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## April Theme: Grace



### April 7<sup>th</sup>: "Etty Hillesum's Interrupted Life"

Rev. Patty Willis

Etty Hillesum, a brilliant scholar of Russian and a Jew living in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teaches us how to live our lives with more beauty and joy. Let us remember the Holocaust through celebrating the life of a woman who lived fully in the worst of times.

### April 14<sup>th</sup>: Grace and the Loom of Fate

Christopher Penzak

Christopher Penzak, author of *Three Rays of Witchcraft*, will offer the service today.

### April 21<sup>st</sup>: "The Path Ahead"

Rev. Patty Willis

During this service, we will be envisioning where we want to go from here. What role do we want to play in the larger community? Come and join us for wonderful music and envisioning.

### April 28<sup>th</sup>: Intergenerational Service

So. Valley High School Class

### Board of Trustees Announcement

Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, May 19, after church services

One of the foundations of UU tradition is congregational polity. The annual congregational meeting is the opportunity for members of the congregation to vote on the annual budget, vote for elected leaders, and discuss issues vital to the life of South Valley. Please plan to participate on this important day!



*From the Minister's Desk – Can You Hear the Sound?*

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**SVUUS-NEWS Email List**

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](mailto:lynw@xmission.com).

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

For the past week, Lou and I have been visiting our home in the desert between Tucson and the Mexican border. This was my first week off. I didn't open up any email or even peek at the subject areas of emails. I kept my phone on in case of an emergency and there was no call. After seven months of being with you in the Salt Lake Valley, suddenly I was back in familiar surroundings, looking out at mountain ranges much lower than the ones we see through the church windows and over the tops of the houses across the street. As I sat there, I tried to look ahead at the next months, but when I put my pen to the page, I almost heard a voice saying, "Listen." I put my pen down and heard a distant woodpecker, the cry of the red tailed hawk who is nesting in the owl's old nest and profoundly unhappy that we are here for a visit, a neighbor riding his Harley off to work, the braying of donkeys that live unseen over the next hill, and the fluttering sound of our neighbor's flock of carrier pigeons making their morning flight out and around. A cooing, gurgling sound drew my attention to the middle of the olive tree, the favorite sleeping place for the countless quail who disappear into its leafy heart at dusk. On one of the branches, I spotted a dove sitting in her nest with two baby doves at her side. The father (I'm imagining this for I cannot distinguish the males from the females) was walking around below and beyond the tree pecking about. The mother dove and I watched each other for a moment, eye to eye.

That is how I spent most of our week away: watching the nesting doves and listening. And now as I have returned and will witness the mountains, canyons and our own garden pass into spring, I am listening for the sounds that will sustain me here. What are the sounds that sustain you? I am reminded of Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring*, that pivotal book that drew international attention to the plight of this earth. When Rachel sat outside in her garden, she recognized that insects she had once heard singing were silent. Drawing our attention to the silence, she made us aware of the tragic consequences of the use of pesticides.

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the choir sang *The Song of Spring*, that begins, "Can you hear the sound? Rising from the deep. Cold wind beats the ground. Waking from sleep." I wrote those words four years ago remembering the spring that awakened around us in the countryside of Japan and watching the cold rains in the desert that our beekeeper friend told us brought abundant honey in the summer. "The bees need the early spring rains for honey," he told us. I don't know exactly how it happened, for me it might have been in the middle of a typhoon when I had to climb up on top of our roof to keep a sheet in place over a leak. I looked out and fell in love with this Earth in all its strength and fragility.

Through the years, Lou and I have written love songs to the Earth that describe the seasons and some places like the Grand Canyon where I envisioned the rock formations named for ancient gods to be dancing together in the air. We put these songs together with storytelling into a cantata we named *Songs of the Earth*. We hope that participating in and experiencing this work will deepen our commitment to greening our sanctuary and taking care of the Earth in all the ways that we can. For if we fall in love with the Earth, perhaps we will treat it better. Love could give us a way to persevere even when we are tired and worry that our small acts are not making a big enough difference. The choir and readers will be performing *Songs of the Earth* as a way to reach out to the community and share our love for the Earth. This celebration will coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of this congregation. In services, we have celebrated all that we have done to bring us to this place and I hope that this performance will give us a chance to ponder our future role in the interconnected web of life in this Valley and Earth. May we look ahead and dream of all that we can do.

