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July Theme: Journey



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July 2: "My Unitarian Universalist/Mormon Journey is a Widening Circle"
Stephen Carter

July 9: "Life is a Spiritual Journey"
 Sue Smith, a long time member and cleric of Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, shares how she was guided to Eckankar and what she has learned about herself and the world we live in since joining this sacred teaching.
Sue Smith, cleric

July 16: "Spiritual Journeys - Christianity" **Ann Scarborough**

July 23: "Spiritual Journeys – Buddhism" **Noah Rasheta**

July 30: "Spiritual Journeys – Paganism" **Mary Norton & Ann Hess**

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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 July, 2017
Monthly theme: Journey

Buddhist travelers in Japan often leave stones by the side of the road. Pilgrims add to these solitary stones and through the centuries ancient holy paths have become lined with stones like New Yorkers along their Thanksgiving Day parade. To me, the piles of stones are evidence that others have walked before. Others have carried their burdens to that place and then, at least symbolically, laid them down. I love that kind of journey that takes me in airplanes or trains or cars or walking over unknown land. And yet, the most significant journeys I have made have been inner journeys when I hardly moved at all. Being among you, serving this community, has been one of those life journeys. Through being here, I have been given that opportunity to experience what T.S. Eliot describes in the Little Gidding: the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time. This valley and state are in many ways where I started. The Tabernacle where we sang as a Unitarian Universalist choir was the site of the radio broadcasts I heard most Sundays of my childhood no matter where we were living. When I looked up at that beautiful organ or when I return to Provo as I will at the end of June to tell my story to the BYU gay support group, I will be going to a place of beginning as if I'm going for the first time. Being a Unitarian Universalist minister here has given me a chance to be who I am now here and that has made this place a new place. I have been able to begin again. I am grateful for that opportunity.

This past year, I have begun the adventure of sabbatical. These are the months that a minister earns for each year of service. Usually, the minister takes them all in one year but since that is hard on a congregation, I have begun taking one month a year beginning this year. I plan to spend these months taking journeys to deepen my ministry with you. This year, my sabbatical month was taken as a pilgrimage to Transylvania to broaden my understanding of Unitarian history and bring that back to you. Please watch the sermon I gave the second week of June when I returned if you would like to share in this understanding.

During July, you will have a chance to hear about each other's journeys in the worship services. Please attend and you will discover the amazing people sitting around you each Sunday morning. If journeys take you away this summer. May you be safe. May all be well.

In love and community,

Patty
Rev. Patty Willis



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 20, 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.

Annual SVUUS Campout

Be sure to put the annual SVUUS campout on your calendar. It will be on Labor Day weekend Sept. 1-4. This year the campout will be at Rendezvous beach at Bear Lake. Come and enjoy the traditional end of summer at the lake. Registration forms will be available on July 9th.

If you would like any watercraft like wave runners, paddleboards, or boats, you might want to reserve rentals for them now. You also might want to make reservations to tour Minnetonka caves, which are near Bear Lake.

SVUUS Boutique and Health Fair

Save the date for our annual Fall "Boutique" and Health Fair: October 28th! If you are interested in participating as a vendor, or have questions, please contact Ann Scarborough at 952-994-1790 (text ok) or via email: annbob.scarborough@gmail.com.

JULY-AUGUST OFFERING SPLIT RECIPIENT

Our worship service offering split recipient for July and August is the Crossroads Urban Center Emergency Food Pantry. Crossroads is a local grassroots organization that serves and advocates for Utahns with low incomes, those with disabilities, and people of color to meet basic survival needs and improve their quality of life. Our offering donations will help Crossroads open their second emergency food pantry this fall in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, where there currently is a "food desert". Please give generously.

Opportunities and Announcements

SVUUS Summer Yard Sale

SOUTH VALLEY 2017 SUMMER YARD SALE!

Date: Saturday, August 5, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's yard sale time again!

Think about those things that you no longer have a use for or haven't used in a long while, but that still might be useful to somebody else!

The ultimate recycling program, and supports our 7th principle! Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/principles/>

We will be accepting donated items beginning on Sunday, July 30th, and throughout the week, but the earlier you can get your stuff over to the church the better, so that it can be sorted, priced and displayed in the best possible light. Please try to have things as cleaned up as possible. If something is broken, it probably won't sell.

All your reusable things can be dropped off in the foyer during the week, Tuesday through Thursday, July 31 through August 4, during the administrator's normal hours, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If you need other arrangements, please contact Denna or Louise (contact info below).

Volunteers Needed!

We need lots of people to help on the Sunday prior to the yard sale, July 30, after the service, to move chairs to the side, bring up tables, and hang the familiar green category signs. Help get us ready for the big sale!

We also need lots of people to help with sorting and pricing on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, August 2nd and 3rd, from 6 to 9 p.m. And we definitely need people to help on the day of the yard sale, Saturday, August 5. Beginning early at 7 a.m., and rotating in 2-hour shifts, we will need people to put out signs and balloons, move eye-catching things out to the front lawn, anchor the checkout table, help customers with questions and keep things organized and displayed.

And finally, there will be *lots* of help needed to pack up leftover goods in boxes and bags, haul out to the UAID truck that will take away unsold items, take down tables, vacuum the sanctuary, and put the chairs back in order, so that when we show up on Sunday morning, it looks as if nothing ever happened.



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

August	5	Yard Sale
September	1-4	Annual Church Campout
October	28	Bootique and Health Fair

Upcoming Events

July	20	Prayer Shawl Ministry
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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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