



## July Theme: Liberation



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On those weeks when Rev. Patty is not here this summer, the worship committee will again be presenting the "7 Principles Summer Series" showcasing many of our committees and their members. Here is a quick rundown of the offerings for July:

### July 7th: "The Inherent Worth and Dignity of all People" by Sutton Morgan

Lay-led

As we begin our summer of the Seven Principles, we take a closer look at our First Principle on July 7th. John Cooper, ministerial aspirant, will be giving the sermon, bringing insights on pastoral care from his chaplaincy work at St. Mark's Hospital, and taking a closer look at inclusive concepts of Imago Dei.

### July 14th: "The Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning" by Jan Vanderhooft

Lay-led

The atheists, non-theists, and agnostics of South Valley present the 4th principal: the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Those who believe there is no god are just like everybody else. They have the same needs, wants, dreams, and desires. Come listen to some of our members tell their stories.

### July 21st: "The Pioneer Heritage of Courage and Cruelty"

Rev. Patty Willis

In a TED talk, Diane Laufenberg reports that "mistakes are how we learn." A Japanese saying teaches that "mistakes are at the root of success." Yet, claiming all of our history is one of the greatest challenges of nations, communities and individuals. How can we re-frame mistakes by seeing their value? How can seeing the value of mistakes liberate us from the fear of error and give us courage for the road ahead?

### July 28th: "Conscience and the Use of Democracy in our Congregation" by Brenda Voisard

Lay-led

Your leadership succession committee will bring to life the 5th principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. Sandra Roach and Lorri Quigley will bring their experiences and insight to how SVUUS lives this principle. This will be an enjoyable and thought-provoking service.



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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)

## From the Minister's Desk – Recharging and Renewing Theme for July: Liberation

As I was walking early this morning in Brighton around that path that becomes a Nordic track in the winter, I listened to the leaves in the aspen and watched for a moose. I was also thinking about a conversation that I had had the day before in a Paradise Bakery near my house. When Jim Turner and I spoke with a member of First Unitarian Church about the new religious education offerings in the fall, his eyes lit up! I became excited all over again about “Monday Menus” an idea that hatched when Christine Hirrill, our Adult Religious Education Coordinator and I were talking in my office about six months ago. We were discussing how we could increase the ARE offerings. Then, it came to us that Mondays are usually free because it is “Family Home Evening” night for faithful members of the dominant religion of this Valley. Many people are looking for something to do on Mondays! A week ago, Christine and I got together again and made a short list of what we could offer in the fall. That list looks good. Keshav Sarin has agreed to teach drumming! Eddie Granda will be offering classes on world religions to connect adults with the interfaith outreach the youth will be involved in. Mary Lou Prince will be starting up a children's choir for ages 6-12. Mel Gunderson will continue her popular Bible class. Childcare will be offered and there will be activities for the youth. Liz Martin, a professional soup maker (and our new DRE) has agreed to share her recipes and mentor some budding soup makers so that we can provide ethical delicious light food before we begin our Monday workshops. In addition, on four of our Sunday evenings in September and October, Scott Renshaw will be leading a workshop on four different films. Stay tuned for more details as our schedule fills out.

Under the title for my newsletter, I have written the theme for July— liberation. Beginning this church year, the source for our monthly themes will be the Mountain Desert District publication *Touchstones*. These themes will be adopted not only by worship; Branches, our small group ministry, will use those themes for our monthly meetings and they will be foundational for our Religious Education offerings, including children's and youth chapel. Through these themes, we hope to create more synergy both in our congregational life and with our region.

During the third week of June, I was only half in Salt Lake City. The other half was attending the live webcasts of the UU Minister's Association. Each year, one minister is chosen for the Berry Street Lecture. This year, Rev. Donald Robinson, Founder of Beacon House, a place that nurtures children and youth living in poverty in the District of Columbia, was chosen as the speaker. The speaker each year is chosen because of their excellence and because they embody a UUA initiative. Rev. Robinson bids us go beyond our church walls and serve the poor of our community. This summer, let us look around us with the thought of where we would like to reach out into the community during the next year. Where are we needed? This year, we have done good work inside our walls. Next year, let us find ways to spread that good will and energy into the community. Let's meet together in September, and share our ideas.

