

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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APRIL SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



APRIL THEME: Interdependence

And if it's true we are alone, we are alone together, the way blades of grass are alone, but exist as a field. Sometimes I feel it, the green fuse that ignites us, the wild thrum that unites us...~ Rosemerry Wahtola Tommer

April 7 Rest as a Spiritual Practice

Rev. Maddie, Ken Stock

“Sometimes the window is open and a breeze comes through singing a sweet song: it is nap time.” How about a spiritual practice that guides us further into rest?

Fifth in Rev. Maddie's series on Spiritual Practices.

First Sunday Plate to Friends of the Santa Clara River/Nature Conservancy

Tuesday, April 9 7 PM Twilight Gathering

Rev. Maddie, Kevin Fox

This is a reflective time in our busy week to hear some inspiring music, share some silence and hear spoken word. The music will be provided by pianist Kevin Fox with original poems by Atul Ranchod.

April 14 Rainbow Connection

Rev. Maddie

Recognizing this “Day of Silence”, one of the LGBTQ days we note as a Welcoming Congregation, we seek our rainbow connection to those who may experience or have experienced bullying.

Choir Over the Rainbow, Words, E. Y. Harburg, Music, Harold Arlen

April 21 Earth Day

Social Concerns Action Committee with MaryBeth East

The Social Concerns Action Committee collaborates in a service for Earth Day.

Taboo for All Ages Who's In Maxine's Tree by Diane Carmel Léger, Shared by Ruth Ricards

April 28 The Love Dependent Web

Pastor Joshua Berg, Ruth Ricards

Unitarian Universalists are in discernment about the newly proposed revision of our Principles and Purposes that are the foundation of work and our covenant with each other. We'll examine how our current principles are not abandoned but rather folded into the new Article II of our bylaws by considering one of our core principles, interdependence. It is articulated in our seventh principle, “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part” and it is indeed anchored by love. Let us worship together calling up the sacred and the spiritual in the question, “How do we spin, strengthen, and upkeep the love-dependent web of all existence?”

Pastor Joshua Berg graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School and is an ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister in Preliminary Fellowship with the UUA. Pastor Joshua preaches and officiates life-cycle events all over Southern California. He currently works full-time as a chaplain at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and lives in Burbank with his wife and two daughters.

UUs of Our Past with Leslie Nichols

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

Message from the Minister

We have just celebrated both Ostara (the Spring Equinox) and Easter, two ritual times in the turning of the seasons. For me this season brings to mind the beautiful words of the Song of Solomon: "For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." How wonderful that some rains did come, and flowers are blooming all around town, and we can tend our roses here at our historic building, just as each of us tidies up our steps and yards at home. What joy the rebirth of our earth brings and the increasing light. Next month we will be on to Beltane—May Day! Stay tuned for that Earth Based Celebration led by Constancia Leshin and me on May 5th.

The coming of spring also makes me think why do people join religious communities? I suspect that there are many answers to that question but at its most basic, it is to find meaning, to be reborn into a life of more meaning. We need to find connections and we need to re-connect to what is most important. We need a place to ask the big questions and we need a community with whom to share our joys and our concerns. We need companions on the wheel of the seasons as we walk through our lifetime. We need a place where we make a difference, and our spiritual needs are met. Membership in such a community is a commitment. The bottom line is we replace "I can take care of myself" with "We can and will take care of each other."

What does it mean to be faithful to the message of Unitarian Universalism in the 21st century? What does it mean to be faithful to that message here in Santa Paula? What does it mean at a time of ministerial transition? What is our purpose as religious liberals? How much does being part of our congregation mean to you? That is what we ask ourselves when we support the congregation through financial gifts, our gifts of time, and our commitment to the future of this place and its people. One way we do that is by becoming an official member of the congregation. Please see me if you want to sign our Membership book or talk more about what membership means. We will be welcoming new members during our Flower Sunday Service on June 9th. Won't you be our member?

On the path of our faith, Reverend Maddie

Message from Board of Trustees

It's taken a bit longer than I would have liked to get out the first board message of 2024. So many things to learn as board president! One of them is remembering to write these little missives to the membership, and on time besides.

This is going to be a busy year for us, and one of transition and change.

On the financial side, the church is in pretty good shape, especially for a congregation of our size. We have the endowment of our Capital Fund to thank. Years of generous contributions and investment prudence is paying dividends to us now.