In love and community,  
Reverend Patty Willis

# Songs of the Earth



Music by Mary Lou Prince  
Lyrics and Storytelling by Rev. Patty C. Willis

Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7:00 PM

Performed by the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society Choir and Guest Musicians  
6876 S. Highland Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84121



We watched the sun rise over Spider Rock in Canyon de Chelly, light dancing on the place where the Great Spirit is said to live. We squinted into the sunlight and listened to the old legends. We dreamed of crossing the chasm on a woven rainbow bridge. During our five years in southern Arizona, the closeness we felt with its beauty inspired songs of the seasons. These songs, sung by the South Valley Choir, woven together with storytelling, form the core of "Songs of the Earth." Come journey with us from the first ray of sunlight over Spider Rock to the first ray of sun that signals the turn of the axis of the Earth towards spring. After that, we will take you on a ride in the clouds so you can see the whole of the beautiful Earth from above.

With environmental problems worsening all over the world, the writers of this program wonder, "What if we fell in love with the Earth?" If we fell in love, would we treat this beautiful Earth with tenderness and heal the problems as we heal our own hearts? Come to the South Valley UU Society (SVUUS) on Saturday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and prepare to fall in love. This performance is commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SVUUS.

Patty Willis and Mary Lou Prince have worked together since they first took a one-woman play with koto and shakuhachi players to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 1987. Their collaborative work *Just Between the Three of Us* was hailed as the "great east-west event of the Edinburgh Festival" by the Sunday Times (of London). For two years, they toured Japan with *The Bear Story* to celebrate the publication of Patty's book, *The Village Above the Stars*, recommended reading by the National Japanese Library Association. Both have won national awards in Japan for their creative work in music and theater. The L.A. Times wrote that "they showed the power of the folk tale to create wonder." Patty and Mary Lou arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in August of last year. Patty is the minister of SVUUS and Mary Lou is the choir director.

### From the Transition Team

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Transition Team. It is a way for me to contribute to the church and give back to the community that has supported my family and me through good times and bad. For those of us who don't have the finances to pledge as we would like, we can support our church and feel good about doing our part by volunteering. It's all part of the shared ministry of this congregation that puts the gifts and talents of each person into action to make South Valley stronger and more vibrant.

The Transition Team would like to encourage all congregants to attend the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations General Assembly. This year, it will be held in Louisville, Kentucky (the bluegrass state). The assembly will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> with the theme: FROM PROMISE TO COMMITMENT. Here are their words about the event:

"General Assembly is more than the annual business meeting of the Association. The myriad of worship and witness events, programs and exhibits not only provide a rich experience to the thousands of UUs who attend each year, they also give participants a renewed sense of energy, up-to-date information, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities." Financial aid is available. Visit [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga) for volunteer and scholarship opportunities. Wouldn't it be wonderful if SVUUS could have several members attend this year?

Yours in service,  
Travis Potter



#### 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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## *“Out” of the Worship Closet*

This month the worship committee really is getting the stuff out of the worship closet. We find that we have too much stuff in the cupboards and we can't find the things we need. So I have been cleaning out the extra things. Since Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, a table has been set up in the foyer so that you can see all the great things that I found. If they are yours or you would like them to be yours, you could take them home with you.

We will be making a list of supplies that we need in the worship closet also. If you have an idea for something you wish we had, tell Mary Norton or tell me. For anyone who wants to decorate the altar for a Sunday service, remember you only need to talk to anyone on the worship committee. We would be happy to welcome you as part of our team.

I hope that all of you take a moment every Sunday to appreciate the altar and reflect on how it adds to the worship service. I know it is one of the many things I like about services in a UU church. I like how part of it is similar in every service but no two will ever be the same. It has variety, ritual, and cohesion all at the same time.

