



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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JULY 2021 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JULY THEME: JOURNEY "While we often think of a journey as being something long and, sometimes, arduous, the original meaning of the word was limited to a day's work or a day's travel. Perhaps in any journey, we should value time more, hold each day precious as the primary cycle in the larger cycles that we journey through the four seasons as well as the seasons of our life and the cycle of years. There are different kinds of journeys. Some we take by ourselves as we seek to deepen our connection with our deepest self. A vision quest is such a journey. Other journeys, like a pilgrimage, also a deepening, are often in the company of others: companions, those with whom we literally share bread, a communion of people."



SUNDAY, JULY 4

Mary Nelson and Kate English will be leading a word rich service offering poetry and language for you to consider, incorporate into your world view or simply enjoy.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

FOLLOWING THE CREATIVITY PATH

MaryBeth East and Ken Stock will share their thoughts on creativity and our journey toward creativity.

From MaryBeth – "Considering life's journey as a spiritual quest for personal expression through creative process. My expression manifested in cookies. I'll tell you my favorite recipe."

From Ken – "All of our life we are on a journey and for some it is longer than others, but no matter how long or short what counts is the connections and interactions we have with others along that journey."

TUESDAY, JULY 13 Gathering 7:00 PM

Kate English and special guest Jessica Equihua

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Rev. Karen Stoyonoff, Karen Harris

SUNDAY, JULY 25

"Breath, Love & YES Power!"- Dr. Roberto Vargas

How to use our breath and movement to expand our energy, love, and intelligence to create miracles for positive change.

Join Zoom Meeting: **PLEASE MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE**

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

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

Message from the Minister

“Thank you. Thank you for the chance to serve you. Thank you for allowing me to make this short stop along my journey. A journey of ministry that I hope is long and will always be fuller because of my time with you. Technically, my time with you all is my first ministry – at least as an ordained minister. You’ve provided me solid footing to continue moving. Continued transforming along this road of life. Even though we may no longer be traveling side by side, I hope that you’ll continue the awesome and transformative journey of faith with me nonetheless. I’ll leave you with these words by J.R.R. Tolkien from the starting point of his masterful story about a arduous journey of friends, “Fellowship of the Ring,” sung by Bilbo as he leaves the Shire:

Roads Go Ever Ever On

Roads go ever ever on,
Over rock and under tree,
By caves where never sun has shone,
By streams that never find the sea;
Over snow by winter sown,
And through the merry flowers of June,
Over grass and over stone,
And under mountains in the moon.
Roads go ever ever on,
Under cloud and under star.
Yet feet that wandering have gone
Turn at last to home afar.
Eyes that fire and sword have seen,
And horror in the halls of stone
Look at last on meadows green,
And trees and hills they long have
known.
The Road goes
ever on and on
Down from the
door where it
began.

Now far ahead
the Road has
gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with
eager feet,
Until it joins
some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
The Road goes ever on and on
Down from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone,
And I must follow, if I can,
Pursuing it with weary feet,
Until it joins some larger way,
Where many paths and errands meet.
And whither then? I cannot say.
The Road goes ever on and on
Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone.
Let others follow, if they can!
Let them a journey new begin.
But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn,
My evening-rest and sleep to meet.

Blessings on your continued journey,
friends. Thank you.
In Faith, Rev. Nic”

