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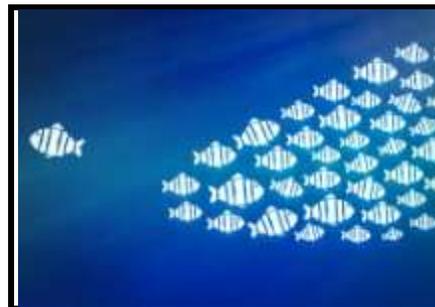
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Because of the transition in ministry, we're starting a little late on the worship planning process. Part of that means that we don't have themes and titles for worship services and sermons just yet.

The Worship Committee is meeting on September 8, and as soon we have a plan, we'll share it. Watch our web and Facebook pages as well as the South Valley Happenings for more information.

And thanks for your patience while we put together a great year of worship! - Rev. Bob

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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

What Does a Minister Do?

This month we are welcoming a new minister who will be with us for at least a year, perhaps for two. As part of the search process, the board was asked to think about “What do we want our new minister to do?” This led me to think about all the things a minister does and to wonder “Who chooses ministry as a vocation?” After all, we congregants can be a bit demanding. Sometimes we seem to expect our minister to be available and on the job 24/7. Who would want to have a vocation like that?!!

So, what does a minister do? I looked online and found The ABC’s of the Minister’s Task which I have adapted to fit the things I know a minister at South Valley might be asked to do:

A minister is ...
 Ambassador, advocate, administrator,
 Burden lifter, blessing giver, building consultant,
 Confidante, confronter, counselor, community builder,
 Discussion leader,
 Encourager, emotional baggage handler, enthusiasm infuser
 Funeral companion,
 Guide, grounds inspector,
 Historian,
 Initiator, inspiration provider, interpreter,
 Justice seeker,
 Knowledge dispenser,
 Leader, latent gift discoverer,
 Mediator, moderator, manager
 Nurturer,
 Organizer, opportunity spotter,
 Pastoral care provider, public speaker, problem solver, preacher
 Questioner, quarterback,
 Reviewer, Robert's Ruler,
 Spokesperson, spiritual director, social justice leader
 Teacher, trainer, truth speaker
 Unifier,
 Vision caster, volunteer coordinator,
 Worship service leader, wedding ceremony presider,
 X-traordinary (a creative way to use the letter X),
 Youth advocate, yule celebrator,
 Zeal stoker, zoo keeper (sometimes it must seem that way).

I am grateful that Rev. Bob LaVallee chose ministry as his vocation and that he has agreed to be our minister. I am going to try to be mindful of all the responsibilities that fall under the title “Minister” and give Rev. Bob all the support and help I can while he is with us. I hope each of you will join me.

Lorri Quigley, President
 South Valley Board of Trustees



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From Our Minister

Hello Folks,

How strange and wonderful to sit in the office at SVUUS and write this note to you. It was a long road from Buffalo to Salt Lake City (by way of Minneapolis), filled with thought-provoking people and sights. One of those sights was Independence Rock. Independence Rock is a quarter-mile long, 130 foot high hunk of granite. Today it sits alongside Wyoming Route 220 but it became notable when the Oregon Trail ran right by it. It was a landmark for folks making the treacherous trek out west, and some of the weary travelers chose to leave their mark there, scraping their names and the date into the granite where they can still be seen today.

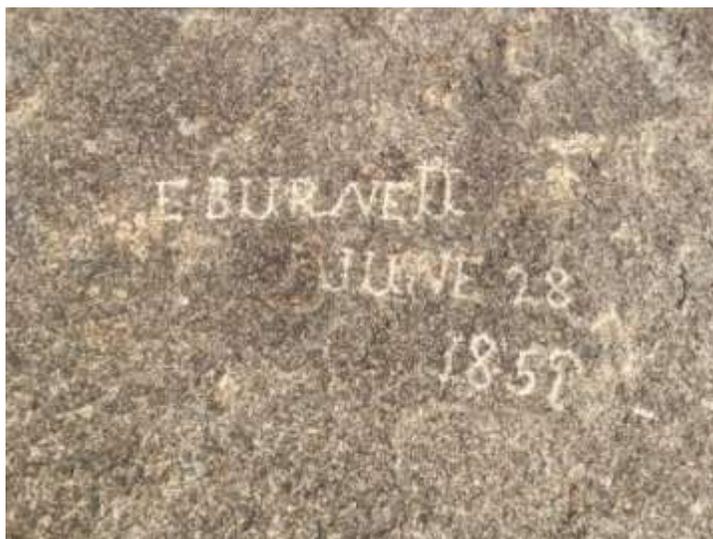
As I stood on that lonely, windswept rock, I thought about their urge to leave some sign of their existence. The Oregon Trail was grueling and death by accident or illness was a real possibility. With no phones and a very uncertain mail system, the travelers had to know that when they left their homes for the west, their loved ones might never hear of them again. I understand the urge to scratch their name into a rock in the middle of Wyoming. Those signs might be their only lasting record.

