choir space before 4:00 PM. We will not rehearse in July and August.

MUSIC POTLUCK

All choir members and those interested in music at the UU Church of Santa Paula are welcome to a Mission Vision Potluck at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring an appetizer, main dish, side or dessert to share and prepare to answer "Three Powerful Questions" through the lens of music at UUCSP and brainstorm about what the answers to those questions call us to do.

MARCH AND APRIL CHOIR SCHEDULE

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| March 5 | 4:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal | |
| March 8 | 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal | <i>The Promise and the Practice</i> I Believe, Mark Miller; I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up, Faya Rose Touré |
| April 16 | 4:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal | |
| April 19 | 9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal | <i>Earth Day Service Multigenerational</i> The World is Full of Poetry from <i>Earth Songs</i> , James Gates Percival, David L. Brunner |

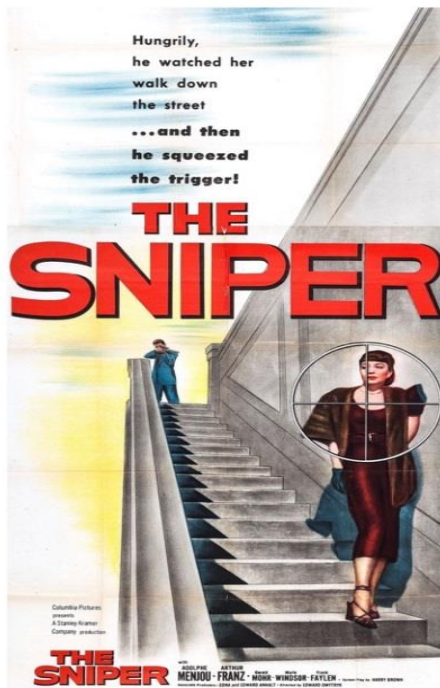
CARING COMMITTEE

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, March 19 at 12:00 PM in Rev. Maddie's office. Bring a bag lunch if you wish. Each meeting addresses some area pertinent to how we companion our congregation members and friends as well as reach out to the community. On Thursday, April 16th the Caring Committee will sponsor a workshop on the End of Life planning document Five Wishes. On Friday, May 22 we will have a visit from hospice chaplain Corinne Carson. Our final meeting of this church year will be Thursday, June 18. Stay tuned for more information on the spring meetings. 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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SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY



Equal parts film noir, police procedural, and psychological thriller, **THE SNIPER** goes to places where even the toughest and grittiest in the genre rarely treaded. A film about a psychologically-damaged serial killer wasn't exactly an original idea, but homicidal characters in film noir were more typically gangsters, or jealous wives, characters whose fates in the final reel were made inevitable by the production code, and with whom we would not be asked to empathize. They always got what they had coming to them. The confused rage and revenge motivations of the protagonist in this film might feel too lightly sketched in to us now, but the affect is no less chilling, if not more so. Subject matter that must have been shocking but abstract to audiences in 1952 seems more real to us today. **THE SNIPER** is forcefully directed by noir master Edward Dmytryk, on his first major studio assignment after returning from blacklisting and imprisonment as one of the Hollywood Ten, from a punchy Academy Award-nominated screenplay by Edward and Edna Anhalt. Featuring Arthur Franz as the disturbed former soldier with a rifle, Adolphe Menjou as the detective trying to crack the case, Gerald Mohr as his sidekick, and noir queen Marie Windsor as, well, you'll just have to see the film to find out. Also features the highly effective use of outdoor settings in one of the noir capitols of the world, San Francisco.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY
FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2019

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



RISE UP SINGING

UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA

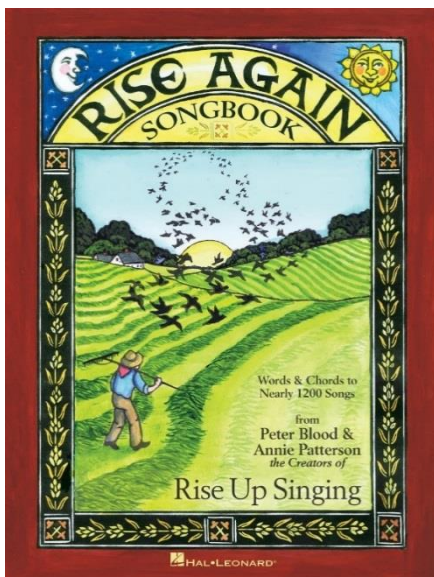
PARISH HALL ~ 740 E MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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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MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet Thursday March 26 at Café Flight 26, 11:30 am. Talk and Share: Come with something in mind you would like to talk about -- a book you are reading, a political development, a community concern. We, all of us, will be the program this month.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