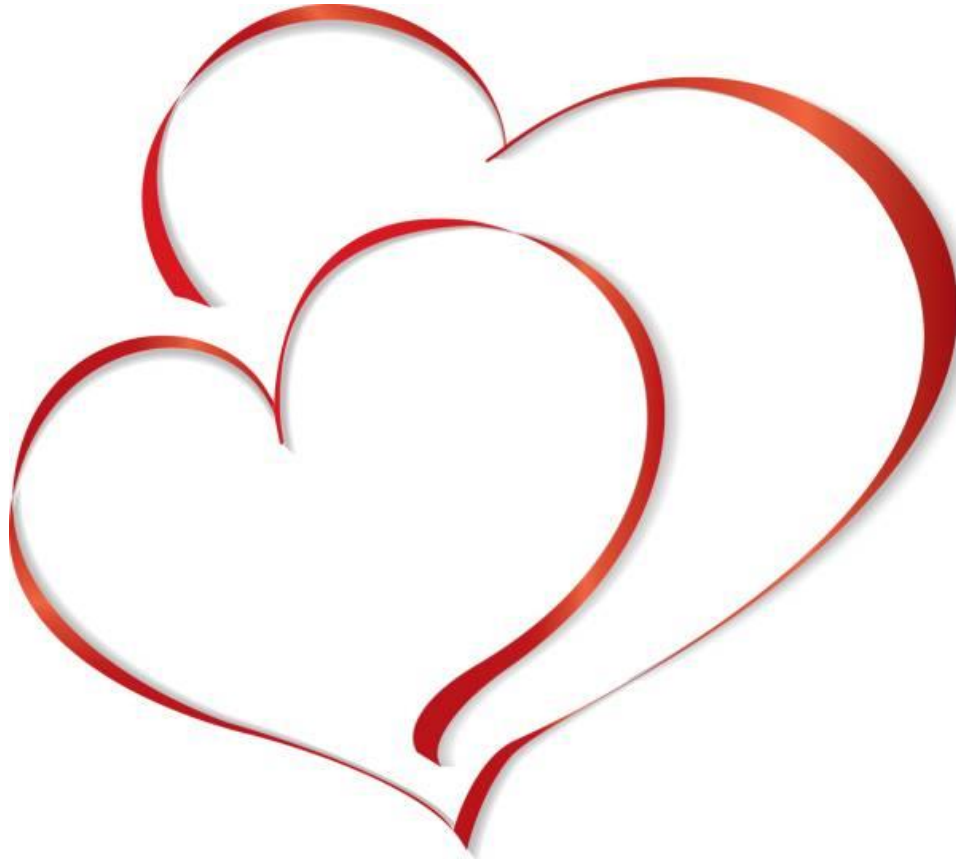
Message from the Board of Trustees

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Thursday Evening, June 17, 2021-6:30. Your Board of Trustees met for the first time IN PERSON since early 2020. It was a joyous moment to sit around the big table in our parish hall, light the chalice, and find again the rhythms of past meetings as they have been done since the late 1800s. It was also bittersweet. It was our last time with Rev. Nic Filzen, who has stepped in so capably while Rev. Maddie Sifantus has been on a well-deserved sabbatical. He is now off to Georgia to serve in his first full-time ministry. We are sure that his procedural assets, passion, and devotion to our denomination will serve him and his lucky new congregants well. Thank you, Nic!

Your Board is also working to make the transition smoothly to our first IN PERSON service on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30. Although, virtual service will still be available, many of us are looking forward to sitting in our beautiful sanctuary to repeat the meeting together in “oneness” that decades of Santa Paula Universalists-now Unitarian Universalists-have done. Our Safe Congregation Committee has the guidelines set out for us, our Minister will be back and leading the service, and however you choose to attend it will be a glorious day. But, wait! we still have July and August to explore. Happy summer to “you all” (that Southern phrase Rev. Nic has mastered).

GATHERING*



***DEFINITION OF GATHERING**

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

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

Kate English and special guest Jessica Equihua are delighted to participate in Gathering with all of you this Tuesday, July 13th.

The theme for this gathering is love and more love.

On Zoom, exported to Facebook.com/uucsp

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With Gathering in memo line

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. Yoga is led by Lisa Hammond. Be in touch with her 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?

