



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

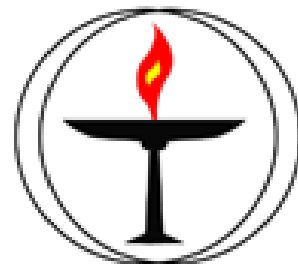
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APRIL 2021 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

APRIL THEME: Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the quality and practice that overcomes our fragmentation so that we can experience wholeness. Mindfulness is the call to pay attention. M. Scott Peck said that, "The principal form of love is attention." Being mindful is paying attention to our self, others, and the world. Mindfulness requires skill, but its practice is transformative of our self and our relationships.



April 4 **All the Earth Shall Be Made New. Alleluia!** Rev. Nic Filzen and Rev. Maddie

After the year we have had, we all need a few good eggs, some chocolate and the new life of spring. We recognize our New Members and Commission the Rev. Nicholas "Nic" Filzen who will be Sabbatical Minister for the next three months as Rev. Maddie leaves on Sabbatical First Sunday Plate to Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California www.uujmca.org

April 11 **Fast Mindfulness/Fasting Mindfulness** Rev. Nic Filzen, Kate English

How can we embody mindfulness through fasting? What can we learn from the daily fasting ritual performed by Muslims throughout their holy month of Ramadan (which begins on April 12th)? Not just learn about how to eat more mindfully, but truly be mind-full of how things are in this world. How does fasting serve the holy? Serve wholeness?

April 13 **Gathering**

Rev. Nic Filzen, Atul Ranchod

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 Mindfulness. The music will be provided by Eduardo Del Signore from A Call to Peace. Original poetry by Atul Ranchod. Led by Rev. Nic.

April 18 **Mind-full of Earth** Rev. Nic Filzen, Jerry Gray

As we move toward potential climate disaster, how can we be more mind-full of Earth's suffering? More mind-full of Earth's beauty? How can we promote the wholeness of nature herself?

April 25 **Cluster Service** with Lea Morris/UU Ventura

Please join the UU Church of Ventura who will be hosting a Channel Islands CIUUster of congregations collaborative worship service, with special guest Lea Morris. More information to come!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/6159064009>

Meeting ID: 615 906 4009

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HOW WE GATHER

As we stay Safe at Home, we continue to work to stay connected through Zoom and Facebook as well as our Phone Tree. The church building remains closed to all but staff. Sunday morning services begin on Zoom and Facebook Live at 10:30 AM and coffee hour breakout follows on Zoom. Please email Joys and Concerns to minister@uucsp.org and they will be read, or you can put them in the CHAT function on Zoom during the service. Please mail your donation to the church at UUCSP, 740 E Main Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060 or you can set up online pay with your bank. If neither of those works for you, use the link on the homepage of our website: www.uucsp.org. Gathering is supported by a Free Will Offering. Donations can be given the same way as Sunday mornings.

Join Zoom Meeting: PLEASE MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7312177775>

Meeting ID: 731 217 7775 Password: uucsp93060

To phone: +1 253 215 8782 Phone password: 529593

Mayday Ritual Invitation

Kate English and Rev. Nic Filzen are looking for six volunteers to join us *on campus* during the May 2nd worship service to help perform our annual Mayday ritual using our own Mayday pole! If you would like to be included, we'll take the first 6 people to post this on the UUCSP facebook page:

"I want to be part of the ritual! #uucspmayday"

Don't worry if you miss the cut! We'll be sending all other members a little gift in the mail so you can feel like you're part of the ritual at home, too (which also means if nobody volunteers, we know where to find you)!

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Message from the Minister

As unreal as it seems to me, my Sabbatical time is almost here. I am in my seventh year of serving you as your minister, amazingly enough! I accrue one month for each year of service for Sabbatical time which means I am due six months...but I can't imagine taking that all at once. So it is that I am taking one week of Study Leave to complete my service on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee after Easter and then leaving on Sabbatical for three months, from April 12 to July 12 followed by two weeks of my 2021 vacation, returning near the end of July. During the Sabbatical Time the church is being served by the Reverend Nicholas "Nic" Filzen, half time. I serve full time so there will be some differences, as well as the various committees, teams and task forces stepping up to fill some gaps. How can you help? This is a great time to be of service to your beloved community, helping to keep it connected, assisting Safe Congregations as they are thinking of how we will reopen, hopefully after Labor Day, with social justice work and more.

