



June Theme: Peace



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June 2nd: "Peace be With You"

Lay Led

If you're not going to the Pride parade then come to South Valley for a great lay-led worship service. We will be focusing on bringing peace to our lives. Several members of South Valley will share how they have struggled to find peace with themselves, others, and their circumstances.

June 9th: "Shall We Gather at the River?"

Rev. Patty Willis

On the day of our church picnic, let's deepen our understanding of why we gather. Perhaps the answers are in those bowls of coleslaw and potato salad. Why do we gather at the river, a place of danger and re-birth?

June 16th: "Fathers and Strangers"

Rev. Patty Willis

When we go out into the world, we are challenged by our encounters with people different from ourselves. What have strangers taught our fathers and grandfathers? Come hear the experiences of war and peace-time and how they inform our lives.

June 23rd: "Peace like a River"

Valerie Holt, guest speaker

This sharing is a look into how as human beings we can choose to be at war or at peace within and without in our lives. Is it possible that when we choose to practice life from a spirit of peace, we actually spread that peace out in front of us like the best picnic blanket ever spread? Who wouldn't want to have a seat at that feast?

June 30th: "All We Are Saying"

Rev. Patty Willis

When have we given peace a chance? Come and pledge yourselves to healing the world one peaceful act at a time. This is an intergenerational service.

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From the Minister's Desk – Recharging

For those of you who attended our annual meeting or read the annual report, I hope that you are feeling a sense of achievement. We have accomplished much during the past nine months. A couple of weeks ago, in the middle of writing the Minister's Annual Report, Lou and I took our first hike into the mountains. We have walked almost every day since we arrived in August, circling the parks of Salt Lake City but when we drove up Millcreek and Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, we just got out and wandered around a bit, put up our chairs by the side of streams and breathed in that wonderful scent of mountain water. That hike two weeks ago was the beginning of a weekly ritual to recharge our souls. We have all worked hard and now I hope that during these next weeks, you take every chance you can to relax and enjoy the outdoors or whatever re-charges you. I encourage you to include whatever that is on your "to do" list each day. If you do, when we get back to our regular schedule in September, we'll find those innovative ideas that have been stirring around to be exciting rather than exhausting! And, you will bring more ideas with you. If I were your teacher, my homework would be enjoying the summer. This would of course include active participation in the second Friday Pave Raves.

If you love to read, then a good way to prepare for our next year would be checking out some library books on other religions. Beginning in September, the youth will be making the rounds of other churches, Buddhist and Hindu temples and Islamic mosques. I will be drawing upon the teachings of these religions for sermons and we'll be exploring the possibilities of Interfaith involvement in the Valley. After hearing the South Valley choir perform on Mother's Day, the planner of an Interfaith event asked if our choir would sing for a city-wide concert held at the Mormon Tabernacle this coming winter. It is time for us to begin new relationships and strengthen old ones with our neighbors. As I have been reaching out to faith communities, I listen for how we can form alliances and friendships. One opportunity has come to us through the United Church of Christ in Holladay to join them in preparing and serving food to the youth twice a month at the Homeless Youth Resource Center downtown. As the flags at our "Coming of Age" service showed us, many of these youth are LGBT and all are in need of the energy of our action and warmth of our love.

One exciting experiment that will be inaugurated the Monday evening after our Ingathering Service on September 8th is "Monday Menus," a kind of UU-style Family Home Evening. After sharing a simple supper, we'll choose from an array of potential offerings for children, youth and adults, ranging from a youth and children's choir to "geology of the canyons," "Branches" -- our small group ministry, or UU parenting, drumming, vegan cooking and much more. The possibilities are endless. If there is something you would either like to study or teach, please contact Christine Hirsch, the adult RE coordinator. Her email is: kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com.

Some of my best ideas have come to me as I sat by a stream or lay down on a grassy slope and looked up at the sky. As you re-charge, may you be filled with creative ideas of how we can have another year full of meaning, social action and joy.

In love and community,
 Rev. Patty



From the Board of Trustees

This is about Programs, not Money

We are not about the money; raising money is not our primary mission. Still, the money is important to grease the wheels of our programs, to have a wonderful full-time minister and a robust religious education program, hear great music, be warm in winter, have lively events, contribute to like-minded causes, and have a snack when we connect downstairs after the service.