MEETING – Wednesday March 11 at 3:00 pm. Come to help us decide what non-profit in the Santa Clara Valley will be the Second Quarter recipient of our 1st Sunday of the Month offering as well as upcoming movies for our documentary series.

DOCUMENTARY Tuesday, March 24 Potluck: 5:30, Documentary: 6:30 **Cesar Chavez**

Cesar Chavez (2014) is a biographical dramatization, directed by Diego Luna and starring Michael Pena. It tells the story of Cesar Chavez's life and the birth of the farm labor movement. We see Cesar struggle to gain respect for farm workers and to gain their civil rights, better working conditions and adequate pay. We see Cesar torn between his overwhelming work and his duties for his family. In his soft, but outspoken speech, committed to nonviolence we see him bring diverse people together to stand up to oppression and act for justice. Discussion follows.

EXPAND-YOUR-MIND the occasional book/film Sunday afternoon discussion group returns this month and next focusing on a deeply concerning issue, democracy. In March, we'll discuss Astra Tayler's book, *Democracy May Not Exist, But We'll Miss It When It's Gone*. Quoting from the book jacket: "...weaving together history, theory, the stories of individuals, and interviews with former prime ministers and such leading thinkers as Cornel West and Wendy Brown, Tayler invites us to reexamine the term. Is democracy a means or an end, a process or a set of desired outcomes? What if those outcomes whatever they may be—peace, prosperity equality, liberty, an engaged citizenry—can be achieved by nondemocratic means? If democracy means rule by the people, what does it mean to rule and who counts as the people?"

We'll meet Sunday afternoon, **March 21, 2:00PM** at the home of Audrey Vincent. Please RSVP Audrey or Margaret Wilson by 3/13/20.



1ST QUARTER FIRST SUNDAY PLATE OFFERING 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>

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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



Civil Rights Activist Dolores Huerta

Thurs., March 19, 2020 @ 6:30PM at the Museum of Ventura County!



The Museum of Ventura County is honored to host **Dolores Huerta on March 19, 2020 @ 6:30 PM** for a talk about her years working with the UFW, her work building community and organizing for change, and so much more. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the *Huelga! Photographs from the Frontlines by Jorge Corralejo* exhibit both before and after the talk. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$15 for non-members.

Dolores Huerta is a civil rights activist and community organizer. She has worked for labor rights and social justice for over 50 years. In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as Vice President and played a critical role in many of the union's accomplishments for four decades. Dolores Huerta has received numerous awards: among them The Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998. In 2012 President Obama bestowed Dolores with The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Huelga! Photographs from the Frontlines by Jorge Corralejo will be on display from March 14, 2020—April 26, 2020 at the Museum of Ventura County and from March 20, 2020–August 2, 2020 at the Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula.

Oxnard Film Society Screening of "Dolores"

March 9, 2020 @ 3:30 and 6:30PM at the Plaza Cinemas 14 in Oxnard

In conjunction with the upcoming exhibit *Huelga! Photographs from the Frontlines by Jorge Corralejo* and the Civil Rights Activist Dolores Huerta speaking event, The Museum of Ventura County is excited to co-sponsor with the **Oxnard Film Society** for two special screenings of "Dolores" on Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM at the Plaza Cinemas 14 in Downtown Oxnard. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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Congregation Am HaYam and Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula invite you to a very special event.

LET OUR PEOPLES
COME TOGETHER
FOR AN

**INTERFAITH
PASSOVER
EXPERIENCE**



Led by Rabbi J.B. Sacks & Reverend Maddie Sifantus

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
2:00 PM**

\$5.00 Requested Donation
per person
Dessert to follow.
Kosher Dietary Traditions will be maintained

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Congregation Am HaYam
4839 Market Street, Ventura, Unit C
Ample parking in the rear of the building.

Reserve your place:
Contact
marc@damonbrooks.com
805 604-9017



Save the Date!

Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm

The Big Deal: 2020 UUA Pacific Southwest District Assembly Keynote Speaker Aly Tharp Confirmed

The Date: April 24-26, 2020

The Place: Unitarian Universalists San Luis Obispo, CA

"The Climate of Justice" is the theme of the 2020 PSW District Assembly
Scheduled April 24-26, 2020,
at Unitarian Universalists San Luis Obispo, Cal.



The keynote speaker will be Aly Tharp, the program director of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE) and leader of the UUA & UUMFE's Create Climate Justice initiative.

Aly Tharp will join UUs from throughout PSWD as we strategize for a future in which our congregations are at the forefront of the fight for climate justice in their communities.

The 2020 PSW District Assembly will be the best opportunity this year for UU congregations to share how they are working for climate justice and learn from one another about how to live out our seventh principle: **"Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."**

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SANTA PAULA CONCERT SERIES:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 16 7:00 PM

A CALL 2 PEACE



Federico Ramos, DJ Werd, Sonia Kazarova, Eduardo Del Signore, Scarlet Rivera, Ron Wagner

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740 E Main Street

For ticket reservations: www.uucsp.org
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SpiritRest Silent Retreat

July 26–31, 2020

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

**A facilitated five-day silent retreat for
Unitarian Universalists and other spiritual seekers.**

www.spiritrestretreat.com

Calendar of Events

MARCH

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| 1 1030am Worship 1 st Sunday Offering 12PM Capital Campaign Estate Planning | 2 | 3 NO YOGA POLLING PACE | 4 12pm Safe Cong Mtg 6PM Meditation | 5 930am Yoga 4pm ChoirReh 5PM Choir Potluck 7PM Beloved Conversations | 6 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih | 7 |
| 8 930amCoir Reh 1030am Worship 12PM Centering | 9 330PM Dolores Huerta Movie | 10 930am Yoga 7pm Gathering | 11 3pm SCAC Mtg 6pm Meditation | 12 930am Yoga 7PM Beloved Conversations | 13 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 7PM SP Cinema Society | 14 9AM Small Congregations |
| 15 1030am Worship 2PM Jean McGregor Memorial NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 | 17 930am Yoga | 18 6pm Meditation | 19 930am Yoga 12pmCaring Com.Mtg 630pm Board Mtg | 20 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih 12PM Xavier Montes Memorial 7pm Rise Up Singing | 21 |
| 22 1030am Worship 2Pm Interfaith Passover Experience | 23 | 24 930am Yoga 5:30PM/630PM SCAC dinner&aMovie | 25 6pm Meditation | 26 930am Yoga 11:30am MaryA's 7PM Beloved Conversations | 27 10&11:15am T'aiChiChih | 28 |
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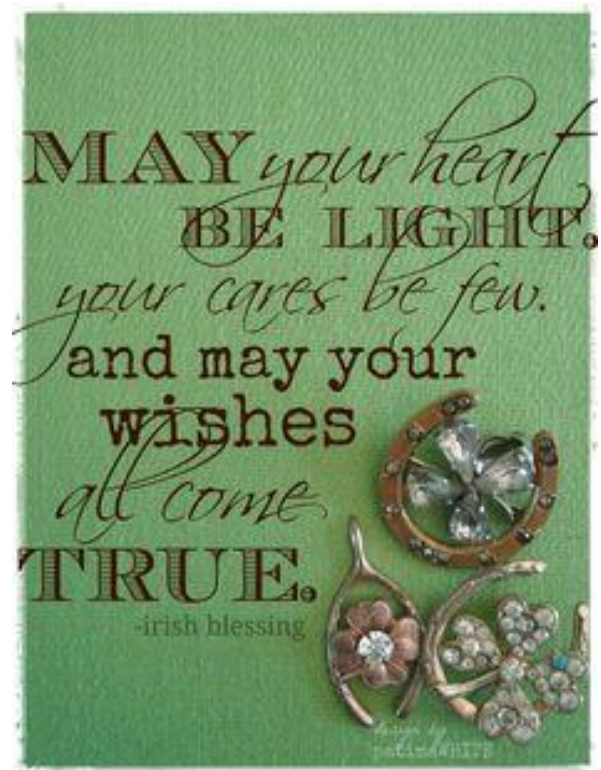
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