

# The Beacon

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## September Theme: Wisdom



### September 1<sup>st</sup> - Labor Day Campout Service: "Gaia's Wisdom" Rev. Willis

As we meet around our campsite, let us share the wisdom we have gathered from our times in nature or from stories we have heard. I will bring readings from John Muir, Starhawk, and an experience of my own. David Lane will lead us in giving voice to songs written to the wild. To prepare, spend time remembering when the world was alive around you and Gaia swept you off your feet.

### September 1<sup>st</sup> - SVUUS church service - "The Wisdom of Gaea"

Lay led by Mary Norton

Please join us at South Valley for a service which celebrates the Wisdom of nature and Gaea, our earth mother. Members of the congregation will be contributing personal reflections, stories and poems regarding nature and her wisdom. David Norton, and possibly other musicians from the congregation, will be providing music. You can actually attend this service in the morning and still make it to the camp out for Reverend Patty's version of the service!

### September 8<sup>th</sup>: "The Water Ceremony: Let Us Celebrate Gathering Together Again" Rev. Willis

This intergenerational ingathering service will contain some new elements and a new symbol as well as honor our traditions. Let us articulate the water that will nourish us on our road ahead.

### September 15<sup>th</sup>: "Yom Kippur: The wisdom of atonement in this high Jewish holiday" Rev. Willis

This ritual of this day offers us a new beginning—a way to begin again. Come with an idea of what you would like to leave behind in order to begin again.

### September 22<sup>nd</sup>: "The Wisdom of the Equinox" Rev. Willis

On this day, that is halfway between summer and winter, can we find truth in the balance of the seasons? Farmers and gardeners are harvesting and mulching around plants to prepare them for the coming winter.

### September 29<sup>th</sup>: To be announced

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South Valley maintains a news listserv to facilitate announcements and other communications for the congregation.

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To send a message to the list, simply address it to

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## From the Minister's Desk

### Where Can We Find Wisdom?

By the time you read this, we will have had a "Community Chat" which means that you will have heard about many of the plans for this church year. During my internship, my mentor, Rev. Walt Wieder gave me this wisdom: Surprised people act badly. Following his advice, I have decided to hold these community chats every couple of months to give committees, the Board and me, the opportunity to introduce ideas that are brewing that might mean change and ask for your input. Keep an eye out for these chances to get together and talk. They will be an enjoyable way for us to exchange ideas and also avoid surprises. One of my sources of wisdom has definitely been my mentors and elders.

I hope, also, that by the time you read this each of you, singly or in a group, is actively engaged in our Adopt-a-Space program and that our grounds are looking loved and welcoming. If you haven't had a chance to join a group yet, then please contact Jeff Hansen. He is ready to show you where your energy can move us towards being a more beautiful and therefore more welcoming presence in the South Valley.

Another source of wisdom will be opening up this month on Monday evenings in the form of "Monday Menus." The first class, on September 9th, that Mel Gunderson and I will be team teaching is the course The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron. This book and course has been a source of wisdom for me for over 15 years. A series of exercises and many wise quotations offer a way to explore your talents. During class time, we'll share our progress and do exercises that will deepen our exploration. This series led the way to many creative projects towards social action and helped me to develop a spiritual practice. Keshav and Leslie Sarin have kindly agreed to share their gifts with us and teach drumming and African dance. These classes will happen concurrently and not on the days we have The Artist's Way. I am excited for this chance for all of us to join together without words. Our children's choir will begin on September 8th during these adult classes. This will give the children many more opportunities to participate in our worship services.

This congregation has benefited from the wisdom of many people through the years. Both lay leaders and ministers have left legacies that are part of who we are today. One of these is the program "Evensong" that was written and developed by Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway when she served this congregation. Since this program was so formative to many members, skilled facilitators, Antoinette Rahman and Brenda Voisard, have decided to offer it again. This is a good chance for anyone who hasn't previously taken this course to deepen their connections with the community through sharing. Either Brenda, Antoinette or anyone who has attended in the past will be glad to sit down with you and tell you about the class.

On September 15th, our worship service will honor the high holy Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. This is just the beginning of our interfaith services. This year you can look forward to Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist holy days. By bringing these traditions into our worship services, we will be supporting the study that our junior high schoolers are beginning as they visit churches, synagogues and mosques around the city. Let us open our minds and hearts to the wisdom that their interfaith adventures will bring back to us.

I hope that this month we will find much wisdom that will light the way ahead.