In love and community,

Rev. Patty Willis



## From the Board of Trustees

### *Novice Empowerment*

Beginning in June 2011, all members of the board but one were new. For most of us, there were some doubts about how we could take on such a challenge. In the beginning we asked for and received advice from several, including our one seasoned member. It helped, but many of us still felt a bit like fish out of water. Though as a board we have talked about how we feel and more recently we have discussed how we have grown, the details of what others have experienced is something I can't completely speak to, so I will share more detail of my journey.

My first reaction when asked to be on the board was wonder. I wondered why people had confidence in me. My impression of a board member personality is someone who is a leader, which I am not. Additionally, and more importantly, I saw the board as a position of power, something I avoid like the plague. So, when I was asked to join the board it was something so far from my comfort level that my gut told me no. But I gave myself some time to think about it and discuss it with Kim (my partner). After some thoughtful consideration, especially the fact that for me, I go where I am needed, I said yes.

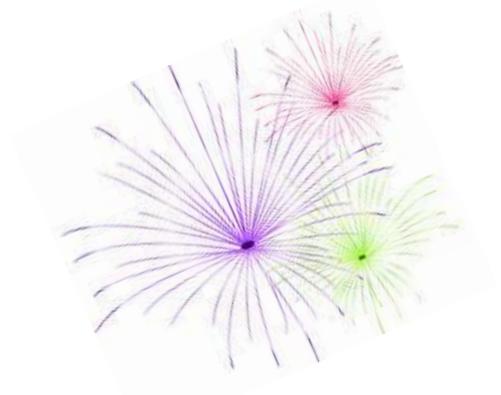
After serving our community for almost a year, stretching my abilities beyond who I thought I was, I now realize that leadership is not to harness the feared power that seemed to come with the position, but to learn the ability to encourage the empowerment of each in our diverse community toward shared goals.

Additionally, I have come to believe that being on the board is not about power and though, for some, leadership skills help, they are not required. In fact, more important are skills such as understanding how to serve others, getting acquainted with our community, looking for where there is need and asking what action we, as a board, can take to help meet that need.

I would like to thank you all for empowering this novice board, and the lesson learned is that the power of our board is only limited by how effectively we empower the community. I am honored to serve this community, and look forward to another twenty-four months of service on the Board.

Peace,

*Mel Welliver*



## From the Worship Closet

The worship committee wishes you all a renewing, recharging summer and hopes you will take advantage of the great services during this time. In honor of summer and renewal we wanted to let you know that the Water Ceremony will be different this fall, focusing on the gifts we will be bringing back from our time on vacations and at home. We are not asking you to collect water this year and we won't be hearing from each other so much the "where" of our summers but, instead, the gifts we bring to each other from this time.

*Brenda Voisard*  
Worship Committee



### 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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## New DRE for South Valley

Dear Beloved Community,

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees has hired Liz Martin as our new Director of Religious Education. Many of you know Liz, since she's been attending South Valley for the past couple of years and has served as a volunteer youth leader and OWL teacher at South Valley. She has served professionally at First Unitarian as Religious Education Assistant, as well. She has a passion for religious education and we are excited about the energy she will bring to the REGAL program at South Valley. She will start July 1st.



Welcome aboard, Liz!

In community,  
Laura Renshaw  
President, Board of Trustees



## REGAL – Religious Education, Growth & Learning

As I'm sitting here composing this Beacon article, the sky is a pale, bright blue, and the light green leaves of the maple tree are veined in darker green and edged with gold. The breeze is a bit cool for June, and I'm enjoying it from right inside my French doors, which is as close as I can get to outside while still being able to see my laptop screen. This is my last Beacon article as DRE. It's been hard to write without sounding dramatic. Stuff like "by the time you read this I will be gone" is mostly true but, then again, not. You will have a new Director of Religious Education (who might even get her Beacon articles in on time!) and I will be sleeping in on Sundays for a while until I'm bored with the novelty of no alarm on a Sunday and begin making my children get dressed and reintroducing ourselves to you in a different role. I was going to write "as a participant instead of one of the orchestrators," but that's not quite right, either, because everyone who comes to South Valley and participates is also an orchestrator of the sparking vitality of our community. So now I'll get to orchestrate in a different way. You know, after I'm sick of sleeping in on Sundays. Your new DRE is going to rock the South Valley world. You might already know who it is by now, but in case you don't, I won't spoil the surprise, but I will say that I'm very, very excited for what's in store. But, until then, I need to get on with the business of writing this article.

