

# The Beacon

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## October Theme: Unity/Diversity

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10 a.m.: "Blessing of the Animals" Rev. Willis**

Bring your four-legged friends for a blessing of health and happiness.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>: "What do Animals Teach Us?" Rev. Willis**

In the interconnected web of life, we are all teachers and learners. From wolves and rhinoceri to our miniature Schnauzer and Siamese cat, what do animals teach us about how to be in the world?

**October 13<sup>th</sup>: "Ganesh Walks Before Us" Rev. Willis**

One of the most revered Hindu gods, the elephant-headed Ganesh, bids us overcome barriers and accompanies us across the difficult spots of our lives. Let us contemplate the wisdom of Hinduism, the religion that our youth are studying this month.

**October 20: "Mind-Body Bridging" Mary Cosgrove**

Guest speaker Mary Cosgrove will give a presentation on the spiritual aspects of Mind-Body Bridging, a unique method of healing that represents a new paradigm in mind/body medicine. Mind-Body Bridging opens the door to a wellspring of healing that few people discover, yet is available to everyone. Finally, a 21st Century mind/body healing modality that is neurologically based and scientifically proven!

**October 27<sup>th</sup>: "Imagine the Courage of a Few" Rev. Willis**

When the leaders of many countries gathered to create the United Nations, what unity did they envision from the diversity of this world? As we return to that courageous beginning, let us re-awaken our hope for peace in the world.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>: "Community Chat"**

From 12:30 join us in the sanctuary to talk about all the changes and plans for the future. Bring your ideas and your curiosity.

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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

Dear All,

I write this letter to you with the sun slanting through my window as it only does at the beginning of autumn. During these weeks, I feel both the coming of winter and the excitement of new beginnings. As we move into our second year of shared ministry, I am happy and grateful for your renewed energy and support. I feel this energy in many ways: When I pull up to the empty church, I smile now at the areas that used to be full of weeds and are now clear and looking loved. If any of you still want to adopt a space around the church for your very own, there is still time. I am also amazed when I go down into the classrooms used for Religious Education. If you haven't yet, please go and take a look. And after your eye-opening tour, please thank Robyn Granda, her family and helpers and an anonymous donor for making this possible. It is almost like having a new wing to our building! I also give thanks to those of you who call me when you or your family are in crisis for it shows that you want me to accompany you through the difficult as well as happy times.

Another way I feel your energy is in how many of you have participated in Monday Menus as learners and as facilitators. Ideas keep bubbling up for more classes and fun. Thank you for setting aside an evening for us. We will do our best to make setting aside this time on Monday worth your while. Your passions for social justice are surfacing in grass roots activities from feeding the homeless (see Susan Eyzaguirre about providing meals for the Homeless Youth Resource Center) to a Prayer Shawl Circle to give comfort to people within our community and beyond (see Lorri Quigley for details). Do you have an idea you would like help with? Post it on our Facebook page or in "Happenings." A whole crowd of people may be silently waiting for you.

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, at 10 a.m. we will begin a new tradition at South Valley with a "Blessing of the Animals." I have heard that this is not the first time and I hope that you enjoy it so much that we do it again next year. So, please bring your furry or slippery friends for a blessing of health and happiness at 10 a.m. The next day, our intergenerational worship service will deepen our celebration of animals with stories and songs.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Friday evening and Saturday, we have a rare and wonderful opportunity for fellowship with other Unitarian Universalists at the Cluster Meeting that will be held at First Unitarian church. Often these meetings are a long drive away so let's take advantage of having one just down the street. This is a great chance to gather with fellow UUs and learn from what they are doing. They are also excited to hear about all that is going on in our community. The youth will have a CON during this time as well. I encourage everyone who possibly can to attend these meetings that will inspire us to see the big picture of Unitarian Universalism. For details, go to [mdduaa.org](http://mdduaa.org)

During this second year, I am taking opportunities to be out in the greater Salt Lake Valley, representing our principles and who we are as a community. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will attend a special luncheon for faith leaders at the Governor's Mansion. Some of you have let me know about your concerns through our Facebook page and I'd love to hear more.

