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January Theme: Dreaming Up Our Promised Land



January 6th: "Lessons from the Fourth Wiseman Following the Star:" Rev. Patty Willis

After Jan Vanderhooft bought a sermon topic at the church auction, he came to me with a story about the fourth Wiseman. Come learn what this wise man has to teach us about love as we dream up our Promised Land.

January 13th: "Finding the Welcome Within:" Rev. Patty Willis

The rainbow flag we so bravely attached years ago to the front of our building calls out our welcome to thousands of passersby each day. Let us search for the welcome within that lies at the heart of the hospitality we advertise to the world.

January 20th: "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Unitarians:" Rev. Patty Willis

Did you know that Martin Luther King considered becoming a Unitarian but he thought he could not fulfill his ministry in our denomination? How do we need to transform in order to be the denomination Dr. King would choose for his ministry?

January 27th: "Songs in the Promised Land": Brenda Voisard, Lay Leader

The Mountain West Chorale will be featured in this service of song.

The Mountain West Chorale, from Salt lake City, Utah, was founded in 1980 by alumni of Kearns High School Madrigals and their High School teacher Mr. Richard Pearce. This choir has since expanded to include performers from throughout the Salt Lake Valley and along the Wasatch Front. They have performed from Seattle to Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, The Mountain West Chorale performs a wide repertoire of music from classical to contemporary. Jill Hansen, a member of SVUUS who unexpectedly passed away in January 2012, was also a member of this choir and thanks to her we have had the gift of their music with us over the years. We remember Jill and her gifts.

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SVUUS-NEWS Email List

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

From the Minister's Desk

When Lou's great-aunt Frieda, a wonderfully kind woman, went to a restaurant with her sisters, during the dinner she inevitably remarked, "I like the other place better." In the case of restaurants, she believed that there was another place where the food or service or atmosphere was better.

I have often met people who speak of other places that are better than the places where they are. When we first arrived in Japan, we met foreigners who told us, "The people in this part of Japan are closed minded and narrow. In Tokyo (or Kyoto or anywhere else), people are much more open and kind." It was easy to feel that way. Cultural differences offered an infinite number of chances for misunderstandings. It was easy to think that another part of the country would be better or another country entirely would be much more livable. Sometimes we slipped into that way of thinking and dreamed of living in Italy. Italy was our Promised Land where people ate our favorite kind of food and the sun was usually shining even in the winter. Then, one summer we took a trip to Italy for two months to scout out possible places to live. Everything went wrong. It rained almost every day. Our suitcases containing all our clothes were stolen from our rental car. The school where we planned to study Italian lost Mary Lou's registration and there was no teacher for her. The inn where we stayed in the countryside was under construction with drills and cement mixers starting up outside our window at seven. By the time those two months were over, we saw Japan differently. We valued our house and our village and the fact that we already spoke the language. We discovered that the Promised Land was not halfway across the world. It was right where we were. And we took that conviction with us to the Salt Lake Valley.

For Unitarian Universalists (and for Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi), the Promised Land is the Beloved Community. Instead of looking for a place in heaven, we find the possibility of heaven in our existing community. I have seen the Beloved Community at work in the preparation for and in the memorial service for Buddy Roach. People pulled together and gave of themselves and Sandra and her family generously received as well as gave to us. The Beloved Community is dynamic. We mourn together as we did in the service after the Connecticut massacre and we celebrate together as we did at the church auction. We assume good intentions when we do not understand one another's actions. We laugh and cry and dance together. Martin Luther King's Beloved Community was forged through the everyday acts of walking through the streets of Montgomery, Alabama, instead of riding the bus and much later walking step by step to Washington. Mahatma Gandhi's Beloved Community was built through marching to the sea to harvest salt and by hours spent spinning and weaving cloth. Strangers, gathered together by common purpose, transformed into Beloved Communities through ordinary acts that held both enormous meaning and risk.

During the month of January, before the chalice lighting in our worship services, we will be looking back on South Valley history. We have already been transformed by the ordinary, risky act of hanging a huge rainbow flag on the front of our building. As we celebrate our courageous past, what will we dream up for the future? What ordinary acts will lead us to our Promised Land?

