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May Theme: Wholeness



May 4th: "Wholeness and the Holy"

Rev. Patty Willis

How do we become whole? How can our striving for wholeness be the greatest gift we can give our loved ones and our community? Come, religious explorers, let us open our minds to a new vision of what is holy.

May 11th: "Mama Never Forgets Her Birds"

Rev. Patty Willis

Let us celebrate the mothers of nature and in our own lives who watch over us. We are each blessed with mothers and being mothers within and beyond biology. Come and remember those who have watched over your life.

May 18th: "Celebrating Our Youth: The Time of Bridging"

Rev. Patty Willis

Let us listen to the hearts of our marvelous youth. Their sharing of ideas, beliefs and experience, is one of the most beloved services of our church year. This year, we will begin the tradition of Bridging not out of our congregation but into our active group of young adults, the UU Bridge Brigade.

May 25th: "The Whole Shebang"

Lay-led Service

Guest Speaker: John Cooper

How do we find healthy closure? Say Good-Bye? Grieve? On this Memorial Day during our month of Wholeness, let's reflect on grieving, saying good-bye, and moving forward while honoring the past. How have we said good-bye in our community and what models do we have?

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To send a message to the list, simply address it to svuus-news@mailman.xmission.com

From the Board of Trustees

A closer look.....

There are many things going on this time of year at church with the Stewardship Drive wrapping up with the Big Event and with the REGAL program nearing the close of their regular year with the annual service by our youth – but I'll let others capture the many things afoot in other areas of the Beacon. What I want to do with this article is to offer you a closer look at the individuals who serve on your board of directors.

Let's take a look at Phil Quigley first. If you read his Board article in last month's Beacon, you will know what I mean -- he is a tremendously talented individual who gives so much to our community. He just amazes me with his knowledge, his balanced approach and his unique combination of having the ability to be detail oriented and big picture oriented all at the same time! That is quite rare.

If you have youth in our program, you've probably met the latest addition to our Board -- Torrey Longeteig. I relate closely to Torrey as I feel comfortable with her quiet presence. I know that under that you'll find much thought and caring and trustworthiness! If Torrey says she's going to do something, she does it! I love that! Welcome Torrey!

Then, Eddie Granda. ... Everybody probably feels like they know Eddie! When I think of him, I think of having fun and of giving to others. He has one of the least favorite board positions -- secretary – and he handles those duties without complaint. My impression is that he doesn't need a lot of accolades – he just wants to help. Thank you, Eddie. We appreciate you.

Cynthia Dobbs now comes to mind. WOW! What else can I say! I don't believe I've ever met a person with so much energy and passion and with such a willingness to 'just jump in there'. We wouldn't be the board that we are without Cynthia! Our entire community is blessed by all that she contributes.

Tom... Tom.... Tom... (Kimball). What a complex guy! When I think of Tom, I think of depth and humor and I love that combination! He is thoroughly enjoyable to work with and there's much to learn from him. Thanks for jumping into a leadership role so early on in your time with South Valley.

And our president – Laura Renshaw. Laura, you exemplify leadership. You are 'solid' and community minded and generous with all of your T's (time, talent, treasures)! You have been exactly what South Valley has needed these past two years as our President. Thank you SO MUCH! We will miss you on the board but will know that you'll be contributing in other important areas at South Valley.

YOUR entire board gives much as a whole to this community, but it was important for me to take the time to point out some of the individual talents and traits that make up this important and diverse and balanced leadership group.

In community,
Lory Schantz, Board of Trustees

From the Minister's Desk

"Wholeness, Health and the Holy"

I love language and feel lucky to have grown up speaking English. English is a rich, earthy mix of structures and words from linguistic sources as varied as the turbulent history of the British Isles. And, do you know that wholeness, health and holy all come from the same source: an old English word "*hal*," a word that was originally used to mean "uninjured, sound, healthy, entire, complete"? In recent years, we have seen the word "whole" everywhere as if this word describes the yearning of a generation. Healthy food is advertised as "whole." Alternative and traditional medicine now often urge us to consider the "whole" body, not just the part that seems to be ailing us. By seeing ourselves beyond a diagnosis, by even embracing what is different about us as part of the whole rather than defining the whole, we find more connection with others. We embrace difference and commonality.