In the middle of all this activity, Lou and I have chosen the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, the night of the full moon, for a ceremony that is thirty years in the waiting. Since the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was overturned by the Supreme Court in June, we have been wondering about where we would have a marriage ceremony. We bounced between Maryland and California and then all of a sudden Santa Fe opened up. Our friend offered her house to us for a ceremony and our minister friend who plays the cello had time and the date was set. You will all be with us in spirit and at some as yet undecided date, we'll celebrate together at the church.

As the colors deepen on the mountains and the air cools, I pray that you and your families will find time to breathe in the beauty of this season. I look forward to your ideas and participation as our second year unfolds.

In love and community,  
Rev. Patty



## From the Board of Trustees

Community,

I'm at my desk on a rainy mid-September afternoon wondering what to say to you. There is so much going on at SVUUS! I feel so energized every time I enter the building, or read the Beacon, or read the Happenings Weekly Newsletter, etc.

I'll start by introducing myself to those of you who do not know me, or my SVUUS journey. I am completing the board term vacated by Linda Reed and so will serve this church year, plus one additional. I have to admit, it took a little arm twisting, but here I am! I look at many relationships in life in terms of Ebbs and Flows, and my relationship with South Valley is no different. There have been years of a lot of personal service and involvement, and then, some years of 'not so much'. I know some of you can relate to that, and that there are others who are steadfastly present and involved, and I have always internally thanked and admired you.

My past SVUUS experience includes a previous board term with one year as treasurer; co-chairing the pledge drive; the Finance Council Chair; the Budget Committee Chair and numerous times of committee level involvement. Though these are NOT new words of wisdom, it is SO TRUE that you get back what you put in. I've found myself on my (so far-2) Sundays of Board Duty wandering around after everyone has left... turning off lights and checking on doors.... feeling like I am 'back home'. What a wonderful feeling. Thank you all for making it so.

As you may already know, we are now looking for a replacement for Mel Welliver who has recently resigned from the board due to personal reasons. PLEASE consider volunteering for this vacant position. While the committees are hard at work on many, many projects, being on the board offers you the opportunity to serve at a vision and mission level. IF YOU are presently in an EBB, but want to FLOW again, please consider this open board position.

**WE NEED YOU**



Please think about attending the next Community Chat on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please try out the new Monday Menus! Bring your pets to the October 5<sup>th</sup> Animal Blessing Ceremony. Come on Sundays and listen to Rev Patty's wonderfully thought provoking and emotionally stimulating sermons.

BTW- have you 'sat under a tree yet'? Or, have you had 'one climate change conversation per month'? You'll only know what these mean if you were there!

There's much going on, so see you soon!

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

*Lory Schantz*  
Board of Trustees



## From the Worship Closet

As we begin our new church year, you have probably already noticed a few new things with regards to worship. While some things are only 'experiments' other changes are more permanent. But we feel they are changes for the better.

One such is the addition of John Bennett, the tall man at the piano on the Sundays the choir sings. John is also the accompanist for Lou Prince's Senior Choir that was featured in an article in the Salt Lake Tribune in September. I happen to have met John a few times when he was still the Director at a Senior Center near downtown SLC. He is a great guy and I know he will welcome getting to know everyone here at SVUUS. Be sure to stop by the piano some Sunday and introduce yourself and make him welcome. His gift of music is one that will, hopefully, be given to South Valley for quite some time.

Another new addition is that of our Community Tree, which was introduced at the Water Ceremony/In-gathering Sunday in September. The Worship Committee and REGAL already have plans to use this tree as a community symbol several times during the year. We are looking for a very nice pot to put it into, and if anyone is so moved, we will gladly accept the donation of a worthy receptacle for our new community symbol.

Because of the tree, and for other reasons, the Worship Committee is also experimenting with changing the location of the pulpit and altar on the platform. This is a work in progress and we will just have to see how it will work out. Comments are welcome, but be advised that we need to keep it one way for awhile before trying it another way.