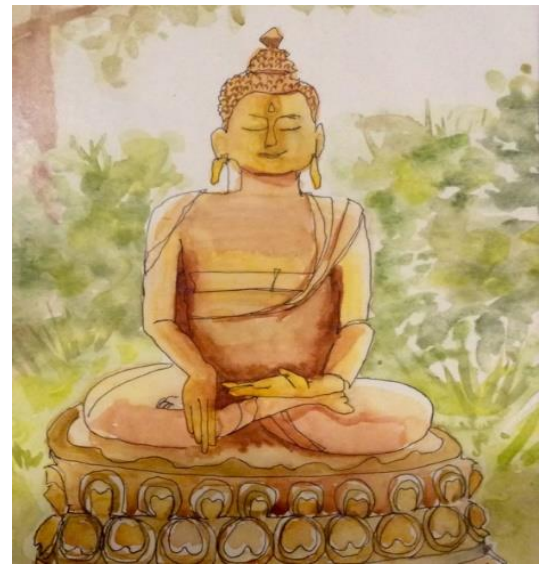
MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Sit with Jim Cole on Zoom or Facebook livestream

- ✚ Wednesday, July 7
- ✚ Wednesday, July 14
- ✚ Wednesday, July 21
- ✚ Wednesday, July 28

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SOARING HEARTS YOGA

Soaring Hearts Yoga has returned to the Parish Hall. Join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM. Bring your own mats and props.

Please contact Lisa Hammond at 831-801-2276 or soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com for more information.

People and Doings

Sabbatical Moment

As my days of Sabbatical continue to unroll, I send greetings from Massachusetts where my research on early Universalism continues. In addition to researching Mary A. Livermore in Melrose, I have attended in person worship twice at the Hopedale Unitarian Parish, less than three miles from the First UU Church of Milford, founded in 1781 as a Universalist church, and which I served for two years along with the Wakefield Universalist Society before I came to Santa Paula. One of my board members in Milford is now the Sexton in Hopedale and Rev. Stephen Cook is their current minister. I have enjoyed learning more about the Hopedale Community and the founding of their church. The founder of Hopedale and their first minister, Universalist Adin Ballou, had an intense desire to put his religious faith into practice. He conceived and promoted the Fraternal Community No. 1, the forerunner of the parish. From 1842 to 1856, he and his followers lived on farmland that now is the town of Hopedale. It was here that they worked to embrace an ethical idealism. Although his experiment made a promising beginning, it eventually dissolved. Many who had taken part in the noble effort to live out the demands of Christian socialist principles continued to worship with Adin Ballou, thus establishing this Parish which was formed October 2, 1867. The Parish accepted the remaining members of the Community, its Meeting House, Sunday School, Cemetery and Funds. Adin Ballou was a pioneering theorist of nonviolence, a socialist, and an abolitionist who served the Milford congregation before starting the Hopedale Community. It was based upon "Christian Non-Resistance," a form of nonviolence using non-injurious force, and "Practical Christian Socialism," a form of socialism that, unlike Marxism, included private property and the profit motive. Unlike many other abolitionist peace advocates of his time, Ballou did not abandon his nonviolent principles during the Civil War. In later life Ballou trusted that his ideas would be taken up again, perhaps a century or more in the future. The Friends of Adin Ballou state: "Perhaps the time is approaching when we will be ready to seriously consider Ballou's ideas on how we can effect change without harming others and thus live together in loving peace and cooperation."

Would it be so.

Rev. Maddie



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CRUISE NIGHT FRIDAY, July 2



The first Friday of the month Cruise Night tradition is back. Join Ken Stock and cohorts in front of the church and greet our neighbors and friends.

Come out and enjoy the vintage cars with our community.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY RETURNS



Stanley Kubrick was not quite thirty years old when he made the noir heist flick *THE KILLING* in 1956, but it was already his third feature film for United Artists. The first two were ultra-low-budget pulps and so this film is regarded as Kubrick's first mature work. Based on a novel by Lionel White, it tells the story of a criminal conspiracy to rob a racetrack of \$2 million. As in all stories of this type, whether the caper will go terribly wrong at some point is never in doubt, but the telling is in how, and in fleshing out the dark, desperate characters who try to pull it off. Although *THE KILLING* bombed at the box office, film critics noticed it, and the film's acceptance in those circles and a growing cult following helped secure Kubrick's reputation as a cinema auteur. This pattern of rejection and acceptance of his work was a hallmark of Kubrick's shape-shifting filmmaking career. Starring Sterling Hayden, Colleen Gray, Ted de Corsia, and noir staple character actors Elisha Cook Jr. and Marie Windsor. It also features a small part for Joe Sawyer, an actor with a direct connection to Santa Paula! Extra points for anyone who knows what it is.

