

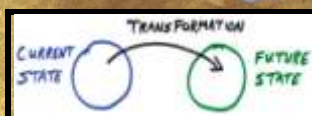
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South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

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April Theme: Transformation



If not now,
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April 1: "The Stone is Rolled Away from the Tomb!"

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance." What could this metaphor be saying us in 2018?

Rev. Patty Willis

April 8: "Why I am an Evangelical, Born-Again Unitarian Universalist"

The veil has been lifted on many painful truths this year and Rev. Tandi Rogers believes that not only have we been practicing for these times, but also that we are made for these times. We have spiritual practice aspects of our tradition that can hold and inspire us to be bold forces for love and justice in the world. Come get your spiritual well filled!

Rev. Tandi Rogers, UUA

April 15: "Flower Communion"

ALL-AGES SERVICE: A 20th century Czech Unitarian minister, looked at a meadow of flowers and thought how beautiful they were in all their differences. "This is the way," he thought, "that we need to see one another: beautiful in all our differences." Bring flowers for yourself and prepare to take home others from this South Valley traditional service.

Rev. Patty Willis

April 22: "Celebrating Earth Day with Music"

Come and hear our choir sing and musicians play music that will make you fall in love with the Earth all over again.

Rev. Patty Willis

April 29: "The Reconciliation Work of Chaplaincy"

Rev. John Cooper, our affiliate board-certified chaplain who works at the Huntsman Cancer Hospital will share stories and reflections about encounters with reconciliation as a hospital chaplain.

Rev. John Cooper

LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

****For urgent issues please call the main office or the Caring Circle (listed further below)**

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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/

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

*From the Board of Trustees***Message from the Board**Nurturing a Sense of Community

Every healthy human has a need for a sense of belonging... And for those who *aren't* feeling whole, the need penetrates even deeper, perhaps even without conscious awareness.

I'd like to share a personal story of my awakening. It was during the greatest tragic experience of my life when I discovered the meaning of "community", and learned how people make community manifest through concrete actions. Growing up in a fiercely independent, first generation immigrant family, I had observed my parents reaching out only to relatives for help. My mother was always volunteering her time at her church, but did not ask for anything in return. So I found it very difficult, even painful, to acknowledge when I couldn't "fix" things on my own...

My husband and I joined a Methodist church during the pregnancy of our first child. A few months after Justin's birth, we learned that he was profoundly handicapped due to severe brain damage of unknown etiology. This radically changed our lives. The doctors warned of the "grim prognosis", but with no timeline to guide us. A year later, I swallowed my pride and spoke to a group of 30 people to request help. (OUCH!) This church rallied around us with love and support by volunteering to help us with Justin's therapies, which required 3 persons 2x/day-6 days/wk. Our son died unexpectedly at the age of 3 ½ years, but over a 2 ½ year period 50+ people came to our home, most of them weekly or biweekly, to support us in performing these physical treatments. In my 20s, my closest friends were people in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, and a few teens. These relationships soothed my hurting soul.

Please reach out, come to worship, interact with the beautiful souls we have in our South Valley U-U Community. The prospects are bright with possibility! Giving and receiving flow....

I am a healer by nature and by profession (bodyworker), and a peacemaker. So as a member of South Valley U-U, my instincts are to be alert for signs of health in our community, and to nurture those. In my role as Board of Trustees Vice President, it is an honor to bring issues to the attention of our leadership team, to foster dialogue and understanding, and to seek resolution. My hope is that you will feel comfortable approaching a member of our Board when things need our attention. We take our responsibility for your wellbeing to heart. Look for our blue nametags to identify the members of our Board.

In Peace, Light, and Love,

Ann Scarborough



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter- April 2018
Transformation and Belonging
Monthly Theme: Transformation

When I announced to friends in Arizona that I was going to seminary to become a minister, my friend Dan said, "In my opinion, the only reason to be a part of a church community is to transform." I agreed with him. I didn't want to spend all the time and energy and years of separation from my Beloved to be a force to keep the status quo. I wanted to be a minister who would facilitate transformation.