Our other experiment is jointly with the Facilities Team. In an effort to possibly reduce our electrical usage, we will be experimenting (on clear days) with using natural lighting only during at least part of the service. If anyone has problems seeing during service, we want your feedback. We will be trying out different methods to reduce electrical use for the next couple of months, again, all dependent on the weather. Your comments to us or to Tucker Gurney are appreciated.

The Worship Committee just wants people to understand that because something is changed it does not mean it is going to stay that way. This is a year of experimentation. Your comments and helpful suggestions are always welcome. If you want to be a part of the committee and help make changes that YOU would like to see, please contact any committee member at any time before or after service or by phone or email. We are actively looking for members. Newer members/friends are especially welcome. There will be a 'training session' in the fall, so watch for announcements.

See you in church!

Mary Norton  
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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## From the Transition Team

### “The Desire to Participate”

Rev. Patty has many strengths when it comes to ministry, but one in particular has to do with her style of sermonizing. She is a gifted storyteller. Time and again we are treated to a story that is often not only delightfully entertaining, but deeply and wonderfully meaningful. As a salute to Rev. Patty’s story-telling style, and in keeping with the season of Yom Kippur, this article begins with a story. This is from the Jewish tradition of Kabbalah, as related in The Way by Michael Berg (I am condensing and paraphrasing):

*At the back of a crowded synagogue, a boy of five stood with his father. The little boy looked around and saw everyone concentrating very hard on their prayers. Caught up in the spirit of the congregation, he yearned, more than anything, to join in, to show his devotion. With this in mind, the boy opened a prayer book. But not yet knowing how to read, the words were meaningless scribbles and tears of frustration welled up. His nose began to run, so he reached into his pocket for a handkerchief. There in his pocket, wrapped in the handkerchief, was a beautiful shiny whistle.*

*The boy had a flash of inspiration. “If I blow this whistle very hard, God will hear it, and He will know how much I want to be with Him.” The boy put the whistle to his mouth, and in a synagogue filled with only the quiet murmurs of a hundred devoted supplicants, he blew the whistle as hard as he could.*

*Everyone nearly jumped out of their skins. The boy’s father, shocked and mortified, grabbed the whistle, glared at the boy and began to stammer an apology. He was interrupted by the well-known and kindly voice of the rabbi, who making his way through the crowd, approached the boy and said, “Why did you blow that whistle?” “I wanted to talk with God like everybody else.” The rabbi turned to the boy’s father and said, “I want you to know that your son’s blowing of that whistle opened more gates to the Creator than I could with all my knowledge and prayers and meditations. Thank you.”*

There are many teachings embedded in this story, but the one that leaps out at me is the pure, overwhelming desire of that little boy to participate in the spirit of his religious community. He sensed that something wonderful was happening; he responded to that spirit of communion with the Holy in the way that he could in the moment. It wasn’t the usual way to participate; but perhaps being unusual, it was very effective in getting the attention of both God and everyone else in the room. Thankfully, the rabbi could remind those present that there are many ways to participate. What matters is not the way, but the desire and the gift that comes from the heart.

In the spirit of shared ministry, together with Rev. Patty and all those called to leadership in the South Valley UU Society, may we all find ways to transform our desire to participate into some kind—indeed, any kind—of contribution to the work of our Beloved Community. There is so much good work to be done, and there are a myriad of opportunities. Go for it! All that is required, in the words of Wiccan author Dianne Sylvan, is to “do what you can with what you’ve got.” (from The Circle Within)

Blessings all around!

*Mel Gundersen*  
Member, Transitions Team



## Religious Education, Growth, and Learning

Our Sunday Program had a lovely Kick-Off and Covenant-Making on September 15. I hope you were all there to see what an amazing team of people I get to work with. And if you were there, and thought, “Gosh, that looks like a fine bunch having a good time together; I might like to try that!” Please let me know - we are always looking for fresh blood. I mean, “new people, with new energy!”

And, another reminder: it’s time to register for REGAL’s Sunday Program! Each (AND EVERY) 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

### Monday Menus for October

What is a “Monday Menu” anyway? 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 Hirsch ([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.

