

# Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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## OCTOBER 2022 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



### THEME: Courage

*Courage is a heart word. The root of the word courage is cor - the Latin word for heart. In one of its earliest forms, the word courage meant "To speak one's mind by telling all one's heart." Over time, this definition has changed, and today, we typically associate courage with heroic and brave deeds. But in my opinion, this definition fails to recognize the inner strength and level of commitment required for us to actually speak honestly and openly about who we are and about our experiences -- good and bad.*

*~ Brené Brown*

### October 2 Will I Be My Neighbor's Keeper? Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Ken Stock

The first time we know that a similar question was asked was in the biblical book of Genesis when Cain had murdered his brother Abel and was asked by God where his brother was. Cain responded: "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" But today we will broaden the language and the context of this earlier question. What could it mean if we saw ourselves as the caretakers of everyone, not just those we know? Hmmm.

*First Sunday Plate, Interface Youth and Family Services*

### October 9 DOG Spelled Backward is GOD Ruth Ricards, MaryBeth East

Ruth will share a light-hearted talk about the love for our pets, and how some couples are choosing to raise pets instead of children. She will end the service with some spiritual lessons she has learned from her puppy.

### Tuesday, October 11 7:00 PM Gathering Rev. Maddie

This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some inspiring music, share some silence and hear spoken word on a theme, led this month by Rev. Maddie with music by Barry Cooper.

### October 16 Hymns: The Sequel Rev. Maddie, Karen Harris

We continue with the focus on our hymnals and history of our hymns and liturgy begun in May. How does our UU Hymnody express our theology and how has it changed?

### October 23 Canvass Sunday Rev. Maddie, Kate English

As we kick off our Canvass for 2022-2023, Rev. Maddie and Congregational President Kate English think about our vision for the coming year, how we are stewards of this beloved community and how we can open the doors wider in love, in search of meaning and our hopes for justice.

### October 30 Day of the Dead Rev. Maddie, Constancia Leshin

Our annual service that lifts up the many traditions of this time of the year: Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, Samhain, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Those who will attend in the sanctuary can share objects and photographs on our altar table. Those on Zoom and Facebook can send photographs to [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org) for a slide show. Let us remember those gone from our lives this year and years past. Following the service we will share some words and song with the roses in our Memorial Garden.

**UUs of Our Past Leslie Nichols**

*Our choir sings*

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

# Message from the Minister

*Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Do not be afraid.*  
~ Frederick Buechner

Our theme this month is Courage. Beautiful and terrible things do happen. How do we move forward in these times with courage and love in our hearts? How do we have the courage of our convictions? How do we bring courage to the inevitable changes in our lives? One way we do that, it seems to me, is by marking the changes rather than ignoring them, as with rites of passages such as Weddings, Memorial Services, Child Dedications and the like. Another way we do it is with special occasions and holidays, including marking the changing of the seasons which we often call the Wheel of the Year. This month we will once again mark the turning into autumn with our traditional Day of the Dead service on October 30, which is our Unitarian Universalist version of what our friends may mark as All Soul's Day or All Saint's Day, coming at the same time as Halloween and our neighbors *Dias de los Muertos*. It is a sort of hodge-podge mixing of Christianity, the secular, and age-old rituals celebrating the deaths of ancestors. Together we will create an altar of pictures and artifacts that remind us of those who came before us. I know I will be bringing mementos and pictures of the many people I lost this year, and I will look forward to seeing what you may bring.

At times like these we are often aware of our own mortality, and it may be a good time for some self-reflection this month. I recently read about a palliative care nurse, Bronnie Ware, who worked with people at the end of life and wrote an interesting list which she made into a book, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*.

- 5) *I wish I had let myself be happier.*
- 4) *I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.*
- 3) *I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.*
- 2) *I wish I hadn't worked so hard.*
- 1) *I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.*

Food for thought for each of us.

As we gather to mark the Day of the Dead this year, may we share our memories of loved ones and share our love here with each other.

On the path of our faith,  
Rev. Maddie Sifantus

## Rev. Maddie's Office Hours

Rev. Maddie would love to meet with you to hear how you are doing, your thoughts and dreams for our congregation or your family or how you might like to be involved at UUCSP if you are newer. She 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. Text or call her to open the gate. 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 [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org)

# Message from the Board of Trustees

Dear UU community and friends,

We celebrated Latino Heritage Month at church on Sunday 9/18 and many of you reached out to tell me how much you loved this service! This national recognition of the contributions and history of Latinos, I encourage us to continue to celebrate this 84% of our community all year long at UU Church of Santa Paula.