In community,
Patty
Reverend Patty Willis

From the Board -- Reflections

As I look back over the last year at South Valley, 2012 has been an eventful time, with milestone events that mark the progress of our congregation. As our Interim Minister during her term from 2011 to 2012, Rev. Barbara Coeyman established prelude and postlude music for worship, and helped us regain focus on the importance of our worship time together. She also brought attention to our need to establish and implement plans if we are to attain our goals.

Rev. Patty Willis became our new Developmental Minister, and in the short 4 months since she joined our congregation, she has managed to add a new spirit and life to South Valley. Her wonderful sermons and her compassionate attitude and service are very welcome. Our entire SVUUS congregation recently had the privilege and honor participating in her ordination, which included all of us together taking part in the laying on of hands. Visits from newcomers at our worship services have increased, and we have gained new members and pledges. We are all excited to have Rev. Patty here, and have no doubt that good things will be happening here at South Valley for long time to come.

We also gained a new Office Administrator, Teri Birch, who has proven to be an essential asset in keeping congregational business running smoothly. We thoroughly appreciate her professionalism and her work ethic. We were blessed the day she came through our doors.

Our sanctuary has a whole new look and improvements continue to be made throughout our building. We had the most successful Auction on record in November and raised \$18,000.00. Everyone really stepped up to the plate. These funds will really help sustain us through the coming months.

Many of our youth attended General Assembly in Arizona where they focused on Social Action around immigration issues and saw first-hand the unfairness of how immigrants are treated there, helping inspire our youth then with a desire to create better and most just conditions for the future.

Sadly, we also lost two of our beloved members, Jill Hansen and Buddy Roach. The spirit and zest for life they brought to South Valley can never be replaced, and will not be forgotten.

In looking forward at 2013 we have our annual Pledge Drive just around the corner. Our "kickoff" date for the Big Event to be held on February 23. Each Sunday in January at the chalice lighting we will be highlighting a part of South Valley's history, building up to the Big Event.

Our theme for this month is "Dreaming Up Our Promised Land." This brings to mind the wonderful words written by Rev. Patty to the song, "The Promised Land," set to music by her partner Lou Prince, which the choir sang at her ordination. The words fit right in with our theme:

If I stand upon that mountain
Lift my eyes up to the stars,
When I take the trail that's leading me home
I'll find the Promised Land.

If we climb above the treetops,
If we brave the road ahead
If we look into the face of a child
We'll find the Promised Land.

If we share our bread with strangers
If I hold your hand in mine
If we see beyond the fear in our hearts
We'll find the Promised Land.

What we see here are shadows
Of a land where peace will reign
Take my hand; we'll walk as long as it takes
To reach the Promised Land.

The song and the theme are inspiring and powerful. I look forward to seeing what 2013 will bring us as I continue to serve the congregation on the Board. It has been an honor to work with the wonderful people on the Board and all of you at South Valley.

Cynthia Dobbs
Board Member SVUUS

From the Worship Closet

The worship theme for the month of January is “dreams of our promised land”. This theme coincides well with the year SVUUS is entering in 2013. This year we at South Valley will be celebrating 30 years together as a congregation. We will be looking back to how we began and the road that led us to this year but we will also be looking forward to where we want to be.

We will be thinking about what our dreams for South Valley are and what our promised land will look like. I hope that all of you take time this month to be thankful for all that South Valley was, is, and may become in the future.

As you have noticed, some parts of our worship have changed in the past month. Jan Vanderhooff announced that Mary Lou Prince will be taking over as South Valley choir director. We look forward to hearing future performances by Lou and the choir. Jan will continue to chair the worship music committee and to lead the music on Sunday. I just want to take this space to thank Jan for leading our choir for 12 years. As a former choir member who likes to sing but struggles to find the notes sometimes, I want to say that Jan is very patient with everyone. He has a great ability to help everyone feel that they can sing. Thank you, Jan, for all you do.

If you have any concerns, comments, compliments or critiques you wish to share about worship please feel free to talk to any worship committee member or to Rev. Patty. We value your input.

Kathleen Luck
Worship Committee

From the Transition Team

Wow, a new year is upon us. This change in the calendar always gives us an opportunity to review the past year and plan for the new one. 2012 was a year with a number of changes for our congregation, chief among them being the departure of interim minister Rev Barbara Coeyman, and the arrival of developmental minister Rev. Patty Willis. How is this change working for our congregation? How are we doing together in our shared ministry?