#### Monday Menus for October

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| October 7:  | Bible Study Group, TED Talks Discussion, Labyrinth Walk/Meditation, Children’s Choir                               |
| October 14: | African Drumming & Dancing, TED Talks Discussion, Yoga, Artist’s Way, Deep fUUn (Youth Group)                      |
| October 21: | Preparing for Day of the Dead, TED Talks Discussion, Yoga, Artist’s Way, Deep fUUn (Youth Group), Children’s Choir |
| October 28: | Internet Generation Discussion, Yoga, Artist’s Way, Deep fUUn (Youth Group), Children’s Choir                      |



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

### Junior High Class News

Christy Montrone-Burns

Our Junior High classes had an amazing start on September 15th with 14 youth in attendance! Our teaching team includes Christy Montrone-Burns, Bob Burns, Erik Allen, Sheri Lund and Mac Lund.

A new component of the youth program is Touchstone, a youth chapel experience. Junior High and High school youth will be creating their own youth chapel once a month to help experience what it is like to plan for and implement services. Trista Emmer will be their adult facilitator and if September was any indication of what chapel will be like, we are in for some very amazing experiences, especially once Junior High youth understand metaphors a bit better (inside joke.)

The Junior High Class will be studying Neighboring Faiths this year which involves learning about major world religions and taking field trips to experience as many religions as possible before May, 2014. Our "official" activity was on September 28th to India Fest. In October we will be studying Hinduism. Please watch for announcements regarding activities and field trips in the Weekly Happenings email and emails sent directly to youth and their parents.

We strongly encourage all youth to attend as many classes, field trips and activities as possible. The more youth that are involved, the more fun the experience will be for everyone. If you have any questions about the program, Christy Montrone-Burns or Liz Martin will be happy to help you.

#### **ALL HALLOW'S EVE CARNIVAL!!!!**

**SVUUS REGAL presents our annual All Hallow's Eve Carnival  
Saturday Oct. 26th 1:00 - 3:00pm!**

*Dress up and bring your little ones to join in our scare-free celebration of ancestors with Rune Bingo - Fortune Telling - Spider Toss - Bobbing for Donuts - Pumpkin Bowling - Costume Parade - Cookie Decorating - Invisible Messages - Pumpkin Pie & Cider!*

*Bring along your family and friends to this fun community event!*

*Contact Robyn Taylor-Granda at [oldhousegirl@gmail.com](mailto:oldhousegirl@gmail.com) to donate candy or volunteer! This is geared for young children with our Jr. & Sr. High youth running the activities.*



### REGAL Calendar

- October 5: Intergenerational and Inter-species Outdoor Service: Blessing Our Animals
- October 6: Intergenerational Service: The Blessing of Animals
- October 13: Children's Chapel for Sacred Travelers (K-5th): Unity & Diversity, Youth (6th-12th): Worship - Unity & Diversity, then classes
- October 20: Regular Sunday Classes
- October 26: All Hallow's Eve Carnival: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- October 27: Regular Sunday Classes

South Valley Auction



# A Night At The MOVIES

## 2013 SVUUS Auction

**AND YOU'RE THE STARS OF THE SHOW!**

Join us for a star-studded fundraising extravaganza,  
featuring YOU and your South Valley friends  
in starring roles as icons of the silver screen!  
*(Start planning your Hollywood-inspired costume today!)*

Mix & mingle like a socialite, shop 'til you drop at the  
"Tinseltown" Silent Auction\*  
and be a big spender at our famous Live Auction\*

**\*Submit your auction donations today\***

<http://tinyurl.com/2013svuusauction>

**And volunteer to help make this the event of the season!**

**Tickets are On Sale Now!**

**(in the Social Hall, following service every Sunday)**

**\$16/Adults & teens 14-up (\$20 at the door)**

**\$5/Kids Auction (under 14)**

# November 9th at 6:00pm





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

CUUPS has some exciting things planned for the Month of October.

**The Three Rays Meditation Group** -- October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Jr. High room. We will discuss chapters 1-4 of Christopher Penzak's Three Rays of Witchcraft. The group is still open to anyone who has completed the reading.



**Pancake Breakfast** -- The next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a breakfast burrito bar. We at CUUPS really need help with the set-up, preparation and clean-up for the breakfast. Please contact David Lane to volunteer. The cost is \$7 per person or \$15 per family.