*Kathleen Luck*  
Worship Committee

## *Adult Religious Education (ARE)*

April Adult Religious Education (ARE) classes:

**ROOTS** - All are welcome to attend a 3-part series of orientation classes called “Roots” that will be held at 12:30 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. These hour-long classes will introduce Unitarian Universalism to newcomers and to those who want to deepen their understanding. Topics include UU Principles, history, and information about our SVUUS congregation. Childcare will be available if reservations are made on or before the Wednesday before class by emailing Adult Religious Education Coordinator, Christine Hurrill at [kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com](mailto:kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com)

**Bible Study** – Mel Gundersen ([melonig@harmonyhomehealth.com](mailto:melonig@harmonyhomehealth.com)), first Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Participants are continuing their journey "Traveling 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.”

*The mission of the ARE program at SVUUS is to offer adults opportunities to further personal and spiritual growth, strengthen relationships between members, and increase knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and other belief systems. Please contact ARE Coordinator, Christine Hurrill, at [kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com](mailto:kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com) with questions or suggestions.*

## *REGAL – Religious Education, Growth & Learning*

As I'm sitting here writing this article, this morning is alternately filled with snow then sunshine. Spring is here, and, as usual, Spring is not sure it's ready for a long term relationship. Hopefully by the time April settles in, Spring will have, too.

Speaking of April, boy howdy is it a busy month for religious education or what? Mystery Pals is going on all month with the big luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This, not coincidentally, is also the date for the High School Youth-led intergenerational service. April is also the last full month of our full winter religious education programming, so we've got a lot of learning to pack into these 4 short Sundays. We also have the final day of our two-weekend High School OWL Bootcamp experiment, the High School youth are going to host a dance, and we're going to try to fit in the Coming of Age retreat somewhere in this month, too. Exhausted yet? Excited? It's going to be a fun month!

In April, the **preschoolers** will be talking about cooperation and how we take care of our earth. During the intergenerational service on April 28<sup>th</sup>, they'll have class and learn about Hawaiian Lei Day.

The **Sacred Travels** classes finish up exploring our 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle: We believe we should accept one another and keep on learning together. This month they'll be learning about Lewis Latimer. Lewis Latimer was an incredible inventor/engineer/draftsman/all-around Renaissance man whose inventions and improvements impact all of our lives... and yet most people have never heard of him. Why? Because he's black. Ask your children about this amazing Unitarian man and how he inspires us to keep accepting one another and learning together.

The **Coming of Age** class discusses death, life, and the afterlife in April, and then gets down to the business of wrapping up the year and planning out their recognition service in May.

The **High School** class will spend April getting ready for their service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The HS will ALSO be having their dance Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Finally, 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 Workshop Leaders**. 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, your Director of Religious Education, or Lisa Miller-Carlson, the Sacred Travels Coordinator. Or think about saying yes when you see us heading your way!

*Trista Emmer*

Director of Religious Education

Office Hours:

Sunday: 9:00 – 2:00

Wed.: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Other days: By appointment. Please call 801-879-7743

### REGAL Calendar

- April 1: Bible Study, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Senior High Classroom
- April 7: Sunday School: Preschool class, Sacred Travels (K-5) Children’s Chapel. Coming of Age & Senior High classes.
- April 9: REGAL Council meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Senior High Classroom. All are welcome.
- April 14: Sunday School: Preschool class, Sacred Travels workshops, Youth Social Action Sunday.
- April 20: High School OWL Bootcamp Final Day 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., High School Room
- April 21: Sunday School: Preschool class, Sacred Travels Workshops. Coming of Age and High School classes.
- April 27: High School Dance (Junior High Invited), Sanctuary, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- April 28: INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE (Preschool class still has class downstairs as usual)  
After Services: Mystery Pals Luncheon 12:00-2:00 Social Hall and Downstairs

### REGAL Council

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| Trista Emmer:        | Director of Religious Education (DRE), Sr. High Coordinator |
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| Christine Hirrill:   | Adult RE Coordinator  |
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| Lisa Miller-Carlson: | Sacred Travels Coordinator                                  |
| Lorelei White:       | Member-at-Large   |

### From the Library Committee

#### MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

If you are looking for light reading with a “God” flavor, you might enjoy Kip Conlon’s book, *“Hey, God! Adult Letters to God.”*

In his introduction, the author has this to say:

The following letters were gathered in response to an informal study done in various universities, libraries, rest homes, churches, museums, movie theatres, town halls, malls, mosques, car dealerships, etc. ....The purpose of this study was simple: to see if we could turn a profit selling a book just like those kids’ letters to God books, except with the word “adults” where “kids” used to be. Our hope was that we could.