In love and community,  
Rev. Patty Willis



## From the Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Board!

Now, raise your hand if you're excited to hear about this year's Board retreat. Okay, those in the back who didn't raise their hands are probably wondering "What does this have to do with me"? Well, I'm glad you asked.

For the first two hours the Board met with the committee chairs at Cynthia Dobb's house. We started off the festivities with a presentation from the Leadership committee (Lorri Quigley presenting). It actually was quite good with lots of multimedia and audience interaction. Lorri provided a number of helpful hints about how to present a non-anxious presence. It turned out later that the hint most commented on was, "Good leaders know how to hide their panic."

Next was a presentation from Scott Smith of the Communications committee. Scott talked about the new Google Apps tools that will be available to members and committees at South Valley. The possibilities really are exciting. Each committee can have a listserv group, members will be able to call a committee phone number which will automatically generate a text email and send it to the committee chairman. Email to the committee email box will be able to be seen by all committee members ensuring a swift response. If that scares you, don't worry! Scott is an effective and competent communications leader who will hold South Valley by the hand and lead us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century (with a non-anxious presence).

Rev. Patty and Laura Renshaw led a discussion to help us envision what South Valley could be like in the coming year and in the coming years. This is high-level stuff but it's always good to get an idea of where you're going on a journey.

Next, Brenda Voisard gave the board a mental health exam. Not really, it was actually a personality styles assessment (the Myers-Briggs type indicator) and Brenda showed us how different personality types can work synergistically to produce a stronger result.

We then launched into a discussion of the South Valley Mission Statement and how to help our members know how the work they do at South Valley is part of our shared ministry and contributes directly to the overall mission of the church. The Board worked on developing a short, abbreviated version of the mission. We struggled for some time on how to encapsulate the core assets of South Valley, values such as acceptance, love, service, community and the way South Valley can help those in transition come to a more peaceful, loving and optimistic place in their lives. However, while the concepts were clear we had difficulty finding the right words. Finally we settled on some words from our welcoming message repeated at every service. Those words capture the idea that South Valley is a place of:

"An open mind,  
A loving heart,  
and willing hands."

That brought us to a place of unanimous agreement.

So, for those in the back of the room who didn't raise their hands here is what all of this means to you: we have trained leadership, an excellent new communication system and a vision for the future. And the vision is, in a nutshell, phrases you hear every week about the open mind, the loving heart and willing hands. And, of course, the full mission statement is on the back of the order of service each week.

*Phil Quigley*  
*Board of Trustees*

## From the Worship Closet The Wisdom of Water

Our Water Ceremony and Ingathering Sunday are joining together this year on September 8th as we come back from our summer adventures. As a Worship Committee, we are looking forward to this service as a chance to bring meaning and depth to the beginning of our year together with a tradition we all love and look forward to. Some of us will be coming back after a summer away; some of us have been here through the season. Whatever your summer has brought you, we hope that you take a moment to consider what it is *you are bringing back* to the community at South Valley when you bring your water for this important ritual.

The theme for the service is “The Wisdom of Water.” So we are asking each one of you to consider the symbolism of what it is you are bringing with you for this shared ritual. If you travelled somewhere and brought water from there, think not only about where the water is from, but what is something from that place, from that experience, you would like to bring to our community? Beauty? Peace? Excitement? Happiness? If your water is simply from your tap at home, that doesn’t make it less of a contribution. What does that water symbolize to you? Security? Nourishment? Love? Family? Take a moment to sit with the water you are bringing to the Water Ceremony if you can. Focus on those thoughts, those feelings that you want the water to symbolize, and imagine them being a part of the water. What will your water symbolize? What will you bring to our community?

*Sutton Morgan*  
Worship Committee

## Branches

All are welcome to attend an open session of Branches on Ingathering Sunday from 12:30 to 2:30. Branches gatherings create opportunities to practice listening with our whole selves and speaking from our own experience and authority in a Quaker style. The format empowers members to speak from an authentic place, deepens connections among members, and offers an opportunity for each member to experience being fully heard.

This session will provide an introduction to a small group ministry format that is based on a group model used in many interfaith settings also called covenant groups. After this session, groups will be established to meet monthly through May, on Sunday afternoon or Monday evening. To join one of these groups, members must have been a Branches member from earlier this year or attend this open session on September 8th.