It has been an adventure serving the last eight months as your treasurer. Here is some of what we accomplished in that period. We hired Jim Turner as our accountant and also our bookkeeper. Jim is a long time member of First Unitarian. He is a highly experienced CPA and has a Master's degree in Business Management. Under his direction, we reorganized the accounting system to simplify it, while at the same time giving us the ability to track programs in more detail. Jim has already done far more work than we originally expected, plus Phil Quigley, Derek Larson and others were instrumental in this project. I'm truly grateful.

The new system provides for fund accounting, in which each program will have its own statements, but all of those will roll up when we need to see a simplified total picture. It also solves the issues of dollars that carry forward from year to year, so when money is earned for a particular program in one fiscal year, for example, a youth conference, then that money can be spent in a subsequent year, and easily tracked.

We are currently in the first year of a three-year program to invest in ourselves. This year we have borrowed from our own endowment fund, and we plan to borrow to meet our goals for next year. However, these loans to ourselves are only available if we meet certain growth requirements per the endowment agreement. As of this writing, we are approximately \$500 short of the minimum needed. If you have not yet pledged, but intend to, please do so as soon as possible, and help us meet that goal.

Our next task is to send out pledge statements. If you have any questions when you receive yours, please contact me.

If you'd like to save some money on taxes, this should be good news: If you purchase any items or food and donate it to the church, as very often happens, please submit your receipt on the payment request form, and mark it "Donation In-Kind." We will enter it in our books as a donation, and it will appear as such on the statement that you receive in January for your taxes listing your donations for the calendar year.

The budget is our plan for how we will spend or retain the income for the year. It empowers committees and programs to spend the dollars in their budget. We try to stay within the budget, but it is not intended to hold us back. If something comes up that is priority, but unbudgeted, then please take it to the Board of Trustees to request approval. When we spend less than budgeted, then those savings can help our bottom line, however, we have to remain aware that being too reserved about spending can hurt the programs that need to flourish for the growth and satisfaction of our community.

The adventure for me is changing, but not ending. I'm happy that Phil Quigley has agreed to be your Treasurer and on the Board for next year, and I will serve on the Finance Council. I'm looking forward to bright days ahead.

Linda Reed
South Valley Board Treasurer





From the Worship Closet

As we come to the end of another church year, let's take a few moments to look back at all that we have accomplished and experienced.

In August, we welcomed the arrival of our new Developmental Minister, Patty Willis, along with her partner Mary Lou Prince. We knew they would bring new things to the SVUUS community, and WOW have they ever!

The most obvious change has been the physical layout of the sanctuary area. By rotating the chairs to face the west wall, we are able to accommodate a greater number of attendees each week. Long-time SVUUS members will recall that this was the layout we used for many years, until Rev. Steven Epperson implemented the south-facing arrangement that we used for about 12 years. It took a few weeks of experimentation with the number of chairs per row to get the western-facing layout to work, but it seems we have it worked out now.

We've seen a significant revitalization of our worship music programs as well. The SVUUS Choir has reached new levels of excellence under the direction of Lou Prince, and has done two significant performances this year of a Christmas Cantata, and also "Songs of the Earth" which was done in celebration of SVUUS's 30th anniversary last month. We've been able to get new hymnals, which widens to opportunities for Sunday singing. We've also seen an increased number of guest musicians performing with the choir this year. There's now a House Band directed by David Lane, and we expect to hear more from them in the coming months.

This summer, we will be re-visiting our Seven Principles Summer, which was so well received in 2012. This series runs in July and August, and features worship services prepared by the Welcoming Committee, the Leadership Succession Committee, and several talented individuals.

Lastly, a "preview": Under Rev. Patty's guidance, we are re-booting the Water Ceremony (August 25). More details to come in the July Beacon.

David Norton
Worship Committee

CARING CIRCLE Contact Information

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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Working Toward Educational Equity in Utah

In 2008 I was given the opportunity to sit in with a group of community members working to found what would become the Pastor France A. Davis University of Utah Scholarship Fund. These were people who were deeply concerned about the disproportionately small number of students of color enrolling in and graduating from Utah colleges and universities, particularly African American students. The past 20 years had shown an increase in the number of minority students in the overall population and in grades K–12, but no increase in college enrollment or graduation rates. The members of the committee included teachers, college professors, educational administrators and business owners. I was asked to help get the word out about the scholarship and help plan the first scholarship banquet.

The group approached one of Utah's most prominent and beloved leaders, Pastor France Davis, to ask if they could name the scholarship fund after him. Pastor Davis is not only well known for serving as the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for over thirty-five years, but also as a champion of educational equity, civil rights, community service and mentoring. He is also a professor of communication at the University of Utah. Raised on a farm in Georgia by parents who were deeply religious and equally committed to seeing that their children become well educated, Pastor Davis himself has five college degrees. As a young journalism student he embraced the opportunity to meet the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and march with him in the Civil Rights Movement. Pastor Davis said he would be honored to have his name on the scholarship and thus the work began.