When I was an adolescent, my father often taught for summer schools in Mexico and that meant that we were away from our usual lives for two or three months. During that time away, I felt like I had changed, had become thinner, more outgoing, and just well, different. When I returned I wanted those changes to stick. I wanted to be permanently a new person. Looking back, this desire to change shows me how hard it was to be me, just who I was. I didn't feel like I was good enough as I was. Transformation is something different. The kind of transformation I believe church needs to facilitate grows out of deeply belonging just as one is. It opens us to see how our unique gifts can be used to make the world a better place.

When you meet someone who believes you are just right, it can change your life. I met Marjory Tyndall. I believe that her own broad and deep acceptance of me (and others) came from a struggle to accept herself, including a recent loss of eye sight when she was in her 70s. Accepting changes in her life did not happen overnight and when she emerged from that difficult time, she opened her arms wide to the world unconditionally. That is my hope for us, that we give that acceptance to each other and open our arms wide to the world. In the process, we will transform.

In love and hope,

Patty



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 19, 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. 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.

Book Group

May 21st meeting of the book group will be in the Social Hall at 7:00 PM. Our book for review is "Voices in the Ocean" by Susan Casey. Books are available in the county and city library for checking out. There will not be copies available at Happenings table for this book.

Food Bank Sunday – April 1st

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First Sunday Potluck – Sunday Brunch

SVUUS Board of Trustees Announcement

Annual Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, May 6, 2018, beginning at 12:30
 Childcare will be provided.

This year's annual congregational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday May 6th. SVUUS members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. There is a voting quorum requirement. Congregation members will vote to adopt a budget for the coming year and to elect new members of the Board, Endowment, and Leadership Succession and Development Committees.

In addition, the congregation will be asked to vote on a proposed change to the bylaws and on a resolution regarding support for the Sanctuary Network.

- The Board will propose a change to our Bylaws, Article V, Section 6, regarding notice of a Congregational Meeting, to add email as an acceptable method for notifying those congregants who have provided an email address and notifying by physical mail for those who have not provided an email address.
- We will vote on a resolution to have South Valley UU Society join the Sanctuary Network as a Sanctuary Support Congregation.

The proposed bylaw changes and the Sanctuary resolution will be included in the April and May Beacons, will be posted in the display case in the entryway, and available for review at least 10 days before the meeting.

Please come to participate in the exercise of the democratic process within our congregation. We need your voice and your vote!

South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society Bylaws Proposed Change

The South Valley Board of Trustees is proposing a change to our Bylaws, Article V, Section 6, regarding notice of a Congregational Meeting. The Board believes the proposed changes will update our bylaws and bring them into line with current practice.

Current Wording:

ARTICLE V—CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 6 The business to be transacted at all Congregational Business Meetings, also known as the agenda, shall be set forth in the notice of the meeting. This notice with agenda shall be prominently displayed in the newsletter at least ten days preceding the meeting and announced at the Society's services at least one week prior to the meeting date. As an alternative, written notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all members with a postmark of at least ten days prior to the meeting.

Proposed Change:

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South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society's Resolution to Support the Sanctuary Network

In late November of 2017, Rev. Patty was approached by Kristin Knippenberg and Easton Smith of Red de Solidaridad and the Sanctuary Network of Salt Lake City. A woman from Central America needed Sanctuary. Could our church welcome her? This began a long discussion in the form of a Community Chat, a presentation by Kristin, and much discussion at the December Board meeting. The general consensus of those meetings was "How could we turn her away?" During subsequent weeks, the discussion continued and it became evident that First Unitarian would open its doors. With no immediate need in sight, we decided to have a vote at our annual meeting to gauge the thoughts of the congregation about becoming a Sanctuary church. We will also be involved in other supportive activities such as giving concerts to raise money for those who decide not to take Sanctuary and need assistance to facilitate their re-settlement in their home countries. Rev. Patty has also begun to garner support from pastors near South Valley to facilitate a volunteer base, if a need arises again for Sanctuary.