Umbrella terms like Latino, Latinx, Chicano & Hispanic are always problematic because they get applied to large groups of people who have different cultures, languages, nationalities... the main thing to remember is to always let people tell you how they identify.

Here is a little vocabulary history on some key terms to know:

**Hispanic:** First used by the federal government in a census was 1980, a result from decades of lobbying in the 1960s, &1970s. Hispanic refers to those from Spain & other Spanish speaking countries, which excluded Brazilians. Grace Flores-Hughes, who worked as a secretary in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, has said she coined the term. Popularized by Telemundo.

**Latino:** Refers to those from Latin America, meaning it includes Brazil, but not Spain. Latino is short for Latino Americano, resulting as Latin American countries became independent from 1808-1821. Some still rejected the term as it attempted to group several distinct cultures into one. Those who did not want to identify as Hispanic or Latino chose nationality.

**Chicano:** Used by Mexicans who did not identify as Latino or Hispanic. Unclear origin. One of the first mentions of Chicano in print is in the newspaper La Cronica in 1911, where it was used as a slur against “less cultured” Mexican Americans and recent immigrants. But the term was reclaimed in the 1960s as it gained traction among Mexican Americans who were fighting for civil rights.

**Latinx:** Emerged as a gender inclusive term at the intersection of feminism and inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community. Several theories on origin, it is believed it was created by English-speaking U.S. Latinx people for use in English conversation. It's a term that gained momentum through the 2010s and 2020s, cropping up on TV shows and in politics.

In celebration with you,

Kate English

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**Here is the link to Worship, Meditation, and Zoom meetings of the congregation:**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7312177775>

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

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# Message from the Board of Trustees

## Annual Notice of Membership Requirements for the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person who is in sympathy with the purpose and program of this church may become a member by signing 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.
- B. Membership in this church shall be open to all persons 13 years of age or older without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, marital status, physical or mental challenges, sexual orientation, or gender identification.
- C. Once a person has been accepted as a member, membership rights shall continue as long as they indicate, when asked, the intention to continue as a member, and make identifiable financial or service contributions.
- D. The Board of Trustees shall give written notice of membership requirements in the newsletter in October/November of each year and shall review the membership roll every November/December. Any member who, during the preceding fiscal year, has not met the conditions for continuing membership as stated in the preceding paragraph may be moved to inactive status. Any member who dies or who submits a letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees shall be removed from membership at the next regular meeting of the Board. Any inactive member who again meets the requirements for continuing membership shall be restored to active status by the Board of Trustees at its next regular meeting.
- E. All active members, age 16 and over, are eligible to vote at any legal meeting of the congregation. Active members ages 13 through 15 may vote only on issues that are youth-related. However, active members under age 16 are welcome to voice their ideas and opinions on any issues before the congregation. Inactive members are not eligible to vote.

## Long View Planning Committee Communication

At the January 31, 2021 annual meeting, the congregation approved the formation of a "committee to study and create a financial strategy for the church's future and legacy finances, to include building/land and Capital Fund" to address UUCSP activities related to maintaining a liberal religious voice in the Santa Clara River Valley.

In May 2022, the Board appointed Logan Hardison, Laura Phillips, Ann Hewitt, MaryBeth East and Kate English to the task force and meetings began. Thus far, a charter has been drafted and orientation discussions started. The group envisions its activities to include an ongoing dialog to advise and inform the current and future Board members of fiscal priorities, organizational benchmarks, and trigger points for short and long-term planning as well as an assessment of tangible and intangible assets.

Upcoming meetings will be posted in church announcements for members who wish to attend, and updates provided in the church newsletter or weekly emails.

# Spiritual Growth Center

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH CENTER

Rev. Maddie created the Spiritual Growth Center at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula when she arrived in January 2015. During the last two years of pandemic, the only three activities that have continued have been the Gathering, Yoga on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with Lisa Hammond and our Meditation Practice Group with Rev. Maddie alternating with psychologist Jim Cole. In the past, we have offered End of Life planning, Singing Meditation, evenings with teacher Gurdeep Singth. We are now adding a second meditation group on Mondays with Corrine Carson. The Spiritual Growth Center is meant to include our adult religious education offerings and spiritual practices, providing opportunities and programs to awaken and sustain love, compassion, service, and personal transformation. 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. Please let Rev. Maddie know what activities interest you and if you know of any local teachers who may wish to provide a one time or series that fits with our UU values. [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org)



## SOARING HEARTS YOGA

Soaring Hearts Yoga meets in 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](mailto:soaringheartsyoga@gmail.com) for more information.



