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June Theme: *Gathering Together*

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June 7: "Pride Day"

With all eyes turned to the Supreme Court, marriage equality can seem like THE issue for the LGBTQAI+ community and their allies. However, there is much more to true equality than marriage; come find out about seven of the most pressing issues facing the LGBTQAI+ community and what you can do to help.

Shannon Black

June 14: "What is the Role of Community in Spirituality?"

The Buddhist concept of sangha is a group of people dedicated to spiritual growth. How do you find spirituality?

Rev. Patty Willis

June 21: "Faithfulness that Led to the Hard Experiences of War: Remembering Our Veteran Fathers and Sons:"

Throughout the ages, countries called upon fathers and sons (now women, too) to fight in wars.

Rev. Patty Willis

June 28: "Streaming GA Worship Service"

Jan Vanderhooft

*** PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE NEW EARLY START TIME ***

SERVICE WILL BE FROM 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

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****For urgent issues please call the main office or the Caring Circle (listed further below)**

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SVUUS-NEWS Email List

South Valley maintains a news listserv to facilitate announcements and other communications for the congregation.

If you wish to sign up to receive messages, send a request to Lyn Worthen, listserv administrator, at lynw@xmission.com.

To send a message to the list, simply address it to svuus-news@mailman.xmission.com

From Our Minister

June Monthly Theme: Gathering Together

When I thought up this monthly theme in November, I imagined us getting off the boat and gathering by the side of that body of water we had just crossed. We would want to gather to share our experiences of the journey, what we had learned and what we wanted in this new land. We'd be looking over the maps we had made through collating the feedback from our spyglass meetings. I was not thinking of the annual meeting which mysteriously loomed ahead in May. Yet, that meeting ended up being a beautiful example of gathering together. It was wonderful to see you, the members and friends of South Valley, arriving through the doors of our building, checking in and then sitting together in our sanctuary. With attendance close to 70%, your unanimous vote called me to be a settled minister who will be among you for years to come. What a difference it made that we had so many members participating. I loved seeing people meeting old friends and making new ones. The first aspect of gathering is showing up when you can (I know that there were some who very much wanted to be at the meeting but couldn't). Another important aspect that we did well in that gathering was making room for people with different ideas and opinions. This is part of democracy—to remain open to people whose ideas differ from your own even when the way that they exercise their freedom could lead to an outcome you don't want. Detaching from outcome, as best we could, created an atmosphere of mutual respect. This is good practice when meeting people for the first time or deepening existing relationships. When we approach communication with spaciousness, we welcome the ways people are different from us. In the annual meeting, you created an atmosphere of hospitality for all who attended. I hope that memories of this meeting call us to both show up and welcome the ways we are different from one other.

The joy was palpable. Something I have loved in this community from the beginning is your huge capacity to be joyful. At first, I saw that mostly at our large parties. Now, I'm seeing it at worship services and most recently at our annual meeting. When we gather, let us seek joy and courageously choose joy over fear. Even when committee business is mundane, it is wonderful when that time can bring us joy. Lorri Quigley spoke of this when she thanked Brenda Voisard for her service on the Leadership Succession Team. No matter how difficult Brenda's day had been, her smile lit up the room. Many of you hold this gift of happiness. Using this gift whenever you can lifts our community. I see it in the choir when we rehearse. I saw it at the Homeless Youth Resource Center when I prepared food with Kevin Alvey and Peggy Montrone. I felt it in the youth at the retreat in the mountains when we took a long walk and saw deer in the forest. Experiencing joy together is a good reason to gather.

As the years pass, may the Annual Meeting of 2015 be a memory we hold dear of a joyful new beginning.

In love and community,
Rev. Patty

From the Board of Trustees

It is with such joy that I sit down to write this board article as yesterday was the day we voted unanimously to call Reverend Patty Willis as our settled minister. I am joyful for so many reasons. First and foremost, I am amazed at the incredible turnout! It truly felt like every member who was available came out to participate in this hugely important congregational process. The exact # is 104 out of 156 members attended the meeting. What an incredible sign of health in our congregation. And I am, of course, very much looking forward to all that is ahead with Rev. Patty working alongside us. Those of us on the board are privileged to have worked so closely with her this past year. But, as I read through her Minister's article in the Annual Report, it was quite apparent that there are MANY of us who feel like they work closely with her. That's because she is involved in so many areas of our congregation and has that unique ability to make each of us feel special.

But, what gives me the most joy as a member and as a member of the board, is that we can now look forward to a time of being settled... of continuity... and of growth. As mentioned in Luci Malin's email to the community following the vote, all of the information gathered during the Spyglass process will be pulled together into a report that will be submitted to the board. Much time and thought will then be put into developing new goals for our congregation. The vote to call Rev. Patty to settled ministry was just the beginning!