On a personal level, being "whole" is hard work. As someone who is constantly using her head, I have found that in order to be whole, I must keep forcing myself to get up out of my chair and do something different. This week, I did two things that have led me to a greater feeling of wholeness: I painted a large painting of a whale and Lou and I took our second ballroom dance lesson during which we learned the basic steps for the rumba. I struggle when I pick up a brush and begin to make a painting. I like to paint because I love color and shape--- not because I am good at drawing. And, in my struggle putting a shape on that canvas or paper and then adding colors, I am using parts of myself that I don't use when I sit in a chair and write. Mysteriously, using these less-utilized parts of myself brings me joy. The ballroom dancing part is a little more complex. I have always loved to dance and not being able to dance with Lou in a traditional setting (I don't like bars) was a huge loss for me in my twenties. About a year ago, I had the idea of going to a ballroom dance studio in Salt Lake City and studying dance with her. Whenever I thought of it, though, I imagined the strange stares and my own discomfort. Last Wednesday, however, Eleanor Roosevelt's advice to do something that frightens me every day pushed me to look for a studio. After driving up to one that was closed, I looked up ballroom dance studios on my iPhone and made a call. Tentatively, I asked the man on the other end, "How do you feel about a same-sex couple studying at your studio." After a pause, he said, "I'll have to ask my husband." We drove right over there and that day we had our first lesson. This week, we had our second one. We're moving right through the cha-cha to the rumba and the waltz. I am feeling more whole and healthy (are these different?) because I am dancing. You might even find me twirling around when I think no one is looking!

What do you need to do for your wholeness? Have you been sitting with an idea as long as I sat with the seemingly impossible dream of ballroom dancing with Lou? I hope that our new form of exercise and fun inspires you to do that scary thing that stands in between you and wholeness.

In our community, we have seen the wholeness of our community coming to fruition in the metaphor of our stewardship tree and the real tree that sits by our stage. If we had put a flower for each talent or the time that people bring, we wouldn't have been able to see that tree! We see that embodied on Sundays when some members are hard at work as the hands of the congregation providing hospitality. Others, beginning with James Carlson, give us their physical strength, by preparing the sanctuary; the sound engineer's expertise and time give us a way to hear the service. Please notice the new painting on the sanctuary wall that calls us to remember and protect the nature around us. The artistry of the altar and the paintings that are either permanent, such as George Melling's and Cynthia Dobb's, or those that are temporary, deepen our experience in worship. The voices, hands and hearts of many are needed throughout the service and downstairs in our classes. How do you define your place? What could you do with us that would make your life more whole? We need your ideas, too, about creating opportunities to take an active role. This year, I have felt that more people are working in areas that bring them joy. One of the choir members wrote that singing in the choir was her spiritual practice. Practicing our gifts, from gardening, to finance and singing, etc., etc., that bring us more wholeness can also be a way to connect with the Holy, the Mystery, and/or with that wonderful interconnected web of life of which we are all a part.

Our work towards wholeness and health is holy work! Do not be surprised if it is also a way to face your fears.

In love and health,

Rev. Patty

From the Transition Team

There are times when the message of a sermon really strikes home and stays with me, far beyond the moment of hearing it. For me, that is true of Rev. Patty's sermon on April 6, titled "The Wisdom of the Trapeze." The art of the trapeze has so much to teach us about letting go, trusting, and simply creating moments of beauty, grace, excitement, and connection with the Something Beyond/Within that is the source for all creative artists. And by metaphorical extension, the Source for all of us who are seeking to create a life aligned with Sacred Being. We can learn life lessons from the trapeze even if we decide, as Rev. Patty did, that "being a trapeze artist is not for me." In that case we learn not by doing the thing ourselves, but by participating as attentive, interested observers.

A good sermon is not only a meaningful and timely message; it is a work of art. If we allow ourselves to participate in the sermon by opening to it expectantly and appreciatively, we can become partners in that sacred creative moment.

I am an appreciative spectator when it comes to the art of poetry. Every time I read a good poem, I bring it to life in my heart and soul. One of my favorites is the poem "I would not paint a picture..." by Emily Dickinson. I repeat here only the first stanza, but encourage you to find and read the complete version.

I would not paint a picture
I'd rather be the one
Its bright impossibilities
To dwell delicious on
And wonder how the fingers feel
Whose rare celestial stir
Evokes so sweet a torment
Such sumptuous despair.