As we approach our 6-month mark with a new minister, Patty and the Board will be compiling a mid-year assessment of our shared ministry. Of course this will include measurable things such as how the number of members has changed, whether pledges and income for the year are on track, and average attendance at Sunday services, but there will be less tangible assessments as well. We on the Transition Team would like to invite all community members to give us and the Board input as to how you feel things are going with the South Valley community. Are we meeting your spiritual needs? What can be done better? Do you have opportunity to be of service to our community in a way that reinforces your being and helps to move our community forward?

As we look to the new year, we note that 2013 will see the 30th anniversary of South Valley's founding, so begin preparing to reflect on the history of our congregation. What milestones and events from our community history stand out for you? Some 'old-timers' will remember the days of renting our building for Sunday services and having evening committee meetings in members' homes so we didn't have to pay more rent, and would consider the building purchase being one of the most significant events in their time with South Valley. Newcomers might identify their first Sunday service, Patty's ordination service, the Auction, or the friendly welcome and acceptance they find in our midst as being highlights of their time with our community.

Whatever the length of your participation in our South Valley community, feel free to share your thoughts on where we've been together, and how we might work together to progress forward in the future.

Paul Barron
Transition Team

REGAL – Religious Education, Growth & Learning

In January Religious Education swings back into full force! There's a lot going on this month and January tends to be a very high attendance month for us. We're starting off the month of January with an Intergenerational service about the 4th Wiseman. Then we leap into our social action pursuits, talking about compassion and caring for others. Community, compassion, coordinated action – all great ways to spend the dark, cold month of January.

The **preschool class** will have class as usual on January 6th during the intergenerational service. They'll be talking about the changes winter brings to the earth around us. On January 13th they'll be talking about fear and how everyone has something they are afraid of. On January 20 the lesson is called *People of All Colors are Important*, and on January 27 they'll explore how being angry doesn't mean you have to hurt someone.

The **Sacred Travels** class finishes up their exploration of our Second Principle – be kind in all you do – by learning about Clara Barton. Clara Barton was a Universalist who was a nurse during the Civil War. She snuck onto battlefields to care for wounded and dying soldiers on BOTH sides. Afterwards she created the American Red Cross to provide disaster relief both in this country and abroad. She exemplifies living our second principle and we're excited that the kids will get to learn more about her and the way she lived her life. Because of the Intergen on Jan 6th, Children's Chapel will be delayed a week and we will only have 2 weeks for workshops.

The **Coming of Age** class will continue their exploration of spiritual practices by experiencing spirituality in movement, and learning about different types of prayer. They'll continue their year-long social action project helping the Homeless Youth Drop-In Center. The Coming of Age Mentor program also kicks off in January with a mentor orientation on January 20th and a social gathering to introduce the mentors and their mentees on Sunday, January 27th.

The **High School** class will be discussing compassion and humility. They'll also be working on their year-long social action project: sexuality education advocacy. We're also going to be preparing to host the Mountain Desert District's Winter Youth Conference in February!

South Valley is lucky to be able to host the **Mountain Desert District Youth Ministry's Winter Conference** here at South Valley Feb 8-10 (the con ends before church starts on Sunday). The theme this year is Equality. Imagine youth from 10 congregations throughout the Intermountain West congregating at our church to attend workshops on equality, worship together, renew old friendships while making new ones, and form powerful connections with other UUs outside of our immediate area.

This is a great opportunity in particular for our large and enthusiastic youth group and the youth groups at First Church and Ogden, as it can be hard to get our youth to conferences in other states. Though the youth take a prominent role in the planning and mechanics of the conference, it does also take an effort from adults to help pull it off. Youth advisers, religious educators and volunteers, and parents from all the participating congregations take part in the orchestration of the conference, and over the next two months I'll be looking for people from our congregation to be youth sponsors (who attend the con with the youth), workshop leaders/coordinators, food coordinators, and to offer other types of support. If you think this amazing ministry is something you'd like to be interested in, please let me know.

Look for what's happening in specific classes in your Order of Service announcements and the email and Facebook announcements made through the month.

Trista Emmer
Director of Religious Education

REGAL – Religious Education, Growth & Learning (cont.)