### South Valley Caring Circle

The members of the Caring Circle provide practical support and/or pastoral care. Please contact the chair of the committee if you need or know of someone who needs our support. To ask for help you may also use the Caring Book by the name tags. The Caring Book is also for joys and concerns; we hope you will share moments from your lives.

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## From the Transition Team

It's almost hard to believe that Rev. Patty has been with us a full year now. Our first year was spent getting to know Patty and her ministerial style; and Patty got to know our congregation, its strengths, challenges, and quirks. For me, the highlight of the year was Patty's Ordination service, and the deepening of our personal relationship as we would meet monthly in our Transition Team meetings and for other occasions. I am sure everyone could cite a particular service, activity, or event that is a highlight for them of this initial 'getting to know you' year with Patty.

As we begin the second year of our 4-year Developmental Ministry contract, we look forward to another year of building together, deepening the connections between minister and congregation in our shared ministry, and dialog about what the future might bring. Patty's contract includes an 'option to call', meaning that we have a possibility of continuing our relationship beyond the 4-year contract should she and the congregation wish to pursue that option. But this decision to explore the possibilities of a longer term relationship will not need to be made until later in the third year of the contract.

Our second year should bring more focus to our congregation's work on the developmental goals as outlined by the Board of Trustees in 2012: Membership Growth, Financial Stability, Leadership Development, Strategic Facilities Planning, and Board implementation of Policies and Procedures in order to free the Board of Trustees to give more focus to mission goals.

The coming year is sure to be filled with inspirational Sunday services, fun events and parties, and deepening relationships with old friends, and hopefully making a few new friends at church too. A couple of new things to look forward to include a 'Blessing of the Animals' service that Patty and the Worship committee are planning for October; and Patty and Lou are planning to perform their *Man from Magdalena* production as part of an interfaith series of activities; and a performance of their *Songs of the Earth*.

Let's make this an exceptionally successful year together.

In community,

*Paul Barron*  
Transition Team chairperson.

## Social Action Committee

### CLEAR THE AIR CHALLENGE - Our South Valley Team Results

Over 7,000 Utah commuters came together during the month of July for the 5<sup>th</sup> *Clear the Air Challenge* to reduce would-be air pollution across the Wasatch Front. This year was South Valley's third year to participate and our 12-member team, "South Valley Unitarian Universalists", collectively saved 5,478 miles, 536 trips, and 60 pounds of emissions! We made our impact by linking single-vehicle trips together (trip chaining), teleworking, compressing our work weeks, carpooling, walking/riding bikes, and using mass transit.

Our top performers and their total miles saved were: Lyn Worthen (1,568 miles), Rosane Coleman (1,427 miles), Nathaniel Coleman (954 miles), and Paul Barron (415 miles). Way to go Team!

Consider joining us next year and help us "walk-the-walk" of our 7th UU principle.

## Religious Education, Growth, and Learning

What?!? September already??

Hopefully you are settling into a fall routine, refreshed from your summer activities. Over here in the DRE's office, things have been hoppin'! The REGAL Council and I hope you and your family will join us on the two main adventures we've been working on: Monday Menus and our Sunday Program!

I'm sure you will see and hear more about the Monday Menus from Rev. Patty, but here's another reminder:

Beginning Monday, September 9, and continuing on Monday evenings through November 18, we will have a gathering time for community-building and all-ages Religious Growth and Learning at SVUUS. Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m., where you are invited to bring a "sack dinner" and soup and crackers will be provided, followed at 6:30 p.m. by a plethora of activities to engage in. These activities will include classes, workshops, children's choir, youth group activities, and more...you won't want to miss it! (The nursery will be staffed for children under 5). Watch for the Monday Menu Brochure at church, visit the REGAL table in the social hall, or email Christine Hirrill ([kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com](mailto:kellychristinekelly@hotmail.com)) for more information on Adult offerings or me ([dre@svuus.org](mailto:dre@svuus.org)) for questions about children and youth activities.

Our Sunday Program, which begins on September 15, is full of exciting new developments as well!

Our monthly Children's Chapel will be based on the same thematic ministry model as the upstairs worship: the Touchstones Project. Each month we will explore a different concept, and hopefully you and your entire family can engage in the community dialogue that ensues.

The REGAL council has been working hard for months to re-vamp the model of learning we use in our classrooms. We will now be utilizing a curriculum series developed by the UUA called "Tapestry of Faith." Brief descriptions follow, but you can also learn more by visiting <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/>. These courses are well-constructed and a lot of fun...ask a kid, a member of the REGAL Council, or think about joining on a team of facilitators!