This year is going to be financially somewhat less predictable with Rev. Maddie leaving us in July. To cover any possible contingencies the board asked for an additional \$10,000 be made available to the General Fund from the Capital Fund. We're hopeful that once all the expenses and pledges are tallied up, these extra funds won't be needed to balance the budget. But it's there if we do.

We've received a contribution from the Chouinard family trust again this year. They've been supporting the church in this way for around 25 years, going all the way back to the first fundraisers for the stained-glass window restoration. The contribution will be transferred to the Building Preservation Fund for use in building maintenance.

The Preservation Fund and the Building and Grounds committee were merged with the bylaw's amendments approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting at the beginning of the year. This should simplify matters for how we decide which projects are preservation and which are maintenance. When you're dealing with a 133-year-old historic building, as we are, every building project is preservation!

One of the items on our list is hiring a building inspector to provide us with a comprehensive look at our building and its needs, both immediate and long-term. This is something we've never had before.

Speaking of which, we came through this winter's rains with no leaks. We did lose a gutter and downspout off the back of the building in one of the storms. It's been repaired.

The largest item on our agenda is naturally Rev. Maddie's departure. The Ministerial Search Committee, chaired by Ann Hewitt, is hard at work. The online paperwork for advertising for a contract minister has now been filed with the UUA. The good news we're getting from the UUA is the number of prospective ministers seeking congregations is larger this year than in the recent past. We're hoping many will consider us!

Finally, as you may have heard, a revised membership roster is available. Printed copies can be picked up in the Parish Hall, or digitally by email from Krystal (uucspoffice@gmail.com).

And I nearly forgot to mention — your board this year is Ann Hewitt, Ken Stock, Jerry Gray, Margaret Wilson, and myself. Please feel free to contact any one of us with questions, concerns, or ideas!

In service to the UUCSP,

Mitch

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. We host a Meditation Practice Group, the Silent Pause, on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM alternating between Rev. Maddie and Jim Cole. We host occasional Sound Baths and other activities. 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

*In person in the Parish Hall and on Zoom and FB
Call church office for the Zoom address and password.
Like the FB page: Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula*

April 3 with Jim Cole

April 10 with Rev. Maddie

April 17 with Jim Cole

April 24 with Brenna Book

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

*For information call Rev. Maddie Sifantus, 805-525-4620 or minister@uucsp.org
For Zoom info, email office@uucsp.org ~Free Will Offering*



TWILIGHT GATHERING



***DEFINITION OF GATHERING**

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 PM

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

Led by Maddie Sifantus with poet, Atul Ranchod

Guest Musician, Kevin Fox

Pianist Kevin Fox began playing professionally in 1984, performing at restaurants and hotels in Ventura County, California. In 1986, he began performing on cruise ships. In 1990, Kevin moved to New York City. For nearly 20 years, he performed at many of New York's finest hotels, restaurants, and clubs. In 2009, Kevin returned to California where he continues to perform throughout Southern California and the Central Coast.

Kevin is the Music Director of Live Oak UU in Goleta

Free will offering (\$5-20 suggested)

740 E Main Street, Santa Paula

OR ON ZOOM

People and Doings

NEWS FROM AMONG US APRIL 2024

- Rev. Maddie continues to visit Mary Nelson at Thousand Oaks Post Acute as well as Cathy Casselman who is recovering at home. She thanks Rev. Betty and Ellen Deeb who also visit Mary, as well as Sharon Kufeldt and Rev. Betty who check in with Cathy. Let Rev. Maddie know if you would like a home visit or a meeting in her office.
- Please be aware that COVID is still around and take appropriate measures for your health. If you are sick, with COVID or something else, please quarantine yourself until you are no longer contagious.
- If you have a joy, concern or milestone you wish to share, you can announce it in person on Sundays, or send it to Rev. Maddie 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.

SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 1, 2024

On Saturday June 1, 2024, the congregation of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula will host a "Celebration of Ministry" for Maddie Sifantus from 2 to 5pm. Come to recognize Maddie's contributions to our church members and the greater Ventura County community as she leaves her role as a settled minister. Organizers Ruth Ricards, Leslie Nichols and MaryBeth East will be your contacts for how you can contribute to the reception.