## MEDITATION PRACTICE GROUP UU CHURCH OF SANTA PAULA

*In person in the Parish Hall and on Zoom and FB  
on Rev. Maddie's Wednesdays*

*On Zoom and Facebook on Jim Cole's Wednesdays*

*Call church office for the Zoom address and password*

*Like the FB page: Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula*

**October 5 with Rev. Maddie in person**

**October 12 with Jim Cole on Zoom**

**October 19 with Rev. Maddie in person**

**October 26 with Jim Cole on Zoom**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM**

*For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org)*

*Free Will Offering.*

# Spiritual Growth Center

SAVE YOUR MONDAYS FOR A NEW MEDITATION GROUP

STARTING OCTOBER 3 AT 6 PM

In Person Meditation with Corrine Carson



Meditation is an ancient tradition whose purpose is to develop within an individual, a creative unfolding of spiritual consciousness. As a tool, the art and science of meditation cultivates a healthy and positive attitude which helps us to enjoy our lives at a deeper level and meet the challenges of our day. Please join Corrine Carson for an ongoing gathering of instruction, guided meditation, and insightful sharing. This class will be held *in person*, is non-denominational and open to beginners. Welcome one and all.

Topics include:

- \*Subtle Body and Chakras development, symbology, and psychology
- \*The Path of Devotion and the Path of Knowledge
- \* Active Imagination
- \*World Soul/ Anima Mundi\* Rituals \*Sacred Space and Sacred Time
- \*Re-Enchantment of the World \*Synchronicity \* The Living Image and Dreams
- \*Western, Pagan/Earth based and Eastern Spiritual traditions

Place: Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula in the Parish Hall

Date and Time: Mondays starting October 3 from 6:00-7:00

Cost: \$10.00

*Corrine Carson has 49 years of experience in the study and practice of meditation. She has taught meditation for 33 years. She has a PhD. in Mythological Studies with an emphasis in Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara Ca. She trained as a Clinical Hypnotherapist at Santa Barbara Hypnotherapy Institute. She is a retired Hospice Spiritual Counselor. Her teaching methods are based on the inspiration of nature, dreams, and a playful imagination.*

Inquiries for October 3, Meditation with Corrine Carson;  
Please contact Corrine at Cori127@aol.com Tel- 6617556105



# TWILIGHT GATHERING\*



**\*DEFINITION OF GATHERING**

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

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 11**

**7:00 PM**

You are invited to our Gathering for sound, silence and word.  
Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, 740 E Main Street

Led by Maddie Sifantus with Atul Ranchod

Special Guest, Barry Cooper

In person and Zoom, exported to Facebook.com/uucsp

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Free will offering to UUCSP, 740 E Main St, Santa Paula, CA 93060 with Gathering in memo line

# People and Doings

## NEWS FROM AMONG US: October 2022

- Maria Beruman has passed away. Her Memorial Service will be in our Sanctuary on Saturday, October 1 at 11 AM, officiated by Rev. Maddie, followed by a reception in our Parish Hall. She was very happy to find us through our Meditation Group in recent years. She will be much missed by all who knew her.
- Jan Shepherd is home!
- Tom Stapleford had a minor stroke recently and Rev. Betty is busy chauffeuring him about to various appointments. Heal well, Tom.
- If you have a joy, concern, or milestone you wish to share, you can announce it again in person on Sundays, or send it to Rev. Maddie, or if she is out of town, to Krystal Johnson in the office by Noon on Friday and she will get it to the appropriate Worship Host to include in the service. If you are on Zoom, you can write it in the CHAT.
- 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.

## 2022 4th QUARTER 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OFFERING

October 2, November 6, December 4



Established in 1973, Interface Children & Family Services is the region's most comprehensive nonprofit social services agency providing direct, responsive, wrap-around services to address the complex needs of client and community.

As a critical safety net for children and families, Interface provides 30 distinct programs across seven core program areas including **mental health and trauma treatment, domestic violence and child abuse prevention, youth crisis & homelessness, human trafficking prevention & intervention, justice services,** and **211 information and assistance** in 39 California counties.

Today, Interface serves tens of thousands of local individuals annually, assists 150,000+ callers through the 211-call center across the state, and continues to earn the respect of individuals, businesses, and foundations, which provide grants, donations, and in-kind services to ensure that the work of Interface is sustained.