At the time, African American students at the University of Utah represented less than one percent of the student population. The committee cited financial limitations as one of the greatest barriers facing Black students, not only to enrolling in higher education, but also to remaining in college to earn a degree. Because of this the committee decided to offer full-ride, four-year scholarships to deserving students, "committed to making a significant contribution to their communities, who demonstrate leadership potential and who are prepared to excel academically." That first year, two students were awarded scholarships at a banquet packed with proud community members.

In May and June the SVUUS congregation will donate half of Worship Service cash offerings (those donations not otherwise designated) to The Pastor France A. Davis Scholarship Fund. The impetus for this shared donation comes from this year's UUA Social Justice Committee common read, "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. The author argues, "We have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." Her research reveals the continued overrepresentation of people of color in U.S. prisons and the undercurrent of inequality that permeates our society in spite of claims of a "post racial" America after the election of the first Black president. The 2011 U.S. Census lists Utah's Black population at 1.3%, while Utah State Prison system incarceration data lists a Black population of 6.23%. The incarceration populations of other Utah minority communities are overrepresented at the prison, as well.

Pastor Davis has said, "Education is the gateway to success and we must enhance opportunities for all of our youth to excel." This fits perfectly with many of the principles of Unitarian Universalism including "the inherent dignity and worth of every person" and "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." The scholarship puts these principles into action. As of this spring, through the donations of many generous Utahns, twenty-seven students have been awarded the Pastor France A. Davis Scholarship to attend colleges and universities throughout the state! Our May/June offering split is one way our congregation is able to contribute to the educational and life success of Utah's African American students and helps avoid having them become another incarceration statistic. Please give generously as we serve our wider community and nurture a culture of social justice and generosity here at South Valley.

By Colleen Casto



REGAL – Religious Education, Growth & Learning

Wow, it's June! We made it! The Coming of Age Class is over. Bridging has been celebrated. Volunteer teachers and helpers have been thanked. Now things settle down on Sundays while all the work that happens in the background (curricula decisions, class configurations, volunteer recruitment and training, publicity updates...) ramps up big time. This is even more so this year given that the REGAL Council and I are trying to get as much set in place as possible before my final day as your Director of Religious Education.

But for now, summer programming!

There will be NO REGAL CLASSES on June 2 for Pride Day. COME WALK WITH US IN THE PARADE!

The **preschool class** does NOT MEET during June, July, and August. Younger pre-school aged kids should play in the nursery while the older ones (for example, the ones who just barely miss the deadline for kindergarten) can go ahead and join the Sacred Travels classes if they like. And, of course, incoming Kindergarteners should join the Sacred Travels class.

Sacred Travels meets as one class in the summer. In June they'll be discussing the book "What is God" and talking about their personal beliefs of God. Does God exist? What is God like? We'll be encouraging them to discuss this with you, too. So this might be a good time for you to think about God, yourself. There will be only one official workshop in June, and we'll be having our Chalk Art Festival the week after. And then there will be an intergenerational worship service.

Both **Junior and Senior High Youth** meet together in the High School room for a discussion series. This summer we're expanding away from the Simpsons and will be doing a series of discussions we're calling Religious Memes in Pop Culture. We'll be drawing from various pop culture genres to fuel our discussions – from episodes of popular TV shows, to music videos, to YouTube videos, to perhaps even short stories, blog posts, and urban legends. If you're interested in facilitating one of these discussions, please email dre@svuus.org to express your interest.

Trista Emmer

Director of Religious Education

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REGAL Calendar

- June 2: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, nursery will be open.
- June 8-9: Coming of Age Celebratory Retreat
- June 9: Children's Chapel (incoming Kindergarteners – 5th graders) First Religious Memes in Pop Culture Youth Discussion Series
- June 11: REGAL Council meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Senior High Classroom. All are welcome.
- June 16: Sacred Travels workshops, Religious Memes in Pop Culture Youth Discussion.
- June 23: Chalk Art Festival – Both youth and children participate!
- June 30: Intergenerational Worship Service – no classes, the nursery will be open.

From the Library Committee

A humongous thank you to all those who donated books, DVDs and CDs to support the Library book sale in May! Thanks to all who brought your dollars and cents to help support your church library. The sale of these items will enable us to purchase additional titles to further enhance the collection. Book purchase suggestions are always welcome, so if you have a title that you would like us to add to the library, please contact any one of the library committee members.