Creation is a primary aspect of the Divine nature. In this poem Dickinson describes the way of creating a connection with Holiness not by taking the role of the creator/artist but, just as essential and equally fulfilling, by taking the role of spectator, the one who hears, sees and appreciates the creation. We help to bring creation into being in ourselves and in our community by seeing, hearing, reading, writing, touching, tasting, speaking, feeling, thinking, contemplating, singing, dancing, playing or praying about something that someone else created. In doing so, we are partners with the creator/artist and we are mutually blessed in giving birth to a living, breathing sacred moment in time. It's one of the greatest joys of being actively involved in a spiritual community. (A side thought, though important: support also includes clear, constructive, compassionate feedback!)

There are so many gifted creative artists in our midst, and so many opportunities to be partners of creation by watching, hearing, appreciating, supporting, and encouraging the creators among us. As we do so, may we come to know the joy of being artists and spectators partnered together in the wonderfully creative life of this Beloved Community.

Blessings to all,

Mel Gundersen
Transitions Team member

From the Worship Closet

“Goodbye Doesn’t Mean Forever”

After many years using my talents in service of this committee, I have decided it is time to say goodbye to the worship committee and that part of the ‘whole’ that has been my years of service at South Valley.

As the song goes, however, ‘goodbye doesn’t mean forever’. I hope to be back during the coming year with an occasional story or reading or altar décor or even a song or two. However, in order to continue on my journey toward wholeness, I’ve decided to shift my focus to adult religious education classes in the coming church year. I look forward to sharing some of my knowledge of energy work, color healing, pagan history and practices and even dog massage with members of this congregation in the coming year.

I’ve enjoyed my time on the worship committee and I know that this committee will continue to produce great services under Reverend Patty’s guidance and the direction of the new committee chair, Brenda Voisard.

If you are new to SVUUS, or simply haven’t considered becoming part of the worship team, please consider it this coming year. As the old saying goes ‘many hands mean light work’. I would love to tell anyone interested about what it is like to be a part of the committee and how you are mentored and eased into the role of Lay Leader, not just thrown in with no training or no idea of what you are doing.

Wishing everyone success in their own journey toward wholeness,

Mary Norton



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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Annual Congregational Meeting

Board of Trustees Announcement

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 18th, after church services

The annual congregational meeting will be held after the service on May 18th. All members and friends are invited to attend. Members will vote to elect new Board, Endowment, and Leadership Succession/Development members, as well as adopt a new budget, and discuss proposed changes to our bylaws. Childcare will be provided. This is an important meeting. We hope you all will attend!

Candidates for Elected Offices

Nominated by the Leadership Succession/Development Committee

Cynthia Dobbs – Board of Trustees, 3-Year Term

Cynthia was elected to a 2-year term which will end in June. She has accepted our nomination to stand for election to a new 3-year term. As we all know, Cynthia is an energetic leader who donates many hours in service to South Valley.

Christine Hirrill – Board of Trustees, 3-Year Term

Christine Hirrill came to SVUUS almost 3 years ago when she relocated to Salt Lake City from Tulsa, OK, and has been a member since she and her daughter, Claire, joined the church on Mother's Day, 2012. Christine recognized her passion for Adult Religious Education, Small Group Ministry (SGM), and Welcoming through her involvement with her former UU Church in Tulsa, All Souls, where she was nominated to serve on the Newcomers' Board and engaged in many learning opportunities.

Christine re-introduced the practice of SGM at SVUUS through a concept called Branches group meetings, which is in its second cycle this year, and co-facilitated a Build Your Own Theology series. She was shortly thereafter appointed Coordinator of Adult Religious Education where she initiated discussion and pursued development of the successful new weeknight program for community and religious education called Monday Menus. This is Christine's second year working behind the scenes as the Stewardship Campaign Project Manager, where she developed and facilitated an organizational structure that will serve to define the program in future years. She finds singing to be a deeply spiritual practice and has enjoyed her first year of being a choir member. She will soon attend training and co-facilitate Our Whole Lives (OWL) training for 4th-6th graders this summer at SVUUS. She serves our community with endless energy and firm dedication and her impact is apparent in many programs.