This is a very busy time of the year for the board and a time of transition. This year three members will be fulfilling their board terms on June 30th (myself, Torrey Longeteig and Mac Lund) and our three new board members beginning July 1st will be Cody Pace, Jan Vanderhooft and Ann Hess. As is the case with many of our volunteer positions, being a board member means being willing to spend a lot of time on behalf of our community. Please reach out to these incoming board members in July and thank them for being willing to serve in this capacity.

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your co-president this past year, along-side Cynthia Dobbs and it was a wonderful experience getting to know and work with each and every person on the board. I hope to see many of you at the community picnic on Sunday, June 14th following church service. It sounds like a blast!

In community, Lory Schantz



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From the Worship Closet

Greetings from the Worship Committee. I was contemplating June's theme of "Gathering Together", the friendships, love, companionship and the power that can be felt when people unite in a common goal. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". As a community, in June we will gather together at the gay pride parade, for father's day and to be inspired by Reverend Patty's sermon. We will drink coffee together, laugh together and bear one another up through tough times as we create a space of love that leaves no one out. As Henry Ford once said, coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. I am grateful for this community and the way it feeds my soul as well as gives me opportunities to serve others and make this corner of the world a better place. "The power of a waterfall is nothing but a lot of drips working together," unknown author. My hope is that South Valley is a powerful life changing waterfall and not just a bunch of lonely drips.

In community,
Page Kimball

News from the Social Action Council

May-June Worship Service Offering Split Recipient:

The Inn Between is Utah's *first* hospice house for the homeless. It is a safe, comfortable place where the homeless can spend their final days, weeks or months receiving professional hospice care. Fresh clothing and bedding, healthy meals, activities, emotional and spiritual support are provided. Help is offered to reconnect clients with estranged family members, and after they pass, a memorial is posted on their website, a community memorial service is held, and a marker is placed in their Memorial Garden.

South Valley will be participating in a few Jordan River stewardship activities in June. If you are interested in volunteering, please see April Abate-Adams after service today to sign up.

June 6. Volunteer Opportunity with Murray City. Arrowhead Park 4800 South, just east of the Jordan River 10 AM. This is an opportunity for ALL AGES. Volunteer service you will be providing includes: planting willow tree starts, removing small trash trees, mulching trail and trail edges, collecting trash. Please bring a lunch, water and plenty of sunscreen. Please RSVP to April Abate-Adams at gneissrxs@gmail.com no later than May 30th if interested.

June 20 Volunteer Opportunity with Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve 10 AM - 4 PM at the Jordan River and 10600 South. Spend the day helping with the much-needed task of watering plants. This job has a limit of 15-20 volunteers. The task involves collecting and hauling buckets of water from the stream to the plants, so young children would not be able to help. Youth 13-18 are welcome if accompanied by parents. Please bring a lunch, water and plenty of sunscreen. Please RSVP to April Abate Adams at gneissrxs@gmail.com no later than June 10th if interested.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

June 7, 2015:

All ages: Movie Day!

June 14, 2015:

Youth (11 and up): Simpsons: The Meaning of Life
Kids (4-10): Intro "Spirit Adventure", walk to park for picnic

June 21, 2015:

Youth (11 and up): Simpsons: What is Prayer"
Kids (4-10): Spirit of Adventure: Sports

June 28, 2015:

CHALK ART DAY

Opportunities and Announcements

YOGA every Monday at SVUUS with Peter Ries:

Come enjoy a peaceful yoga practice with us, as we celebrate and embrace ourselves taking small steps to new horizons in our minds and bodies. Always being gentle, we only do what feels right for us, allowing ourselves the freedom to move at our own pace. We hope to see you Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All levels of experience welcome. \$5 donation requested and childcare is provided.



Meditation Group

Come and experience how a practice of meditation can benefit your life and the life of our community. Do you have a meditation practice or have always wanted to begin one? If this sounds like you, gather with us from 9 to 10 a.m. before our service, in the Senior High Room. We will begin with a short check in, have a reading from a Buddhist source and then move into a time of silent meditation. This will be done in two cycles with a few minutes for stretching in between. If you need childcare in order to attend, please email Rev. Patty at minister@svuus.org.

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

New Discussion Forum

This is a new place for community discussions: <http://forums.svuus.org>. Right now, it is by invitation only so if people would like to join they can request an invite from me at russell.martin@svuus.org.

This was something that was suggested at the Listening Circle about the svuus-news listserv policy changes.

Annual Church Yard Sale Saturday, June 13th

It is time again for our annual church yard sale. We need your time and "treasures" to make this fundraiser successful. Please plan on donating, shopping, helping sort and price, selling things, and having fun! If you have any questions, please contact Torrey Longeteig (tlongeteig@gmail.com / [801-558-5923](tel:801-558-5923)).

We can use your help June 7th (after church) moving chairs and tables, June 10th and 11th from 5 to 8 pm sorting and pricing (also Friday, June 12th, if necessary), June 13th from 6 am to 3 pm setting up, selling, cleaning up, and putting the sanctuary back together for services.

Donations can be brought to church starting Sunday, June 7th. They may also be dropped off on the 10th and 11th, or anytime during Cindy's office hours, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. If you are needing to donate before this, contact Torrey to make arrangements.

