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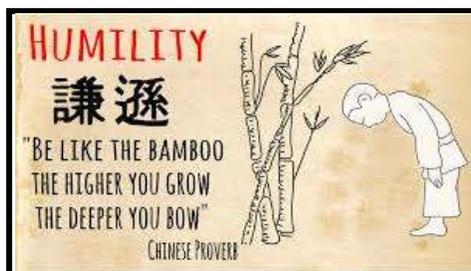
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March Theme: Humility



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March 4: "Tikkun Olam and "Me too""

How do we heal the broken world (tikkun olam) when so much pain is being unearthed? Is there a possibility of forgiveness? What might that look like? **Rev. Patty Willis**

March 11: How Meeting a Freedom Rider Changed Everything ""

My encounter with Joan Trumpauer when she went through our town in the South. **Deborah Dean**

March 18: "Following in Martin's Footsteps"

Celebrating the work of Bryan Stevenson. As Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy stretches farther and farther into history, who is carrying his work forward? Why is Bryan Stevenson's work with prisoners on Death Row so important for this nation?

Rev. Patty Willis

March 25: "March for Our Lives and Waving Palms"

A new movement is being born across this country that holds possibilities for starting a new conversation about the violence that is rampant among us. On this Palm Sunday, Christians all over the world are celebrating another kind of march for justice that happened two thousand years ago. Is there anything that connects these events? Is there wisdom for these times?

Rev. Patty Willis

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SVUUS News & Community Email Lists

South Valley has two email lists, one for official
announcements and the other for
communications within the congregation.

If you wish to sign up for either or both of these
lists, please visit: [www.svuus.org/our-
community/online/](http://www.svuus.org/our-community/online/)

To send a message to the list, simply address it
to: news.svuus.org

From the Board of Trustees

Message from the Board**Weaving the Web of Community**

Laissez-faire capitalism is valuable and useful because it takes aggressive individualism and selfish behavior and makes it helpful to society. I believe this is one great discovery of the American experiment. We have turned greed to benefit people. Unfortunately, many people in this country have forgotten the selfless motivation of capitalism and fallen in love with selfishness itself. The ultimate goal of society needs people to genuinely care outside of themselves, not the self serving part of capitalism.

How can we do this? I think churches should emphasize the "golden rule" even more. We care for others the more we know and understand them. That is why Reverend Patty and I take every chance we can to promote "Weaving the Web of [our] Community." Having social dinners, chats after church, and all interactions between us puts in strands of the connecting web. Our inner selfless nature kicks in and caring for others increases. Serving others and our community (both large and small) is the end result. What could be more valuable?

Sincerely,

Jan Vanderhooft



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter for March 2018
Monthly Theme: Humility

Humility with an Edge

When you think of the word humility do you think of someone who denies their gifts and says, "Oh no, I didn't really do a good job" or "I'm not really that smart?"

I have come to think that true humility looks quite different from that. I think that our self deprecation, encouraged in many of our families, is more an expression of fear. On my desk, I have a card that Lou sent me with this quotation by Eleanor Roosevelt: "Do one thing every day that scares you." These words have been my guide. I have found that doing something that scares me takes courage and perhaps surprisingly it takes humility too. What is it that scares you? If I were sitting with you in my office asking that question, I'd perhaps ring the bell and suggest that we share some moments of silence. What scares you? I imagine that even if I did that, many of you would sit there wondering without an answer. Often, in order to find what scares you, you need to go through an entire day or even week with the intention of finding what that is." It takes courage to say something into that chasm, wondering if it will be accepted. And, sometimes, it takes more courage to simply be silent and listen. I believe that those situations which have unknown and possibly scary outcomes require humility, too.

