

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula

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OCTOBER SERVICES, SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



THEME: Deep Listening

Come, let us listen with new ears. Do you hear it? That voice so familiar, yet still far. Less a longing and more a knowing. A whisper of something inside that seems to have known us longer than we've known it. Come, let us listen together.

~ Rev. Scott Tayler

October 6 Perfect Strangers

Chaplain Michael Eselun and Ellen

Popular guest speaker and UCLA Oncology Chaplain, Michael

Eselun will explore our relationship to strangers. We are often told from a young age, "Don't talk to strangers," only to find that sometimes such encounters might be "perfect."

First Sunday Plate – Interface Children and Family Services

October 13 Canvass Sunday

Kate English and MaryBeth

Please join us for our annual Canvass Kickoff Sunday where we will be examining in depth the named UU value of Justice. During a time when many feel democracy is under threat, the UU value of justice invites us to work to build diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive using inclusive democratic processes to make decisions within our congregations. Pledging our funds and services is part of our internal democratic process and how we "live" justice. This Sunday we will be asked to examine our relationship and responsibilities to the value of justice.

October 20 Grandmother, What Big Eyes You Have Ruth Ricards and Thomas

Grandmothers play an important role in our upbringing. Ruth became a grandmother for the first time in May of 2023. She will share some stories from a few of our members about their special relationship and love with their grandmothers. She will also share the emotional rollercoaster she went through when she found out she was expecting a new grandbaby!

"In Honor of Our Grandmothers" Coffee Hour

On October 20th, Ruth Ricards will be leading a service about the important role our grandmothers played in our lives. Following the service, she will host a special coffee hour dedicated to our grandmothers, where you can share a special food your grandmother used to make for you when you were little. Just smelling the food brings back memories of her! I am willing to bet it was some sort of comfort food. Thank you. Any questions, please see Ruth.

October 27 Day of the Dead: A Collaborative Service Constancia and Ruth

It is believed that at the end of October, the veil between the earthly plane and the spirit world is thin. The two worlds become connected making it easier for those who have departed to cross over to the land of the living. The Days of the Dead honors them and their lives. For two special days on October 1st and 2nd, we gather together and laugh, cry, tell and share stories. We eat their favorite foods and drink special drinks. It is a real life-centered celebration! Join Ruth and Constancia on Sunday, October 27th, bring a small photo of someone you would like to honor and place it on our altar/"ofrenda". We would love for you to join us!

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 Board of Trustees



The theme of our annual pledge canvass is “The Fire of Commitment,” which should sound rather familiar. We “pledge” every Sunday to keep the light of Truth lit, to remember the heartfelt warmth of our dear community, and to always carry the fire of our commitment to this wonderful congregation. We are the caretakers of this 135-year-old jewel of the Santa Clara River valley, and it takes the commitment of each of us to keep it shining, thriving and growing.

Each year we ask our members and friends to commit financially to our cause: keeping a proud liberal religious voice and presence alive and well. We are the keepers of our own flame. There is no benefactor other than ourselves.

You will be receiving a letter this week requesting you to consider your financial commitment to our church. We ask that you think about what you can do to help us thrive. A pledge card will be included, and we ask that it be returned by November 1st.

This canvass allows the Finance committee to accurately plan for and create next year’s budget. To be presented at our annual meeting, the work of building that budget begins early in November, and so we appreciate receiving pledges as soon as possible. And we thank you!

If you have any questions, the canvass committee is Mary Beth East, Jerry Gray, Luisa Haskell, and Richard Hauge. We welcome your queries and input. And most importantly, we thank you for your fire of commitment to our congregation, your congregation.

Spiritual Growth Center

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CENTER

In 2015 we gathered some of activities we already did and those we hoped to do under the umbrella of the Spiritual Growth Center at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula. It provides opportunities and programs to awaken and sustain love, compassion, service and personal transformation. Our goal is to help individuals discover how spiritual practices, learning, and community service can transform their lives and move the world toward peace and justice. The activities of the center are yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Meditation on Wednesday nights at 6 PM and Twilight Gathering on the second Tuesday of the month, now coordinated by Kate English. Over the years we have had Singing Meditation, T'ai Chi, Sound Baths and more. There is room for book discussions, craft events and the sky's the limit. All it takes is the ideas and someone to organize them. For questions be in touch with the office.