July!

Again, the **preschool class** does NOT MEET during 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 July they'll be learning about King John Sigismund of Transylvania. Who is he, you might ask? Why, he was the first, and only, Unitarian King, who issued a decree of Religious Tolerance which was unheard of in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We're using him to focus our discussions on the 4<sup>th</sup> Principle: each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life. King John Sigismund's Decree of Religious Tolerance granted the people in his kingdom the freedom to search for, and decide, what they felt was true and right, without having to submit to a state religion.

Children's chapel will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>, with workshops on July 14 and 21. On July 28 we'll be having a water day where everyone will be outside on the front lawn playing in the water in a glorious celebration of what is right and true and free about summertime.

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 UU Values 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](mailto:dre@svuus.org) to express your interest. These discussions will happen on July 7, 14, and 21. On July 28, the youth will be participating in water day.

### REGAL Calendar

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| July 7:  | Children's Chapel Sacred Travelers (K-5), UU Values in Pop Culture Discussion for youth. |
| July 9:  | REGAL Council meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Senior High Classroom. All are welcome.         |
| July 14: | Sacred Travels Workshop, UU Values in Pop Culture discussion.                            |
| July 21: | Sacred Travels workshops, UU Values in Pop Culture Youth Discussion.                     |
| July 28: | Water Day! – Both youth and children participate!  |

## CLEAR THE AIR CHALLENGE - Join our South Valley UU Team!

July 1 - 31, 2013

Travelers all across the Wasatch Front are coming together for the 5th annual Clear the Air Challenge. The brown haze we see along the Wasatch Front during the summer is due primarily to ground-level ozone, and 50% of it is caused by transportation emissions. If all drivers along the Wasatch Front parked their cars just 1 day per week, vehicle emissions would be reduced by 6,500 tons per year. EVERY VEHICLE TRIP COUNTS, and every mile we travel smarter pays Utah back with cleaner air.

Join our South Valley UU Team, and see how much difference we can make. Learn more and register at [www.cleartheairchallenge.org](http://www.cleartheairchallenge.org), choose the "join an existing team" option and select our "South Valley Unitarian Universalists" team. Then, raise your awareness and start reducing single-occupant vehicle "trips", and track your savings online during the month of July. (If you signed up with us last year, just log in and save your profile to update it for 2013.)

Q: What is a "trip"?

A: Any trip you take from point A to point B (one-way), by yourself, in a fuel-powered vehicle.

You will make an impact by reducing single-occupant vehicle trips – by linking trips together (trip chaining), teleworking, compressing your work week, carpooling walking/riding a bike, and using mass transit. There's been a lot of "talk" about air quality this year, so let's "walk-the-walk" and do something about it!

You will quickly see how changing even one of your commutes per week can save miles, emissions, and dollars. Every mile each of us devotes to smarter travel will help improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion, and conserve energy. There's been a lot of "talk" about air quality this year, so let's "walk-the-walk" and do something about it!

Questions? Contact Susan Eyzaguirre at [eyzsooz@gmail.com](mailto:eyzsooz@gmail.com) or 801.278.8130



## Girls-Night-Out Birthday Dinner

*Hello all you South Valley Dolls! It's time again to celebrate Birthdays for July and August and we have LOTS of women with Birthdays! So far I have Sophie, Connee, Mary, Lisa, Neko, Peggy M. & Peggy R., Torrey, Ines, Amy, Lorelei, and Cheryl. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.*

