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June 3: Pride Service

How does this community make you wiser?

Congregants Respond

June 10: "We are All Ministers!"

We each have a different ministry to share. What is yours? Let us consider too, all that we have done in this shared ministry of the past six years.

Rev. Patty Willis

June 17: "Fathers at Topaz"

On the day after our church field trip to Topaz "Relocation" Camp in central Utah, let us lift up those who were fathers to their children in the most difficult of circumstances.

Rev. Patty Willis

June 24: Unitarian Universalists General Assembly

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/

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

From the Board of Trustees

Message from the Board

SVUUS Members and Friends,

Welcome to month of June and the official start of summer! It is appropriate that as one season is moving into another, we are also moving as a congregation into change.

With the announcement from Reverend Patty and Lou that they will be departing us soon, most of us felt a mix of emotions. I personally tried to veto the decision when I heard (apparently I do not get a vote). Most of you know that my first appearance at South Valley was on Patty's ordination day. I have never known a time at South Valley where Patty and Lou have not been with us to provide love and guidance.

I can tell you that the response from the members of the board has been impressive. They have engaged all of our UU resources at a Local and National level. The work to have a transitions coach assigned to us is underway and because of the fast response, we were able to get involved in the current round of transitional Ministerial hiring and have been reviewing possible replacement candidates already. More information will be coming out on this very important work and the diligence being undertaken to ensure that our congregation is well taken care of.

"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous in the end." - Robin Sharma

From the financial perspective, we are doing well as a congregation and should come close to balancing at the end of the fiscal year, which closes June 30th. We did experience some unexpected repairs to the annex roof this year that will make this a challenge, but it should be close thanks to the work of all of our committees to keep costs reasonable and low for the year.

The budget for 2018/2019 was approved at the recent congregational meeting. The new budget does allow for some continued growth for the staff of the church, but will require diligence from all members on pledges to ensure we can balance all of our priorities. This will continue to be an even bigger challenge as we face some unanticipated costs associated with our search for a Transitional Minister. End of Fiscal Year pledge letters will be coming out soon so you can see where you are at versus the listed pledge amount for 2017/2018. As always, if there are any questions about the church finances or your specific situation, please contact myself, or Paul Carlson at treasurer@svuus.org.

In closing, our congregation is strong and in a good place. Our challenge is to continue to come together in love and community through this time of transition and come out stronger for it. We must practice patience and double our efforts to listen and support one another. What a marvelous chance to apply the teachings of our UU principles in our own house of worship.

Thank you all for this beloved community,

Cody Pace
SVUUS Board



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter – June 2018
 Monthly Theme: Wisdom
 The Wisdom of Presence in the Face of a Big Wave

Almost six years ago, when we were beginning our shared ministry, I heard the stories of the difficult farewells with previous ministers. So, even as I was starting, I thought, "I'd like to be the kind of community that can do a 'good' goodbye." Now as we are trying to do that, I realize how hard that is and yet how simple. This saying goodbye well calls us to the Buddhist practice of being awake to the possibilities of each moment that we have. During these last weeks together, let us be present to all that this time holds: the sadness, laughter and anger. Let us listen to one another, let us talk and talk and let us sit in silence. Perhaps that is my wisdom for the road ahead: Be present to this time of parting and through the changes ahead. Our lives are never lived in the future. They are enacted right now.

A few months ago, I wrote a poem that seemed to emerge from my inner knowing that change was coming. At the center of this poem are the fishermen who, seeing the tsunami, saw the wisdom and safety in riding the wave. What an adventure it has been to ride waves together and arrive here at this place. I am hoping that many of you will make appointments to visit with me or help me fill boxes. Let us be present. Let us face the sea full throttle!

In love and community,

Patty

Only they survived

How do you find your way in?
 My barricades are high and thick
 like the sea walls of Japanese villages
 meant to keep out the sea

but when plates shift
 the waves cannot be stopped
 by walls, raised hands, prayers
 for the safety of loved ones.
 Those are for us when the Earth
 is at rest---to lull us into quiet,
 help us go about our days as if You
 were a calm landscape, a cherry tree
 in full bloom---blossoms scattering
 on our hands---billowing in clouds
 to land on the unexpected farmers
 as a sign of the abundance of the coming season
 spreading joy.

Rivers become thoroughfares of debris
 and bodies, stuck in time like Pompeii,
 arms raised against the wall of water
 hoping, hoping, then pulled along
 with roofs of temples, trucks and moored boats.