What is Sabbatical Leave? Sabbatical is a Biblical word meaning "seventh year." It was applied to the ancient directive that fields should lie fallow and "rest" every seventh year to recover their strength and fertility. Traditionally, college professors receive a year's leave every seven years and a similar policy is followed in our congregations. That concept of rest was appealing even before this past pandemic year when ministry in the time of COVID has put more demands than ever on our ministers. This type of ministry is not what we signed up for, as many of us say! So it is time for me to recharge and renew which is my biggest priority for this time. Other priorities are to research historic Universalism, especially in Maine where our founders emigrated from to build our historic building on Main Street, spending time with my sister Bonnie, family and friends, and continue my training in Shinzen Young's Unified Mindfulness, a system I have been using for over 30 years. And then there is that huge pile of books!

During this time, should there be emergencies, Rev. Nic, Rev. Betty, Krystal Johnson and the Sabbatical Team will know how to address them and will inform me should it be necessary. Please know that I will miss you and will be holding you in my meditation and prayers each morning, sending love to my beloved Santa Clara River Valley.

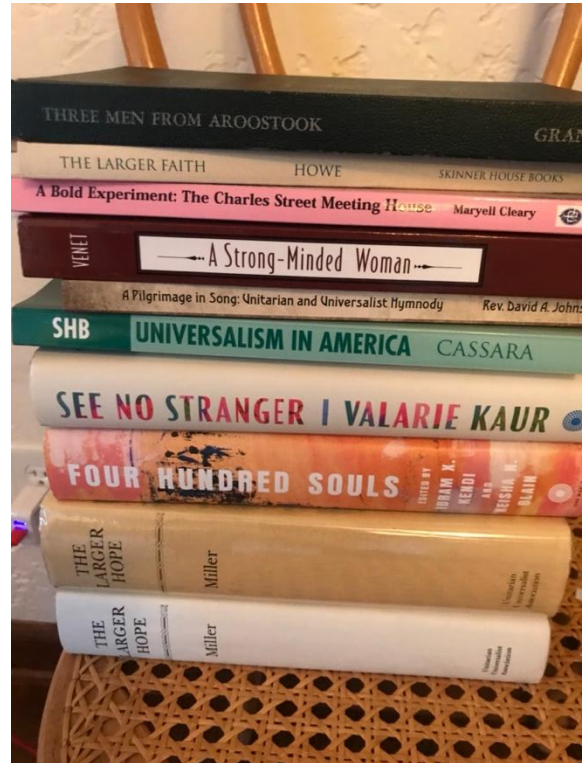
On the path of our faith,

Reverend Maddie

Message from the Minister

WHAT THE PASTOR IS READING

As I get ready to leave for my three-month sabbatical, I am packing up some flat rate boxes from the post office and sending them to my sister's home in South Hadley, Massachusetts. I will be sending my music for my band TVS and songs I use with my accordion player in case we can actually make some music. And of course, lots of books from "my pile". I read a lot of mysteries for fun, which I have been doing since I was a kid, starting with Nancy Drew and Erle Stanley Gardner (not knowing that I would one day live in Ventura County!) and I will likely pick them up there at used bookstores, of which



there are many in the Connecticut River Valley. But I also will be reading for research on Universalism and other things I will use when I return to Santa Paula for sermons and faith formation, hence the large collection in the flat rate boxes. What are *you* reading?