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*

October 2 with Jim Cole

October 9 with Thomas Weisbecker

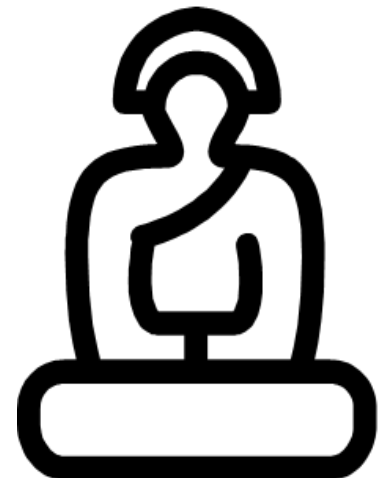
October 16 with Jim Cole

October 23 with Thomas Weisbecker

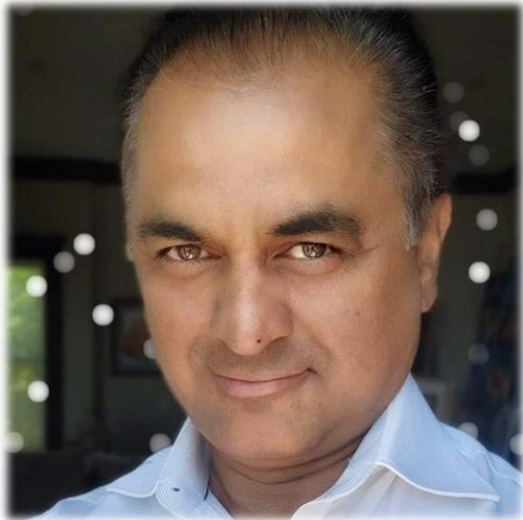
October 30 with Jim Cole

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM

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, October 8th 7:00 PM

Music by John Robles & Kate English,
and spoken word from resident poet Atul Ranchod.

Free will offering (\$5-20 suggested)

People and Doings

2024 4th QUARTER 1st SUNDAY OFFERING October 6, November 3, December 1



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 clients and our local community.

As a critical safety net for children and families, Interface provides 30 distinct programs across seven core program areas including [mental health & trauma treatment](#), [domestic violence & child abuse prevention](#), [youth crisis & homelessness](#), [human trafficking prevention & intervention](#), [justice services](#), and [211 information & assistance](#) in 31 California counties.

Today, Interface serves tens of thousands of local individuals annually, assists 250,000+ 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 SHARON KUFELDT **TUESDAY, October 8 AT 4 PM ON ZOOM**

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. 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



CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee will meet **Thursday, October 17 at 4:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

SANTA PAULA CINEMA SOCIETY will not have a film this month.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Concern's Action Committee of the UUCSP holds as its mission "to to experience and act in support of environmental and social justice in our community, our state, our country, and our world". Everyone is invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, **October 16th at 3:30 on Zoom** and join the lively discussion.

Social Concerns Action Committee's Palestinian/Israel Film Series

The Social Concerns Action Committee is launching its Israel and Palestine Film Series beginning, after church, **Sunday, October 20 at 12:30 P.M.**, in the Sanctuary. We hope by showing these films, and discussing them afterwards, we will gain understanding of the events leading up to the October 7th attack, and the hopes and dreams of people involved in this conflict. It has become a divisive issue worldwide and may influence the outcome of our presidential election. Bitter confrontations are happening on our university campuses. Our first film, "Independent Jewish Voices: 100 Years After Balfour" is a 24-minute video concentrating on British Foreign Secretary's, Arthur Balfour's, letter of 1917, confirming Britain's support for a "national home" for the Jewish people in Palestine. We hear a number of voices of members of "Independent Jewish Voices", who are a network of Jews in Britain with a shared commitment to human rights, international law, and a just and peaceful solution to the conflict in Israel/Palestine. (A lunch will be provided as part of the coffee hour.)

Save the date: November 17 for our second film.