Denna Wright – Leadership Succession/Development Committee, 3-Year Term

Denna grew up in the Episcopal Church in Flagstaff, AZ. She has been a UU since 1971. Denna and Bob, her husband, joined First Unitarian Church when they moved to Salt Lake City. When they moved to Park City in the 1980's, they became part of a UU fellowship there.

Now, living in Holladay, Denna finds South Valley convenient to attend, as well as being a smaller congregation which she likes very much.

Denna has served on a number of committees including serving as co-chair of the Library Committee, chair of Caring Circle, and Yard Sale co-chair. She has also helped organize food donations for the Crossroads Urban Center. She has participated in pledge drives for the last three years and she serves as a greeter once a month.

George Melling – Endowment Committee, 3-Year Term

George has been serving on the Endowment Committee and has graciously accepted nomination for another 3-year term. George brings a great deal of expertise to the committee as well as all of the institutional knowledge he has as a member of South Valley for many years.

Religious Education, Growth, and Learning

Monday Menus

A most hearty THANK YOU to all of the facilitators and participants in this year's Monday Menus program! We held two sessions, Fall and Spring, 26 weeks in total. Participants were able to choose from over 20 different classes, discussion groups, and other offerings over the course of the year, from studying the Artist's Way to practicing Yoga!

Special thanks to the facilitators who made all these classes possible:

Paul Barron	Christy Bills
Shannon Black	Jayla Burley-Wolfe
Lis Epperson	Susan Eyzaguirre
Connee Gates	Joe Gates
Mel Gunderson	Valerie Holt
Russ Martin	Mary Norton
Mary Lou Prince	Linda Reed
Keshav Sarin	Leslie Sarin
Jan Vanderhooft	Amber Van Strien
Rev. Patty Willis	Rev. Dr. Silvia Behrend
Rev. Dr. Loletta Barrett (thanks to Val Allyse for arranging)	
Paula Palmer (thanks to the SL Society of Friends - the Quakers - for arranging)	



Planning is underway for the next series beginning in September. If there's something you'd like to see, or facilitate, or if you have any suggestions about how this first series went, please let me, Rev. Patty, or Christine Hirrill know. We do, however, have a few previews to share so that you may start planning ahead:

Junior High OWL (Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexual education) will be offered on Monday's beginning in September. Watch for information about Parent Orientation if you have a child entering 6th-8th grade next year!

"Building Your Own Theology" is a classic UU curriculum that can be helpful (and fun!) regardless of where you currently are in your spiritual journey. Watch this space for more info...

Sunday REGAL Schedule

- May 4:** Children's Chapel for Sacred Travelers (K-5th): Wholeness
Youth Worship (6th-12th): - Wholeness/Salvation, then preparation for May 18th service
- May 11:** Regular Sunday Classes*:
High School (9th-12th) - Preparation for May 18th service
Junior High (6th-8th) - Preparation for May 18th service
Seekers (4th-5th) – Closing Celebration
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Closing Celebration
Pathfinders (K-1st) - Closing Celebration
Butterflies (Preschool) - Closing Celebration
- May 18:** Intergenerational Service - **Youth Service and Bridging Ceremony**
(All ages stay upstairs, child care available in Nursery room for infants and toddlers)
- May 25:** REGAL Popcorn & Movie day...come in your jammies, we'll provide the popcorn!

* For more information about our curricula and programming, please see our REGAL brochure available in the church lobby, or contact Liz Martin at dre@svuus.

News from the Stewardship Campaign

THE BIG EVENT IS HERE!

You've pledged your talent, time and treasure—and now it's time for us to celebrate YOU! Come on over to THE BIG EVENT on Saturday, May 10th at 7:00pm. It's time to get your RAINBOW on and enjoy a night of great food, company, and entertainment. Our theme this year is "Over the SV Rainbow" and the catering will be provided by our neighbor, BLUE LEMON! DELICIOUS! We love our neighborhood, and we love you, our community. Let us thank you, BIG EVENT-style, and we'll have lots of fun and recognition on the 10th.

Volunteers are still needed if you have some time at the beginning of the month and the day of the event. Please contact Cynthia Dobbs at cdobbs56@gmail.com if you can help.

OPENING TO GRATITUDE – *THANK YOU* for all of your pledges!