Well, you can be the judge. I wonder if the kids and adults at South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society might have a contest. Could we do an even better job writing letters to our individual God/Spirit of Life/Goddess? It might be an interesting experiment. Personally, I think we could do a superior job!

*Connee Gates*

#### SELECTED NEW BOOKS ON SALE AT OUR SVUUS LIBRARY

Did you know that the South Valley Library has a small selection of new books for sale? These include books for children and books that might be of special interest to adults wanting to learn more about Unitarian Universalism. They include:

- *UU Pocket Guide*, edited by our UUA President. (\$7)
- *ABC's for Newcomers* (\$7)
- *My ABC's for Kids* workbook (\$6)
- *100 Questions that Non Members Ask About Unitarian Universalism.* (\$6)
- *The Family Book* (\$6)
- *It's O.K. To Be Different* (\$7)
- *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age. Why I Am a UU.* \$15)

## *Pledge Drive Update*

The SVUUS annual pledge drive is wrapping up and we are so very grateful to those who have pledged as well as to those who volunteered to help with the Big Event and hosting community gatherings. THANK YOU--your commitment to our community makes such a difference!

Our pledge drive goal is \$118,000, and as of the middle of March, we have received 56 pledges totaling \$86,000. Based on how many pledges we had last year, there are still more than 30 households who haven't pledged yet. We know South Valley means a lot to you all so please don't delay getting your pledges to us so that we can have next year's budget ready for the annual meeting in May.

Pledges can be dropped off in the office on Sunday mornings or during the week during the administrator's hours. They can also be mailed to the church. Blank pledge cards are found on the welcome table in the church foyer. Thanks again for your continued support of our beloved community.

## *CELEBRATORY CIRCLE SUPPER IN APRIL*

JOIN US in a church-wide celebratory "CIRCLE SUPPER" on Saturday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m. at South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society.

Our Circle Supper is being held in conjunction with our "Songs of the Earth" cantata celebrating Earth Day and commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SVUUS. We are inviting our members, friends, families, as well as those from the surrounding UU churches and interfaith communities. We look forward to a large crowd, incredible conversation, and absolutely outstanding food!! We have the best cooks at SVUUS!!

We encourage everyone to please bring potluck items such as salads, main dishes, casseroles, side dishes, and desserts. Drinks will be provided. As always, we want to remember to be vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free friendly when possible. Labels will be available.

Providing an RSVP will be helpful (but not essential), you may sign-up on the Circle Supper list on the Welcome Table or for questions please contact Sheri Lund at 801-273-0462 or [jmlund@xmission.com](mailto:jmlund@xmission.com)

P.S. The Family Circle Supper previously scheduled for April with Linda Reed has been postponed for a later date.



## News from the South Valley Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

### Pancake Breakfast

There will be no pancake breakfast in April. Look forward to joining us for the next breakfast in May.



We at CUUPS are looking forward to Christopher Penczak being here April 12-14. Christopher Penczak is a Witch, teacher, writer and healing practitioner. He is the author of the *Three Rays of Witchcraft*. His practice draws upon the foundation of both modern and traditional Witchcraft blended with the wisdom of mystical traditions from across the globe as a practitioner and teacher of shamanism, tarot, Reiki healing, herbalism, astrology and Qabalah. He is the founder of the Temple of Witchcraft tradition and system of magickal training based upon the material of his books and classes. He is an ordained minister primarily serving the New Hampshire and Massachusetts pagan and metaphysical communities through public rituals, private counsel and teaching, though he travels extensively teaching throughout the United States.