*All South Valley women 18 and older are welcome!*

*We will meet on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the  
Millcreek Grill & Bar  
2020 East 3300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84109  
(801) 484-0339 (AWESOME FOOD!)  
Our reservation is at 7:30 PM.  
PLEASE RSVP ASAP  
so I can get an accurate head count.  
[Cdobbx56@gmail.com](mailto:Cdobbx56@gmail.com)  
801-979-5951*

*See you soon!  
Cynthia Dobbx*

## From the Library Committee

### **Sources of Our Faith: Inspirational Readings**

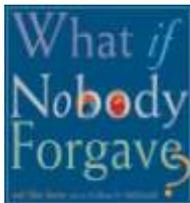
Editor: [Kathleen Rolenz](#)

Summary drawn from the UUA bookstore site: "The living tradition we share draws from many sources. This collection of inspirational readings from many cultures and times provides a felt sense of the six Sources of Unitarian Universalism. Organized by source, and introduced with thoughtful essays from the editor, these readings are ideal for use in worship or for personal reflection. From the Qur'an to Margaret Fuller, from Rumi to Rebecca Parker, this broad range of poetry and prose will help deepen our understanding and connection to our faith." Also available at the UUA site is an interview with the author recorded in 2012.



### **What If Nobody Forgave?: And Other Stories, Second Edition**

Editor: [Colleen M. McDonald](#)



"From Buddha to Jesus to the Sufi masters of Islam, spiritual teachers have used stories to convey basic messages about truth and right living." --Colleen McDonald. Nineteen stories bring to life the seven UU principles. Each story is followed by discussion questions, activities and a reading list; appropriate for all ages.



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

Sundae Sunday on July 14th - Come make your favorite ice cream concoction! \$3 per person or \$7 per family.



### **Interweave**

Interweave will be having a pot-luck dinner. Bring a dish to share and come to socialize and support our LGBTQ members, friends, and allies.

**When: Sunday, July 14th at 5:00pm**

Where: Dawn & Dot's home. 218 East 7615 South

The easiest way to get there is off State St. Turn by the Carpet Guy (going east) and drive down a narrow street until the bend and it is a corner house on the south side of the street. There is a hot tub so if you like, please bring swimsuits, if so inclined. If lost or need help with directions please call [\(801\) 561-4776](tel:8015614776).





## South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

### Like

**Check out our SVUUS Facebook page!**

Hi! I'm Geri Groberg and I will be posting on our [SVUUS Facebook](#) page as the administrator. I welcome everyone to "Like", "Comment" and "Share" the postings on our Facebook page. I will be posting articles and events already shared on the [SVUUS Happenings](#) weekly, [The Beacon](#), and the Svuuus-news, as well as other relevant material.

If you wish to post, of course you may. Individual postings will show up on the right column with just one line visible. If you have something you'd like posted by the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society "administrator" (rather than from your personal FB page), just send me an email to [GeriGrobergUU@live.com](mailto:GeriGrobergUU@live.com) or a message to my personal FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/geri.groberg> and I'll include it on the SVUUS page. I also welcome posts from any SVUUS committees and groups to help promote your activities.

Remember that this is a public page; the whole world is watching. Please mind your UU Principles and manners. 😊

I have a few ideas I want to try out to increase "likes" and broaden the representation of our beautiful SVUUS spiritual home and experiences. Many congregants already receive our church news through email lists, such as the Svuuus-news, the SVUUS Administrator, the SVUUS Happenings weekly, and The Beacon. By visiting and "liking" our SVUUS Facebook page, you will gain knowledge of UU life both inside and outside our community. Plus, we can offer a welcoming point for others interested in joining our church or just wanting to find out about Unitarian Universalism.

In addition to our own SVUUS news and photos, I will be including highlights of those famous UUs who have inspired us, UU reading lists, UU traditions, history and current activities, plus news from our local [UU neighbors](#), the [UU Mountain Desert District](#) and the [UUA](#). Other news postings will reflect our [Seven Principles and Six Sources](#) upon which we base our beliefs and practices. And I'm going to start a social media *UU Summer Road Trip*, "visiting" each of the 19 [UUA Districts](#) in our country. Twice a week, I'll highlight a District's member churches and hopefully make some new friends along the way. (This will be an environmentally-friendly road trip; no gas stations required.) If you have real or virtual friends across the country, be sure to share our page and invite them along!