Since we join in the Gay Pride Festival in June, here are just two titles of the several we have available that focus on LGBTQ issues:

Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists by Keith Kron, Susan Gore

This collection of poignant testimonials illuminates the lived experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Unitarian Universalists. *Coming Out in Faith* also helps to raise awareness of Unitarian Universalism's active role in promoting a vision of humanity that not only embraces LGBTQ people but actively seeks to learn from the unique strengths they bring to questions of personal faith and organizational vitality.



It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living by Dan Savage, Terry Miller

Every story can change a life. Growing up isn't easy. Many young people face daily tormenting and bullying, and this is especially true for LGBT kids and teens. In response to a number of tragic suicides by LGBT students, syndicated columnist and author Dan Savage uploaded a video to YouTube with his partner, Terry Miller. Speaking openly about the bullying they suffered, and how they both went on to lead rewarding adult lives, their video launched the It Gets Better Project YouTube channel and initiated a worldwide phenomenon. *It Gets Better* is a collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people, because while many LGBT teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can.



Lorri Quigley
Library Committee



2013 Utah Pride Festival

The Utah Pride Interfaith Coalition will open the festival with their annual Pride Interfaith Service, at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 30, 2013. The event will take place at Congregation Kol Ami, 2425 Heritage Way (2760 South), SLC, UT 84109.

The theme for the Pride Festival is “*Gotta Be REAL*,” and the theme of the interfaith service is “*Sacred Embraces REAL*,” explained Russell Baker-Gorringer, chair of the Festival. “Be real. Be yourself. There’s nothing godly about denying who you are. When you come out to your divine nature, to yourself, and to those who love you, you chose to live a life that is ‘REAL’. A life of integrity,” assured Baker-Gorringer.

On the Saturday, June 1, the LGBT community and allies will hold a brief rally and march, beginning at 2:00 pm in front of First United Methodist Church, 203 East & 200 South, and marching to the festival grounds, at Washington Square.

The next day, at 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning, June 2, 2013, with over 300 volunteers from the Utah Pride Interfaith community, we will “*worship with our feet*,” as we carry the huge Pride Rainbow Flag in the Pride Festival Parade, concluded The Rev Erin Gillmore, of Holladay United Church of Christ. Individuals wanting to help carry the rainbow flag in the Pride Parade need to meet at the staging area at the Northeast corner of 400 South and 400 East by 9:00 a.m.

For more information on how you may participate, contact Russell and Joe Baker-Gorringer at russgorringer@yahoo.com.

2013 Utah Pride Interfaith Service
6:30 pm –Thursday, May 30, 2013
Congregation Kol Ami, SLC, UT
2425 Heritage Way (2760 South), SLC
<http://www.conkolami.org/index.shtml>



Utah Pride Interfaith Coalition Carrying Rainbow Flag

12th Annual Interfaith Service
Presented by Utah Pride Interfaith Coalition
<http://www.utahprideinterfaith.org>

Utah Pride Center: <http://www.utahpridecenter.org> - Utah Pride Festival: <http://utahpridefestival.org>
2013 Utah Pride Festival Theme: “Gotta Be Real”
2013 Utah Pride Interfaith Theme: “Sacred Embraces Real”

Interweave News

Gay Pride Day

SVUUS is registered for the Pride Parade on June 2nd compliments of the Interweave Committee. We have arranged for 40 walkers to represent SVUUS. If you are interested in supporting SVUUS in making a statement about LGBT support on that day, please let Paul Barron or Susan Eyzaguirre know of your interest. Look for the signup sheet available at the front of the church.

Sandy Dreis

News from the South Valley Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans



Sunday Sundaes will begin in June and continue through the summer. They will be held on the second Sunday of the month in place of the pancake breakfast. The cost is \$3 per person or \$7 for a family.



Christopher Penzak will be at SVUUS on June 28-30 for his workshop on his book "The Three Rays of Witchcraft." This was rescheduled from April. If you are a youth who needs to turn in your scholarship request, please turn it in by June 9th. If you have already paid for the workshop but are unable to attend the new time, please contact Kim Lane by June 5th for a refund.

Three Rays of Witchcraft Introduction

Friday June 28, 2013

6:30 PM Book Signing

7- 9 PM Lecture, Free

Three Rays of Witchcraft Weekend Intensive

Saturday, 9-5 PM June 29, 2013

Sunday, 1- 5 PM, June 30, 2013

\$300 for the Weekend Intensive. Please look for the link on the SVUUS page for more details.