The SVUUS Board of Trustees recommends that SVUUS become a Sanctuary Support Congregation that will partner with and support the local churches providing actual physical space as Sanctuary, provide financial aid, volunteer support, plus vigorous advocacy and witness for immigration justice and pro-immigrant reform. This recommendation to bring this issue for a congregational vote at our annual Congregational Meeting received the unanimous recommendation of our Board of Trustees on February 20, 2018 to become a Sanctuary Support Congregation.

We see three possible roles for SVUUS as a Sanctuary Congregation:

1. To support Salt Lake City congregations serving as physical Sanctuary sites for undocumented immigrants at risk of deportation by providing volunteer services.
2. To provide financial support for deportees and to engage in discernment as to what our unique contribution might be, e.g. microloans.
3. To advocate for the principles of the Sanctuary movement locally and nationally.

In addition, the South Valley Board of Trustees will continue to explore the feasibility of South Valley serving as a physical Sanctuary site. The Board will examine issues of the space and resources needed to become such a site and will inform the congregation as to progress made in gathering information to make this determination. It is our hope that these actions will not only serve undocumented people but will also discourage the use of harsh deportation measures.

THEREFORE, we, the members of SVUUS, do agree to join the Sanctuary Network as a Sanctuary Support Congregation. In doing so, we agree to partner with other congregations involved in physical Sanctuary, to share in providing financial support for the person/persons in Sanctuary, to share in providing for the physical and emotional needs of the person/persons in Sanctuary, and to share in the organizational management and advocacy required to sustain the person/persons in Sanctuary.

Nominations to the Board of Trustees

Lorelei White - I feel very honored to be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees. I was born in Provo, UT and grew up in Rock Springs, WY. I moved back to Utah in 1993. I began attending SVUUS after my divorce in 2009. I was looking for a spiritual community for my family and South Valley had a feeling of home. I officially signed the membership book in May 2011. I have previously served on the REGAL Council for several years. Last year I was a teacher for the Seekers Class (4th and 5th grade). This year I am a teacher for the High School Class (9th through 12th grade). In November I had the opportunity to be trained as a facilitator for the Our Whole Lives program. I have been co-teaching the Junior High OWL class that began in January. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the youth of our congregation.

Family is very important to me. I am a single parent of two children. Kylan, age 19, is a Freshman at Snow College. His interests are orchestra, architecture, and engineering. Kaed, age 16, is a Junior in High School. His interests are choir, forensics, and anthropology. As a family we are involved in a community Boy Scout Troop and a coed BSA Venture Crew. We enjoy nature and frequently go camping and hiking together. My interests include music and fine arts, history, travel, being creative, learning and trying new activities. I have been employed at Martin Door Manufacturing for ten years.

Judith Mehr - Was born in San Francisco, California in 1951, grew up and attended school in the San Francisco Bay Area. She attended Elementary through High School in California, living in San Francisco, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Pleasant Hill, CA. After high school, she received an Art Scholarship to Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah in 1969, spent 5 years there and graduated with a BFA degree from BYU in 1974.

Judith then pursued an art and painting career in California until 1978, when she moved to Utah to access opportunities to paint art work for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Over the next 25 years Judith painted over 30 major paintings for the LDS Church, as well as painting landscapes, portraits, still-lives and genre scenes that she has marketed through galleries in Salt Lake City and Park City.

Judith has also been trained in accounting, legal matters as a legal assistant, house construction, finish carpentry construction, and is familiar with multiple computer programs and construction power tools.

Judith is interested in music of all types and sings in the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society Choir.

She is also an avid camper and loves to explore the backwoods of mountains, deserts, canyons and the seashore.

If there is a new restaurant opening in town or a new wine to try, Judith is up for that and loves to socialize, meeting new people and exploring various cultures.

