

The Beacon



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June Theme: Compassion

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June 5: "Random Acts of Kindness"
Congregants share stories.

June 12: "Compassion and Boundaries"
Many of us give up on compassion because it wears us out. How can boundaries make compassion sustainable? Who are the heroes and heroines of Unitarian Universalism from whom we can learn?
Rev. Patty Willis

June 19: "Matching Our Steps with our Fathers: What is the legacy of your childhood?"
Let us consider the many ways that we are guided and guide. What is the work of fathering?
Rev. Patty Willis

June 26: General Assembly Service

From the Board of Trustees

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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

As sit down to write this board article, I realize that one year ago we unanimously voted Reverend Patty to be our settled minister. We have ample reason to feel very good about that vote. Since then our congregation has flourished and grown, and with your generous donations we were able on May 15 to approve a balanced budget for the 2016-2017 year. Working with Patty has been such a privilege, and we should feel very fortunate to have her as our minister. She has a way of making everyone in her presence feel valued, which she also demonstrates in her pastoral care. It is an exciting time at South Valley. It is good to know that she plans to be with us long time, and so we feel this is just the beginning of more great things to come.

This will be my fifth year on the board, and each year has been a time of learning and growth. I have had the privilege of seeing many newly elected leaders start out feeling very unsure of what awaits them, and then to watch them excel and contribute in their own unique way to the health of our congregation. As with many of our volunteer positions, being a board member means being willing to spend your time and talents in behalf of our community, and then to reap the rewards of personal and community enrichment.

As the board goes through another transition, I feel confident that there will be more rewards for all of us. This year Phil Quigley will be leaving the board after three years. Phil has been such a rock as our Treasurer that it will be sad to see him go. Our incoming board member is Nolan Newbold, and we are excited to have him join us. I have had the opportunity of getting to know Nolan over the past year, and I feel very confident that he will make a significant contribution to South Valley

As board members, it is our goal to listen to you and see how we together can better meet our common needs. Only with your support can we build the community we envision. We thank you all for your support and for trusting us to lead SVUUS.

In Community,

Cynthia Dobbs



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From Our Minister

Walking with Others

Monthly Theme: Compassion

One of my favorite memories from my childhood is walking with my father. He had a long stride which at around seven years old, I could match with two of my steps. When I was very small, he put me up on his shoulders to make sure I could keep up. The view must have been wonderful from up there, like riding on an elephant. Later in his life, he was holding onto my arm for support as he rose from a chair or walked up or down our stairs from their car into our home. The last year or so of his life, during our slow walk together, we had to watch for that rare time when his knee would suddenly without warning buckle under him. We had to be ready for a fall.

One of the earliest documents that informs Unitarian Universalism is the Cambridge Platform, written in 1648. This was a document written by the Puritans living on this continent. In that document, the congregations pledged to “walk together in the spirit of mutual love.” This is a defining concept of Unitarian Universalism that we seek to embody through our community.

The word “compassion” comes from the Latin that means “suffering with.” In April, in writing my sermon about “imagining our nation,” I discovered that the heart of imagining who we could become as a community or as a nation, is being able to imagine the lives of others. Even with the people closest to us, we must keep being able to open our imagination to how they are transforming in all the ways that humans transform. That means speaking more distinctly when people lose their hearing or using microphones at our community meetings, matching our steps to people whose pace has slowed, putting in an elevator, using male pronouns for someone born female who is transitioning gender, providing “all gender” restrooms, listening to the questions of the young and “imagining” that wisdom doesn’t just come with age, not pressing someone with a glass of wine when they refuse once, and always listening deeply. Our listening connects with our imagination and opens us to the nuances of difference in the people with whom we are walking. Walking implies movement. In Unitarian Universalism, our walking together is a movement towards Beloved Community, not a place where we become all the same, a place where we appreciate each other’s differences, understand each other’s suffering, and rejoice with each other in times of joy.