UUCSP Newsletter

By Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Affiliate Minister

Recently I came across the following words by Nelson Mandela again, and I would like to share them with you. "I have walked that long road to freedom. . . But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities." I thought that statement had a profound resonance with our recent experiences and the ways my community ministry has unfolded. The Covid19 pandemic, the shadows of racism in our country, and our recent election have called a great many things into question. And Mandela's words remind me that we don't have the luxury of simply taking a long break and going on in the same old ways. As a community, we must act to make things better for others and ourselves through both our words and our actions.

Message from the Minister

We have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the today — educational, social, economic, and political. So, what can we do now?

I believe Mandela's ideas tell us that in this time of the continuing COVID19 pandemic, we must certainly follow the information from scientists about the necessary precautions from wearing masks, washing our hands thoroughly, disinfecting surfaces, maintaining social distance, to not attending large group gatherings, even with the positive impact of the vaccine. That is what people who value the lives of others must do, while encouraging those actions by all. But we must also work to provide relief and support to those who are suffering from the economic, psychological, physical, spiritual, and other effects of this scourge for a while yet.

Further, when faced with the results of implicit and systemic racism, we must once again bring our religious values as UUs to bear. We need to find out all that we can through books and article, webinars, social media, study groups, and discussions. And we must reach out with curiosity and respect to those whose life experience and ideas are different from ours to better understand their perspectives and our own. But we can't stop there. We must act to bring about the changes that value and center marginalized people in all the ways we can. And I am really glad we are looking at how we can support the proposed 8th. UU Principle.

We also need to embrace political action, not in a partisan way but as the reality of what it means to live in a democracy. Ideas are not inherently political. We make them that way through our interpretations and emotional attachments. As our national UUA president Susan Frederick-Gray has reminded us: "This is no time for a casual faith." We must find ways to support positions that will benefit our communities, our country, and our world where all can participate in a democracy in which they can be heard and find relief.

We certainly must take care of our own health and well-being in these challenging times. However, we also need to reach out and do what we can to make our world a better place because we have been here.

These are just some of the reasons I am proud and happy to be a Unitarian Universalist Community Minister for Social Justice. In this congregation. I am glad that I found this fulfilling vocation. And I hope you are also finding your true calling and, to quote Rev. Frederick Beuchner, "a place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

May it be so.

Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford

Sabbatical Moments



SABBATICAL TEAM AND COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

While Rev. Maddie is gone on Sabbatical from April 12 to July 12, the Sabbatical Team that has been planning for this time will meet monthly on Zoom with Karen Harris as the Convener. They have prepared the Sabbatical Call Sheet that is in this newsletter, so folks know who to call in the areas of life in our congregation. The Committee on Congregational Life (COCL) will also be meeting monthly on Zoom with Judy Triem, chair. The COCL meetings are scheduled on the second Thursdays of the month at 4 PM: April 8, May 13 and June 10. Rev. Nic Filzen is half time Sabbatical Minister and can be reached at 805-525-4620 or minister@uucsp.org.

COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

According to the Bylaws of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, the Committee on Congregational Life's primary mission is 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, with no member serving more than three consecutive terms. Current members are Judy Triem, Ken Stock and the Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford. During the Sabbatical the COCL will meet monthly with Sabbatical Minister Rev. Nic Filzen. Members are encouraged to let Rev. Nic 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 Thursday, April 8 at 4:00 PM on Zoom. They will also meet on Thursdays, May 13 and June 10 at 4 PM.

Please see following page for *Sabbatical Call Sheet*

Sabbatical Moments

SABBATICAL CALL SHEET

April – July 2021

PLEASE CONSULT THE CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact Nic Filzen, Sabbatical Minister, leave a voice message at (805) 525-4620 or send him an email at minister@uucsp.org

SABBATICAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Name	Representing
MaryBeth East	Finance Committee
Kate English	Life-Long Learning, Community Engagement
Karen Harris	Board, Caring Committee, Safe Congregation
Krystal Johnson	Staff, Administration
Ruth Ricards	Worship Team, Multigenerational
Rev. Betty Stapleford	Social Concerns Action Committee (SCAC), Pastoral Care, Committee on Congregational Life (COCL)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name	Position/Title
Leslie Nichols	President
Karen Harris	Vice President
Jerry Gray	Treasurer
Anne Hewitt	Secretary
Jyl Atmore	Member At-Large

