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July 1: 1st Principle: Dignity for and of the Dying

Rev. John Cooper

July 8: Compassionate Service: A Spiritual Practice

Various speakers

July 15: 3rd Principle: Acceptance of One Another

July 22: 4th Principle: A free & responsible search for truth & meaning

July 29: 5th Principle:

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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

It is a time of transition. Reverend Patty and Lou have left to start the next stage of their life's journey. While we all miss them, we also wish them the best in their future endeavors.

As I write this, the Board of Trustees continues the search for an interim minister. Once one is found, the next stage will be to begin the search for our next settled minister. The entire process takes time so please be patient. We are getting loads of support from the UUA and are working as fast as we can while doing our due diligence to make sure we get the right fit for our community.

The Board of Trustees also experienced a transition as three members have completed their terms (Ann Hess, Cody Pace and Sandra Roach), and three new members joining as their replacements (Judith Mehr, Lorelei White and Denna Wright). Please thank the departing members for their service, and welcome the new ones when next you see them!

Thanks to you all for your time and support of this community!

Paul Carlson,

SVUUS Board Treasurer



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From Our Minister

Minister's Newsletter
Theme for July: Liberty

As I have prepared to leave, packing boxes, and saying good bye, I have heard about what a haven South Valley has been for so many. Do you know that people have found shelter with us even when they couldn't attend? Our presence has brought a feeling of safety to this Valley and beyond. I remember when Lou and I arrived here six years ago and were looking for our own place of peace. Luckily, we found a home that has sheltered our private lives and offered space to create and imagine songs, music, poetry and paintings in the midst of a state that presented us with challenges rooted in our pasts. We could understand South Valley's role as a place of respite and safety. At some point, however, along with this sense of shelter, I felt something else: we were becoming not just a safe place, we were a light that was beckoning to others. Our community was sending a message, "Here is where you will find safe harbor." My hope for this community is this: If you have found shelter among us, pitch in and become a lighthouse keeper. Along with basking in the warm light, pitch in and be one of those who stands on the promontory looking for ships in trouble, or swimmers washed up on the sand. A working lighthouse off a dangerous coast has lots of needs. Will you be one of those who fixes hot drinks and prepares warm blankets? Or will you be one who remembers the names and stories of those who are seeking shelter? Will you simply listen or will you sing? Or will you march for justice and give voice to those whose lives are at risk?

If you have found shelter here, pitch in and become a lighthouse keeper! As my last gift, here is a poem that I wrote in the fall about how I see this ministry.

May you be well. May you know that you are beloved.

In love and community,

Patty

Dear Fellow Lighthouse Keeper

When did we discover that our house
was sitting on the edge of a promontory?
That the builder had no intention for
our safety?

We were not born to be safe
and our well-appointed living room on
the edge of the known world
gives comfort to many:
Sea captains poised for the crossing,
sparrows we feed in the garden,
those connected to us by short wave radio,
other lighthouse keepers,
the whole world that is tuned in.

When people ask for the band width
I don't know what to tell them.
The weekly guide never helped me.
Russian propaganda hardly recognizable as such,
their accents so beautiful
too beautiful,
the polka music from who knows where,
the strange transmissions boat to boat,
the lingo of pirates.
Danger lurking in well-modulated English.

Save our Ship!

When we can't tell the location of trouble
we walk outside
and scan the horizon for sparks,
bonfires bubbling up from the deep,
ships set on fire,
captains made to walk the plank.

We cannot take sides.
Whoever washes ashore
we take them in for a night,
making sure the sheets are clean and ready
before we pull them in.

You never can tell,
we say to each other
when the man with four golden teeth
became our friend.
His photograph is displayed along the wall along
the winding staircase up,
flashing when our lanterns pass
in the night.

Who is there?
we say to each other first,
when we hear a knock at the gate.
No matter what the time or weather,
we turn the handle
and pull the heavy door inward.

You have come to the right place,
we say no matter who is there.
Come in. Be dry and warm.



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 16th, 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.

July - August Offering Split

The Florence Project

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 July and August we will be donating to **The Florence Project**, a legal service organization that provides free services to detained adults and unaccompanied children facing immigration removal proceedings in Arizona. Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants, it does not provide attorneys for people in immigration removal proceedings. As a result, approximately 86% of detained people are unrepresented. Since 1989 the Florence Project has addressed this inequity locally and nationally through direct service, partnerships with the community, and their Children's Program that educates, empowers, and provides legal assistance to more than 500 unaccompanied immigrant children.

Save the Date!

26th Annual SVUUS Labor Day Campout

Save the date of August 30th - Sept 3rd for the annual campout at Bear Lake. We had a great time last year there. The beach and the water were great. You might want to consider reserving a paddle board to rent, or bring a canoe, raft or floaty. Join us for a relaxing way to say good-bye to summer. I know nothing relaxes me like sand, sun and water. There will be food and games as well. If you have not been to Minnetonka cave it is near Bear Lake. I would also highly recommend a stop at the Maddox restaurant in Brigham City on your way past. They have rolls to die for (and raspberry butter).

Look for the registration information at the campout display in the foyer at church or call me, Kathleen Luck at 801 574-9638 or email me at kluck@xmission.com

Summer Services

Please join us in July and August as we take a look at each of our 7 Principles. Our first guest speaker will be our affiliate minister Rev. John Cooper, a chaplain at Huntsman Cancer Institute regarding the application of the 1st principle with respect to the dying.

The second: If you are a musician who will be available to help out with music at worship services starting in July and extending probably for the next several months, please let Mary Norton or Jan Vanderhooft know you are available and for what days and what part of the service. The worship committee is also always looking for people to do an altar, a story for all ages or a reading. As we begin a time without a settled ministry, let us put to work our commitment to shared ministry and step up to keep our congregation and the worship service at the high level it has been. Thank you.

Fundraiser for Youth Resource Center Meals

Sunday, July 8, after worship service we'll have a fundraising bake sale to support the 4 meals per month that we serve to homeless and at-risk youth at the VOA's Youth Resource Center. So bring your spare change down to our table in the social hall and take home some goodies! Donated baked goods to sell also are needed (bring them to the social hall marked "for bake sale" prior to the service). Questions? Contact Susan at eyzsooz@gmail.com

Book group next meeting is Monday August 27, 7 PM church social Hall

Book, "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah.

Check with your library or book store for copies.

Whitmore Library currently has too many holds to be able to hold a lot for our group.

Food Bank Sunday – July 1st

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.

- 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	16	Prayer Shawl Ministry
August	19	Leadership Council
August	27	Book Group
Aug. 30- 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

July	8	Fundraising Bake Sale
July	8	Religious Transitions Meeting

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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