One way to begin this practice of walking together may seem counter-intuitive: use your imagination first to become firmly who you are and figure out what brings you joy. I learned this from our friend Bill Tyndall who just turned 94. He was born knowing himself and what he liked to do. He became a pilot during World War II and had a private plane throughout his young years and when he retired from being a pilot, he hiked the Appalachian Trail. At 94, he drives his small RV from Arizona through Utah to Maine and then down to Key West, camping at state and national parks and KOA sites all over this country. His wife, Marj, was our Arizona adopted mother and living with Bill frustrated her at first and then inspired her to find what she liked to do. She became a potter and a concertina player and on any given day, even after she lost her eyesight, she had a schedule filled with activities she loved. Lou and I were blessed that one of the things she loved the most was to spend time with people she loved. That combination of love and independence shook us up and affirmed what we had always believed as a couple: we each needed to fulfill ourselves in order to be happy as a twosome. This individual work is essential to walking together--without it we’re just adapting to each other. Our developed individuality is the gift we bring to this walk together. Since our desires are sometimes frowned upon or laughed at during our formative years, it can be hard work to find out what brings us joy. I hope you use the summer this way! I’d like to hear stories in the fall of grownups and children running through the sprinkler and doing cannonballs into the pool as well as long afternoons spent up a tree with a book or whatever it might be that brings you joy. If you bring who you are to our community, you will inspire others to do the same. It is sometimes a hard transition with the people you love (I know it was hard for Marj!) but eventually they will thank you for leading the way.

In love and community,
Rev. Patty



News from the Social Action Council

The offering split for May/June is as follows: Volunteers of America Homeless Youth Shelter

Through our Street Outreach program, we're able to gain the trust of these youth and offer much-needed services at VOA's Youth Resource Center for homeless teens. At first, individuals may come to the Youth Resource Center for a shower, to do laundry or get some food. But once trust is built, we're able to serve them in more meaningful ways. Each year, we expect to serve about 800 teens through this facility. We'll be able to offer emergency shelter beds, 24/7 assistance and free legal services through our Homeless Youth Legal Clinic. There will be spaces dedicated to education assistance, job training, counseling, and volunteer-run groups. - See more at: <http://www.voaut.org/homeless-teen-services>

Women's Group

Women's Group Gathering for June

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN: Our next Women's Group Gathering will be on Sunday, June 5th at 7 PM. Your hostess is Cynthia Dobbs. The address is 2262 East Lambourne Ave. (3145 So.) Our topic will be "Your Vision for the Future". Where do you see yourself in the next 5 or 10 years. What future do you foresee for your family, your friends or even your country? We will also be making our "Vision Boards" and sharing our thoughts with the group.

All South Valley women 18 years and older are welcome. A light meal will be served. PLEASE RSVP as soon as you can. cdobbs56@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senior High Room. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting shawls or afghans to contribute to the Prayer Shawl ministry is welcome to join us. If you are interested and have questions, you can contact me at lorriquigley@msn.com.

HELP(ers) WANTED!

Have you recently been in need, or been asked for help by a friend at SVUU? Do you value and enjoy participating in events outside of worship services? Do you feel a personal connection to the many missions of Unitarian Universalism and wish you could be more involved? Have you found meaning, joy and deep satisfaction after helping another person? Do you want to meet more people or learn new skills?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, the Helper's Quorum would like to invite you to join us!

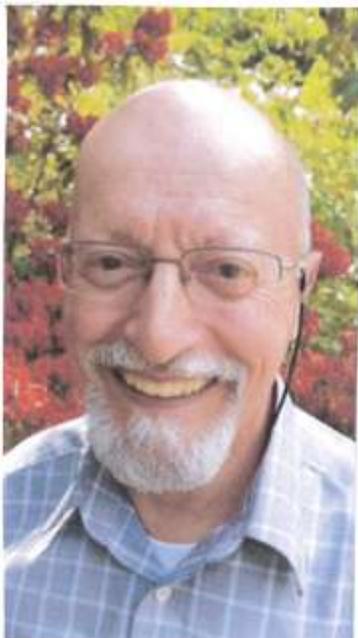
Our group is new and our mission is still in-embryo but we hope to provide a network of support and service for members of our SVUU family. We are open to your suggestions and your needs!

Please email Jordan Roberts (jordan.russell.roberts@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining, or if you are in need of help (with a project, a meal, a ride, a tool, a prayer).

Thank you! -Jordan

Welcoming and Membership

New members



SAM FORLENZA

A transplant from New Jersey, Sam Forlenza, along with his husband, Tom Meyer, moved to Salt Lake City last summer. Millcreek has recently become their home.

Sam and Tom moved to Utah to be near Tom's extended family of more than four dozen folks.

Sam's family is more spread out, but an older brother lives in the Portland, Oregon area. Tom and Sam have been together about 25 years.

In New Jersey, Sam was a psychologist working primarily in nursing homes and was very active in the profession. He is past president of a regional psychological association. Prior to that, Sam worked for the NJ Superior Court for many years helping couples resolve child custody issues. For about a decade Sam was an adjunct university professor and lectured widely on issues of conflict resolution and has published in the field. In addition, Sam has a background in fine arts and has exhibited for many years in northern New Jersey. Here in Salt Lake he has had an opportunity to return to this love and is pursuing further art studies at the University of Utah. Sam is very happy to be joining the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society and all its wonderful people.

