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August 2: "Social Justice as Worship"

Berta Marquez

August 9: "World Parliament of Religions: A Chance For Transformation"

Susan Soleil

August 16: "Beyond Words: When Silence is the Deepest Harmony"

When life is difficult and there are no words that are just right, what is left shows the abundance of being human on this Earth.

Rev. Patty Willis

August 23: "Facing Unfairness"

How can there be harmony in our lives and in the world when so much is unfair?

Rev. Patty Willis

August 30: "David Suzuki's Passionate Belief in the Future of the Earth"

David Suzuki's (an eminent ecological activist) life leads him to hope when so many want to give up. How can experiences of racism lead to belief that we as a people can reverse the effects of climate change?

Rev. Patty Willis

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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

August Monthly Theme: Harmony

Dear All,

It is early morning and I can hear that bird singing its one-note song from deep in the wisteria outside my window. The tiny quail babies have become teenagers as they dwindled from ten little fuzzy chicks to four. I notice parents taking their newborn babies for what may be their first outing to a public park. Pets out with their humans catch our eyes as we continue to wonder if we will invite a furry friend into our home to stay. Life has begun to return to the everyday harmony of our existence as we continue to mourn the sudden loss of my parents. Along the way, your expressions of love, in the form of cards, emails, and delicious meals and hugs, have brought comfort.

My experience receiving your care has affirmed my belief in the value of a church community that can hold us through all the joys and unexpected sorrows of our lives.

I am grateful to each of you for being with me in my sorrow. I look forward to being back among you from August 11th.

In love and community,

Rev. Patty

From the Board of Trustees

I am thankful for the wonderful balance of four equal seasons that living in this area brings. In the heart of our hot summer, July was a time for vacations, transitions, and reflections. Torrey Longeteig tirelessly coordinated our annual yard sale, which allowed us to clean out our closets and simplify our lives, and Liz Martin facilitated a fun summer picnic held in appreciation of the many volunteers who make our community vibrant.

Last month, our community was saddened to learn of the sudden and tragic passing of both of Rev. Patty Willis' parents. Many helping hands and caring hearts quickly jumped into action to comfort Rev. Patty and Mary Lou in this difficult process, demonstrating our empathy and love for one another, and our willingness to come to the aid of others. My kind and loving father passed away earlier this year, and I was so very thankful for the support I received from my SVUUS family. Rev. Patty honored his life with a beautiful graveside service, and several members of our choir, led by Mary Lou Prince, graced the event with the sweet sounds of "Alleluia." I cherish the memory of my kind and loving father, as well as the love and care I received during this difficult time.

We will soon bid farewell to summer and prepare for fall, when we return to the full swing of religious education through our Sunday programs for children and youth, and our Monday Menu programming for all ages. If you have a talent, skill, or passion you would like to share with our community on one or more Monday evenings this fall, please contact Liz Martin to find out if there is a place available in our schedule.

While the Board of Trustees is revved up to begin our fiscal year with returning and new Board members, we are sad to say goodbye to our friends who completed their term of service. I will be serving my second of three years as Vice President, under the leadership of our new President, Edward Granda, and I look forward to supporting the continued strengthening of our community.

Christine Hirrill



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From the Worship Closet

What does it mean to live in harmony with one another? How do we co-exist as a community of people that hold myriad and sometimes conflicting political, spiritual, and social beliefs? How do we strengthen each other and help each other grow, even when our ideologies are in conflict? Can harmony only exist in the absence of disagreements and debate, or is there a healthy and productive way to express those conflicting ideas? How do we maintain a spirit of oneness out of many?

As you may have guessed, this month's theme is, indeed, Harmony! Please join us as we explore all that harmony implies, and perhaps, together, we can make a few important discoveries along the way.

In community,

Shannon Black



News from the Social Action Council

July-August 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.

News from the South Valley Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)

This coming church year CUUPS is making some changes. Kim and David Lane are taking a much needed break from so much cooking in the kitchen. That said here are some of the upcoming events for this year.

Sept. 12th- Pagan Pride Day at Murray Park from 10am-6pm. Come out to learn about the pagan community and participate in rituals and workshops.

Sept. 13th- CUUPS/Heifer brunch- This will be the only full CUUPS breakfast we will host this year. CUUPS will split the proceeds with Heifer International in memory of Mildred Dahm, the original creator of the Heifer brunch. Please stay after the service and reconnect with others after your busy summer.

Oct. 25th- CUUPS will be sponsoring the annual Chili Cook-off potluck after the service. Please bring your best chili recipe or another dish to share and your own place settings. You can use the church dishes but you have to wash them yourself.

CUUPS will also be taking part in other pagan activities throughout the year in combination with other pagan groups, I'll keep you posted.

Kathleen Luck

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

August 2, 2015:

Youth (11 and up): Simpsons: What is a Soul?
Kids (4-10): Spirit of Adventure: Science

August 9, 2015:

Youth (11 and up): Simpsons: The Concept of "Sin"
Kids (4-10): Spirit Adventure: Building

August 16, 2015:

FIELD DAY

August 23, 2015:

Youth (11 and up): Simpsons: Bible Stories
Kids (4-10): Spirit of Adventure: Exploring

August 30, 2015: Simpsons:
Kids: (4-10) Spirit of Adventure: Web of Life

Opportunities and Announcements

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.



South Valley Women's Group Birthday Dinner

There will be a no-host birthday dinner for any South Valley women who would like to come. Since it has been so long since we have had a dinner, if you have had a birthday in the past year, come and celebrate!

When: Tuesday, August 4th, 6 pm

Where: Cliff House Gastro Pub, 12234 Draper Gate Dr. (1325 E)

RSVP to Torrey Longeteig: text [801-558-5923](tel:801-558-5923) or email tlongeteig@gmail.com

I need a firm count by Sunday, August 2nd so please let me know if you are coming by Sunday night.

**Birthday
Party**

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

23rd Annual SVUUs Labor Day Campout!

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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 (Kristy Jensen, David Norton or Phil Quigley) and we can arrange for an individual sale.

Save the Date

August 2	Womens Birthday Party
August 20	Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Events

Sept. 4-7	Labor Day Campout
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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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