Journey Guides & Workshop Leaders Needed

While we have most of our teaching teams in place for the other programs, our Sacred Travels program requires a large number of volunteers to be successful, and **we're still looking for Journey Guides and Workshop Leaders**. Journey Guides volunteer all year (4 Sundays on, 8 Sundays off). The length of their commitment is offset by the fact that they do very little preparation of class materials, instead supporting the workshop leaders and accompanying the Sacred Travelers on their journey through the workshops. They provide the structure and the continuity for the workshops. It's a fun job where you get to know our kids on a deeper level. The workshop leaders volunteer for 3 Sundays in a row, creating and preparing (with help from the DRE and Sacred Travels Coordinator) a workshop on the theme of the month and then running the same workshop (with appropriate modifications for the differing skill level and educational needs of the classes) three times: one time each week with a different class. It's a short term commitment with huge rewards! If you're at all interested, even just a tiny bit, even if that tiny bit of interest is surrounded by huge amounts of worry or annoyance or excuses, please talk to Trista Emmer, Director of Religious Education, or Lisa Miller-Carlson, the Sacred Travels Coordinator. Or think about saying yes when you see us heading your way!

REGAL Calendar

- Jan. 6: Sunday School: Intergenerational Service! Preschool Class and Nursery open as usual. After Church Service: Branches - Small Group Ministry, Open Session, 12:30-2:30, Senior High Classroom
- Jan. 7: Bible Study, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Senior High Classroom
- Jan. 8: REGAL Council meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Senior High Classroom. All are welcome.
- Jan. 13: Sunday school: Preschool class, Sacred Travels (K-5) Children's Chapel, Coming of Age and Sr. High Social Action Sundays. After church service: Roots Pt 1 – Bring your life stories, 12:30-1:30, Jr. High Classroom.
- Jan. 20: Sunday school: Preschool class, Sacred Travels workshops, Coming of Age and High School classes. After church service: Roots Pt 2 – Glimpses of UU History, 12:30-1:30, Senior High Classroom. Coming of Age Mentor Orientation, 12:30-1:30, Jr. High Classroom.
- Jan. 27: Sunday school: Preschool class, Sacred Travels Workshops. Coming of Age and High School classes. After church service: Roots Pt 3 – SVUUS History and Ministry, 12:30-1:30, Jr. High classroom. Coming of Age Mentor Program Kick-off, 12:30-2:00, Social Hall.

REGAL Council

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| Lisa Miller-Carlson: | Sacred Travels Coordinator |
| Lorelei White: | Member-at-Large |

Adult Religious Education (ARE)

January Adult Religious Education (ARE) classes:

BRANCHES - This small group ministry format gathering is similar to Evensong and Semi-Circle groups that have been held at SVUUS before. The Branches model is based on a group model used in many interfaith settings also called covenant groups. Gatherings create opportunities to practice listening with our whole selves and speaking from our own experience and authority. The format empowers members to speak from their authentic selves, broadens our capacity to relate to multiple views on the themes, deepens connections among the members and offers an opportunity for each member to experience being fully heard. All are welcome to attend the **2-hour open session after service on January 6th**. Afterwards, groups will be established to meet monthly through July, probably on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening.

ROOTS - This is a new, 3-part series about UU principles and history and an overview of SVUUS to build strong UU "roots." It is appropriate for those new to SVUUS as well as long-standing members wanting to revisit this essential discussion. **Classes will be held after service on January 13th, 20th, and 27th, 12:30**

- January 13th: "Roots" part 1 -- Bring your life stories: What brings you to this place?
- January 20th: "Roots" part 2 -- Glimpses of UU history
- January 27th: "Roots" part 3 -- SVUUS history and vision of what the future could be
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Other possible January offerings include Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory and witchcraft spells workshop. Details will be shared in the weekly email update *South Valley Happenings*.

Ongoing open groups:

Bible Study – Held on the **first Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM** - thought-provoking discussions led by Mel Gunderson (melonig@harmonyhomehealth.com). Participants are continuing their journey "Through the Torah." Discussion focuses on the stories and personalities of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament from the perspective of "historical mythology" — a kind of interpretive lens inspired by Joseph Campbell who defined Myth as foundational narratives based loosely on historical events and spun by the re-telling into stories that teach us "what it means to be human."