Independence Rock* made me wonder how we leave our signs today. Where will we leave our mark during our travels? I think a church is a fine place to leave signs. In our community of seekers, we leave our mark with every kind word, every act of generosity, every time we choose as a group to stand up for the most vulnerable among us. And as a vibrant, multi-generational group, those signs get seen and passed on. It's not a gouge in granite; it's better than that. It's an example for all of us. I look forward to leaving our marks together this coming year.

A side note: I'm so grateful for all the kindness, hospitality, and generosity that folks have shown since I landed here. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Independence is a terrible misnomer. It was only interdependence that allowed people to survive that journey.

Warmly,
Rev. Bob LaVallee



Opportunities and Announcements

Welcoming Reception for Rev. Bob LaVallee

The Board of Trustees invites you to join us at a reception to welcome our new minister, Rev. Bob LaVallee.

***When:** Sunday, Sept. 9, immediately following the Water Ceremony service.*

***Where:** Social Hall*

***Details:** This will be a "Pie Potluck". The Board will provide sandwiches, drinks, and ice cream. Please bring a salad or a fruit pie to share. (Rev. Bob likes fruit pies!!)*

Join us in celebrating the arrival of our new minister and the start of our new church year!

Opportunities and Announcements continued

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 20th, 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.

September - October Offering Split

At South Valley it is our practice to split our worship service offerings with a charitable organization that shares our values and principles. For September and October we will give half our offerings to American-Nepali Students' and Women's Educational Relief (ANSWER).

ANSWER is a nonprofit, non-partisan, non-religious organization that currently empowering over 600 low caste children and youth by providing them 12-15 years of education (through college) with careful academic and career counseling. They provide guidance, oversight, direction, and medical coverage for their entire families. Their thorough recruiting process results in a very high success rate, and their pay-it-forward program spreads their impacts even further. Their mission is to educate children from the lowest castes and provide them with real lifelong careers so that they will become the vanguard for real positive change in Nepal. For further information about this fabulous program visit www.answernepal.org

Save the Date!

COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Our Community Fall Festival this year will be held on Saturday, October 13th-no conflict with Halloween activities this year! If you have interest in volunteering for this fun event, talk to Ann Scarborough (annbob.scarborough@gmail.com) or Liz Martin (dre@svuus.org). Some of the specific volunteer positions we need to fill include hosts, children's activities leaders, and food servers. Let us know how you or your family would like to participate.

We will be featuring an Artisan Boutique and a Health Fair so, if you're a quilter, jewelry designer, artist, crafter, etc. who would like to participate, we welcome your interest. Every year we are looking for new talent! Please contact April Abate-Adams if you'd like to have a table at the Boutique: gneissrxs@gmail.com. And if you're a therapist, personal trainer, yoga teacher, massage therapist, dentist, chiropractor, nutritionist, personal chef, or other service provider who would enjoy participating, please contact Ann Scarborough at 952-994-1790 (texting is best) or at annbob.scarborough@gmail.com.

Please contact April or Ann if you have vendors you'd like to recommend. People are far more likely to participate if they have a personal connection with someone in our SVUUS community. We would like to promote your friends and favorite service providers, so please encourage them to join our Community Fall Festival!



Opportunities and Announcements continued

WELLSPRING WEDNESDAYS begin September 26th

Beginning September 26th, our weekly gathering returns for its 6th year!