Now at South Valley for over 2 ½ years, Judith is interested in getting more involved in activist causes and serving others where needed. She continues to sing in the choir and has been in the Sunday front foyer Welcoming committee as a greeter and is the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee for two Pledge Seasons.

Denna Wright - In 1972, I joined the Unitarian Universalist Church in Salt Lake City. I was born and raised an Episcopalian in Flagstaff Arizona, but changed my religious philosophy in later years. I became a member of South Valley in 2009. I have happily served on the Airing Committee, Library Committee and Social Action Committees. For the last two years I have been the Chair of the Leadership, Succession and Development Committee. Service is an important part of my church life and I look forward to serving on the Board of Trustees

Jan Vanderhooff - Jan began attending South Valley in 1999. The minister, Sue Spencer, asked him to help start a choir and he enthusiastically began contributing his musical talents to the choir. In addition, Jan sings with Resound and the Beehive Statesman Chorus. He has served on the Worship Committee and spoken at several services over the years. Jan has also served on the Ministerial Relations Committee. Jan has served as a Board of Trustees member for the past three years.

Jan is retired after teaching chemistry for 30 years at Brighton High School. In 2007, he won the Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education. He also donated a kidney in 2006, influenced by our Unitarian Universalist principles.

Jan and wife, Louise, were married in 1979 and have four children who have gone on to marriage and careers. He lives in Cottonwood Heights.

Nominations to Leadership Succession and Development

Jill Eichbauer - Jill grew up Unitarian Universalist and attended SVUUS as a child. In October 2014, Jill again began attending SVUUS with her two children. Since returning she has served on the hospitality team, the worship committee and is currently in her second year of co-teaching the junior high RE.

Nominations to Endowment Committee

Ted Gurney - And Tucker Gurney were friends and neighbors of Steven and Diana Epperson; they first came to SVUUS in January, 2000 to hear Steven's first sermon as an intern minister. Ted joined as a member almost immediately even though he had never been a church member before. Ted served one term on the Board of Trustees and was active on buildings and grounds for a number of years. Ted values SVUUS most as a community of friends and enthusiastically supports UU principles.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Sunday Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

April 1:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Easter Fun"
Pathfinders (K-1st) - Easter Activity
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Easter Activity
Seekers (4th-5th) - Easter Activity
Junior High (6th-8th) - Holiday Unit 6
High School (9th-12th) - Workshop 10: Courage

April 8:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "A Special Jigsaw Puzzle"
Pathfinders (K-1st) - Children's Chapel
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - Children's Chapel
Seekers (4th-5th) - Children's Chapel
Junior High (6th-8th) - Race Unit 1
High School (9th-12th) - Spiritual Practice Sunday

April 15:

ALL-AGES SERVICE (everyone upstairs): Flower Communion

April 22:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Helping Others"
Pathfinders (K-1st) - Session 13: The Gift of Learning Together
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - "Build World Community"
Seekers (4th-5th) - Toolbox of Faith: Love (Gloves)
Junior High (6th-8th) - Race Unit 2
High School (9th-12th) - Service Planning

April 29:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "Helping Others"
Pathfinders (K-1st) - Session 14: The Gift of Spirit
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - "Honor Life"
Seekers (4th-5th) - Toolbox of Faith: Justice (Flashlight)
Junior High (6th-8th) - Race Unit 3
High School (9th-12th) - Service Planning

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>

Save the Date

May	6	Annual Congregational Meeting
May	6	Bridging Ceremony
May	20	Library Book Sale
May	20	Leadership Council
June	3	Pride Parade
June	10	Church Picnic
June	16	Field Trip to Topaz
June	23	Yard Sale
June	30	Board Retreat
August	12	Community Chat with Rev. Patty Willis
August	19	Leadership Council
October	13	SVUUS Community Fall Festival
November	3	SVUUS Auction
November	11	Community Chat
November	18	Leadership Council

Upcoming Events

April	1	First Sunday Potluck & Food Bank Sunday
April	7	Board Development
April	29	Leadership Council

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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