

The Beacon

natural power



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June 4: "Pride Day"

How does SVUUS empower you?

Congregants

June 11: "Transylvania Unitarianism"

Rev. Patty is just returning from a pilgrimage to Transylvania with the wisdom of centuries of our faith.

Rev. Patty Willis

June 18: "Fathers of Faith"

Discover a Universalist father whose loss of a child took him to new shores.

Rev. Patty Willis

June 25: General Assembly

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SVUUS News & Community Email Lists

South Valley has two email lists, one for official announcements and the other for communications within the congregation.

If you wish to sign up for either or both of these lists, please visit: www.svuus.org/our-community/online/

To send a message to the list, simply address it to: news.svuus.org

From the Board of Trustees

Message from the Board

We are very near the end of our fiscal year when Board members make the transition of welcoming oncoming members and saying goodbye to those who are leaving. Change is challenging but also leads to renewal.

Please support our newest Board members, Sandra Roach, Lorri Quigley, Ann Scarborough and Sandra Xyone. And our remaining Board members, Cody Pace, Jan Vanderhooft, and Ann Hess. They cannot do the work ahead of them without your support and participation. South Valley will be enriched by the gifts that they all bring--and that you bring-- to our community. It has been a joy to serve with those very qualified members and I will miss them.

Since I am one of those leaving, I find myself reflecting on the five years that I have been a member of the Board of Trustees. It's been a long haul with many challenges and plenty of rewards as well. I have learned so much over the years, and have had the opportunity of making friends with so many of you.

It's been a joy for me to serve on the Board. There will be things I will miss and, of course, things I will not miss. It's time for me to take a respite and just be a member of the congregation for a while. I plan to be around for a long time to come and will serve in other ways.

Much love to all of you,
Cynthia Dobbs



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter for June, 2017

Monthly theme: Power

The Power of Imperfection.

I love opera. It isn't for everyone---it especially isn't for perfectionists. So much can go wrong. The singers, their singing and acting, the costumes, the musicians, and the sets all have to work together. In some ways, I think that my love of opera prepared me for ministry. Church work, too, is the combination of so many aspects---it is rarely if ever perfect. There are high points but there are also low points. The main singers can catch colds! Some aspects of worship services may seem close to perfect but what about when the microphone makes a high pitched squeal? The power of opera and church is not in being perfect, as you might feel about a solo Olympic skater, but in the whole picture. Our strength comes from being wholly who we are.

Since coming to South Valley, I have experienced five annual meetings. All of the meetings have been good ones. The third one was the most well attended when the membership voted for me to continue as the settled minister. Memories of that meeting that will live on in those who attended. And, for me, this past one was our best. Members asked questions. There was lots of laughter and there were some difficulties expressed. We chewed some things over and thought about things and we voted. We didn't give a standing ovation. And, what happened was the result of the hard work of many different people. As always, when I returned home, I thought of all kinds of things that I wish that I had said---people that I had thanked, etc. I imagine that other participants looked back and thought of what they could have done differently. And, we were fine. Even in our imperfection---which is part of being human---we are doing good work as a community. We are doing the work of building Beloved Community. There is good will among us. If you're feeling differently then I hope you come talk with me. Your voice is needed too.

This community has a rich past, present and future. Our voices are loud and soft, rough and sweet. Together we are a powerful presence for good. We will be able to enhance that good in the broader community if we can become a sanctuary. Please go to the uua.org and look up Sanctuary 101 and see what you think. I'm following my dreams and going on a pilgrimage to Transylvania to become more aware of Unitarian history. I will be looking for things we can share together.

In love and hope,

Patty



New Class

Greetings to our newest new Members:

Rev Patty Willis would like to invite you to attend a "UU-101" class that she will be conducting on June 18th and June 25th, after services, about 12:30. You can choose which date works for you and sign up for one of the classes at the Happenings Hub. This is a chance to hear all about Unitarian Universalist history and the many amazing people who helped form and sustain our UU denomination.

I am sending out this invitation early since so many of us are starting to schedule our summer activities. Reminders will be posted in The Beacon and Weekly Happenings as we move toward these dates.

Thank you,
Caren Smith
Membership-Volunteer Development Team

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 15, 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.



Happenings Hub

Every Sunday after service. 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 Wellspring Wednesday offerings (our community nights), social action opportunities, hikes, committee needs. Contact Susan Eyzaguirre eyzsooz@gmail.com for more information.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Summer Religious Exploration!

During the summer months, our Sunday School classes are on hiatus and we have more casual learning opportunities and fun! Regular RE resumes on September 10, 2017.

- 6/4/2017 -- Pride Parade Sunday; Childcare only
- 6/11/2017 -- Church Picnic; Children and Youth will be walking to Mill Hollow Park
- 6/18/2017 -- Chalk Art Sunday - we'll be decorating the front walkways
- 6/25/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure

- 7/2/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure
- 7/9/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure
- 7/16/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure
- 7/23/2017 -- Water Fun - Please wear swimsuits and bring towels
- 7/30/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure

- 8/6/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure
- 8/13/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure
- 8/20/2017 -- Kid Rodeo / Field Day
- 8/27/2017 -- Spirit of Adventure

- 9/3/2017 -- Labor Day (Childcare only)



Save the Date

June TBA Annual Church Yard Sale

Upcoming Events

June 11 Annual Church Picnic
June 15 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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