HOW TO REACH THE CHURCH OFFICE

To contact Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator, leave a voice message at (805) 525-4647 or send her an email at office@uucsp.org.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Building and Grounds Committee	Board acting on behalf of committee
Caring Committee	Karen Harris
Committee on Congregational Life	Judy Triem
Finance Committee	MaryBeth East
Mary A's	Anne Hewitt
Safe Congregation Committee	Krystal Johnson
Social Concern Action Committee	Margaret Wilson, Co-Chair Audrey Vincent, Co-Chair
Worship Team	Ruth Ricards

rites of passage

Please contact church office.

PASTORAL CARE

Need/Concern and what to do	Name	Position
If someone becomes ill or is hospitalized, or unexpectedly dies	Krystal Johnson	Office Administrative
Phone Tree and other Caring Committee business	Karen Harris	Caring Committee, Chair

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWCOMER INFORMATION

Please contact church office

NEWSLETTER, ORDER OF SERVICE, e-BLASTS

Item	Name	Deadline
Newsletter	Krystal Johnson	15 th of month
Order of Service	Krystal Johnson	10 am Wednesday before Sunday Service
e-Blast	Krystal Johnson	Emailed on Fridays

GATHERING*



*DEFINITION OF GATHERING

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

APRIL 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

Led by Rev. Nic Filzen with Atul Ranchod

Special Guest, Eduardo Del Signore

Join Zoom Meeting

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To phone: +1 253 215 8782 US (Seattle)

Password: uucsp93060

~or~

www.facebook.com/uucsp

Spiritual Growth Center



SPIRITUAL GROWTH CENTER

During this time of Social Distancing and our building being closed, we encourage you to find ways to continue your spiritual practices at home. Rev. Maddie or Jim Cole lead Meditation on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM, on Zoom or livestreaming from our Facebook page. We offer socially distanced yoga in our rose garden with no access to the building. Be in touch with Lisa Hammond for more information. Our Spirit Growth Center provides opportunities and programs to awaken and sustain love, compassion, service and personal transformation in line with the Mission of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula: Practice Inclusiveness, Seek Justice and Foster Spirituality. Our goal is to help individuals discover how spiritual practice, learning, and community service can transform their lives and move the world toward peace and justice. Our programs are guided by the set of Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and the Six Sources they draw from. One of the Principles affirms our intention to accept one another and encourage each other's spiritual growth. Would you like to offer an activity on Zoom during this time?

MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Sit with Jim Cole on Zoom or Facebook livestream

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7312177775>

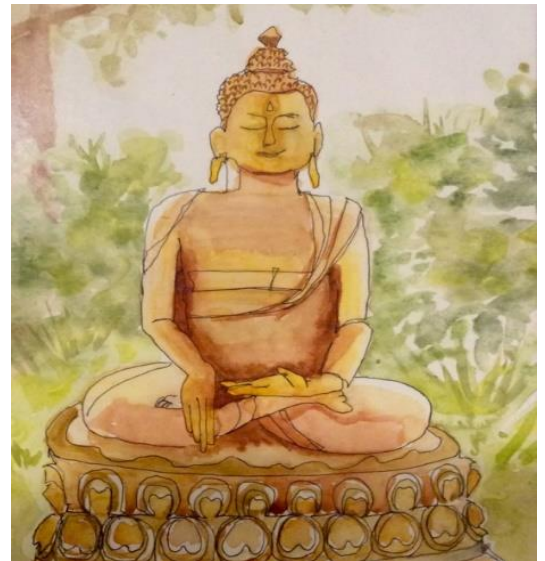
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Rev. Maddie will be back leading in August after her Sabbatical

Image: Lynn Holbein



SOARING HEARTS YOGA

Soaring Hearts Yoga invites you to join them in their shady outdoor space on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM. Bring your own mats and props. No access to the building. Please contact Lisa Hammond at 831-801-2276 or soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com for more information.