REV. MADDIE'S OFFICE HOURS

Have a concern or just want to chat? Rev. Maddie's office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays. Her day off is Monday and will respond to Monday emails, phone calls or texts on Tuesday unless it is an emergency. Saturday is her study/sermon writing day. She would love to meet with you on office hour days to hear how you are doing, your ideas for our congregation and whatever is on your mind, especially at this time. 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. Unless it is an emergency, please do not text or call after 6 PM.

Rev. Maddie will be out of town from April 16 through April 30 on *vacation and study leave*, back in the office on May 1. For concerns during the time she is away, leave a message on the church office line: 805-525-4647.

FIRST CRUISE NIGHT 2024

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2024

from 5:00 PM-Dusk

SEE THE CLASSIC CARS!

TOUR HISTORIC CHURCH!

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula,

740 E Main Street, Santa Paula



People and Doings

2024 2nd QUARTER 1st SUNDAY OFFERING April 7, May 5, June 2

Friends of the Santa Clara River/Nature Conservancy



The Santa Clara Preserve spans almost two miles of this amazing waterway and encompasses nearly 1,000 acres of upland habitat and riverbed.

There are few locations on the Santa Clara River that are accessible to the public. Now with the opening of this preserve, TNC has provided a beautiful space for outdoor education, community gatherings, wildlife viewing and hiking. On the preserve we want to give everyone a chance to connect with the dynamic Santa Clara River. The Nature Conservancy has made major strides in protecting one of the most important and intact river systems in Southern California. The Santa Clara River is a vital source of drinking water for the local community, as well as a key resource for many prosperous farms. It also offers some of the last riverside and freshwater habitat for wildlife in the bustling Los Angeles-Ventura region. Despite its local and regional ecological importance, the lower Santa Clara River is threatened by invasive non-native vegetation, intense levee building, poor water quality, conversion from agriculture to urban land uses and increasing development in the floodplain. In 2005, American Rivers designated the Santa Clara River as one of the most threatened rivers in the nation.

Starting high up in the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles County, flowing down into Ventura County and into the estuary at McGrath State Beach, the Santa Clara River and its tributaries are surrounded by more than 12 million people. As the population soars, urban sprawl bears down on the river and its watershed, threatening:

- The supply and quality of the region's freshwater, including precious groundwater reservoirs that are fed by the river;
- The farmers whose fields and groves line the river and surrounding lands, making a healthy contribution to the local economy and regional identity; and
- The plants and animals within the watershed that rely on the extensive habitat of the river system, including a staggering 16 species within one mile of the mainstem of the river that are federally and/or state listed as threatened or endangered.

Adding to the pressure, 95% of Southern California's river and wetland habitat has already been lost. In fact, this is one of the last rivers in Southern California that remains relatively natural. Other major rivers in the region, including the Santa Ana, San Gabriel and Los Angeles, have been reduced from lush, flowing rivers to largely concrete channels with very little wildlife habitat.

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STONE SOUP SUNDAY-April 7

Here's a chance for members and friends to share a dish with our congregation on the first Sunday of every month. Bring in something you like to make or want to experiment with to mix with the contributions of others. It could be a sweet, a cheese tray, vegetables and dip, a casserole, or just something you run into the market to grab that catches your eye on the way to church. Bringing your items plated is always an advantage to whisking them away at the end. But do pitch in with the clean-up, investigate the cupboards, and get to know our kitchen! It is available to all. No secret membership or password is needed.

SIP AND CHECK IN WITH REV. MADDIE TUESDAY APRIL 9 4 PM ON ZOOM

WHAT IS SIP AND CHECK IN, YOU MIGHT ASK?

It is a chance to check in with a small group of members and friends. After a few minutes of casual chat as people arrive, we light a chalice with a reading and then invite people to take turns checking in about what's going on for them, answering the question, "How is it with your spirit today?" If there is still time left after the individual check-in's, the group will chat about topics of shared interest to them all or the monthly theme, which in November is Generosity. We aim to be inclusive of everyone present who wishes to talk or ask questions.



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 731 217 7775 Password: uucsp93060

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE

The Caring Committee's Book Discussion group is now closed to new participants. The book is The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk. Be in touch with Rev. Maddie or Karen Harris, Caring Committee Chair, with any questions. Group participants please let Rev. Maddie know if you can't make a meeting.