Going to THE BIG EVENT, Going to THE BIG EVENT....last chance!

By the time you read this, we will be finishing up the last tasks of the 2014 Stewardship Campaign. Dozens of you have already pledged your time, talents, and treasure—and we have a tree full of leaves, flowers, and birds to prove it. Oh, who can't love spring? And we thank you so much. Perhaps you received a letter in the mail and haven't been moved as yet. Perhaps you received a phone call reminder and want to pledge, but haven't. Perhaps you still want to give, but not as much as last year? We invite you now! We will gratefully accept every last-minute pledge. We are close to reaching our 2014 stretch goal—the goal we set to fulfill our fiscal responsibilities *and* our community driven projects, like solar panels and...a full time minister! What a difference two years makes. It took more than a tornado to get us to this place—it took a lot of brains, courage, and heart; a lot of time, talent, and treasure. And aren't we glad to be here now?

We are approaching the moment when we pull back the curtain and announce the total hours pledged, talents logged, and treasure raised in the campaign, and every pledge of every size will help move closer to our goal. There's no place like our South Valley religious home!

Thank you for helping create this special place we cherish, SVUUS.

Sincerely yours,
Your Stewardship Campaign committee



OVER THE "SOUTH VALLEY" RAINBOW

BIG EVENT

Saturday, May 10th 6:00 PM

Dinner Drinks

Entertainment

Our usual Minister's Roast

Music Dancing

The attire is Casual Wear in colors of the Rainbow.

Ladies, bring out those colorful boas and fancy hats.

Men, wacky ties and hats are encouraged, as well!

There will be child care and dinner downstairs for

Children 5 to 10 yrs old. (no nursery)

Kids and Tweens 11 to 13 yrs old, there will be activities

and dinner in the Jr. High Room

Teens 14 and older, you are welcome

be upstairs with your parents

and to help as servers for dinner.

Come and share your love of South Valley with all your friends and let's see if we can find the

POT of GOLD at the End of the Rainbow.



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

Come join us on June 21st, as we celebrate the longest day of the year with a fire dance. Set up for the dance will begin at 5:30, and the dance will go from 7:00-9:30 in the sanctuary. We will have drumming and taped music to dance to. There will be refreshments.

The CUUPS group has some terrific events planned for the upcoming year. We plan to have a Psychic fair and Day of the Dead dance on October 25th. We will have craft workshops and other events. We are looking forward to March 27-29 of next year when we will go to Lava Hot Springs for a retreat with Christopher Penczak.

CUUPS will not have a breakfast in May, but we will start the Sunday Sundaes in June.

Kathleen Luck
CUUPS

From the Library Committee

In keeping with the theme of wholeness for the month of May, we are repeating a review of a book that is fairly new in our library. We published this review a few months ago but it seemed worth repeating:

A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey toward an Undivided Life by Parker J. Palmer
(Excerpted from Publishers Weekly)

Palmer seeks to help us "rejoin soul and role," so that individuals and communities can be healed from the ravages of consumerism, injustice and violence. No small task, yet in classic Palmer style, this mission is fleshed out with stories, poems, personal confessions and a plan—concrete steps for creating "circles of trust" where honest, open sharing allows each person's "inner teacher" to show up. (Ground rules: "no fixing, no saving, no advising, no setting each other straight.") Palmer's concern is that too many people have "divided lives," with personal values that don't match what they are asked to do in the world to succeed. This book is a treasure—an inspiring, useful blueprint for building safe places where people can commit to



Spring Book Sale, Sunday, June 1

The library committee is now accepting "gently used" items for our book sale which will happen on Sunday, June 1st. We welcome donations of adult and children's books as well as CDs and DVDs. The book sale will take place after the service downstairs in the Cottonwood Café. It's a wonderful way to share with each other as well as raise funds to support the South Valley library.

Please contact Denna Wright (dennalee1968@gmail.com) if you have items to donate. Or bring your donations to church and give them to one of the library committee members (Connee, Lorri, Rosemary, Denna). Thanks!

From the Facilities Team

SVUUS Spring Clean Up
Saturday, May 17, 2014 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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 Spring Clean Up. We'll be weeding, trimming bushes and cleaning the parking lot as well as tackling the backyard so that we can have our end of year picnic back there this year! There will also be some indoor chores like washing chairs and deep cleaning the kitchen. Please join us! Your help is appreciated regardless of your skill level or abilities. You can participate for some or all of the cleanup, 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) 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 that day.