People and Doings

New: Meet the Members! While we're unable to meet face-to-face in worship and coffee hour, and via committee meetings and events, we are keeping and deepening connections by providing a member profile each newsletter, this month our new Secretary of our Board of Trustees, Ann Hewitt.



Member Profile: Beverly Holliday

Name: Beverly Holliday

Age: 83

Occupation: Eclectic! From secretarial to working for a tax collector to working for News America and advertising to professional astrologer and more.

Residence: Santa Paula

Contact: See our UUCSP Directory

Joined UUCSP: November 6, 2020

What is your faith of origin? Beverly was unchurched and when she moved to Santa Paula in 2019 from Glendale, she was looking for a Science of the Mind congregation. She has a very broad background that included spiritualism in her young days and has been a practicing astrologer.

How did you find out about Unitarian-Universalism and Why UUCSP?

Beverly's friend Alex found our congregation for her, and she started attending in November 2019, sitting near the back with her shining magenta hair! She reports that she loved the rousing music she heard on her first visit and the kinds of things we talk about. At first she was still working and missed coffee hour and then we had the shut down so she knows that she hasn't met most of the congregation.

What do you find/ hope to find here? Local connections and our eclectic viewpoint. As she says, "There are two sides to every pancake!"

If you could have dinner with any religious/spiritual leader, past or present, who would you choose and why? She would like to have dinner with someone she called Guru Maya who she knew during her Buddhism stage in the 1990s. She says that an encounter with her "released 10,000 years of tears."

NEWS FROM AMONG US April 2021

- Our thoughts are with MaryBeth East and Ann Hewitt who lost their close friend Renee Robinson from cancer.
- Our thoughts are with Donna Hamer in the death of her brother-in-law, who was the husband of 26 years of her sister Lorna Wilbert
- Rev. Maddie is sad to report the death of one of her friends and mentors and pillar of Universalism, Rev. Liz Strong.
- If you have any News from Among Us you would like to share with our community, please let Rev. Nic or Rev. Betty know by the newsletter deadline which is the 15th of every month.

People and Doings

REV. NIC'S OFFICE HOURS

During the time of the Rev Maddie's Sabbatical Leave, our half time minister, Rev. Nic, is available on his ZOOM Tuesday and Thursdays, 3:30-5pm or by appointment. The best way to plan a time to meet with him is to call and leave a message on the Minister's line at the church, 805-525-4620, or email him at minister@uucsp.org

Please note this is a different Zoom meeting ID than the usual Sunday meeting ID.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6432398489>
Meeting ID: 643 239 8489

*Rev Nic will be unavailable April 21st thru 24th.

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## **SIP AND CHECK IN LED BY SHARON KUFELDT**

**TUESDAYS APRIL 13 AND 27**

**AT 4 PM ON ZOOM**

Grab your favorite beverage and join Rev. Maddie on Zoom.

We will light a chalice, have a reading,  
and check in with each other.

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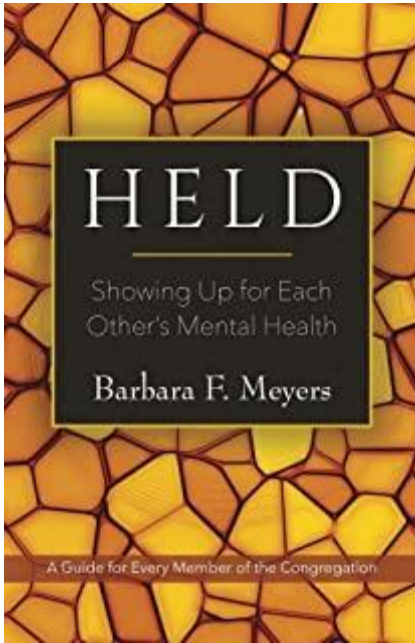
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BECOMING A SAFER CONGREGATION

Your Safe Congregation Team continues to meet to look at a number of our policies and the safety of our building and practices, including thoughts about our reentry once it will be safe to do so. We welcome new member Lottie Patten! She joins Krystal Johnson, Karen Harris who is liaison from the Board of Trustees and Ken Stock. We are informed by our insurance company, Church Mutual, and the Pacific Western Region of the UUA. We are hoping for a hybrid reopening in the fall. The next meeting of the committee is April 14 at 11:30 AM on Zoom. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.