**All Hallows Eve Carnival and Boutique** -- Psychic Fair and Boutique on October 26 1:00-4:30pm

While the kids are celebrating downstairs, South Valley CUUPS will be offering Psychic Readings in the sanctuary. We are looking into booking the soap lady and also are looking for any South Valley people who would like to vend. We only ask for a donation to the church for vending.



At 3:00pm, the kids' parade begins and we are asking for people to come pass out nut-free treats. If you can't come, but would like to offer treats, contact me off list. Please remember we have children with nut allergies, so nut-free treats only.

## October Women's Group

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 PM for our next Women's group gathering.

This month we will be doing something a little different. We will be doing a Clothing Exchange. This includes jewelry, scarves, handbags, etc. So clean out those closets and let's have a ball recycling what we no longer use.

Our Hostess will be Patricia Hopps. Patricia is a good friend of mine who has just recently started coming to SV. She wants to get to know all of us and has offered her home for next gathering. Her address is 563 East 3785 South.

All South Valley Women 18 and older are welcome.  
Snacks and drinks will be served.  
PLEASE RSVP to Cynthia [cdobbs56@gmail.com](mailto:cdobbs56@gmail.com).



## SVUUS Fall Cleanup

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 - 9am to 2pm**

UU Seventh Principle: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

*[We take care of our world]*

This is a personal invitation to each of you, whether you are a friend or member of SVUUS to join us for our Fall Clean Up. Our Adopt-A-Space sponsors have been doing a great job keeping up on our summer yard care, but we still need to prepare for winter. We'll be weeding, trimming bushes and cleaning the parking lot as well as some indoor cleaning. So please join us, regardless of your skill level. You can participate for some or all of the clean up, but we're hoping that each of you can find at least two hours in your full schedules to give back to a building that means so much to our congregation!

Many of you may not know this, but our yard care service only mows and edges the front lawn. So, if we want to keep our building and grounds looking great - everything else is up to us! This is also a great opportunity for our children and youth to learn from your example and to have a chance to work with the adults in a service project. Your contribution of time is a valuable resource for our community!

Please bring any gloves, garden tools (especially rakes, shovels and wheel barrows) and cleaning supplies that you think will be useful. Please feel free to contact Robyn Taylor-Granda if you have a special project that you'd like to coordinate.

There will be drinks and treats to keep you going, then sandwiches at lunch time, as well as childcare for younger children and infants!

See you there!

SVUUS Facilities Team - Cynthia Dobbs, Robyn Taylor-Granda, Tucker Gurney, Cody Pace, Joanie Packard, Holly Kees, Jeff Hansen & KC Tabor

## Leadership Succession Committee

And we're off . . . to an exciting new church year. The Leadership Succession Committee (LSC) is excited about several things this year; among them are:

- providing mini-training sessions on leadership for the Council on Committee's quarterly meetings,
- encouraging members to consider attending the Russell Lockwood Leadership School next summer (check out their website [www.uua.org/governance/leadership/199065.shtml](http://www.uua.org/governance/leadership/199065.shtml) for further information about this life-altering experience),
- finding and grooming future leaders for our many church opportunities, and
- recognizing and appreciating the good leadership that already exists throughout our congregation.

The LSC recognizes the enormous job that many of you already do in so many ways to make our community work. Sometimes your efforts may seem unsung and hardly noticed, but they make a huge difference to the whole church. Thank you to all volunteers on the board, the various committees, and our general worker bees.



## MDD Western Cluster

### Fall UU Gathering

First Unitarian Church, Salt Lake City  
569 South 1300 East

Don't miss this chance to gather with other UU's from the Western Region to learn and celebrate together.