And, it's time to register for REGAL's Sunday Program! Each year we need you to repeat this process so that we know we have up-to-date information on your children and contact information so we can communicate with you about all of the REGAL-sponsored fun. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SVUUSregal>, visit the REGAL table in the social hall after services for a paper form, or email me at [DRE@svuus.org](mailto:DRE@svuus.org) directly.

Thanks for all you do for our community,

*Liz Martin*

Director of Religious Education

### REGAL Calendar

- September 1: No REGAL classes - Nursery open and Movie option for kids
- September 8: Ingathering Sunday - All-Ages Service Upstairs, Nursery Open
- September 15: Children's Chapel for Sacred Travelers (K-5th), Youth classes
- September 22: Regular Sunday Classes
- September 29: Regular Sunday Classes

## Religious Education, Growth, and Learning (cont.)

### Tapestry of Faith Curriculum

**Butterflies (Preschool):** Celebrating Me & My World by Debora Chandler Pratt

This class offers experiences and opportunities for kids to grow in their sense of trust and caring and to develop their self-identity and sense of connectedness with all of life.

**Pathfinders (K-1st Graders):** Wonderful Welcome, A Tapestry of Faith Program by Aisha Hauser and Susan Lawrence

Leaders and children alike explore how and why we are willing to welcome others into our lives. We welcome not only strangers, but family, our peers, our neighbors and even entities that are not people such as our animal friends and nature itself.

**Trailblazers (2nd-3rd Graders):** Faithful Journeys, A Tapestry of Faith Program by Alice Anacheke-Nasemann and Lynn Ungar Susan

Participants embark on a pilgrimage of faith, exploring how UU-ism translates into life choices and everyday actions, to discover a unity of faith in the many different ways Unitarian Universalists, including themselves, can act on our beliefs.

**Seekers (4th-5th Graders):** Toolbox of Faith, A Tapestry of Faith Program by Kate Tweedie Covey

What tools does Unitarian Universalism offer for the challenges of life? Children discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them, developing a toolbox of faith.

**Junior High (6th-8th Graders):** Neighboring Faiths

Sessions explore the beliefs, history, and development of different faith traditions, highlighted by field trips to see how and where those religions are practiced in our community. This group will cover Ancient Belief Systems, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Earth-Centered Traditions, and New Religious Movements.

**High School (9th-12th Graders):** A Chorus of Faiths, A Tapestry of Faith Program by Renee Ruchotzke and Hannah McConnaughay

High school youth will also study World Religions, and participate in the field trips of Neighboring Faiths, but they will expand upon their knowledge of other religions by learning about and practicing interfaith communication and service, culminating in an interfaith social action project.



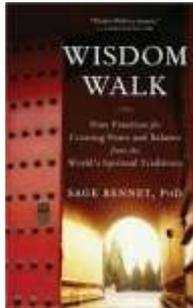
## Library Committee

As you have probably noticed, The South Valley library has been closed for the past two months. Our library is bursting at the seams...literally! Our poor bookshelves are showing the strain of holding all those books and are coming apart at the seams.

The library committee has met with the Facilities Team to try to find the best solution and a plan to fix them is in the works. We plan to open the library again on Ingathering Sunday, Sept. 8. In the meantime, if you have books to return just put them in the blue basket marked "Returns" which is by the library shelves. Thanks for your patience and we look forward to seeing you on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

This year in our Beacon articles, we will try to highlight materials from our library that support the theme of the month. This month the theme is Wisdom and we have found an interesting book in our collection we think you will enjoy.

### Wisdom Walk by Sage Bennet



After experiencing her own crisis of faith, Sage Bennet developed an eclectic spiritual life, borrowing rituals from many religions and traditions. In *Wisdom Walk* she outlines some of the most powerful of those practices, making them accessible to contemporary readers without diminishing or disrespecting their subtle nuances. Drawing from Hinduism, she explains how to create a home altar as a reminder of a larger spiritual presence. She explores how Buddhist meditation helps one find peace. From Islam comes surrendering to prayer, and from Christianity the practice of forgiveness. There's even Native American spirituality in the form of a chapter on letting nature be one's teacher. A final, summarizing chapter, brings together all the traditions, demonstrates their fundamental unity, and discusses the importance of offering oneself in service to others. *Wisdom Walk* provides a simple, easy-to-follow guide for bringing the world's spiritual traditions into one's life through practical,

powerful rituals.

