



Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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NOVEMBER 2022 SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



THEME: Change

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

~ James Baldwin

November 6 Changing Face of Universalism Rev. Maddie, Rev. Betty

In this month when our theme is “Change”, we consider the constantly changing stream of our faith from its early days of Universalism, the stream which moved west from Caribou, Maine to Santa Paula and how our history gives us context for today and the future. Next in the series of services on Universalism, Our Heritage.

First Sunday Plate, Interface Youth and Family Services

Turn clocks back one hour

Tuesday, November 8 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 Eduardo Del Signore, from A Call to Peace, with original poetry by Atul Ranchod.

November 13 The Paradox Rev. Julia Hamilton, Ruth Ricards

Our fourth Cluster service with a sermon by the Rev. Julia Hamilton of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. Our Unitarian forebear Ralph Waldo Emerson charged us to follow our own individual moral intuition above all else. But what about our need for community and relationship? This is the creative tension that lies at the heart of our faith, and perhaps of life itself.

November 20 Oh, We Give Thanks! Rev. Maddie, Ruth Ricards

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we gather in our hybrid way, grateful for those of us who can gather in person and grateful for the technology for all to join us. We will have Guest at Your Table boxes from the UU Service Committee and share our cornbread communion in our sanctuary and virtually in our homes. We will also be marking the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Our choir sings

November 27 Seeking Light Together Rev. Maddie, Ken Stock

Our heritage here at UUCSP, once called the First Universalist Church of Santa Paula, is Universalist Christianity. What, if anything, does this mean to us today, especially on the First Sunday of Advent, a traditional Christian season. Can we have a new dialogue with traditional Christianity?

UUs of Our Past Leslie Nichols

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

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

Message from the Minister

“Much as we may wish to make a new beginning, some part of us resists doing so as though we were making the first step toward disaster... We resist transition not because we can't accept the change, but because we can't accept letting go of that piece of ourselves that we have to give up when and because the situation has changed.” ~ William Bridges

Our theme this month is Change. If there is anything that most of us have learned these last years of pandemic is that everything changes and to be grateful for the small things, like birds and butterflies, outside our windows, the slant of sun in the morning, the moon going through its phases, and neighbors walking their dogs on the streets near our homes. And to be grateful for the bigger things, like this congregation which nurtures our spirits, if we participate and let it. And it also seems like a time to make a new beginning since everything has changed anyway! It is not enough for things to go back to the way they were BC (before COVID). In this month of Thanksgiving when it is useful to think about what we are grateful for along with much of our culture, I am grateful how this small congregation came together to support each other and reach out across the miles during these challenging times. At the same time, I am aware when I think about being grateful of the indigenous folks of our nation who do not think of gratitude when they think of Thanksgiving. In my old home state of Massachusetts, the Wampanoag and others always mark this time with great sadness and reflection, gathering at Plymouth Rock to mourn. Brian Moskwetah Weeden, chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, said on Boston Public Radio that Americans owe his tribe a debt of gratitude for helping the Pilgrims survive their first brutal winter. “People need to understand that you need to be thankful each and every day — that was how our ancestors thought and navigated this world,” Weeden said. “Because we were thankful, we were willing to share ... and we had good intentions and a good heart.”

It seems to me that we can adapt a bit of this attitude as we go through November, being grateful to our Chumash and their ancestors for caring for the land before us and grateful for each day we are given where we can care for ourselves, our patch of earth and 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, how you are nurturing your spirit, 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.

Santa Paula Concert Series

Santa Paula Concert Series brings the world to you: Karen Hart honors Joni Mitchell

Our Santa Paula Concert Series presents Karen Hart and Friends in honoring Joni Mitchell on Sunday, November 6 at 3 PM at the historic Universalist Unitarian Church, a Ventura County Historical landmark, located at 740 East Main Street, Santa Paula. Award winning songwriter, composer, and singer Karen Hart, who has been featured in a number of movies and recordings, will be accompanied by three Grammy nominated musicians: guitarist Jeff Linsky, bassist Jennifer Leitham and drummer Randy Drake. The Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula has been home to a number of musical events throughout its 129-year history including 27 previous concerts in the Santa Paula Concert Series. Admission is \$20 donation by Paypal on the church's website: www.uucsp.org or from the church office during office hours. ***This concert is likely to sell out; reserve your tickets now.*** Credit cards, checks and cash are accepted at the door if space is available. Children 12 and under are \$10; children 5 and under are free.