#### 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 at <http://mdduua.org>!**

## Social Action Committee

### **Compassionate Service Opportunity: Meals for Homeless Youth**

We are starting up a new program to help support homeless youth right here in Salt Lake Valley. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve hot meals at the Homeless Youth Resource Center, possibly prepare food the day before, and/or donate food or funds to help purchase food for the meals. Beginning in October we will be serving breakfasts and dinners on the first Mondays and the 4th Fridays of each month (beginning Oct 7 and 25). We will organize into teams of 4 to prepare and serve meals at the center. The HYRC is located at 655 S. State Street, and time slots for preparing and serving at the center are 8:45 - 10 am for breakfasts and 3:45 - 5:15 pm for dinners. We will have an orientation at the HYRC very soon, date and time TBA. Contact Susan Eyzaguirre if you are interested in participating at [eyzsooz@gmail.com](mailto:eyzsooz@gmail.com), (801)278-8130, or catch her after most Sunday services (she will likely be selling Cafe Justo coffee).

About the population served at the Homeless Youth Resource Center:

33% identify as LGBTQ

23% report having been in foster care

67% report having at least 1 mental illness

60% experience abuse before becoming homeless; 40% after becoming homeless

33% are parents





## Announcements & Opportunities

### Change in Minister's Office Hours

Due to Monday Menus, the Minister's office hours have changed from Monday to Tuesday or Wednesday:

Monday: 3:00 PM To 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:00 PM To 6:00 PM

(this will sometimes be Wednesday because of meetings, so please call ahead.)

Thursday: 3:00 PM To 6:00 PM

Since I also have many interfaith events and visits to hospitals or homes, please call for appointments on these and other days or evenings to make sure that I will be there.

### New Member Orientation

November 3rd, 2013: 12:30 to 2:00.

For those of you who are considering membership or have just joined, we will be having a meeting to familiarize you with UU history, ministries of the church, and the responsibilities and privileges of membership.

(A light lunch and childcare will be provided.)

#### Save the Date

Oct. 1	CUUPS Meditation Group
Oct. 5	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 7	Homeless Youth Service Project
Oct. 7	Monday Menus
Oct. 9	Women's Group
Oct. 13	Pancake Breakfast
Oct. 14	Monday Menus
Oct. 18-19	MDD Western Cluster Gathering
Oct. 19	SVUUS Fall Cleanup
Oct. 21	Monday Menus
Oct. 25	Homeless Youth Service Project
Oct. 26	All Hallows Eve Carnival & Boutique
Oct. 27	Community Chat
Oct. 28	Monday Menus

#### Upcoming Events

Nov. 3	New Member Orientation
Nov. 9	Annual South Valley Auction

#### 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

## In Concert

Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd

Friday, October 25, 6:00pm

South Valley Unitarian Church

Long-time favorites in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas, Alisa Fineman and Kimball Hurd have also earned national acclaim, touring all over the country, appearing at festivals such as California's Strawberry and Kate Wolf Memorial Festival, Austin's South-By-Southwest, the Kerrville Folk Festival, the Connecticut Family Folk Festival and the Wizards of Wooden Music.

Monterey County's Coast Weekly voted Fineman "Best Folk Musician" four years in a row and in 1991 she won top honors at the Kerrville Folk Festival for her songs, "One Lone Bird" and "I Could Not Ask For More" - both of which were included on her 1995 release *Better With Time*.

Renown for her world-class alto voice with its dusky tones and depth of emotion, Alisa is perfectly complimented by multi-instrumentalist Kimball Hurd. Hurd, a Bammie (Bay Area Music Association) Award winner, adds dimension to the duo's performances with vocal harmonies and an array of tasteful musical accents with guitar, mandolin, mandola, dobro, banjo and slide guitar, and steps forward on occasion to offer a song from his own catalog of powerful originals.

In addition to their solo careers, Alisa and Kimball have performed with such nationally recognized artists as folk legend Tom Paxton, John Gorka, and Trapazoid founder Paul Reisler. Both are former members of Martin Simpson's Band Of Angels and the music of both has been featured on numerous compilation albums and CD's.



David Lane

David is a singer/songwriter whose voice has been compared to Cat Stevens. His bluesy folk/pop songs tell stories of loss, motorcycles, protest, and the struggle of ever really leaving a small town.

**Hosted by MacNichol Guitars and Mandolins**

**Cost is \$15 per person**



Teachers and children in the REGAL program are recognized during the service on Sept. 15.

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