SCHEDULE

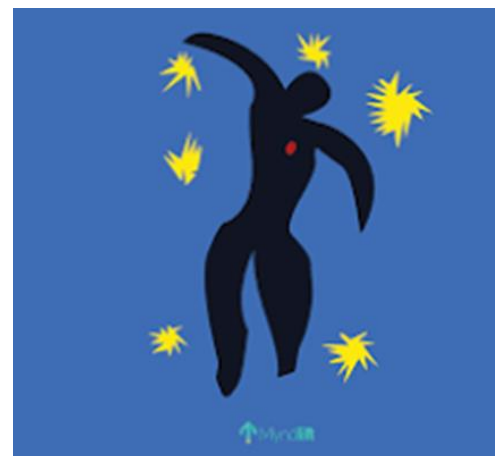
Second Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM

April 11 Part three, continued and Part Four:

The Imprint of Trauma

May 9 Part Five: Paths to Recovery

June 13 Wrap Up



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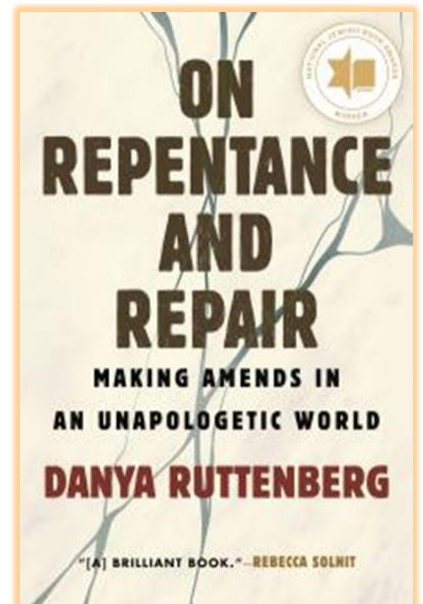
MUSIC NOTES

I would love to have you join us for my last three months in Santa Paula! There are many benefits of singing in a choir, from physical, to keeping mental acuity, socialization and the joy of making music with other people and for our congregation. Most of the choir are not great readers; we will work with you to help you be successful, and we choose music for the level of difficulty our singers are capable of. All are welcome to join our choir, including our young singers who are able to read music, those just learning to read music (or wanting to) and singers who only attend church when the choir sings. Rehearsals are directed by Rev. Maddie and accompanied by Vincent Sorisio and take place in the Sanctuary. Please be in touch with Rev. Maddie with any questions at minister@uucsp.org or 805-525-4620.

April 11	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
April 14	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service <i>Over the Rainbow</i> Words, E. Y. Harburg, Music, Harold Arlen
May 16	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
May 19	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service <i>The Gift of Love, Hal Hopson</i> <i>When We Are Singing, Kevin T. Padworski, Mexican hymn</i>
June 6	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
June 9	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal for 10:30 AM Service FLOWER SUNDAY AND NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION <i>We are the Music, Carl Strommen</i> <i>Life Calls Us On, Jason Shelton (with congregation)</i>

ALL CHURCH READ

When we do a UU Common Read together, we share in reflection, learning, and action. A UU Common Read can take us on a powerful journey into what it means to be human and accountable in a world filled with both pain and joy. The Common Read of the Unitarian Universalist Association for the year is *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World* by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg (Beacon Press, 2022). This Common Read offers a glimpse into one of our faith's foundational sources, Judaism. Readers explore our own call to be accountable in these modern times as we follow Rabbi Ruttenberg into a framework for making amends offered by the 12th century Jewish physician and scholar, Maimonides. *On Repentance and Repair* invites readers of any faith to explore practices for accountability that can bring us into wholeness and really make a difference in our personal, community, and national relationships. **We will continue our discussions after church and coffee hour on Sunday, April 14 in Rev. Maddie's office.** The book is available from the UUA Bookstore at <https://www.uuabookstore.org/On-Repentance-and-Repair-P19765.aspx>



People and Doings

Santa Paula Concert Series

Presents

THE ROWAN BROTHERS



Join Us for an Evening of Acoustic Roots Music with a Dash of Americana & Bluegrass, as We Welcome Chris and Lorin Rowan back to the Santa Paula Concert Series! Come enjoy their Trademark Tight Harmonies and Haunting Melodies!

Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m.

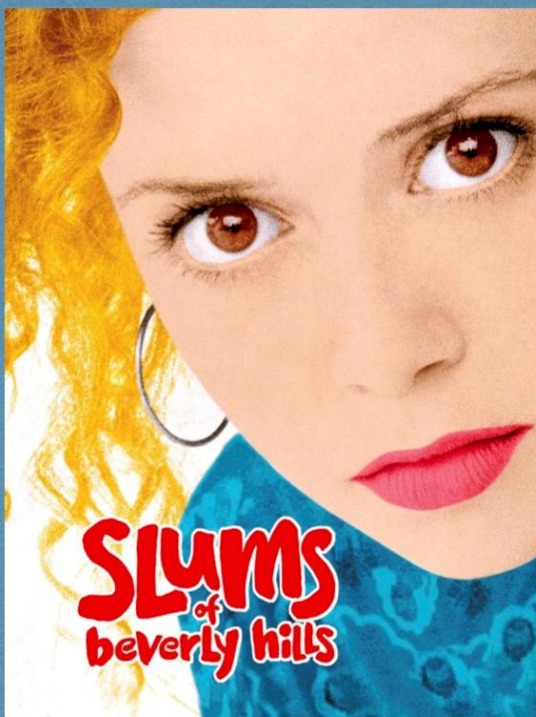
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Free for Children 5 and Under

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SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY

April 19



The Abromowitz family is up-and-coming, but going nowhere in a hurry — other than from one ratty Beverly Hills apartment to another, only steps ahead of the landlord. It's the mid-70s and divorced dad Murray (Alan Arkin) keeps them constantly on move from one place to another they can't afford, but always to somewhere else within the Beverly Hills city limits, so his kids can attend the schools. Murray may be a lousy car salesman, but in his own own befuddled way, is trying his best to be a good father to his teenage son and daughter.

As they bounce from place to place the only constant in their lives is throwing everything they own into the car as if they were evacuating from a flood. Meanwhile, daughter Vivian (Natasha Lyonne) is coming of age, and filling out in a way that startles everyone, including her. A neighbor, the unreliable Eliot (Kevin Corrigan) certainly takes notice. Her sardonic older brother David (David Krumholtz) is getting up to who-knows-what. The Abromowitz's already upside-down life is exposed to further turmoil when Murray's niece Rita (Marisa Tomei) turns up, an escapee from drug rehab. Rita is a mess, but she can supply Vivian with a few lessons on budding womanhood.

If this all sounds like a dark situation comedy, it is — but this 1998 semi-autobiographical film by writer/director Tamara Jenkins is also very funny, well-observed, and performed. Jenkins has real affection for these hapless characters, and probably so will you after watching this film. Be advised, *Slums of Beverly Hills* is on the raunchy side (R-rated).

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY


FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024

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

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SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

Social Concerns Action Committee will meet 3:00 PM, Wednesday April 17th per Zoom.



SANTA CLARA RIVER PRESERVE WALK


Saturday, April 20, 9:00 – 12:00

The official opening of the Santa Clara River Preserve is here! The gateway to the preserve is located right here in Santa Paula on Mission Rock Road, 1368 Mission Rock Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060! Easy-peasy to get to!

A Nature Conservancy approved guide will lead us on a short walkabout introducing us to the benefits of the preserve, some of its endangered species, and speak about how the river adds to the quality of life here in Ventura County. Because it's a preserve protecting endangered species, there must be rules. So, no dogs or cats, no smoking or alcohol.

Bring sun hat, full water bottle. Wear long sleeves, closed shoes, sun screen, layered clothing. Weather can be hot. Rain, even light rain, cancels. More info and to check if preserve is open:

[Santa Clara River Preserve Website](#)



DIRECTIONS :

1368 Mission Rock Road
(DO NOT USE MAP APPS!)

Exit 126 Briggs Rd
Turn South onto Pinkerton Road East
Bend Left onto Mission Rock Rd
Straight to the End (past Auto Yards)
Enter Gate and Park to the Right

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

The Mary A. Livermore Society, affectionately known as "The Mary A's" holds monthly meetings that are open to everyone! Our April 25th meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 11:30. It will feature our own Ann Hewitt. Ann wears "many hats" in our UUCSP but there is so much more to her! Come join us, bring a sack lunch and your own good energy! You will enjoy a most interesting, and fun afternoon! Delicious sweets will be served along with beverages! Mark your calendars now!