MARY A. LIVERMORE SOCIETY

Being an informed voter is essential as our vote is our voice. This November, voters will decide the fate of 10 thorny policy proposals, including crime, health care, rent control and taxes. The October 24th meeting of the Mary A's will feature an explanation and in-depth discussion of the these ten propositions! We will meet in the Parish Hall at 11:30. Bring a sack lunch and your own good energy! Drinks and dessert served! All are welcome!

Wine Tasting and "Tipica" Sale

TO BENEFIT FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE

_____ Saturday _____
OCTOBER 5 1:00-4:00PM

HOSTED BY
ANNE STEHLY & ANDY SOBEL
1236 BRUCE DRIVE, SANTA PAULA, CA

Featuring fine, handcrafted wines by local winemaker Clos des Amis, delicious finger foods prepared by the Antelope Valley Friendship Bridge Support Circle, and new, beautiful textiles, handicrafts, and jewelry handmade by the talented artisan clients of Friendship Bridge.

\$20 suggested donation
RSVP with Anne
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or Constanica
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De Colores Multicultural Folk Arts

Presents

Bay Area

**Poet Professor Dr. Naomi Quiñonez And
Musician & Anthropologist Dr. José Cuéllar aka “Dr. Loco”
of the *Rockin’ Jalapeño Band***

Saturday, October 19, 2024 - 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Blanchard Library

119 N. 8th St., Santa Paula

De Colores is featuring, the first of a series of conversations with Latiné/Latino/a/x artists, musicians, poets, writers, and culture bearers who have contributed to the richness and diversity of our culture and who will share how art and creativity manifests in their lives. A series of conversations titled *Naomi’s Hour of Power* hosted by friend of De Colores bay area poet/professor Dr. Naomi Quiñonez, is an expansion of the mission of De Colores community engagement effort. Join us in conversation with wonderful Bay Area Professors Emeritus (San Francisco State University) who will share the many facets of their colorful extraordinary personal and professional life experiences.

In addition to what promises to be an exciting conversation, Dr. Cuéllar will demonstrate some of his musical talents on his accordion and saxophone. He will play his Meso-American collection of *ocarinas*. Dr. Quiñonez, will recite her poetry accompanied with Dr. Cuéllar's music.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Vanessa at (805) 616-8272.

This event is free and sponsored by *Friends of De Colores* and *Santa Paula Latino Town Hall* bringing intergenerational families together to hear Mexican-American cross-cultural music and poetry.

People and Doings

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING	Zoom/In-person
Tuesday	1-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Wednesday	2-Oct	6:00pm	Meditation	both
Thursday	3-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Friday	4-Oct	7am - 1pm	Church Cleaning	
Sunday	6-Oct	10:30am	Worship	both
Tuesday	8-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Tuesday	8-Oct	4:00pm	Sip & Check In	zoom
Tuesday	8-Oct	7:00pm	Gathering	both
Wednesday	9-Oct	6:00pm	Meditation	both
Thursday	10-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Friday	11-Oct	7am - 1pm	Church Cleaning	
Saturday	12-Oct	1:00pm	Finance Committee	zoom
Sunday	13-Oct	10:30am	Worship	both
Tuesday	15-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Wednesday	16-Oct	3:00pm	Social Concerns Action Committee	zoom
Wednesday	16-Oct	6:00pm	Meditation	both
Thursday	17-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Thursday	17-Oct	4:00pm	Caring Committee meeting	In-person
Thursday	17-Oct	6:30pm	Board of Trustees meeting	In-person
Friday	18-Oct	7am - 1pm	Church Cleaning	
Sunday	20-Oct	10:30am	Worship	both
Sunday	20-Oct	12:30pm	SCAC Film Series	In-person
Tuesday	22-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Wednesday	23-Oct	6:00pm	Meditation	both
Thursday	24-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Thursday	24-Oct	11:30am	Mary A's	In-person
Thursday	24-Oct	7:00pm	Worship Team	zoom
Friday	25-Oct	7am - 1pm	Church Cleaning	
Sunday	27-Oct	10:30am	Worship	both
Tuesday	29-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person
Wednesday	30-Oct	6:00pm	Meditation	both
Thursday	31-Oct	9:30am	Yoga	In-person

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Sunday Worship Services at 10:30 am

Rev. Maddie Sifantus, Minister Emerita
Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford, Affiliate Minister
Krystal Johnson, Office Administrator
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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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