Every few weeks an idea comes to me about something that is going on in the world. I wait a few hours and then I write down that first idea and then during the next hours or days an editorial emerges. Sometimes I struggle for weeks for the right words and ideas and other times they flow from my pen. The first time, I was scared about so many things---wrong wording, ridicule, or even that the newspaper editor would simply ignore my email. Gradually, I have overridden those fears so many times that the scary part happens later, when the editorial is accepted and I can't change anything and the idea no longer seems important. Once I articulate something that was even very hard to articulate, the idea becomes commonplace. This happens to me every week with sermons too! Then, I get the email from the editor that the editorial is online and going to print and then the fear comes in again. When I wrote about gun control, I wondered if someone was going to come and shoot me. And, I did get some nasty comments. The part that humility plays in all of this is my ongoing conversation with myself that if people think what I write or say is stupid it isn't the end of the world. I think of all the other people who have been ridiculed. If you want to see humility, I suggest that you watch the TED talk by Monica Lewinsky about the price of shame. There, you will see that incredible blend of courage and humility.
https://www.ted.com/talks/monica_lewinsky_the_price_of_shame

Join me on that journey that Eleanor Roosevelt invites us to take when she asks us to do the thing every day that scares us. She knew ridicule and shame. To truly live our lives, we must get over our fears. Courage and humility hold the keys.

In love and community,

Patty



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senior High Room. Anyone who is interested in knitting or crocheting shawls or afghans to contribute to the Prayer Shawl ministry is welcome to join us. If you are interested and have questions, you can contact me at lorriquigley@msn.com.

Happenings Hub

Every Sunday after service. Visit our new Happenings Hub in the Social Hall after each Sunday Worship Service to find out about all of the goings-on in our community. You will find information and signup sheets for all kinds of activities and volunteer groups, such as Wellspring Wednesday offerings (our community nights), social action opportunities, hikes, committee needs. Contact Susan Eyzaguirre eyzsooz@gmail.com for more information.

March - April Offering Split

MARCH - APRIL OFFERING SPLIT RECIPIENT

It is our practice here at South Valley to split our worship service offerings with a charitable organization or program that aligns with our values and principles. For March and April we will be donating to our brand new South Valley Sanctuary Program. We will be supporting the work that First Unitarian Church is doing to provide sanctuary and basic needs for Vicki Chavez and her two daughters while she seeks asylum here through the judicial system. If deported Vicki fears for her life due to economic and social upheaval and violence in her home country. Please give generously.

Circle Suppers

The Circle Suppers Revival!

The theme for South Valley UUS this year is "Weaving the Web of Community". We have had many requests to bring back the Circle Supper groups that met regularly for many years, so this revival is beginning now. We are reaching out to people to host these small groups, and the intent is to have one Circle Supper meet before the end of December, with the same group meeting a second time before March 2018. If you would like to volunteer to host, please contact Lorri Quigley at lorriquigley@msn.com.

The Board welcomes feedback from the community, so please share your ideas and suggestions as you experience these Circle Supper groups. If you are not contacted for a group and WANT to participate, again, please contact Lorri. We don't want anyone to feel left out!

South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society's Women's Group!

Good news! We are beginning a new SVUUS Women's Group! The SVUUS Women's Group will meet the first Wednesday of every month (as part of Wellspring Wednesday) to share food and discussion. Every meeting will have a theme in which the conversation will be centered around. ALL women ages 18+ are invited.

Food Bank Sunday – March 4th

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First Sunday Potluck – Sunday Brunch

THE BIG EVENT



Saturday, March 3rd 6876 Highland Drive 6pm SVUUS

The BIG Event is a Fun & FREE evening featuring food, drink, music and dancing!

It's a chance to meet new people and strengthen our bonds as a community.

We will look back at what the congregation has accomplished in the last year, and forward to our hopes and goals for the year to come.

Please RSVP to attend!

Opportunities and Announcements continued

Wellspring Wednesday will be a Spyglass meeting, March 7th

The Winter term of Wellspring Wednesday has ended, but Liz's yummy vegan and gluten-free soup will still be served at 6:00 as usual. SVUUS Board of Trustees will host this week's gathering and all are welcome to attend the Spyglass meeting facilitated by the Board at 6:30 (Adult OWL will continue for registered participants). Childcare will be provided. See a board member for more information about this meeting.