Only the ones who dared to turn
 around
 and face the sea full throttle were
 saved,
 bucking the waves as their
 grandfathers
 had taught them. Remembering then--
 a story they thought was exaggerated
 boasting over whiskey--an old man
 holding up the family name.
 Only they survived, returning to an
 emptied port--
 no moorings for fastening
 but the boat knew home and stayed.



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 21, 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.

Announcements

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Summer services have always been a great time for musicians in our community to share their gifts. And this year is no exception. If you would be interested in playing for one or more of the July 1 through August 19th services, please contact Mary Norton by email (harpertara@yahoo.com) or phone/text at 801-739-4581. Either POP or accompanying hymns or both are fine, and more than one person can perform together. I have one service covered for sure, but the other 6 are open. Theme is the 7 Principles, so music can be pretty generic. Thank you in advance.

Topaz Field Trip - Sat, June 16

Join us for an all-day social justice field trip to the Topaz Museum and the Topaz WWII internment camp where over 11,000 Japanese Americans were held between 1942 and 1945. We will see historic exhibits, view art created by internees, and learn more about this tragic event that we must work to ensure does not happen again.

Meet at 8 am in the church parking lot to caravan south to Delta (a 2-1/2 hour drive). In Delta we will regroup at the Topaz Museum (55 West Main St) at 11 am. Along with historical exhibits, the museum holds a number of visual art pieces created by Topaz internees.

After touring the museum we'll eat a bring-your-own picnic lunch at the Delta City Park (between 100 and 200 West, Mail St) and then head to the historic internment camp to tour the facility (11000 West 4500 North, Delta).

All ages are welcome. Please RSVP at the Happenings Hub, or contact Susan Eyzaguirre at eyzsooz@gmail.com

Annual Church Picnic - Sunday, June 10th:

Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. (Drinks and grill provided.) The picnic also features our annual Kids vs Adults Soccer Game (Kids are reigning champions!!), our traditional Hula-Hooping contest, and more fun! Hope to see you there.

Yard Sale - Saturday, June 23rd:

This year's yard sale will be a joint venture - the proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Youth Group's GA Fundraiser and the Church Budget. Items will be accepted beginning on Sunday June 17. Watch for volunteer opportunities and get ready to support our Youth and Community!

Gathering and Release Celebration, Saturday, June 30

Come help celebrate the six wonderful years we've had with our minister, Patty Willis, and our music director, Mary Lou Prince.

The celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. with a reception and light hor d'oeuvres, followed by a meaningful and entertaining program at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your memories and well wishes for Patty and Lou as they embark on another leg of their journey. P.S. This is a secret! A signature quilt is being created by some of our members that will contain signatures and well wishes from all our members. Squares of quilting material and appropriate pens will be provided downstairs near the Happenings Hub after the service on both May 27th and June 3. Please make a point of coming downstairs to sign a square for this amazing quilt. Squares will also be available in Cindy's office during the week if you are unable to sign one on a Sunday.

Donation Box: A suggested donation of \$10.00 per family is requested to help offset the cost of materials and refreshments for the celebration. A box for your donations will be with the quilt squares.

Food Bank Sunday – June 3rd

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Sunday Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

During the summer months, we offer RE for Youth (6th-12th Grade) and Children (ages 5-11) in addition to child care for younger children.

The Youth group will explore "The UU Seven Principles through Sci Fi"

The younger kids will also explore what they can do to live the seven principles and enjoy some special activity days.

6/3/2018 Pride Sunday - No RE classes (join us at the parade!)

6/10/2018 Principle #1 - Each person is of worth

6/17/2018 Principle #2 - Be kind in all you do

6/24/2018 Chalk Art Day

7/1/2018 Principle #3 - Help to learn and grow

7/8/2018 PJs & Movie Day

7/15/2018 PJs & Movie Day

7/22/2018 Principle #4 - Search for what is true

7/29/2018 Water Day

8/5/2018 Principle #5 - Each person gets a vote

8/12/2018 Principle #6 - Work for a peaceful world

8/19/2018 Principle #7 - Respect the Earth we ride

8/26/2018 Scooter Rodeo

9/2/2018 Labor Day - no RE

Save the Date

August	12	Community Chat
August	19	Leadership Council
Aug. 31- Sept. 3		Bear Lake Campout
September	9	Water Ceremony
October	13	SVUUS Community Fall Festival
November	3	SVUUS Auction
November	11	Community Chat
November	18	Leadership Council

Upcoming Events

June	3	Pride Parade
June	10	Church Picnic
June	10	Religious Transition Group
June	16	Field Trip to Topaz
June	23	Yard Sale
June	24	Religious Transition Group
June	30	Rev. Patty & Mary Lou's Going Away Party!

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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