Leadership Succession and Development

As we move into summer fun, your Leadership Succession Committee would like to thank everyone who stepped up to leadership this last year, those who will continue to do so over the summer, and those of you who are considering doing so in the future in our congregation. So many of you volunteer your time and talents, we thank you, and as our fellow congregants move into leadership positions, we have a few thoughts we'd like to share.

For those of us who want to support those who take on leadership positions at South Valley (which is all of us, right?!) let's live the following:

Trust our volunteer leaders.

Please give them room and freedom to make things happen at South Valley, and then volunteer your time to help them be successful. We ask our volunteer leaders to do more for us in these leadership positions because we trust them and the work they do, let's give them our full support!

Don't forget that they're volunteers.

After months or maybe years of doing their role, we might begin to take our volunteer leaders for granted. It is important to remember that our leaders are volunteers, to let them know you appreciate the work they do, and say "Thank you!"

Brenda Voisard

Leadership Succession Committee

Caregiver's Support Group

At the suggestion of Rev. Patty Willis, I'm inviting input about the creation of a SVUUS Caregiver's Support Group. I met with her several weeks ago and mentioned that I am caring for my 95 year-old stepfather and have been considering looking for some kind of support group. She indicated that other members of the congregation are going through similar experiences and might be interested in getting together periodically to share information and provide suggestions and emotional support. So far we've identified about three people who are interested, but know there are likely more.

As a caregiver my time is limited, but I feel that it would be helpful for me to be able to meet, talk and share ideas and information with others going through similar situations. If you are interested in forming a group that meets perhaps once a month or so, please contact me and give me an idea as to when you are available. Please also share ideas about what you'd like to gain from the group. I am thinking that perhaps we could learn from and help each other, but also occasionally have guest speakers who are experts in the field of care giving. All ideas are welcome! I hope you'll give the formation of a caregiver group some thought.

Colleen Casto, colecasto@comcast.net



New From the Facilities Team

There are lots of exciting things happening with our Facilities Team. Our Team Members are Cynthia Dobbs & Robyn Taylor-Granda Co-Chairs, KC Tabor, Lewis Galway, Tucker Gurney, Joanie Packard, Holly Kees and Kelly Thomas.

This past year we have held a Spring and Fall clean up, cleared the pile of asphalt from the front drive, installed a new chain on the side entrance to the parking lot, created a Meditation Chapel, started updating all of the light switches and outlets, repainted the front doors, reoriented the sanctuary seating, redecorated the sanctuary, revived Sanctuary Art Displays, made a new name tag board, completed the remodel and adding new furniture in the Annex building, initiated hosting fundraising Pave Rave dances, and sold our old dishes to purchase more functional sets for the kitchen.

Current projects under development: Solar panels, recycling program; sound and video for the nursery; parking lot repairs; Social Hall remodel; energy efficient lighting for the Social Hall and researching a new furnace to replace broken one in the Annex.

SOUTH VALLEY 2013 SPRING-SUMMER YARD SALE

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

Now is the time to start cleaning out your house, garage, basement and attic for those wonderful yard sale TREASURES! Think about things that you no longer have a use for or haven't used in a long while, but that still might have years of use in them for somebody else! The ultimate recycling program, and supports our 7th principle!

We will be **accepting donated items** beginning on Sunday, June 2, and throughout the week, but the earlier you can get your stuff here, the better, so that it can be sorted, priced and displayed in the best possible light. Things can be dropped off in the foyer during the week, Monday through Thursday, June 3 through June 6, during the administrator's normal hours. 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, June 2nd, 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, June 5th and 6th, from 6 to 9 p.m.

And we definitely need people to help on the day of the yard sale. Beginning early at 7 a.m., and rotating in 2-hour shifts, we will need people to put out signs and balloons along the street and move eye-catching things out on 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.

There will be a **signup poster** in the foyer beginning May 19, or contact Denna or Louise.

Won't it feel good to clear out all the clutter that has been accumulating in your closets, drawers, cupboards, basements, garages and attics? Tax deductible forms are available at SVUUS.

To volunteer or for more info, contact Denna at dennalee1968@gmail.com, or Louise at louisecofield@comcast.net.



Opportunities and Announcements

Church Picnic

Our Annual Picnic is just around the corner, Sunday, June 9th, following our Sunday Service (about 12:30). It will be at Anzak Park, 1850 East 7200 South. Bring your Pot Luck dish to share, your plates and utensils and drinks. We will provide charcoal for grilling.