## Leadership Succession and Development

This spring brings two wonderful opportunities to grow in your knowledge and commitment to Unitarian Universalism. One is the [Russell Lockwood Leadership School](#) and the other is the annual [UUA General Assembly](#)

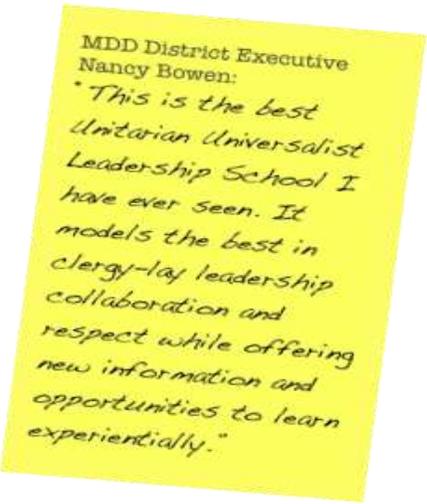
### Russell Lockwood Leadership School

Would you like to develop leadership skills and learn about congregational leadership? Many South Valley UUs, both former and current, have said "yes" to this question and have attended the **Russell Lockwood Leadership School**. They have found themselves renewed and recommitted to our principles and their faith in them.

The Russell Lockwood Leadership School (RLSS) prepares UUs for congregational leadership. RLSS is a powerful immersion experience where participants are supported and encouraged to engage in deep exploration while also promoting the assimilation of practical tools to take back home.

This year RLSS will be held at the **Alta Lodge in Alta, Utah from August 4 thru 10. Deadline for registration is June 1.** Please read more about it on [rls.mdduua.org](http://rls.mdduua.org).

If this interests you, contact our minister, Patty Willis, or a member of the Leadership Succession Committee for additional details.



### UUA General Assembly

June 19-23, Louisville, KY

Program Highlights at General Assembly (taken from the UUA.org website)  
General Assembly (GA) offers hundreds of programming choices over the five days of GA. Building on the experience of the 2012 Justice General Assembly, the GA Planning Committee and the UUA Board of Trustees and Administration seek to create a General Assembly in 2013 that moves our Association "From Promise to Commitment." Promises call us into relationship. The experience of making, breaking and remaking promises is the reality of our lived faith. We

### *Leadership Succession and Development (cont.)*

will gather in Louisville, Kentucky to examine and renew our covenant to our faith, one another, our congregations and the larger world.

The 2013 Public Witness event at General Assembly will focus on Environmental Justice. [Wendell Berry](#) will participate.

**Ware Lecture:** The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest each year to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer.

**Service of the Living Tradition:** The Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group invites you to join us at this service where we honor fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders, remember those who have died, recognize those who have completed active service, and welcome those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. The [Service of the Living Tradition](#) (SLT) is open to the public.

**The Banner Parade:** General Assembly will begin with a [procession of banners](#) from hundreds of Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations and organizations.

**Worship Choices at General Assembly:** General Assembly, like Unitarian Universalism, offers a wealth of theological diversity. A variety of [worship choices](#) are offered throughout GA.

For more information contact [generalassembly@uaa.org](mailto:generalassembly@uaa.org).

### *South Valley Social Action in April*

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE - READ, DISCUSS, ACT**

2012-2013 UUA Common Read: *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

Read with us this compelling book about the "war on drugs" and racial injustice in our legal system here in the U.S. Michelle Alexander, a civil rights advocate litigator and law professor, links results of the "drug war", unequal enforcement and resulting poverty along racial lines. While it is no longer politically correct to explicitly use race as justification for discrimination or exclusion, today it is perfectly legal to discriminate against convicted criminals in ways of Jim Crow laws from a different time. The book is instigating conversation across the nation. Join the discussion group on March 28 and April 4, scheduled 7:15 - 8:45 p.m., at the church.

The book is available for \$15 at the Social Action Information Table on Sundays, for purchase on line, or for loan from our SVUUS Library and public library system

#### **Cafe Justo COFFEE Sale - Addressing Immigration Issues at their Root**

We continue to sell 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 sustainability and fair trade based on transparency, equality, and human dignity. By purchasing Cafe Justo coffee, we 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.

## South Valley Women's Group Gathering

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM.