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

Interweave

Interweave Potluck
Sunday May 18, 5:00 pm

Interweave will be having a potluck on Sunday, May 18th, at 5:00 pm at the home of Dawn and Dot, 218 East 7615 South (turn East off State Street by Carpet Guy & go down the narrow road). Bring a dish to share and come socialize with the LGBTQ members, friends and straight allies of South Valley.

Paul Barron
Interweave

Membership

Greetings SVUUS Community:

As your Membership Chair I have updated our data with the UUA. All membership households should be receiving a *UU World* magazine. (It is a quarterly publication.) So, if you haven't been receiving your *World*, you should begin getting your copy when the summer issue comes out. Please let me know if you have any changes in address so I can keep your information current. Thanks!

Yours in service,
Caren Smith, Membership Chair

Kudos to a Member of South Valley

Those of you who are new to South Valley may not be aware of CUUPS, a group of Unitarian Universalist pagans who provide us with much joy. They bring the pancake breakfast and other offerings after our worship service and often they sponsor concerts that bring excellent musicians to our sanctuary. They also exemplify our religious diversity. I encourage you to attend a meeting, advertised in the Beacon, and ask them about the varied beliefs that they bring to our community. Last year, they brought Christopher Penzcak here for a weekend workshop. He is a spiritual leader in the Wicca tradition.

Recently, a long time CUUPS member and member of our congregation, Leslie Hugo, completed five and a half years of study with Christopher, and became a high priestess in his Temple of Witchcraft in Salem, New Hampshire. She began walking this path six years ago when she met Christopher at a shamanic workshop. Her study began with meditation and inner work. Each year, the focus of the study was different from outer work with spells and herbal crafting, through shamanic work and then high ceremonial magic. In the final year, she studied different ways of ministry and discerned which type of ministry called her. Throughout the five years, she feels blessed that Christopher was her mentor. This has been a fascinating and deeply spiritual study that is now leading her into a new path. She is now discerning how this learning and her gifts will open into the world. She's mentoring students and has just begun a prison ministry.

I hope that you find time to talk with Leslie about this great achievement. We look forward to hearing how she is transforming this world.

Rev. Patty Willis

Prayer Shawl Circle

Summer Service Project

The Prayer Shawl Circle has been busy making shawls, afghans, and baby items. So far, we have made 15 shawls or afghans that have been given to members and friends. Some have been given to those who are recovering from serious illness. Some have been given to those who have experienced loss of a loved one; some to those who have experienced loss in a different way in their lives. And some have been given in gratitude and joy – for the birth of a child or to a caregiver who may need a little comfort for all the comfort they give every day.

This summer we plan to continue making shawls but we want to add another service project. We are planning to make hats and scarves to be given to the Homeless Youth Resource Center when the cold weather hits next fall. We would love to have as many of you who are interested join us in this service project. Hats and scarves are very easy to make, either by knitting or crocheting. We plan to make a wide variety for the youth to choose from and we have been told that similar items for babies and young children are needed since some of the homeless youth are parents.

Participating in this service project will not require coming to meetings. Just grab a crochet hook or some knitting needles, a ball of yarn, and a simple pattern and start creating! We even have a big tub of yarn for you to choose from thanks to a generous donation. If you need help or suggestions, members of the Prayer Shawl Circle are here to help (Lorri Quigley, Amy Quigley, Cole Casto and Rev. Patty). If you want more information, contact Lorri Quigley at lorriquigley@msn.com.

Happenings at South Valley



George Melling's beautiful new painting on display in the South Valley Sanctuary.



South Valley Choir performing "Songs of the Earth" Concert

Earth Day
April 22, 2014





Save the Date

May 10	South Valley Annual BIG EVENT, 6:00 p.m.
May 17	Spring Cleanup – 9:00 – 2:00
May 18	Bridging Ceremony – Intergenerational Service
May 18	Bake Sale for Homeless Youth Resource Center after services
May 18	Annual Congregational Meeting, 12:00 noon
May 18	Interweave Potluck, 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

June 1	Library Book Sale – downstairs after services
June 7	Annual yard sale – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
June 22	Annual Church Picnic

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