RHETT WILKINSON



Rhett Wilkinson was born in Salt Lake City in 1989 and grew up in Davis County. His K-12 education was in Bountiful and Centerville. He received a scholarship to Utah State University in Logan in 2007 and, after a two-year hiatus, graduated in 2013 with bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science. During and since graduating from college, Rhett has written for the Standard-Examiner, Deseret News and Utah Policy Daily and filled multiple political and non-profit roles. In 2014, he worked in southwest Montana. As a participant in political activism, Rhett loves that it's a part of the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society. He also loves reading, "Star Wars," film and has been engrossed in lay religious study since last year, when he left the faith of his childhood. He enjoys trying new restaurants and connecting with others. At South Valley, Rhett wants to help wherever possible and will probably join your committee if you ask him.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

JUNE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

6/5/2016 - TBA

6/12/2016 - TBA

6/19/2016 - TBA

6/26/2016 - TBA

Opportunities and Announcements

Annual SVUUS Yard Sale--June 11th

There are so many (fun) ways to help our community at the annual yard sale. Look at the possibilities and see what you can do!

Sunday, June 5th (right after church): stack chairs and set up tables in the sanctuary, bring your yard sale donations.

All week, June 6th-June 10th: drop off your donations during Cindy's office hours

Wednesday, June 8th and Thursday, June 9th: come any time between 4 and 8 pm to help sort, price, and get ready for the sale (there are a lot of good, pre-sale buying opportunities if you come and help!)

Saturday, June 11th: "official" sale is from 8-2 but we need people to come by at least 6:30 am to get ready for the early birds; helpers are needed throughout the sale to cashier, help out, and visit (that is the fun part!); we also need SHOPPERS so please come and shop and share this with friends and neighbors so they can come and shop too; and, most importantly, we need clean up help to collect all the remaining merchandise to take outside for the donation truck and to put the sanctuary back together.

Please contact Torrey Longeteig with any questions about donations, volunteering, or anything else. tlongeteig@gmail.com or 801-558-5923 (text or call). If this seems like something you would really love, contact me about being a co-chair!

All Church Picnic - Save the Date! June 12

Mark your calendars. The Annual All-Church Picnic will be June 12, after church. More information will be coming soon.

MUSIC CAMP-Register Early

Children in grades one through six (as of Fall 2016) are invited to register for the Music Camp being held at Hilltop United Methodist Church in Sandy (985 East 10600 South) August 8-12. The Camp begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. and includes lunch! This is a great educational enrichment experience taught by professional musicians. Classes featured are music, art, dance, and drumming.

Registration is \$50, with each additional sibling at only \$30. Music Camp is open to all-bring your friends! You may register online hilltopumchurch.org. Contact Michele Starcher (mstarcher12@gmail.com or 740-361-5302) for further information. Music Camp needs volunteers to help serve lunch, and to assist in the classrooms. If you are interested, please contact Roberta Shimensky (music@hilltopumchurch.org).

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

Interweave

For those of you who are new, or have not had a chance to join us, Interweave is a nationwide UU organization that works to support LGBTQ persons, and to work towards creating a world where all are treated justly. One does not have to identify as LGBTQ, be Unitarian Universalist, or even "join" to come enjoy time with Salt Lake Interweave. You just have to be supportive, want to understand more about LGBTQ issues, and enjoy spending time with fun, remarkable people. Most of our events are adult gatherings, but we are very open to creating family gatherings if anyone would like to have some. Finally, please feel free to share our gathering information with other like-minded individuals, but please be aware that we are careful to keep this a safe gathering for all. If you wish to be a part of the Facebook group, let me know. It is a private group, and mostly used for announcements only.

Our Interweave gathering for May will take place on the 22nd, Sunday, at 5 PM at Val and Tracie's house. The address is 1773 E. 1300 S., Salt Lake City. If you have any questions contact us at 406-600-3868. See you there!

SVUUS and INTERWEAVE are in the Pride Parade

We have a walking entry in the Pride Festival Parade on June 5th. We will be asked to line up around 9:00, and the parade goes to around 11:30. You **MUST** sign a waiver to participate. The waiver will be available downstairs at SVUUS after services and on the morning of the parade at our assigned spot. Absolutely no animals are allowed. We will be wearing rainbow colored SVUUS or INTERWEAVE t-shirts (purchase them after services), Standing on the Side of Love shirts, tie dye, or just anything bright and colorful. We will also be singing two or three simple songs, lead by one of our own youth! Human powered transport allowed (bikes, push scooters, skates, skateboards, feet). Powered wheelchairs and scooters for anyone who can't walk the route also allowed. Call Val for more details at 406-600-3968.