Karen Hart has her Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from East Carolina University. She has earned countless awards for songwriting and lyric writing. Her songs and her voice have often been featured in film and television. She is the singing voice of Sigourney Weaver in the Grimm Brother's *Snow White*. Her haunting ballad *Mirabelle* was awarded Song Of The Year by West Coast Songwriters. Barry Manilow awarded her the Concord Records Scholarship for Writing Lyrics That Succeed and Endure. Her award-winning choral music is performed and recorded worldwide. As guest soloist with the Cal State Concert Choir, Karen sang for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Guitarist **Jeff Linsky** studied with jazz guitar great Joe Pass. While still in his teens, Jeff began traveling the world as a touring musician, eventually singing with Concord Jazz. As an award-winning composer, Jeff's music has been featured in film and television and as the broadcast theme for the Monterey Jazz Festival. Jeff has performed in many of the world's finest concert halls and played privately for Presidents and Royalty. The Los Angeles Times says he is "Simply the finest fingerstyle guitarist you will ever see or hear." Guitar Player Magazine says "Linsky's talent is the stuff guitarists' dreams are made of."

Considered by many to be one of the finest bassists in the world, **Jennifer Leitham** has been a career Jazz musician for over 48 years. Known for playing with many music world masters, including Mel Tormé, Peggy Lee, George Shearing, Doc Severinsen, Woody Herman, Benny Carter, Louis Bellson, Bill Watrous, Take 6 and k.d. lang, along with countless other greats in many genres. Jennifer has played on over 140 albums, including 11 albums of her own. In 2016, L.A. Weekly named her as one of the "50 Most Interesting Angelinos." In 2018 she spoke at Jazz At Lincoln Center's Jazz Congress.

Dr. Randy Drake is an accomplished drum set and percussion performer. He was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2022 for his work on East West Players Presents: Daniel Ho & Friends Live in Concert. Randy earned a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology with a Doctoral Emphasis Program in Feminist Studies at University of California, Santa Barbara. He received his B.M. in Jazz Studies at the University of North Texas and his M.M. in Jazz Studies at California State University, Long Beach, where he taught drum set for over fifteen years. Randy recently toured Japan with Japanese guitarist Tak Matsumoto and Daniel Ho and the United States with Englebert Humperdinck.

Multi award winning singer songwriter
Karen Hart honors Joni Mitchell

Sunday 3:00 pm
November 6, 2022

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Universalist Unitarian
Church of Santa Paula
740 E Main Street
Santa Paula CA 93060
Tickets: www.uucsp.org

with Special Guests:

 Internationally Acclaimed Guitarist/Recording Artist Jeff Linsky	 Jennifer Leitham Mel Tormé, Peggy Lee, George Shearing, Doc Severinsen, Woody Herman, Benny Carter, Louis Bellson, Bill Watrous, Take 6, k.d. lang	 Grammy Nominated Randy Drake Bill Watrous, Stan Kenton, Daniel Ho
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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 Singh. 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



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 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

November 2 with Rev. Maddie in person

November 9 with Jim Cole on Zoom

November 16 with Rev. Maddie in person

November 23 with Jim Cole on Zoom

November 30 with Rev. Maddie in person

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or 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 PM

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- 661-7556105

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SAVE THE DATE FOR A SOUND BATH FUNDRAISER FOR FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE

Save Saturday, January 7 at 1:00 PM for a Sound Bath with Moriah Cain Gross. A sound bath is a meditative experience during which a group of people lie down and listen to resonant sounds. It often involves singing bowls, which create an echoing sound that feels like it fills the room. Some people refer to sound bathing as a healing practice. More details to follow.