People and Doings



CARING COMMITTEE CONSIDERS MENTAL HEALTH

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister. Often those with mental health issues are overlooked by congregations. This year the Caring Committee is considering Reverend Barbara Meyers new book, *Held*, during its regular meetings along with our normal discussions. The Caring Committee's next meeting is scheduled for the third Thursday, April 15 at 3 PM on Zoom when we will be discussing the chapter, "Creating a Safer Place, pages 55-77. Discussion leader, Karen Harris, chair of the Caring Committee with Affiliate Minister, Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford.

*Where we had thought to be alone,
We should be with all the world.
~ Joseph Campbell*

PHONE TREE



It has been a year since we created a phone tree as the Safe at Home period began. This is used to help check on our folks or to get information out rapidly by telephone. If you don't think you are on the Tree and want to be, please let Rev. Maddie or Krystal Johnson know at uucspoffice@gmail.com.

CHOIR AND RISE UP SINGING

While we cannot gather at this time, you are encouraged to find ways to sing or listen to music until the choir can gather and the days when we can open the doors to Rise Up Singers. We are hoping to plan some outdoor musical events in the fall, if it is safe. The editors of Rise Up Singing and Rise Again, Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, have many suggestions to keep us singing and are still putting out "A Daily Song of Hope". They say: We need great songs right now to help us make it through this challenging time. Peter is posting a song a day. You can find these videos (by many different artists) in two ways:

On their website: www.riseupandsing.org/dailysong

On their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pg/RiseUpAndSing1

SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

Social Concerns Action Committee meets on zoom Wednesday April 21, 4:00 pm.

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will meet on zoom at 11:30 am.

Journalist and Newspaper owner Peggy Kelly will speak on the work of running a small-town newspaper.

People and Doings

2021 2nd QUARTER 1st SUNDAY OFFERINGS TO BENEFIT

APRIL 4, MAY 2, JUNE 6

The Social Concerns Action Committee has chosen the UU Justice Ministry of California to be the recipient of the second quarter first Sunday offering.

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California is **to advance justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles.**

We seek to develop the skills of civic engagement and faith-rooted organizing so that UUs across California can educate, organize, and advocate for public policies that:

- uphold the worth and dignity of every person
- further justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
- ensure use of the democratic process
- protect religious freedom
- promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence

Through the generation of faith-development resources, accessible programming, and accountable relationships, UUJMCA serves to support all UUs in California in putting their faith into public action.

For more information, please visit <https://uujmca.org/>



OUR MARJORIE NEWLIN LEAMING CAPITAL FUND AND GROUNDHOG SOCIETY

Our member Audrey Vincent has donated to our Marjorie Newlin Leaming Capital Fund in memory of our late Treasurer and Member Patricia English. We are grateful to those who honor beloveds in this way. The Capital Fund is an endowment fund founded in 1975 to receive memorial and other donations from church

members and friends. Donations are invested in socially responsible securities that provide income and dividends for the church's Operating Fund. It is an important part of how we are able to support our small congregation. To become a member of the Groundhog Society, a donee agrees to name the Capital Fund as a beneficiary of at least \$10,000 in their will or trust. Donations in a lesser amount are welcome at any time to strengthen and augment this valuable church asset. Won't you join Audrey and Rev. Maddie in lifting up our late Treasurer by donating to the fund? Checks can be made to UUCSP with Capital Fund in the memo line. And thank you!



People and Doings



Chalice is excited to invite California Central Coast cluster Unitarian Universalist Congregations to join us for a four-part online workshop series

Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It

with

Shelly Tochluk, Ph.D.

Thursdays, April 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - 7:00-8:30 p.m.



