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## July Theme: Harmony



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**July 3: "Patriotism in 2016"**

**Brian Peters and Rhett Wilkinson**

**July 10: "Religious Transhumanism: A Harmony of Potential and Origin."**

**Lincoln Cannon**

**July 17: TBA**

**July 24: "Reluctant Pioneers"**

**Stephen Carter**

**July 31: "The Other Side of Pioneering"**

Looking at the settlement of Utah from the point of view of Utah's First Nations.

**Will Bagley**

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

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To send a message to the list, simply address it to [svuus-news@mailman.xmission.com](mailto:svuus-news@mailman.xmission.com)

### Harmony

Recently, I noticed how many one-liners I hear, especially from family. "To get along, avoid religion and politics." "Let's agree to disagree." "Everyone's entitled to their own opinion." "Just be nice." And don't even get me started with the presidential campaigns. Politicians get in the news for their one-liners.

There is some truth to one-liners, but most of them are used to halt discussion, to win an argument, or to shut down further thinking. In contrast, I noticed in Rev. Patty's sermons, she takes a few ideas and digs into their meanings. Often, I discuss it with others and learn the strengths, weaknesses, and insights to various ideas.

It is as though I have a melody of ideas in my mind. I call these ideas my opinions. Other people have different opinions. Some opinions are opposite to mine, but make an interesting blend with my idea. I call this 'counter point.' Some ideas run parallel to mine, and sounds like an alto harmony line. Some people hound one or two basic principles to guide their thoughts. It's like a song where basses sing mostly roots and fifths. Others take a spiritual high road and reminds me of a beautiful descant musical line.

When we take the time to really understand each other, there is no right and wrong, but the process creates insight and deeper understanding. There should be harmony, of the sorts described above, in our discussions. Harmony is July's the word of the month. So I will halt this harmony article on a single note, a one-liner I like. "Diversity is the strength of Unitarian Universalism."

Jan Vanderhooft  
SVUUS Board



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## *From Our Minister*

Minister's Newsletter: New Kind of Harmony  
July 2016  
Monthly theme: Harmony

In May, Lou and I spent a week in a very diverse eco system. Each day, it was my greatest pleasure to go out on a river in a canoe and listen to all the bird and insect sounds and then at night to hear the insects and night birds and look up at the star-filled sky. What might have sounded like cacophony to some, felt like a deep harmony based not on sameness but on diversity. The birds and insects seemed to be respecting each other's existence: their calls and songs were staggered and on different pitches, complementing instead of overpowering each other. Beneath their sounds was the steady flow of the river and above them the peaceful sound of the wind in the trees. Nature does harmony beautifully.

As we move into July, I am nearing the one-year anniversary of my parents' death. I realize in considering harmony, that this year has been a search for harmony after the great cacophony of an accident that suddenly took my parents' lives. After the accident, I wondered how I would be able to pass the next week and then month and now I'm nearing a year. I am appreciative to all of you for walking with me this year and for listening. I have experienced what I hope all of you experience when you bring the sorrows of your life to our community: a spaciousness, room for my different experience. I have found room for tears and room for laughter. This year, we have affirmed our ability to find healing in one another's presence. Your kindness and love and your listening ears have helped me to return to harmony. May we continue to walk together with such care. This is at the heart of the harmony of our community.

May you experience the harmony of the mountains this summer and wherever your travels take you. And, when life shakes you out of harmony, I hope you will want us to walk with you through the coming year. I will look forward to meeting you once again, renewed and ready for a new beginning together.

In love and community,  
Rev. Patty



## *News from the Social Action Council*

### **Offering Split Recipient for July - August: The Bicycle Collective**

We will be sharing our worship service offerings during the months this summer with The Bicycle Collective, a local organization that shares the virtues of cycling as a sustainable form of transportation and as a cornerstone of a cleaner, healthier, and safer society. The Collective provides refurbished bicycles and educational programs to the community, focusing on children and lower-income household commuter safety. They also refurbish bicycles for nominal resale and charity, operate bike shops across the Wasatch Front, sponsor bicycle maintenance clinics, provide free bicycle parking at public events, and operate an "earn-a-bike" program for kids.

### *Women's Group*

HELLO SVUUS LADIES!

Time for our Next SVUUS Ladies Night Out Birthdays Celebration! We will be dining at THE GREEN PIG PUB!

Come celebrate our friendships and our birthdays!

EVERYONE IS INVITED; and our next #SVUUS Birthday Celebration Outing, (celebrating those of us with June & July birthdays) will be held on Friday July 15, 2016. We will meet at 7:00 pm for dinner, drinks, and live music at

The Green Pig \* 31 E 400 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

\*\* We need to have accurate counts for the reservation, so Please \*\* RSVP ASAP \*\* by emailing Pilar Hays at pbhays@hotmail.com, sending a Facebook message, or responding to the SVUUS Women's Group FB page.

Please feel free to invite a friend!

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 21, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## *Worship Closet*

### Harmony

A word. A well intentioned word, which, in a few years, or even months, became loaded down with unintended meaning. It now can be shorthand for---

It can be two notes played at the same time to produce a chord. A pleasing combination of elements, or arrangement of sounds. An agreement or accord. Or, the academic study of chords, in music.

It is also a baby name! 99% female. There is Harmony Yoga, a trademarked name. I am waiting for the McDonald's, corporation to put out a Harmony Happy Meal! (The way things are going, they just might!)

A literary work which brings together or arranges systematically parallel passages of historians respecting the same events, and shows their agreement or consistency.

I am at one with the universe in harmony. I am in harmony with myself and life.

It has also been warped, as in: Harmony, a hippie dippy view of life promoted in the 1960s and the commune movement in the 70s. Hey! That's so cosmic, man! Suddenly all meaning has changed, with the mental pictures of having to live on the farm, eat only organic, in an idealistic world of contented cows, and free love. We are so now. If you drive a car, in suburbia, you are so bad, and even worse, You are so yesterday!

Some religions, either ancient, or of a more recent vintage, offer harmony as that perfect goal of achievement, since it is a nominalized word, and you have to fill in what is to you, your own, perfect meaning.

Also makes, a feel good political word to use in a rancorous election year.

What does it mean to you?

## *Let's Get Outside!*

### **Wildflower Festival, July 30 Albion Basin**

Meet at 9 am in Alta's upper parking lot of Little Cottonwood Canyon. One group will stroll in the lower basin area, and another more energetic group will hike up to Cathrerine's Pass and possibly on to Sunset Peak or Mt Wolverine. All ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Susan Eyzaguirre eyzsooz@gmail.com

## *Religious Education, Growth and Learning*

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**7/3/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**7/10/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**7/17/2016**

WATER DAY – Please come prepared to get wet! (Swimwear, towel, sunscreen recommended)

**7/24/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**7/31/16**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**8/7/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**8/14/2016**

Field day & scooter rodeo – Come prepared to play outside! Please bring a scooter if you have one.

**8/21/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

**8/28/2016**

“Adventure Time” & the UU Principles (Ages 10+)

“How Stuff Works” (Ages 4+)

## *Opportunities and Announcements*

### **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).

### *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.

Interweave will be holding its potluck for July on Saturday, July 9. It will be held at 5 o'clock. The address is 552 S. 950 W., Farmington, Utah, 84025. Please call Leigh or KC at 801-497-1315 for directions or information.

### *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

### *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

**Save the Date**

Sept	2-5	Weekend Campout
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**Upcoming Events**

July	9	Interweave Potluck
July	12	Life Line Health Screenings
July	15	Women's Group
July	21	Prayer Shawl Ministry

**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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