TeaCUUPS- Kim Lane (kclane926@comcast.net) leads this reading group that meets on the **fourth Sunday of alternating months** after coffee hour. They are currently discussing Christopher Penczak's book, *The Three Rays of Witchcraft*. Their next gathering is January 27th to discuss Section 2 in the book. They will meet again March 24th to finish the book and then Christopher comes for a weekend of learning opportunity in April.

Myers Briggs Workshop – Brenda Voisard, **January 12, 1:00 – 3:00**

The Myers-Briggs is a tool designed to measure how people perceive the world and make decisions. It is frequently used in professional development, leadership training, and team-building exercises. It is one measure to give participants insight into their personal preferences and ways of interacting. This workshop is open to all but would be of particular interest to all current and potential South Valley leaders.

From the Social Action Council

Utah Food Bank Volunteer Night - January 7, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Join us for a fun night at the Utah Food Bank's warehouse located at 3150 South 900 West in SLC. We will be packing food boxes or sorting donations. This is a fabulous activity for ages 5 and up, and great for families and individuals. Space is limited, so sign up at the Social Action Information Table today.

Adopt-a-Senior Program. January 2013 is open enrollment time for our Adopt-a-Senior monthly food box delivery program for The Utah Food Bank. If you'd like to learn more, get involved, or if you would like to discontinue your participation in this program at this time, contact Cindy Anderson or visit our Social Action Information Table after Sunday service in the social hall. An orientation meeting will be held in January for newcomers to this program.

Heifer Brunch January 20, Noon - 1:00 PM. Join us downstairs in our social hall for a delicious brunch to raise funds to support Heifer International, a fabulous organization that provides livestock and training to families in need of sustainable income in developing countries. "Heifer Brunches" are a tradition that was started years ago by our own beloved Mildred Dahm that we want to continue. Come support Heifer International and Mildred's legacy! Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with the cooking, preparations, and cleanup. Visit our Social Action Info Table or contact Cindy Anderson for details.

Cafe Justo COFFEE Sale - Addressing Immigration Issues at their Root

We are selling 1-lb packages of Cafe' Justo coffee at the Social Action Information Table after Sunday services. Cafe Justo is a coffee-grower cooperative based in Mexico that is dedicated to fair trade based on transparency, equality, and human dignity. By purchasing coffee from Café Justo we help Mexican farmers earn a living wage, giving them the viable option to stay with their families, in their homelands. In addition to decreasing poverty in Mexico, Cafe Justo grows coffee using sustainable practices that are USDA certified organic, and the coop provides fair profits and health care benefits for workers. By purchasing Cafe Justo coffee, we can make an impact on economic conditions in Mexico, effectively addressing a root cause of immigration issues in the U.S. and helping to sustain our planet.

News from the South Valley Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

Pancake Breakfast – January 13 after the service.

Come and enjoy the delicious pancake breakfast after the service on January 13th. Please contact Kim and David Lane if you would be able to help serve or clean-up.



TeaCUUPS

The CUUPS group will be continuing our reading group in January. The TeaCuups book group will be meeting on the 4th Sunday in January and March. In January we will be discussing section one and two of Christopher Penczak's book, The Three Rays of Witchcraft. We are studying his book to get ready for the seminar that Christopher will be leading at South Valley in April. If you are interested in joining us please contact Kim Lane to get a book. A book has also been placed in the library.

We at CUUPS are looking forward to Christopher being here in March. If you are planning to attend the seminar go to the CUUPS link on the SVUUS website for more information. You can find the CUUPS link under the heading "Getting Involved" on the home page. Further information and directions for signing up for Christopher's class can be found there.



Future Plans

CUUPS would like to hold a Spirit Fire trance dance for Imbolc on Feb. 2nd, but we need drummers, singers and help with set up. If you would be interested please contact Kim Lane.

South Valley Women's Group Happenings

January - Our next gathering for the new year will be our usual "Girls Night Out Birthday Dinner" which will be held on Thursday, January 17. We will meet at a local restaurant to be announced. We will be celebrating December, January, and February birthdays.

Our Birthday Girls - Liz Martin 12/10, Dawn Leavitt 1/2, Anita Albright 1/1, Laura Renshaw 2/3, Lyn Worthen 2/11, Kim Welliver 2/29 and Me 2/6 (the big 65!) Have I forgotten anyone?

I am always looking for new places to have our dinners, so if anyone has a suggestion, please email me! It has to be able to accommodate at least 20 to 25 people and be locally owned.