Our Host this month is Sheri Lund.  
2686 East Flamingo Dr., Holladay

### Our Topic: "Spring, a time of renewal and new beginnings"

Spring has always been Sheri's favorite time of the year. The dreariness of winter is receding, while the trees are beautifully blooming and lawns are becoming green again. The tulips, daffodils, and all the most amazing spring flowers are giving us a Technicolor world once again. Although we don't always see it we know there are many animals coming out of there hibernation in spring as well.

She too looks at spring as a time of renewal or rebirth so to speak and always feels re-energized! She doesn't like to be cold so she definitely feels as if she is coming out of hibernation, because she has spent most of the winter in the bedroom under a heating blanket with her three dogs..... and is now ready to face the world again! YAY!!!

We would like to hear your thoughts on spring as a time for renewal, or which seasons do you identify with and why. We look forward to having you attend and share your thoughts.

All South Valley Women 18 years and older are invited. Come and see old friends and make new ones. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Please RSVP to Cynthia Dobbs [cdobbs56@gmail.com](mailto:cdobbs56@gmail.com).

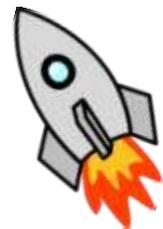
## Opportunities and Announcements

### MYSTERY PALS PROGRAM 2013

Blast Off with REGAL's Mystery Pals Program! This is REGAL's most anticipated program of the year here at South Valley! Mystery Pals encourages our members to connect in new ways by fostering communication between the generations.

Mystery Pal "Seniors" (6<sup>th</sup> grade to Adult) and Mystery Pal "Juniors" (K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are matched up to make a new friend, while keeping their identities a mystery. Pals exchange letters or gifts for 3 consecutive Sundays at the Intergalactic Post Office in the lobby. They bring their items to the post office before services, and then check again after service to pick up their own mail. Pals finally get to meet each other at our Potluck Luncheon, where they get to know each other better while participating in fun activities.

- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sign-Up, Kick Off at Beach Party Potluck
- Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> Pick up your Pal Assignment at the REGAL table
- Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> First Exchange day
- Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> Second Exchange day
- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> Final Exchange & Identities revealed at 12:00 pm Potluck Luncheon!



Contact Robyn Taylor-Granda for more info and participation guidelines at 801-597-6711 or [oldhousgirl@gmail.com](mailto:oldhousgirl@gmail.com)

**Save the Date**

- April 1 Bible Study
- April 4 UUA Common Read discussion
- April 7 Roots – Orientation Class 1  
Mystery Pals assignments
- April 12-14 Christopher Penzak Workshop
- April 14 Mystery Pals Exchange
- April 16 Women’s Group
- April 20 All Church Celebratory Circle Supper
- April 20 Songs of the Earth Cantata
- April 21 Roots – Orientation Class 2  
Mystery Pals Exchange
- April 27 High School Dance
- April 28 Roots – Orientation Class 3  
Mystery Pals Reveal & Luncheon

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 19 Annual Congregational Meeting
- June 1 Lockwood Leadership School  
registration deadline
- June 19-23 UUA General Assembly (Louisville)

**GROCERY CARD PROGRAM**

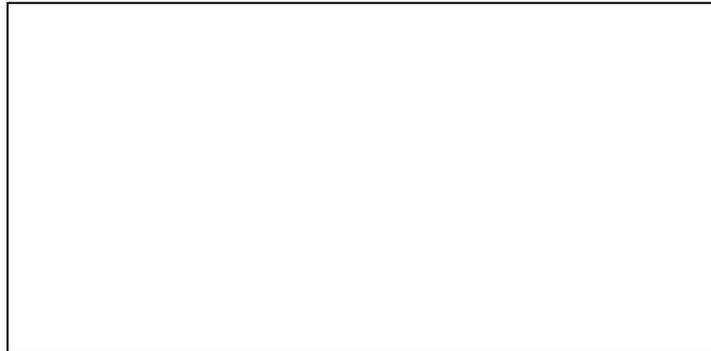
Come downstairs to the Social Hall every Sunday after the service to purchase grocery card coupons to Smith’s, Harmon’s, and Sprouts Markets.

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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