The UU Church recently adopted a policy for the reopening of the building for small gatherings that will allow us to restart our SPCS evenings in July with some restrictions. Masks are required for now, and our time in the building is limited to two hours. This film runs 1:24, so we should be fine.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY
FRIDAY ~~APRIL 10, 2020~~ JULY 9, 2021

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

SIP AND CHECK-IN WITH SHARON KUFELDT

TUESDAYS JULY.13 AND 27 AT 4 PM ON ZOOM

Grab your favorite beverage and join Sharon Kufeldt on Zoom. We will light a chalice, have a reading, and check in with each other.

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WALKING EACH OTHER HOME

Thursday, July 8 6:00 PM

This discussion group is part of our congregation's commitment to racial justice. Our discussions are aimed at healing the impacts of racism within ourselves, our congregation and beyond. We will be utilizing articles, videos and our individual perspectives to inspire reflective discussion and self-work. All are welcome. For more information call or email Kate English at 805-207-5013 or lonikate@gmail.com. Join Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85431120105> Meeting ID: 854 3112 0105 Passcode: uucsp93060

CARING COMMITTEE will not meet in July. The next meeting of the Caring Committee will be in August when Rev Maddie will be back from Sabbatical.

SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 21, 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Social Concerns Action Committee will meet to further our work on the UUA's 8th Principle:

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society will continue our Zoom meetings for now, meeting on Thursday, July 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Vaughan Williams, Constanica Leshin's son. Vaughan works as the Restoration Field Manager of Younger Lagoon Reserve at UC Santa Cruz and has a Bachelor's Degree in Ecology and Evolution. Vaughan is also very knowledgeable about species of plants that are either native to or invasive for our local Santa Paula rural areas, and our urban landscaping and gardens. Please join us! If you would like more information about this presentation, or about Vaughan, please contact Ann Hewitt at ahewitt@anacapa.ca.

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. 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

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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