CHURCH PICNIC & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!

Mark your calendar for the CHURCH PICNIC!

June 14 at Mountainview Park, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Kids vs. Adults SOCCER game-Gunny Sack Races, Balloon Toss and Hula-Hooping Contest - Who Are You? Bingo Game

Volunteer Appreciation Raffle with Great Prizes!

There's also a "splash pad" at the park, so bring clothes for getting wet and a towel!

Congregational Minutes Available

Anyone interested in seeing the board-approved congregational minutes from the last two meetings (5/18/2014 and 12/14/2014) can find them on our website.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.



Opportunities and Announcements Continued

WUULF 2015 is Calling You!

And you do not want to miss this incomparable experience. Starting June 22, UU's and like-minded families will gather in the picturesque Ghost Ranch, near Abiquiu, New Mexico to create a community called WUULF. You will want to join us for a week of programming in outdoor, spiritual and intellectual activities and lots of just plain fun.

This year's theme is "Enchantments, Secrets and Sacred Places." We will have three theme speakers – Author Lesley Poling-Kempes, speaking on Writing with a Sense of Place; author/historian Nancy Bartlit, speaking on How Wildlife, Sacred to the Dine, Shaped a Navajo Code, Shortening WWII; and lecturer/instructor David Gutierrez, speaking on the Sacred Places of northern New Mexico. During these programs the kids will be hiking, climbing, and creating their own fun together under the supervision of our excellent, volunteer RE staff.

During the week there will be a wide variety of planned activities- some new like Memoir Writing and TED talks; others by request; such as 'all-ages-welcome' square dancing, game night, rafting and To Tell the Truth.

Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival 2015 is now open for registration. Camp fills up fast so don't delay.

Please go to wuulf.org to see the full 2015 catalog of activities and register now.

Contact: Jane Everham at jeverham@frii.com, 970-222-9709



Opportunities and Announcements Continued

23rd Annual SVUUs Labor Day Campout!

Little Mill Campground, American Fork Canyon, Fri. Sep 4 2015 Departure Date: Mon Sep 7 2015



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Registration: We can have only 10 vehicles; and we can probably fit a few more vehicles in. No RV hookups. First paid/first reserved. Any vehicle is \$40.00. If you pre-pay you do not need a paid pass from the gate. There are no hookups/non-electric. Day use \$10.00. Covered main pavillion main area with fire pit(s). Anyone camping overnight must complete a **Reservation Form** and submit it to SVUU along with payment. We will pass the hat during the service.

Activities: Hiking trails. Timpanogos cave. Alpine loop drive. Cascade springs. Fishing in a few small lakes a short drive away or the creek. Potluck dinner Saturday night. Sunday service followed by a potluck lunch. Guitars, singers, board games, horseshoes, badminton, welcome.

Safety: High altitude (7000 feet), bright sun & cold fall nights! Bring sunscreen, bug dope, jacket, hat, gloves, etc. SVUU does not perform first aid. Children are the total and full responsibility and in the care of the parents/adults bringing them. Please consider the environment, use bio-degradable soap and pack out all trash. The forest service is requesting that you use local firewood, and not bring firewood in.

Campground/: Check in 3 PM Fri. out by 2 PM Mon. Tents can be spread thru-out. ADA accessible restrooms (sorry no showers this time). Dogs allowed/but must be leashed.

Other/Logistics: Contact Lewis Galway at lewisg@xmission.com or 801-915-1290

Location & Directions: From Salt Lake City, Utah, travel south (about 35 miles) on I-15 to Alpine-Highland exit 284. Travel east on Highway 92 approximately 12 miles through American Fork Canyon, past the Timpanogous Cave, then it's on your right, pull in and it's to the right. Map is on page two. It's approximately 45 minutes drive from the church to the campground,

Campground info: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/little-mill/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70123#sr>

For more information on the area, click on this site and make sure to watch the video!:
http://www.utah.com/byways/alpine_loop.htm



Grocery Card Program



The Finance Council has decided to change grocery card sales from every Sunday to once per month, the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity to purchase grocery cards will be on May 10th. However, if anyone needs cards on another Sunday; we'd be happy to oblige. You can ask a Council member (Joe Gates, Phil Quigley, Derek Larson, David Norton, Lee Cowley, or KC Tabor) and we can arrange for an individual sale.

Save the Date

June 6	Volunteer Opportunity with Murray City
June 13	Annual Church Yard Sale
June 14	Church Picnic
June 18	Prayer Shawl Ministry
June 20	Volunteer Opportunity with Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve
June 22	WUULF 2015

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4-7 Labor Day Campout



South Valley Caring Circle

The members of the Caring Circle provide practical support and/or pastoral care. Please contact the chair of the committee if you need or know of someone who needs our support. To ask for help you may also use the Caring Book by the name tags. The Caring Book is also for joys and concerns; we hope you will share moments from your lives.

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