Interface works collaboratively with many other service providers. We are the only agency with a presence in all existing, formalized "under one roof" facilities across Ventura County. With collaboration, Interface best provides family support, domestic violence intervention, outreach and youth activities, as well as prevention and counseling within economically challenged communities. To establish a foundation of violence prevention and mental health, Interface embeds five family strengthening objectives into its programs:



# People and Doings

## 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 as well as issues related to COVID 19 safety. We are currently reviewing all the recommendations from the UUA in their Guide to Becoming a Safer Congregation. We are continuing to look at the policies on Destructive Behavior, Safety and Covenant. Should you wish to see the UUA document, it can be found at: <https://www.uua.org/safe/handbook>

In the fall we will be preparing for another fire or disaster drill, our first since the shut-down for COVID. The next meeting of the team is **Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00 AM** in Rev. Maddie's office. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.

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## SIP AND CHECK IN WITH REV. MADDIE ON ZOOM AT 4 PM TUESDAYS OCTOBER 4 AND 18

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

### Join Zoom Meeting

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## LAST CRUISE NIGHT OF 2022! FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 5:00 to DUSK SEE THE CLASSIC CARS! TOUR HISTORIC CHURCH! GREET REV MADDIE AND KEN STOCK



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

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## COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

According to the Bylaws of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, the Committee on Congregational Life's primary mission to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the congregation's ministry (ordained, staff and laity). The COCL is not a committee of the Board, but a committee of the congregation in special relationship to the Board. It consists of three members serving staggered terms of two years each, with no member serving more than three consecutive terms. Current members are Judy Triem, Ken Stock and the Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford. Members are encouraged to let Rev. Maddie or one of the members of the committee know if there are any issues of the ministries of the congregation of which they should be aware. The next meeting of the COCL will be **Thursday, October 13 at 4:00 PM IN PERSON**.

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# People and Doings

## WALKING EACH OTHER HOME

Thursday, October 13th at 6:30pm via Church Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85431120105> Passcode: uucsp93060

As part of our congregation's commitment to racial justice, UUCSP hosts the Walking Each Other Home discussion group on the second Thursday of each month. Our discussions are aimed at healing the impacts of racism within ourselves, our congregation and beyond. We will use prompts and our individual perspectives to inspire reflective discussion and self-work. All are welcome.

To be added to the email list and calendar invite, or for more information, call or email Kate English at 805-207-5013 or [lonikate@gmail.com](mailto:lonikate@gmail.com).



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## SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

Santa Paula Cinema Society will not be showing a film this month.  
Stay tuned for the November selection, date, and time.

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## SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

SCAC will meet Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

## UU THE VOTE

Six of us (so far) are participating in the UU the Vote effort which is a letter writing campaign in an effort to encourage voting in the elections in November. We are collaborating with UU Ventura and would love more participants. If you would like a packet or to know more, speak to the co-chairs of the SCAC, Audrey Vincent and Margaret Wilson or to Rev. Maddie or Rev. Betty, who are all writing along with Karen Fort and Constancia Leshin. Thank you to our friend Rena Pezzuto for being our UU Ventura contact.



## RISE UP SINGING

Come sing with our communal song circle, Rise Up Singing. We will meet at **Friday, October 21 at 7 PM** in the Parish Hall with Rev. Maddie leading us. Rise Up Singing is open to singers and instrumentalists of all ages. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested). Bring your songbooks (*Rise Up Singing*, *Rise Again* or your favorite book) or a song you want to sing. We will have songbooks available to use or buy (\$20). Let's keep the message of music going through singing together. Rev. Maddie is looking to revitalize our program and is open to your suggestions. For more information and to give your ideas, call Maddie Sifantus at 805-525-4620 or email her at [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org).

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# People and Doings

## CANVASS SUNDAY POTLUCK

**October 23rd** is Canvass Sunday, the day our annual church pledge drive begins. This year to celebrate the restart of many more church gatherings, the Canvass Committee invites you to participate in a potluck following the church service.

Please look for the signup sheet in the parish hall or talk to MaryBeth, Luisa or Jerry on your plans to participate. Looking forward to sharing a meal with you.

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## MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Mary A's October 2022 Meeting

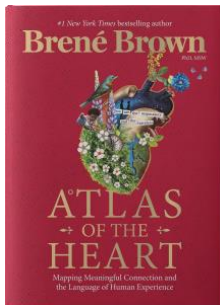
Topic: Elder Abuse

Abuse can happen to anyone — no matter the person's age, sex, race, religion, or ethnic or cultural background. Each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited. This is called elder abuse. The **Thursday, October 27th** Zoom Meeting of the Mary A Livermore Society, affectionately known as the "Mary A's", presents a program on elder abuse that promises to be timely and interesting! It will feature Kellie Tyndall of the Ventura County DA's office. You do not have to be a "member" of the group to tune in! Join us at 11:30 on zoom for this informative program! Feel free to share with family members and friends!