GATHERING*

***DEFINITION OF GATHERING**

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



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 7:00 PM

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with Atul Ranchod

Special Guest, Eduardo Del Signore of A Call to Peace

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 731 217 7775 Password uucsp93060

+1 253 215 8782 (to call in by phone) ~ phone password 529593

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 November 2022

- Our thoughts and prayers are with our member Ruth, her husband Joe and the whole Ricards family in the unexpected death of Joe's brother Will. Rev. Maddie officiated at his Celebration of Life in our Sanctuary on October 22.
- We celebrate with Laura Phillips her role in the creation of the Santa Paula Skateboard Park which was recently feted by a ceremony next to the park. Congratulations to Laura and all those who helped erect what has been said to be the best skatepark in Ventura County!
- We are so glad that Barbara Beach has been back with us for Gathering and a Sunday service. We look forward to her back singing in our choir.
- Looking ahead, our member Donna Hamer will be moving back to Ferndale, Washington by year's end to live nearer her family as they anticipate the birth of their new child in Spring 2023. We will miss her!
- 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.

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2022 4th QUARTER 1st SUNDAY OFFERING

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:

Help parents develop resiliency

Help families develop a support system

Help families secure practical help when they need it

Teach parents how to raise healthy children

Help children to develop socially and emotionally

People and Doings

SIP AND CHECK IN WITH REV. MADDIE ON ZOOM AT 4 PM TUESDAYS NOVEMBER 1, 15 AND 29

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

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

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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 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. 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, November 2 at 10:00 AM** in Rev. Maddie's office. The Safe Congregation Team reports and is advisory to the Board.

Daylight Saving Time ends, and we will turn our clocks back by one hour at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**



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. 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, November 10 at 4:00 PM ON ZOOM.**

People and Doings

WALKING EACH OTHER HOME

Thursday, November 10th 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 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.

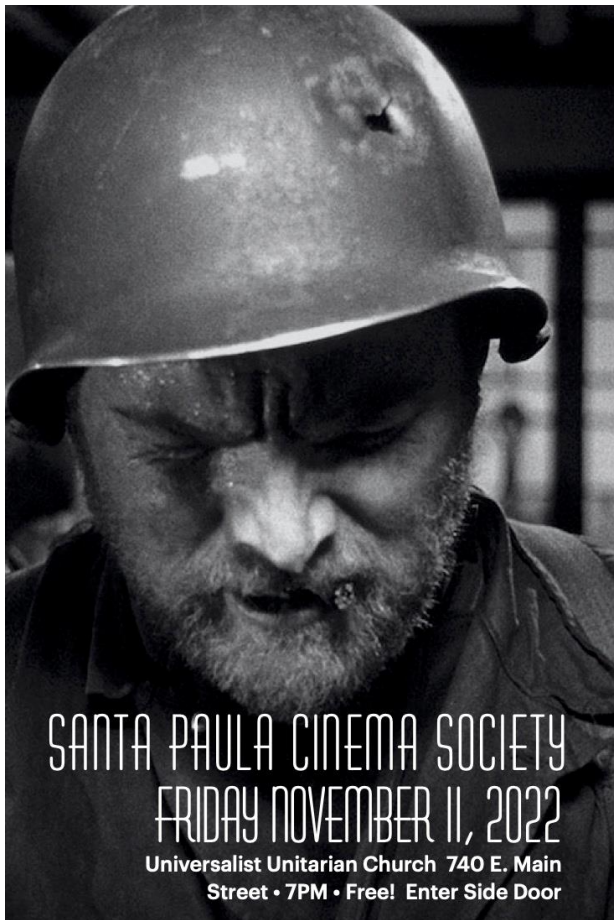


SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

SCAC will meet Wednesday, Nov 16, 4:00 on zoom:

Margaret Wilson will give a brief report on UUSC's current work around the world.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY



SAMUEL FULLER

The Steel Helmet

Some filmmakers have a special talent for grabbing you by the lapels and not letting go. Samuel Fuller was one of those, and he works his low-budget but high-energy magic from the very first frames **THE STEEL HELMET** (1951). This first film to be made about the Korean War is our screening in honor of Veteran's Day. The story follows a group of dogface soldiers, focusing on a hard-bitten veteran sergeant (Gene Evans), and a medic separated from his unit (James Edwards). A storyline that could easily drowned in clichés in the hands of another filmmaker becomes deeply personal, informed by Fuller's own experiences as an infantryman in World War II, which he integrated into the narrative of this film. Adding to the impact, Fuller uses combat situations to expose the casual racial and ethnic bigotry of the day. Some of Fuller's portrayals of soldiers in combat were so blunt that he became the target of an FBI investigation! (1:25)

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022

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

People and Doings

Mary A. Livermore Society

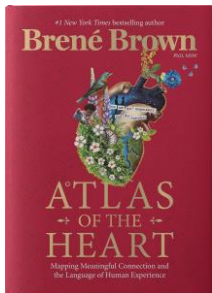
November Meeting : Jacqueline Higuera McMahon

Jacqueline Higuera McMahon is an 8th generation Californian, a descendent of one of California's original rancho families. The Spanish branch of her family came to California via Mexico in the late 1800's. She is a former food editor of the San Francisco Chronicle as well as the author of 9 award winning cookbooks. A few titles are: Healthy Mexican Cookbook, Red & Green Chile Cookbook, California Rancho Cooking, and The Salsa Book.

Jacque will be our featured speaker for the **Thursday, November 17th** meeting of the Mary A Livermore Society on Zoom. Please join us at 11:30 on zoom and prepare to be amazed by this talented and unique author and cook! All are invited! Join us!

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, **November 17 at 3:00 PM in Rev. Maddie's office**, which is one week earlier than usual. 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 and are being joined by Karen Fort. We will be preparing for our **Blue Christmas service which will be Thursday, December 8 at 3:00 PM.**



This year the Caring Committee are hoping to sponsor two new things after the holidays: 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.

MUSIC NOTES

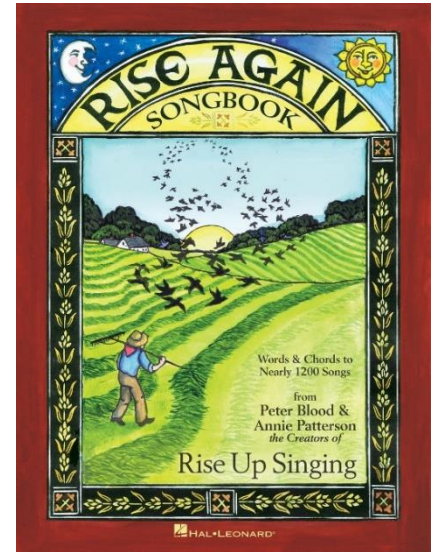
We are back singing again and would love to have some new singers! The choir usually sings once a month for a Sunday Service and occasionally for special events like our Winter Solstice (Wednesday, December 21, 2022). Most of the choir are not great sight readers; we will work with you to help you be successful and choose music for the level of difficulty our singers are capable of. Come take part in the joy of singing with other people! 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 or 805-525-4620. All are invited to sing! Here is the upcoming schedule (music selections subject to change):

Thursday, November 17 at 4 PM	Rehearsal
Sunday, November 20 at 9:30 AM	Rehearsal
One Voice	Ruth Moody
Thursday, December 15 at 4 PM	Rehearsal
Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 PM	Rehearsal
Happy Hanukkah, My Friend	Justin Wilde and Doug Kennedy
Wednesday, December 21 at 7 PM	Winter Solstice Rehearsals and music to be announced

People and Doings

RISE UP SINGING RETURNS

Come sing with our communal song circle, Rise Up Singing. We will meet at **Friday, November 18** at 7 PM in the Parish Hall with Rev. Maddie leading us. Rise Up Singing is open to singers and instrumentalists of all ages. Bring your friends and neighbors! 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.