## News from the South Valley Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS)

The South Valley CUUPS group is excited for another upcoming church year and look forward to the many activities and rituals we have planned. Our focus this year is to deepen our understanding and connection to Elements through teaching and ritual. Here are a few activities we have planned for September:

**The Three Rays Meditation Group** – We will meet on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Jr. High room and plan to discuss chapters 1-4 in Christopher Penczak's *Three Rays of Witchcraft* book. This group is still open to anyone who has completed the reading and wishes to participate in a deeper understanding of the Three Rays (Love, Will & Wisdom). Following the workshop, Christopher Penczak made a generous gift to South Valley that amounted to \$600. CUUPS will keep \$200 to use as seed money for breakfasts and subsequent events.



**Pancake Breakfasts** - We look forward to heating up the griddle for Pancake Breakfasts! Our first breakfast will be on September 8th. The cost is \$7 per person or \$15 per family.

**The Element of Water** – Our first ritual will focus on the Element of Water. We will be walking the labyrinth at the church on the evening of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider bringing some food or snacks to share and you may bring drums and rattles for this event.



## Interweave



Interweave (LGBTQ members, friends, and allies) will have another potluck dinner on Saturday September 28th at 6:30 pm, at the home of Rosine Oliver and Bob Lapp, 333 L Street SLC (in the Avenues). Please bring a dish to share and come ready to socialize. All are welcome.

## Women's Group

Girls-Night-Out Birthday Dinner  
Wednesday, September 18th

The Bohemian Brewery  
94 east 7200 South

We have reservations for 7:30

We will be celebrating those birthdays in September and October.

So far I have Rosanne C. 10/25, Lorri Q 10/25, Sutton 10/10, Kim L. 10/26, Tracie P. 10/18, Bonnie C. 11 29, and Denna W. 11/6. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.

All South Valley women 18 and older are welcome to join us. PLEASE RSVP.

Cynthia Dobbs, [cdobbs56@gmail.com](mailto:cdobbs56@gmail.com), 801-979-5951



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

South Valley is now featuring artists in our community by displaying their works of art in the Sanctuary. This includes children's art as well. It can be paintings, sketches, photography, quilts and sculptures, etc. Each person will have their work displayed for a full month.



For September, we have the honor of viewing the works of art by Ines and Judith Korbanka and Julie Vesley. If you are interesting in displaying your work, please contact Cynthia Dobbs [cdobbs56@gmail.com](mailto:cdobbs56@gmail.com).

## Auction



ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET!

The SVUUS 2013 Annual Goods & Services Auction is going to the movies - and YOU'RE the stars of the show!

It's not too soon to start planning for the biggest, most star-studded party of the church year.

- SAVE THE DATE: Join us on Saturday, November 9th
- SUPPORT SVUUS: Plan now for your Auction donations
- GLAM IT UP: Get creative with your costumes - come as your favorite movie star or character.

And WATCH THIS SPACE for more news and information about how you can help make this the best event of the year!

## Update from the Facilities Team

The Solar Project application has been submitted to Rocky Mountain Power as of May 31, 2013. We have apparently made the first cut; however, that is no guarantee of funding. As far as the outcome of the application, a decision will be made on or before November 15, 2013.



Tucker is studying the numbers for our electric bill which reflect the kilowatts used. She is doing this to determine what is causing the meter to rise above 16 kilowatts as this is when we receive a peak demand charge which is ultimately costing SVUU \$600 annually. Based on when the peak demand charge occurs, the cause is not clear. She will continue her investigation and report back to the committee once she had more information.

Efforts continue to be made around parking lot improvements. Cody Pace is looking into getting bids from companies. We are also looking at getting some of the worst spots cut out and filled as we receive money from our PAVE RAVE Fundraiser. All the more reason to donate and attend out next PAVE RAVE coming up on September 13<sup>th</sup>! James suggested temporarily repairing the parking lot with five volunteers from SVUU. He has the knowledge and could retain the necessary tools to complete such a project. This is a good option if we can get enough people to volunteer to help out.

The committee discussed the heating and cooling system. Discussion centered on the possibility of obtaining a gas furnace for the annex before the cold weather hits. Goal is to make a decision and purchase furnace by the end of August.

The social hall lighting has been replaced with T8's. This will significantly improve the quality of light and will be on the natural spectrum. We will receive a 50% rebate, leaving the total cost to SVUU at \$1035. That money has already been raised through the Split-the-Plate offering incentive. Way to go, SV! This will save us money on lighting cost for the Social Hall, kitchen and bathrooms.