February - Torrey Longeteig will host our February Gathering at her home on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 PM. Her address is 12086 South 1800 West in Riverton. To coincide with Valentine's Day our topic will be "What Are You Passionate About". We will also be doing a Sock Drive for the " Rise Up Project" intended to get people interested in volunteering and helping out the world. If you are interested in supporting this project, please donate a pair of socks.

I am always looking for interesting topics to discuss at these gatherings. If you have ideas about something you feel would fit into our Social Action projects, please email me. Also, please let me know if you are interested in hosting a Women's Group Gathering in the future. (April - June - August - October).

Cynthia Dobbs
Women's Group Coordinator
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Leadership Succession & Development

Tip of the Month: **CONNECT**

As Unitarian Universalists, we often hear the term "interdependent". It is part of our 7th principle which leads most of us to think about our relationship with the earth and everyone in it. The leadership team would like to suggest that we apply this concept to the work we do as leaders and committee members in the South Valley community

Rev. Patty recently spoke to us about the story of the loaves and fishes and her story led the leadership team to think of the talents of our South Valley committees as loaves and fishes. Sometimes it may feel that there is so much to do to just take care of our own committee that it is just too much to try to reach out to other committees. But actually working across committees and offering one another our talents (our fishes!) could make the work lighter for everyone. Let's reach out beyond our individual roles and committees and connect with each other. We might find that another committee is already thinking about or doing that work that we are struggling with.

"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."
– Martin Luther King

Lorri Quigley
Leadership Succession & Development Committee

In Memoriam

Wayne Perry Shumway -- 1940 ~ 2012

Wayne Shumway, one of the founders of South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, passed away on October 11, 2012. He was a patient listener and a caring husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed cookies, hiking, intellectual discussions, books and liberal politics. 15 new hymnals have recently been donated to South Valley as a memorial and affixed with a bookplate with his name. The members of the South Valley UU Society owe much to Wayne for his many gifts to us.



Hubert (Buddy) Roach -- 1935 ~ 2012

Hubert D. (Buddy) Roach died November 25, 2012, in the loving arms of his family. His memorial service was held on December 1, at South Valley. Buddy was born in Richmond, Virginia where he grew up and was educated. He married Sandra Hart Smith, also from Richmond. They began a journey together that was to last over 50 years. Buddy spent his working career in Salt Lake City as a sales manager for U. S. Magnesium Corp. But he will be most remembered by South Valley friends for how he made everyone feel welcomed and his fun-loving and gentle ways. This valuable man will be truly missed.

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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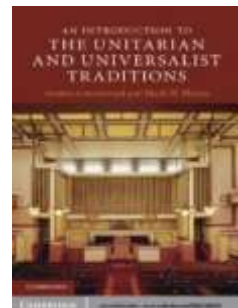
From the Library Committee

Your SVUUS library team wants to express our appreciation to all those who supported our December book sale. Your continued support helps us maintain an appealing and useful collection of books to offer our congregation.

Each month, we like to feature one of the new titles you can find in the library. This month, in line with our adult RE classes, it seemed appropriate to feature *The Unitarian and Universalist Traditions*. Here is a short blurb provided by the UUA Bookstore:

An Introduction to the Unitarian and Universalist Traditions

How is a free faith expressed, organized and governed? How are diverse spiritualities and theologies made compatible? What might a religion based in reason and democracy offer today's world? This book will help the reader to understand the contemporary liberal religion of Unitarian Universalism in a historical and global context. Andrea Greenwood and Mark W. Harris challenge the view that the Unitarianism of New England is indigenous and the point from which the religion spread. Relationships between Polish radicals and the English Dissenters existed, and the English radicals profoundly influenced the Unitarianism of the nascent United States. Greenwood and Harris also explore the US identity as Unitarian Universalist since a 1961 merger and its current relationship to international congregations, particularly in the context of twentieth century expansion into Asia.



Get Involved

Circle Suppers are back!!

What is a Circle Supper you may ask? It's a gathering of generally 8-12 people in someone's home who has volunteered to be the host and organize calling the others who have signed-up. Participants are assigned them potluck items, i.e., appetizer, salad, main dish, possible side dishes and bread, and of course desert! Hosts typically provide the beverage. Our goal is to have multiple Circle Suppers each month because so many people sign-up.