I welcome any comments, ideas, photos, articles or suggestions as I take on this project. This is your congregational Facebook page. I want you to enjoy it!

~Geri Groberg~  
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# 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**

**The 2nd Friday of Every Month  
July 12th is our next RAVE !**

**7:30 – 10 PM**



## Opportunities and Announcements

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual SVUUS Labor Day Weekend Campout

Wasatch Mountain State Park  
Friday, Aug. 30 – Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

**Registration:** We are limited to ONLY 20 vehicles; four RVs w/hookups and 75 people. First paid/first reserved. \$30.00 per vehicle. Day use \$5.00. Anyone camping overnight must complete a **Reservation Form** and submit it with payment to SVUUS along with payment.

**Activities:** Children's (11 and under) free fishing pond available in the park (pole rental \$3.00, worms \$3.00 dozen). BIG KIDS (12 and over) must have a Utah Fishing Permit. Deer Creek Reservoir is due south (10 miles). Creek/rivers close to the south and to the east. Mountain hiking due west. Horseshoe pits. Golfing within walking distance. Potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring firewood & (s'more) marshmallows! Potluck lunch after the Sunday services.

**Safety:** Higher altitude (5,900 feet), sun & brisk fall days. Bring sunscreen, bug dope, jacket, hat, gloves, etc. A first aid kit is provided at the main site, but SVUUS does not provide first aid. Children are the total and full responsibility and in the care of the parents/adults bringing them. Any children in the care of another adult must have an **EMT Info, Treatment Permission & Release Form** signed by the parent or legal guardian. SVUUS is not responsible for any children. Please consider the environment, use only bio-degradable soap and take care with use/disposal.

**Campground:** Campground gates lock at 10 p.m. and reopen at 8 a.m. Check in 3 p.m. Friday, out by 2 p.m. Monday. ADA accessible restrooms. Dogs allowed, but must be leashed.

**For Registration:** Contact Cynthia Dobbs at [cdobbs56@gmail.com](mailto:cdobbs56@gmail.com)

**Other/Logistics:** Contact Lewis Galway at [lewisg@xmission.com](mailto:lewisg@xmission.com) or 801-915-1290

Information on Wasatch Mountain State Park: <http://stateparks.utah.gov/conditions/wmsp> and <http://www.friendofwasatch.org/Wasatch%20Mountain%20State%20Park%20.htm>.

**Location & Directions:** Approximately 50 miles east of Salt Lake City. Located north (2.5 miles) of Midway, close to Heber and Park City, off US 40 (approx. 5 miles west). We suggest that you use Google maps or MapQuest to get to the Wasatch Mountain State Park.

See Cynthia at the Cottonwood Café following services to pick up your registration forms, maps and directions.

### Save the Date

July 1-31	Clear the Air Challenge
July 12	PAVE RAVE
July 14	CUUPS Sunday Sundaes
July 14	Interweave Pot Luck
July 18	Girls' Night Out
Aug. 30-Sept.2	Annual Labor Day Campout

### GROCERY CARD PROGRAM

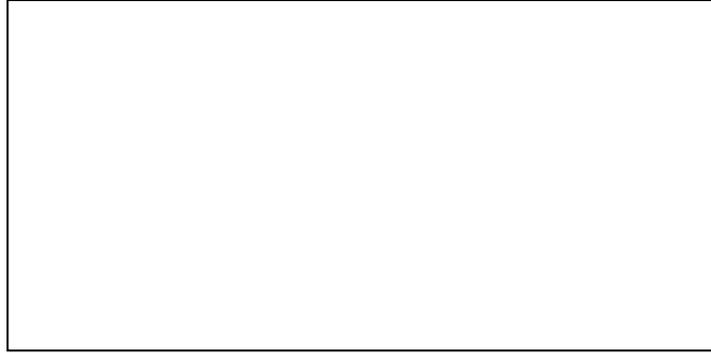
Come downstairs to the Social Hall every Sunday after the service to purchase grocery card coupons to Smith's, Harmon's, and Sprouts Markets.

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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