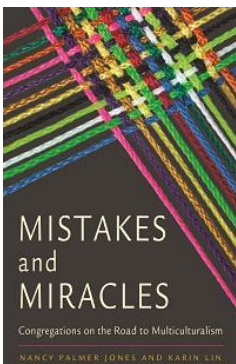


ENGAGING OUR TRADITION: NEW UU

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to know more about how things work and the history of our building and congregation? Please join Rev. Maddie and others in her office after our service and coffee hour at 11:45 AM on **Sunday, November 27th** for casual introduction to engaging Unitarian Universalism and the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. Hear about our history as a congregation and how it fits into the larger movement of Unitarian Universalism. Bring your questions about how we do things around here. Who makes decisions? What about Social Justice? What about Faith Formation? Who is the Caring Committee or the Committee on Congregational Life? Inquiring minds want to know. Please come if you have been around the place for a while or if it is your first day in the door.

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 it 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

27th ANNUAL DE COLORES ART & MUSIC FEST THIS EVENT IS FREE

Saturday, November 12, 2022 · 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Agriculture Museum · 926 Railroad Ave., Santa Paula



Image by Paul Botello

Dedicated to the Late Carmen Ramirez, Board of Supervisor for Ventura County

Supervisor Ramirez was a big supporter of the arts especially of Xavier "Big X" Montes and De Colores. The art and music fest will take place at the Agriculture Museum. Art work by artists from Ventura and Los Angeles Counties will be exhibited inside Calavo Hall. A procession to the Agriculture Museum will begin at 10:00 a.m., in front of Poder Popular/Centro del Pueblo, 113 N. Mill St. The Procession will be led by Luz Maria Espinoza and Tonantzin dancers followed by the Chinelo dancers representing the State of Morelos, Mexico. The program will begin with Chumash songs and blessings at the entrance of the Museum.

Poetry Readings by Ventura County Poet Laureate Luz Maria Espinoza and Young Poet Laureate Angelina Leanos with special guest Chicana Feminist Poet Dr. Naomi Quiñonez. Both Espinoza and Quiñonez performed with Xavier Montes. Inlakech Cultural Arts Center will feature Mariachi and folklorico dancers. Music by Conjunto Alma Grande and the sounds of Cali-Me: band *Los Fabulocos*. There will be Refreshments and a No Host Bar.

This event is sponsored by the Agriculture Museum, California Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce/Young Professionals and Friends.



Afternoon Wine Tasting
with
Clos des Ami
"Circle of Friends" Winery (\$20)
&
Friendship Bridge "Típica" Sale

Just in time to find unique gifts for the holiday season!

Beautiful colorful textiles, handicrafts & jewelry made by the talented artisan clients of "Handmade by Friendship Bridge" for sale.

Sunday, November 13, 2022
1:00-4:00 p.m.
1236 Bruce Drive, Santa Paula, CA 93060

RSVP:
Anne Stehly (805) 625-1847 / annestehly@yahoo.com
Constancia Leshin (661) 478-3213 / constancia47@gmail.com

Friendship Bridge: Empower Women. Eliminate Poverty

Friendship Bridge is a "Microcredit Plus" organization that provides over 32,000 underserved, indigenous Guatemalan ladies access to loans, a monthly educational training, and bi-monthly health care services. The goal is to empower women to create better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Events like this generate income for our "Microcredit Plus" program as well as "Handmade by Friendship Bridge". Thank you for joining us!

DEC 1, 2022

5:30 P.M.



ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC
Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice

NIGHT OF HOPE

AN INSPIRING PROGRAM TO HONOR
THE LIVES OF THOSE WE LOST TO
AIDS AND A CALL TO ACTION TO
STOP THE SPREAD OF HIV INFECTIONS
IN THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY
THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION,
AWARENESS, AND ACTION.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 805.813.3670

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