Circle Suppers are FUN, and are a great way to socialize and mingle with our fellow South Valley UU's. Oh, and there is ALWAYS SUPER DELICIOUS FOOD at every single Circle Supper, that is a promise! All Gluten-free, Vegetarians, Vegans, "Megans"(meat-eaters) are WELCOME!!

Mark your calendars now and reserve the third Saturday of each month beginning in January. Circle Suppers this month will be held on Saturday, January 19. We will have our Circle Supper sign-up book located on the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary. You may also contact Sheri Lund at [801-273-0462](tel:801-273-0462) or jmlund@xmission.com.

Interweave to Rise Again

Interweave, a group for all those LGBT and supportive folks, has taken a long rest. For all those interested in having this group start again, on Saturday the 12th of January 2013 we will be having a meeting to talk about the future of this group. A brunch type of meeting was suggested so that precious weekend hours will still be there for you. Our meeting will be from 10:30 to noon at the church.

Let's get together and talk about the future winter months and what you might like to do. It would be a good time to introduce yourself and have your voice be heard. Just bring yourself and we will have light refreshments available. Hope to see you then. -- Sandy Dreis

Time to Return Your Guest at Your Table Box!

Please return your Guest at Your Table box beginning Jan 6, the first Sunday of the month. There will be a collection box in the foyer. Remember around Thanksgiving time these special UUSC collection boxes were distributed at the Bread Sharing Ceremony and have been available since that time.

GAYT boxes are an annual Unitarian Universalist Service Committee project we help with every year. The money we donate at SVUUS makes funds available for humanitarian assistance world-wide (hurricanes, tsunamis, etc.) and other Social Justice needs. Hopefully, during the holiday season you've dropped spare coins and dollars in your GAYT box. There are so many families and individuals in need. Some examples are Sandy Survivors in NY and NJ, families (even in the USA) who cannot afford safe drinking water, as well as countless children, women and men who are experiencing unjust treatment around the globe.

Boxes will be collected all during the month of January. Yes, donations of personal checks also are very welcome! Thanks for taking part. – Connee Gates, Local UUSC Rep

Building Beloved Community: Love Beyond Belief

January 25 – 27 at the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO

Presented by the Mountain Desert District Justice Ministries – The Featured Presenter is Rev. Dr. Thandeka, one of the most influential contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians. Thandeka is the founder of Affect Theology; how a theology of personal experience guides, directs, and prioritizes religious beliefs, Justice Ministries, faith development programs, liturgies, and pastoral practices in religious community. This is a full community experience; High School youth, young adults, and adults are encouraged to register as congregational teams. Participating parents can register children for *Heart Talk for Kids* (K-6 grades) running concurrently with Saturday program. Childcare will be available. For more information and to register, visit the MDD website at <http://mdduua.org/news/mdd-news-blog/271-building-beloved-community-love-beyond-belief.html>.

Save the Date

- Jan. 6 Small Group Ministry Workshop
- Jan. 6 Return GAYT boxes (thru January)
- Jan. 7 Bible Study
- Jan. 7 Utah Food Bank Volunteer Night
- Jan. 12 Interweave Start-up Meeting
- Jan. 12 Myers Briggs Workshop
- Jan. 13 CUUPS Pancake Breakfast
- Jan. 13 Roots – Part I
- Jan. 17 Women’s Group Birthday Night Out
- Jan. 19 Circle Supper
- Jan. 20 Heifer Brunch
- Jan. 20 Roots – Part II
- Jan. 27 Roots – Part III
- Jan. 27 TeaCUUPS Reading Group

Future Events

- Feb. 8 Women’s Group Meeting
- Feb. 8 – 10 MDD Youth Ministry Winter Conference (at South Valley)
- Feb. 23 Big Event

GROCERY CARD PROGRAM

Come downstairs to the Social Hall every Sunday after the service to purchase grocery card coupons to Smith’s, Harmon’s, and Sprouts Markets.

You can use these coupons for purchases at each store. You can also use them to purchase fuel at the Smith’s and Harmon’s fuel centers.

Using these gift cards creates additional income for SVUUS as these businesses donate 5% of all purchases back to South Valley.

So if you shop at any of these grocers, please take advantage of this opportunity to help South Valley financially by purchasing grocery cards. Thanks for your support

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