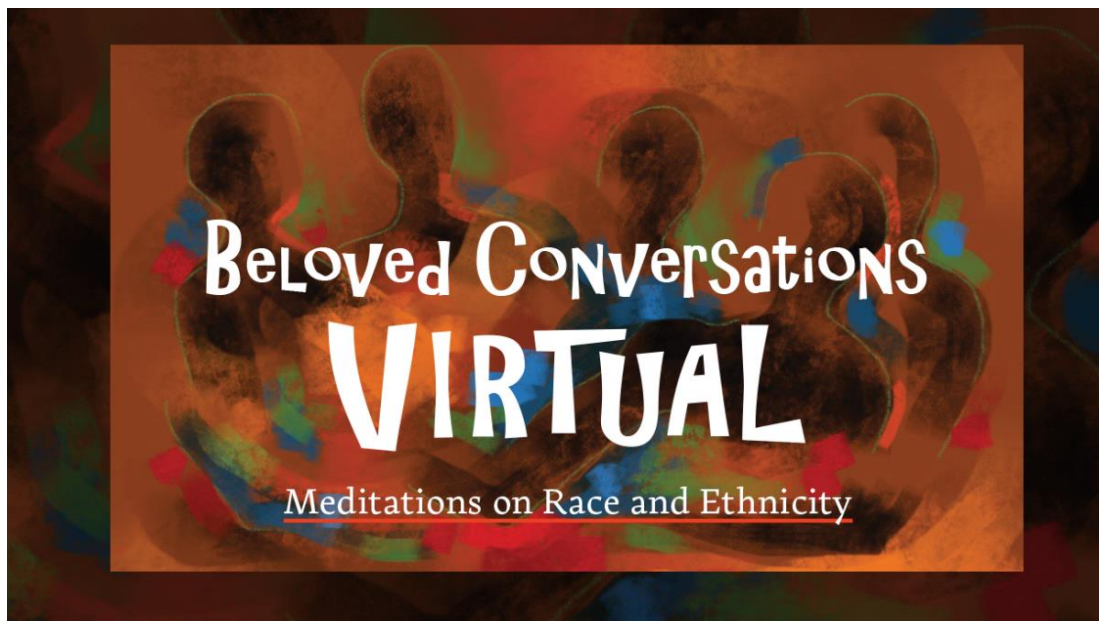
2021 3rd QUARTER 1st SUNDAY OFFERING

July 4, August 1, September 5

The Third Quarter First Sunday Offerings will benefit SPIRIT OF SANTA PAULA whose work serves our homeless and struggling families of our Santa Clara River Valley in Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru. "Harvard" the year round shelter on Harvard Blvd. here in Santa Paula receives direct funding from Spirit of Santa Paula. Please be generous. The need is great.

<https://www.spiritofsantapaula.org/>

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The second "Within" phase of Beloved Conversations Program dates are September 21st through mid-December. Registration runs June 22nd-August 31st.

Register before August 14th and get \$25 off! Use code BCVFALL21EB Half and Full Scholarships are also available, no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Pricing and additional information available on our website: [www.meadville.edu/beloved](http://www.meadville.edu/beloved)

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SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 AT 3 PM PDT – 5 PM PDT

Music Fundraiser at Glen Tavern Inn, 134 N. Mill St.



On Sunday, July 25, 2021 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - The Glen Tavern Inn will host a Tardeada! An Afternoon Social Gathering! Join us on the front lawn of the Inn for a community concert to benefit the newly formed De Colores Multicultural Folk Arts, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which was established in April 2020, during the pandemic and following the tragic loss of our community beloved mentor, Xavier "Big X" Montes. Xavier was an educator, an artist in both fine art and folk art, musician, composer and community activist who founded the De Colores Art Group, Inc. (2003 – 2019).

The Tardeada will feature the música of Lencho Moraza and Familia Moraza who will be playing Rancheras, Boleros, other Mexican music, and will be joined on guitar by former De Colores students. The set will be followed by a jam session for dancing, performed by John T. Procter and local fellow musicians from Johnny and the Love Handles, and former musicians from The Homeboys who also played with Xavier.

For reservations and more information, please contact Vanessa Acosta at (805) 616-8272. Donation is \$20.00 per person. A No Host Bar will be available inside the Inn.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and your donation is tax deductible: Fed. Tax ID# 85-3840231. Your check payable to De Colores Multicultural Folk Arts, Inc., is your receipt. Mail to: De Colores Multicultural Folk Arts, Inc., P.O. Box 135, Santa Paula, CA 93061.

Thank You For Your Support!

Peace through Music and Art!

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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<br>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 <sup>th</sup> of month             |
| Order of Service | Krystal Johnson | 10 am Wednesday before Sunday Service |
| e-Blast          | Krystal Johnson | Emailed on Fridays                    |

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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

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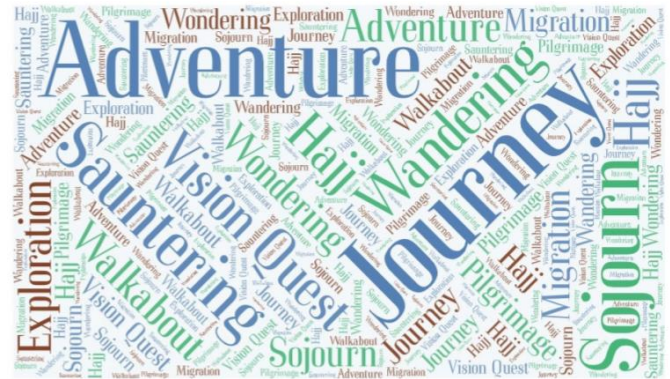
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