PROJECT RUNWAY - SOUTH VALLEY

Everyone at SVUUS is invited to submit a design for a South Valley UU Society t-shirt, which you can wear all over the Wasatch Valley, while shopping, going to the movies, taking your pet to the vet, and even when having Friday night dinner with those highly conservative relatives you still love dearly.

- Come on! Help us design an SVUUS shirt we will all be proud to wear---anywhere!
- Submission for designs will be accepted throughout all of May.
- Bring your designs to the Happenings Hub after services.
- In June, we will organize a judging team and select a design --- or perhaps two --- and orders for t-shirts will begin.
- See Caren Smith with any questions, suggestions and/or if you want to help with this project (smitharies@yahoo.com)

(All profits from t-shirt sales will be given to the Music Program at South Valley.)

Happenings Hub

Every Sunday after services. Visit our new Happenings Hub in the Social Hall after each Sunday Worship Service to find out about all of the goings-on in our community.

You will find information and signup sheets for all kinds of activities and volunteer groups, such as Monday Menu offerings (our community nights), social action opportunities, hikes, committee needs. Contact Susan Eyzaguirre eyzsooz@gmail.com for more information.

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

SVUUS CAMPING WEEKEND 2016

Hello SVUUS Community and Friends!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars for this September 2 – 5, 2016 for our Annual Camping Weekend!

Activities: Various 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.

Bring board games, chess/checkers, badminton, horse shoes, etc., plus we will also have some arts and crafts activities for the kids and the creatively inclined.

Safety: High altitude (7,400 feet), bright sun & cold fall nights! Bring sunscreen, bug spray /oils, jacket, hat, gloves, etc. 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.

Campground: Check In 2:00 PM Fri. / Check Out by 1:00 PM Mon. Each slot has a tent site (or two) ADA accessible restrooms (sorry no showers this time). Dogs are allowed/but must be leashed. This is inside the canyon so cell phones will not work at this campground due to canyon walls. There is no electricity either.

We only have ten reserved slots, but were able to fit more in there last year and should be able to fit other folks in, parking, etc. as they come up to the site. If you don't pre-reserve, then you probably will need to get a parking pass at the base of the canyon. Those folks that pre-reserve do not have to, their parking is included in the fee for the campground area.

I will be passing out registration flyers and more information within the next several weeks.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

~Wendy Newbold~

2016 Annual SVUUS Group Campout Reservation

Reservation # 2-32587644

Campground: LITTLE MILL

Site: Group 1

Site Type: GROUP STANDARD NONELECTRIC

Loop: Group Area

State: Utah

Region: F4

Arrival Date: Fri Sep 2 2016

Departure Date: Mon Sep 5 2016

Length of Stay: 3

Primary Occupant: DEON CORKINS

of Occupants: 50

Equipment: 0

of Vehicles: 10

OF PETS:

Check-In Time: 2:00 PM

Check-Out Time: 1:00 PM

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

Donate to South Valley --- FOR FREE

That's right! If you shop at Smith's Food and Drug stores you probably already have a "Smith's Rewards" card. It is the card that gives you discounts on some things you buy and gives you fuel points for discounts on gas. Well, you can have that card associated with South Valley and Smith's will cut a check to us each quarter that is a % of the purchases you and others make in the quarter.

Smith's no longer allows us to buy the gift cards at a discount and sell them to members to raise funds. Their fundraising assistance is now through the "Community Rewards" program.

So please, call Smith's (now owned by Kroger) at 888-873-4438 to have your card affiliated with South Valley or you can go to <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/update> register your card as supporting South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society. If you are not already registered you'll need to create an account (you just give an email and a password), then go to the "Account Summary" section, then to "Community Rewards", chose the charitable organization with whom you want your card affiliated. If you don't have a card this registration will get you one.

Everybody wins! Phil Quigley, SVUUS Treasurer

Save the Date

Sept	2-5	Weekend Campout
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Upcoming Events

June	5	Pride Parade
June	5	Women's Group
June	11	Annual Yard Sale
June	12	All Church Picnic
June	16	Prayer Shawl Ministry
June	18	Fundraising shrimp fest for RLLS



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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