Our Hospitality Team will be hosting our picnic this year and will have many activities for everyone to enjoy. For the kids there will be a Golden Egg Hunt, Bubble Blowing and Bean Bag Toss. For the adults and youth there will also be Ice Blocks for sliding down the hill, Water Balloon Toss, Mini Golf, Volleyball, Spoon and Egg Race. There are prizes for every event. There will also be Henna Tattoos and Hemp Bracelets to make. Your pets will be able to get in on all the fun, too. We will have a Dog Costume Contest with a big prize for the winner!

Calling All Artists

South Valley is now featuring artists in our community by displaying their works of art in the Sanctuary. This will include children's art as well. It can be paintings, sketches, photography, quilts, sculptures, etc. Each person will have their work displayed for 4 weeks. In May, we had the honor of viewing the works of art by Sutton Morgan. In June we will feature the works of Saige Taylor-Bernier. If you are interesting in displaying your work, please contact Cynthia Dobbs cdobbs56@gmail.com

Adopt-a-Senior - South Valley Social Action Council

There is still time to sign up for our SVUUS food box delivery program with The Utah Food Bank. Participation consists of delivering food boxes and some fresh items from The Utah Food Bank to seniors or homebound individuals likely in your own neighborhood, on your own schedule, on a monthly basis (or if you share assignments with others in our community, you can do it every-other-month).

We have an orientation scheduled for **Thur., June 13, 6:00 p.m.** at the Utah Food Bank (3150 South 900 West). This is a meaningful and rewarding activity for all ages, and works well for many families. Questions? Contact Susan Eyzaguirre at eyzsooz@gmail.com

Women's Group

The South Valley Women's Group will be on Thursday, June 20th at the home of Cynthia Dobbs. Look for more details in the weekly South Valley Happenings newsletter as the date draws closer.

Playgroup

We are starting a playgroup that will meet about once a month during the day. Anyone with or without kids is welcome to come chat while the kids play. Our next meet-up will be on Tuesday, June 25th from 11am-2pm at the Blackridge reservoir in Herriman (15000 S. Ashland Ridge Dr). There is a fun beach and shallow water by the shore, with deeper water further out. There is no lifeguard, and parents are responsible for watching their children. For more details or to join the mailing list for information about future meet-ups, contact Kristen Thelen at kristen.thelen@gmail.com or 801-518-1371.

Save the Date

May 30	Pride Interfaith Service 7:00 PM
June 1	Lockwood Leadership School registration deadline
June 1	Pride Rally & March 2:00 PM
June 2	Pride Parade 10:00 AM
June 8	Spring Yard Sale
June 9	CUUPS Sunday Sundaes
June 9	Annual church picnic 12:30 PM
June 13	Adopt-a-Senior Orientation
June 14	PAVE RAVE
June 19-23	UUA General Assembly (Louisville)
June 20	Women's Group
June 25	Playgroup
June 28-30	Christopher Penzak Workshop

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



Pave Rave

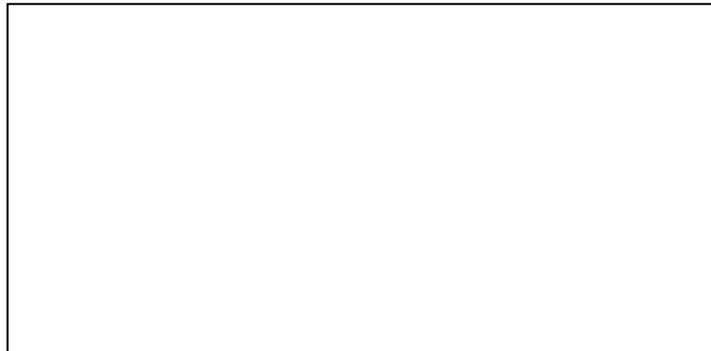
Help South Valley raise funds to replace our Parking Lot!
"Pave Rave" is a SVUUS fundraiser with intention to have a fun event for the whole family while raising money for this much needed cause.
All ages are welcome!
It will be held in the Cottonwood Café.
Music provided by Travis Potter.
\$5 adult \$3 kids (13 and under)
\$12 for families with 3 or more children.

Please bring any snacks, chips, or sweets to share.
All types of music including oldies, funk and current stuff.
For more information contact
Cynthia 801-979-5951
or Travis 970-618-9619

7:30 — 10 PM

**The 2nd Friday of Every Month
June 14th is our next RAVE!**

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