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May Theme: *Beloved Community*



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May 6: Coming of Age Service

Celebrate the transitions of the young people in our congregation as they move into our Sacred Travels, Youth Group and into the Adult community. ALL AGES SERVICE

Rev. Patty Willis and Liz Martin, DRE

May 13: "Watching from Another Tree: In Praise of the Hard Choices Mothers Have Made."

Often the decisions mothers make as they balance child rearing with their own lives are hard to appreciate until we are their age looking back. Let's listen to the example of Helga Etsby, a woman who walked across the country to help her family.

Rev. Patty Willis

May 20: "Looking Ahead to General Assembly"

What is Happening in Our Denomination?

Alaina Hendricks

May 27: "Beloved Community"

Members of the community speak about our Beloved people who have passed.

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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

We are fast approaching our annual meeting, where we will vote on the budget as well as new board members. Unitarian Universalists cherish the democratic process, and participating in the annual meeting is one way to live out this value. When I first started attending a UU congregation the idea of voting on church leadership, as opposed to having it decided by a select few, was very new to me. Even more shocking was the fact that at one of the first ever meetings I attended there were opposing voices and the vote that was not unanimous. Coming from the religious background that I did, I was very uncomfortable with the ensuing discussion, not all of which was entirely peaceful. Still being in my early 20s, I will confess that I also found the meeting to be long. When UUs say everyone should have a voice, they mean everyone!

I've attended several congregational meetings since then, and one common theme at all these meetings is the goal of transparency with the budget and the opportunity for questions and discussion about any agenda items up for a vote. And yes, sometimes they are lengthy, and a tidy agreement isn't reached. One thing these meetings have taught me is that democracy is hard. Seeing how difficult it is to bring a small group of like minded individuals together and ask them to reach a consensus, I have a better understanding of both how difficult democracy is, and how important. Democracy may not be easy, but in my opinion it's our best shot at a peaceful society.

For those of you who do not know, I have moved to Tennessee, and have been serving the remaining few months of my board term remotely. I have been so happy to be a part of South Valley, and will/do miss you all so much. I have been honored to serve as the board secretary, and I am grateful to you for that opportunity. Thanks to modern technology I will be checking in on the service from time to time, and will enjoy connecting with you in that way. Thank you all for the support and friendship you have given me over the years, and I wish you and South Valley all the best in the future.

Love,

Ann Hess



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter – May, 2018
 Monthly Theme: Beloved Community
 A Dangerous Idea

On Sunday after the service, someone reminded me of a prophet who said something like, "A religion isn't worth anything if it doesn't require your life." On the surface, Unitarian Universalism looks so easy. Instead of a creed, we have principles that guide us in the way we live our lives. Instead of a theology of an afterlife, which some UUs believe in and others don't, we share a theology of Beloved Community. Unlike the concept of the Second Coming, Beloved Community doesn't appear from the clouds to change everything, it is forged out of a knowledge and practice that we are all beloved and requires us to learn how to make a world within which freedom and respect are rights for all people, no exceptions. This is difficult and costly work.

April 3rd this year, marks fifty years since Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death. I believe that his vision of Beloved Community threatened the status quo and eventually cost him his life. In Montgomery, Alabama, one barrier to Beloved Community was the legacy of slavery that evolved into the Jim Crow laws of segregation. Here in the state of Utah, in this community, what are the barriers that we must overcome? The local history that calls from this land is around the dispersal, discrimination, and genocide of the indigenous people who were here long before white settlers. In Utah, we are practicing Beloved Community when we study the history of settlement and the resilience of the Paiutes, Utes, Goshutes, Shoshoni and Navajo. From a basis of that knowledge, we seek reconciliation. When I asked my friend Forrest Cuch about what reconciliation looked like to him, he wrote: My vision of the reconciliation is people having to hear each other's pain, cry together, hug, and make a commitment to honor each other. This requires people to face each other with the truth. There will be resistance, disagreement, some will walk away...but we must stay at the table until we can accept the truth and accept each other, the darkness as well as the light. Let us have the courage to stay at the table in this work!

Throughout our country, there is a growing disparity between the rich and the poor. The work we do as a community in being inclusive and by preparing meals for homeless youth and burritos for homeless adults practicing tai chi at the library, are steps towards Beloved Community. Our Whole Lives sexuality program brings understanding and knowledge to the root of problems rampant in this State. Our music program spreads understanding and joy. When we notice that our doors are not welcoming for everyone who comes through them, we build Beloved Community by making them wider and by providing a button that will open them without pulling. If you stay in this community long enough, you will be grateful for that button for we are all only temporarily abled!

Let us continue to build this Beloved Community, step by step. By forgiving each other, allowing each other and ourselves to be imperfect, we learn how to create peace in the world. By transforming ourselves, we become able to be leaders of change. And be warned, this is not fluffy work. Building Beloved Community can be dangerous business!

In love and hope,

Patty



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 17, 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.

May - June Offering Split

HOPE CLINIC - HEARTFELT HEALTHCARE

Serving the needs of the uninsured and underserved in Salt Lake City. The Hope Clinic is a free medical facility dedicated to heartfelt quality healthcare for the underserved and uninsured in the Salt Lake area. The Hope Clinic will give hope to those who otherwise would have difficulty obtaining medical care due to financial restrictions.

LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE - May 20, 2018

South Valley's Library Spring Book Sale will be a one-day event on Sunday May 20, during the social hour after church. So, two things need to happen:

Donations Needed!

First, we'd love to have you spring clean your bookshelves and donate your "rejects" for our sale. Especially popular are children's and youth-oriented books, activity kits and games. Our adult shoppers like good reads and music plus interesting books that you perhaps acquired after hearing a sermon or learned about on your favorite media. You just never know.

Shop, Shop, Shop!

Then, please come and shop on that Sunday morning. We often clean out our shelves as well, so there should be a great selection of offerings. Put it on your calendar, May 20. And, remember, we appreciate and need your donations.

Your Library Committee

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 – May 6th



First Sunday Potluck – “Spring Salads”

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. Rev. Patty Willis will present her annual minister's report and the Leadership Succession & Development Committee will recognize outgoing congregational leaders.

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:

ARTICLE V—CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

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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 Aring 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 Vanderhooft - 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

May 6:

ALL-AGES SERVICE (everyone upstairs): Youth Service & Bridging Ceremony

May 13:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "My World Has Trees"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - Session 15: The Gift of Ourselves
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - "Protect The Earth"
 Seekers (4th-5th) - Toolbox of Faith: Atonement (Level)
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Race Unit 4
 High School (9th-12th) - Workshop 11: Forgiveness

May 20:

Butterflies (Pre-K) - "My World Has Flowers"
 Pathfinders (K-1st) - Session 16: The Gift of Community
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd) - "Get Moving"
 Seekers (4th-5th) - Toolbox of Faith: Resiliency (Hard Hat)
 Junior High (6th-8th) - Race Unit 5
 High School (9th-12th) - Workshop 12: Loyalty

May 27:

Memorial Day Service: No RE Classes

June 3: Pride Day Service: No RE Classes

Save the Date

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

May	6	Annual Congregational Meeting
May	6	Bridging Ceremony
May	20	Library Book Sale
May	20	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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