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## CARING COMMITTEE

Lay ministers play a vital role in our congregation, extending the reach of our professional minister and our Affiliate Community Minister for Social Justice. The Caring Committee will meet on **Thursday, October 27 at 3:00 PM**. Let Rev. Maddie or Caring Committee chair, Karen Harris, know if you are interested in joining with us. The current members of the Caring Committee are Karen Harris, Constancia Leshin, Sharon Kufeldt, Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford and Judy Triem.



This year the Caring Committee will sponsor two new things: a small group for those wishing to talk with each other coming out of Rev. Maddie's sermon on aging, "Another Country" and a book discussion group. Our first book will be Brené Brown's most recent book, *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience*.

## PHONE TREE

Our phone tree 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 [office@uucsp.org](mailto:office@uucsp.org).

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## MUSIC NOTES

We are back singing again and would love to have some new singers! The choir usually sings once a month for a Sunday Service and occasionally for special events like our Winter Solstice (Wednesday, December 21, 2022). Most of the choir are not great readers; we will work with you to help you be successful and choose music for the level of difficulty our singers are capable of. Coming take part in the joy of singing with other people! We will rehearse on **Thursday, October 27 at 4:00 PM** and Sunday, **October 30 at 9:30 AM** for our Day of the Dead 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 [minister@uucsp.org](mailto:minister@uucsp.org) or 805-525-4620. All invited to sing!

# People and Doings

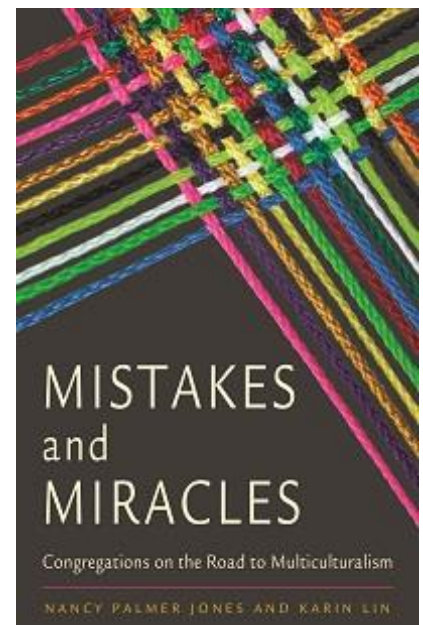
## DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR



Building a Dia de los Muertos altar is an important part of celebrating Mexico's most famous holiday, Day of the Dead. Traditionally, families will build altars in their homes during the weeks leading up to November 1st, as a way to celebrate and remember loved ones who have passed to the other side. Many Unitarian Universalist congregations build Day of the Dead altars as we will be doing for our service on Sunday, October 30, as a way of honoring Mexican traditions and encouraging cross-cultural understanding, especially noting the community in which we live. Please bring something to put on the altar when you come to church on Sunday honoring an ancestor, friend or pet who has died.

## ALL CHURCH READ

Every year we participate in the UUA's Common Read which we call the All Church Read. The 2022–2023 UU Common Read is *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin, published by Skinner House Books. The Common Read builds community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared platform for reflection and a shared focus for action. Rev. Maddie preached about this book when it was first released several years ago and is a natural fit for us as we think about how to welcome our neighbors to our activities and services and be involved with our community here in Santa Paula.



What calls Unitarian Universalists to create multicultural, antiracist Beloved Community? What do congregations need when they embark on this journey? What common threads run through their stories? In *Mistakes and Miracles*, Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin—a white minister and a lay person of color—share how five diverse congregations encounter frustrations and disappointments, as well as hope and wonder, once they commit to the journey. The world has seen much turmoil, pain, and yes, glimmers of hope, in the three years since the publication of *Mistakes and Miracles*. As we enter a Common Read of this book, we find ourselves receiving its report with a changed spirit, an urgent need, and perhaps new hope for multiculturalism and antiracism work in our movement. We will be discussing it together in early 2023 so start reading now!



# People and Doings

Multi award winning singer songwriter

## *Karen Hart honors Joni Mitchell*



Sunday 3:00 pm  
November 6, 2022

*Santa Paula Concert Series*

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Louis Bellson, Bill Watrous, Take 6, k.d. lang



Grammy Nominated  
**Randy Drake**  
Bill Watrous, Stan Kenton, Daniel Ho

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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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What if hope isn't  
what leads to action?  
What if courage is  
what leads to action  
and hope is what  
comes next?

Mary Annaïse Heglar



November newsletter deadline October 15

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*Time Value*