This interactive workshop series will offer foundational grounding and skills-building practice opportunities for engaging in challenging conversations about race.

4/1 – Foundations

- Know Thyself: Self-assessment and framework for engaging with other white people about racism
- Context Analysis: Critical awareness when engaging across race

4/8 – Becoming a Bridge

- Developing “both/and” thinking as a tool
- The RACE Method, from the White Ally Toolkit

4/15 – Engaging in Difficult Conversations

- Strategies for effective engagement with family, friends, and coworkers

4/22 – Developing our Emotional Capacity to Engage

- Reducing Ego, Listening to the Radical

Shelly Tochluk, Ph.D., author of *Witnessing Whiteness*, is an educator with a background in psychology who spent years as a researcher, counselor, and teacher in California’s public schools. Dr. Tochluk works with AWARE-LA (Alliance of White Anti-Racists Everywhere-Los Angeles) and trains teachers as a Professor of Education at Mount Saint Mary’s University-Los Angeles.

This workshop series is being offered to California Unitarian Universalist congregation members and friends committed to dismantling racism.

To help defray costs, a total donation of \$20 per household is requested.

However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Maximum participants: 200.

Please register in advance here:

<http://bit.ly/WitnessingWhitenessWorkshopSeriesChaliceUU>

Our Chalice mission: *To nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.*



CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

A creative and visual display of messages on t-shirts from survivors sharing their experience and healing journey.



Interested in sharing your survivor story or a message of hope as an ally?

Email your message by **April 1st** to **S.Ram@TheCoalition.org**



Message guidelines:

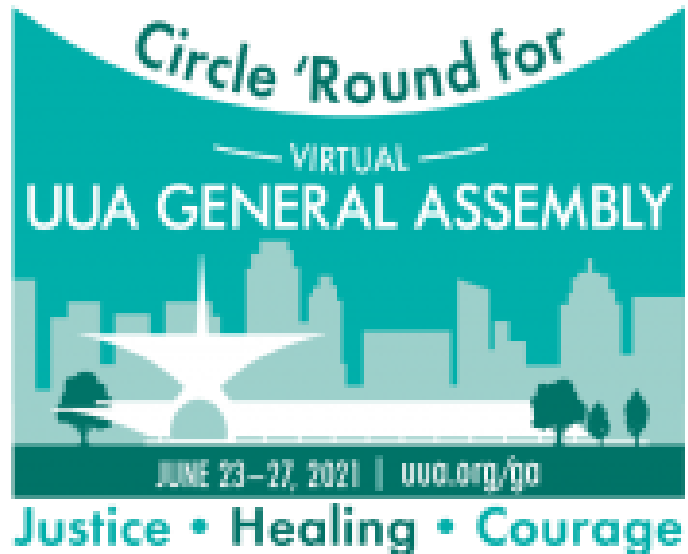
- Avoid graphic details
- No names used
- 20 words or less

Not all messages will be selected*

Visit our Mobile Clothesline Project from 3-5 PM

- Tues, April 20: One Step Teen Center, Fillmore
- Wed, April 21: Universalist Unitarian Church, Santa Paula

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General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must [certify](#) annually to have voting delegates

The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution making the 2021 UUA General Assembly a **100% virtual event**. Let's reach record-breaking attendance **June 23-27, 2021!**

Why Virtual General Assembly?

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. That remains true even when we cannot gather physically. Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable.

People and Doings

WhaleCoast Alaska 2021

Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2021** is for you! 4 Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual tour program this summer, when it will be safe to travel again. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and awe-inspiring tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture.

WhaleCoast Alaska is an inspirational way to visit our beautiful state. Complete info at: www.WhaleCoastAK.org. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you won't want to miss!



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MAY newsletter deadline APRIL 15

Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

Sabbatical Minister, Nicholas Filzen

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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Leslie Nichols, President,

Karen Harris, Vice-President

Ann Hewitt, Secretary,

Jerry Gray, Treasurer

Jyl Atmore, Member at Large

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Michael Gonzalez Mitch Stone



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