Robyn has placed all of our green recycling bins.. The bins have a list and picture on them to direct people as to what goes where. Due to safety it was decided glass would not be recycled. Watch for those bins and please be mindful of where your recycled items go.



We are looking into getting ceiling fans for the Sanctuary. So far the quote we have is way out of reach for our budget, and the committee will continue to investigate other options.

We are starting an "Adopt-A-Space" program. We will be dividing up all of the outdoor property and asking for volunteers to adopt that space and maintain it. This can be done by individuals, or the whole family. We will put a plaque in your area indicating that this is your space, example "This Space is Lovingly Care for by the Granda Family". Watch for the large diagram in the foyer and pick your spot. Jeff Hansen has agreed to take on the project with the assistance of KC and Tucker. Our goal is to have our outdoors in tip-top shape before winter, so this will only go one until the end of October.

## UPDATES FROM UUA AND MDD

In Boston, "Join the Move" Sunday is October 6, 2013. If you are a SVUUS member and receive the UU WORLD magazine, you may have read about the much-discussed move from UUA's historic Beacon Hill home to the city's "Innovation District." Plans are to have innovative space as well as a creative UU Heritage Center in the new headquarters. Donations are encouraged. For more information see the UUA website //http://stewardship.blogs.uus.org/

MDD has put out its first call for the 2013 Chalice Lighters. Funds will help the Developmental Ministry at the UU Church in Boulder. You can read more about the Chalice Lighters program, which has assisted our congregation in the past several times, at Mountain Desert District's website.

AND, watch for more information about the popular Guest at Your Table Program sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Some changes are planned. SVUUS normally kicks off this effort on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

*Connee Gates*  
UU Service Committee Rep.

### MDD Western Cluster Fall UU Gathering

First Unitarian Church, Salt Lake City  
569 South 1300 East

#### ADULTS!

Gathering Oct. 18th & 19th  
Fellowship with like-hearted UUs from ID Falls to St. George  
In-depth workshops on Covenant and Beloved Community  
B&B or Home-Stays available  
Saturday childcare available upon request

#### YOUTH!

Mini Con Oct. 18th-20th  
2 night sleepover  
Make new UU friends from other churches  
Midnight worships  
Awesome workshops

#### EVERYONE!

Celebrations with musical guests  
Madrigal Mystery Tour  
Service Project in Central 9th Neighborhood  
Keynote Speaker: Deb Holder on Building Beloved Community

**Registration: \$35/person OR \$150 for a team of 5 (Includes desert and meals)**

**Contact: Jennica Davis [jdavis@uua.org](mailto:jdavis@uua.org) 801-201-6260**

**REGISTRATION available soon at <http://mdduua.org>!**



# 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 Cafe.*

*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.*

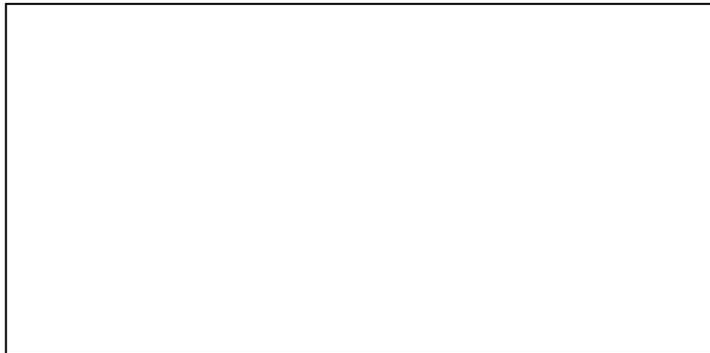
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or Travis 970-618-9619**

**7-9 PM**

**The 2nd Friday of Every Month  
Next RAVE is on Sept. 13th**

Save the Date	
Aug. 30-Sept.2	Annual Labor Day Campout
Sept. 4	CUUPS Meditation Group
Sept. 8	Ingathering – Water Ceremony
Sept. 8	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 8	Branches Open Session
Sept. 9	Monday Menus begin
Sept. 13	Pave Rave
Sept. 18	Women's Group Girls' Night Out
Sept. 19	CUUPS Elements Ritual
Sept. 28	Interweave Potluck
Upcoming Events	
Oct. 18-19	MDD Western Cluster Gathering
Nov. 9	Annual South Valley Auction

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