People and Doings

Let's Gather

In Ventura for...

UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST
SERVICE AREA ASSEMBLY

**Promoting Justice:
Amplifying Voices**
at the Intersections of Race, Class & Environment

+ Camp de Benneville Pines business meeting
+ Youth Con

April 26-28, 2024

In the tradition of the beloved PSWD annual assembly, this event is sponsored by Camp de Benneville Pines & hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura with support from their neighbors at Chalice UU.
?'s about Assembly contact Janet director@uucamp.org

Join us to share what's going on in your congregation and enjoy meaningful keynote topics, an assortment of workshops, youth con activities, music, worship, meals and more!

Highlights of the weekend program include:

Keynote speaker Hop Hopkins, who has been organizing for over 25 years at the intersections of race, class, gender, and the environment. Most recently, he was the director of organizational transformation at the Sierra Club, where he was instrumental in helping the organization evolve into a commitment to anti-racism.

Kenote speaker Lucas Zucker, co-executive director of CAUSE (Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy) whose mission is to create grassroots power through community organizing, leadership development, coalition building, civic engagement, policy research, and advocacy to attain social, economic, and environmental justice for working-class and immigrant communities in California's Central Coast.

Emma's Revolution, a camp and UU favorite, will perform for us. Emma's Revolution is an American folk music and social justice activist duo, consisting of songwriters Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow (a.k.a. Sandy O).

PSSWSAA Youth Con, a weekend youth conference and overnight gathering for UU youth in grades 8th through 12th!

Camp de Benneville Pines Annual Business Meeting, learn about what's happening up at our spiritual mountain top home. Please sign up to be a delegate representing your congregation when you register.

There are two ways to attend this Assembly: In Person or Virtually via Zoom. The keynote speaker presentations, camp's business meeting and the Sunday worship service will broadcast virtually. We have a two-tier pricing structure. Level 1 pricing helps cover the basic cost of attending. Level 2 pricing helps support others who need financial assistance to attend.

In Person Attendance Pricing

Level 1 = \$85
Level 2 = \$110

Virtual Attendance Pricing

Level 1 = \$60
Level 2 = \$85

If you have questions about registration, contact Laura Chamberlin @ fundraising@uucamp.org. If you're interested in serving as a delegate and would like additional information, please contact Dale Botts, vice president of camp's board of directors at dale.botts2@gmail.com.

Our Contact Information

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VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 20 - 23, 2024



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024—ALL VIRTUAL

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. Please join us online Wednesday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024 for this 4-day immersive experience where we participate in inspirational worship services and informative workshops, reconvene with friends and colleagues, and explore the virtual exhibit hall. GA is an unforgettable experience for the thousands of UUs who participate. You'll leave with renewed energy and innovative ideas to share with your congregation and community-at-large! This year is all virtual. For more information, costs and registration go to: <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration> Register before March 1 for the lowest rate. Rates will increase on March 1 and again on May 15.

Although anyone is allowed to attend, UUCSP is allowed 2 voting delegates who are appointed by the Board in addition to Rev. Maddie and Rev. Betty. Delegates must register for GA in order to vote. Delegates have two options:

1. Full registration for online events or
2. Business only registration, which provides access to the Delegate Platform for discussion and voting. The latter does not require payment, but a donation is suggested to offset production and platform costs.

More information regarding GA and delegate responsibilities is available at General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual meeting at www.uua.org.

Margaret Wilson has stepped up to serve as a delegate. We have room for one more. Please let Mitch Stone or Rev. Maddie know if you are interested in serving our congregation in this way.

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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

Board of Trustees:

Mitch Stone, President,

Ken Stock, Vice-President

Ann Hewitt, Secretary,

Jerry Gray, Treasurer

Margaret Wilaon, Member at Large

Tech Support Team:

Monika Murillo Giselle Larios

HOW TO CONNECT WITH UUCSP

**JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM IN PERSON,
ON ZOOM**

Read our newsletter which you can find at

<https://uucsp.org/newsletter/>

Contact our office if you want to be added to our
Friday email and our monthly newsletter email or
want to have a nametag for in person events.

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what's new at www.uucsp.org

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Time Value

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