Sunday Social Hour

Our Sunday Social Hour after our service is a great opportunity to connect with others. The first Sunday of March will be our monthly potluck, and the theme is "Sunday Brunch". On the other Sundays, we invite you to provide a dish to share during our Social Hour, if your last name begins with the letter:

March 11: A-G

March 18: H-N

March 25: O-Z

Spyglass Groups

We are excited to learn from our members and friends both what SVUUS is doing well, and how we can improve. To facilitate these discussions, Spyglass Groups will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30 pm (Come at 6:00 pm to share our meal!), Monday, March 12th at 6:30 pm, and Sunday, March 18th, at 12:30. Please choose one time to join members of our Board to share your feedback. We appreciate your participation!

Book Group

The next book for the group to read and review is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

The next meeting to review this book will be Monday, March 19 at 7:PM in the Social Hall. There will be 6 copies of this book for sale at the Happenings table for \$7.50 each. This book's story starts in current time and goes back to occupied France during WW2. It is a mystery, a romance and a history lesson in this New York Times best seller.

Project: Welcome

South Valley's Christmas Gift 2017



***Thanks to your generosity we are over \$11,300.00
and we're going to start work soon!!***

EVENSONG

Many years ago, when Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway was minister of South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society, she developed a program called Evensong. At the Spyglass gatherings last year and the year before, there was a call to hold this program again. Many people who have attended say that it was one of their most important experiences and a good way to get to know people more deeply.

In this Evensong series, participants will explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and current beliefs. We will meet on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 at the church. From 6:30 you can enjoy soup—this will be at the end of the social time since most of the dining begins at 6:00. Denna Wright and I will be facilitating.

Each week will follow an order of service, with the central event being a sharing time. We will be listening attentively and without interruption to one another.

Here is our plan:

- March 14th Gathering One: Beginning Together: Show and Tell
- March 21st Gathering Two: Religious and Spiritual Experiences
- March 28th Gathering Three: The Divine: What Do I Really Want?
- April 4th Gathering Four: The Human: What Limits Do I Encounter?
- April 11th Gathering Five: The Messiah, the Christ, the Buddha, the Divine Made Manifest: What is Possible? What Keeps Me Going?
- April 18th Gathering Six: The Community: What Is Possible Together?
- April 25th: Gathering Seven: Endings: How Do I Live with Loss and Death?
- May 2nd: Gathering Eight: Ministry: What Is My Ministry? What Am I Called to Do in the World?

Please let me (minister@svuus.org) or Denna Wright (dennalee1968@gmail.com), if you would like to attend so that we can plan for handouts.

In love and community,
Patty

Save the Date

May	6	Congregational Meeting
May	20	Leadership Council

Upcoming Events

March	3	The Big Event
March	4	First Sunday Potluck – Sunday Brunch
March	4	Food Bank Sunday
March	7, 12, 18	Spyglass Groups
March	14	Evensong Begins

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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Religious Education, Growth and Learning

March 4:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Helping Others"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - "The Gift of Acceptance"
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - "Make Peace"
 Seekers (4th-5th) - "Humor (Sandpaper)"
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Death Unit 4
 High School (9th-12th) - Workshop 8: Humility

March 11:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "A Special Jigsaw Puzzle"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 2
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 2
 Seekers (4th-5th) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 2
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Death Unit 5
 High School (9th-12th) - Youth UPstairs and Pizza with Patty

March 18:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Snack"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 3
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 3
 Seekers (4th-5th) - Magical March: The Lorax, pt 3
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Holiday Unit 4
 High School (9th-12th) - Workshop 9: Generosity

March 25:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Helping Others"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - Magical March: The Lorax, Art Project
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Magical March: The Lorax, Art Project
 Seekers (4th-5th) - Magical March: The Lorax, Art Project
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Holiday Unit 5
 High School (9th-12th) - Spiritual Practice Sunday

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) and YOUTH!!!

EVERY YEAR we ask you to register your children/youth for our Sunday Religious Education program (it's an important way for us to have accurate current information, track our services, and keep in touch!). Please do this by going to <http://tinyurl.com/SVUUS-RE2017>