From 6:00-6:30 p.m. enjoy a light soup dinner (vegan and gluten-free) and socializing. Then from 6:30-8:00 choose from different classes/discussion groups/activities to enrich our personal and community journey!

Seeking the Holy Together: Group Spiritual Direction September 26 - October 24

Led by Rev. Bob LaVallee

Quaker theologian Parker Palmer compares the soul to a naturally shy animal that can only be coaxed into showing itself if the watcher is calm and patient. Spiritual direction is the gentle practice of slowing down and paying attention to the presence of the holy. (As an agnostic humanist, I'm fond of saying that I am always sniffing around for the holy in whatever form it takes. Participants may decide for themselves how the "holy" may manifest.)

In this five week course, we'll explore a variety of approaches to group spiritual direction. Using exercises and texts from ancient traditions and modern, we'll journey together in search of the divine among us. All theologies are welcome; however, participants should be prepared for extended periods of stillness and silence. In order to maintain a degree of intimacy, the group size will be limited to 18 participants.

Gazing at the Male: Masculinity Film Series October 31-November 14

Led by Rev. Bob LaVallee

Films and film-making are dominated by men, but it's rare to watch films with the specific intent of unpacking masculinity. Rev. Bob will curate three films that speak to the social constructs of masculinity and maleness. Participants are welcome to join for one movie or all three. Viewings will be followed by an optional facilitated conversation. The first film will be *Buck*, a documentary about "horse whisperer" Buck Brannaman.

Our Whole Lives Comprehensive Sexuality Education for K-1 - with Parents. *Please watch for registration details!*

Wellspring Wednesdays NEEDS *you* to succeed! Have a passion or talent you can share with your SVUUS community? Lead a WW class offering! It can be a single night, or a series; whatever suits you and your topic. (Past offerings have included: Yoga, Bridge, Family Board Games, The Artist's Way, Bible Study, Social Justice Reading Group, Paganism 101, Children's Choir, Glacial Geology, Science & Religion series, Beer Making 101...) Contact Liz or Rev. Bob with your ideas! (DRE@svuus.org or Minister@svuus.org)



Opportunities and Announcements continued

Monday Hiking and...

South Valley was the place for finding hiking partners in the past. We had a very active hiking group for a long time. Of course when we were renting the building and meeting at 4 PM Sunday mornings were a great time to get out into the canyons.

Since weekends are crowded in the canyons I have taken to going up on Mondays but don't want to hike alone. KC and Christine are joining me. We'd love to have others come as well.

We'll alternate Canyons and hikes each week. On days we go up Millcreek Canyon I will bring my dog. These need to be odd numbered days so the dogs can be off leash.

Mornings work best with the heat. If another day of the week works better for you, let's talk. Let me know if you are interested. I will add you to the email list. I am sending out info on the weekend before. Text or email me with any questions. Thanks,

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Hike for Students in Nepal

On Saturday, September 15th at 9am, Zach Stickney is hosting a hike up Grandeur Peak on behalf of Sunsar Maya, a non-profit which operates two community centers in Nepal, where they provide an after-school program for youth ages 3-18, a women's literacy program, and trainings for rural teachers. Learn more about the event or consider donating here: <https://bit.ly/2PiVcDS>

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Sunday Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

Registration for SVUUS Sunday Religious Exploration

It's that time of year already (!!)

We collect this info every year to keep our records current - thanks for doing your part!

Please fill out the following registration form, and let me know if you have any questions (dre@svuus.org)

<https://tinyurl.com/SVUUS-RE2018>

Sunday RE Schedule

9/2/2018

Labor Day Campout
ALL-AGES Worship

9/9/2018

Water Ceremony/Ingathering
ALL-AGES Worship

9/16/2018

RE Classes Begin!

High School (9th-12th graders): A Place of Wholeness - Beginning Together
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - Covenant & Community Building
Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - Welcome & Covenant
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Moral Tales - We Are All One
Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Creating Home - On the Threshold
Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children - Welcome

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High School (9th-12th graders): A Place of Wholeness - A Journey of Faith
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - Community, Peace, and Put-downs
Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - I am UU and UU 101
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Moral Tales - Conscience; Hearing the Inner Voice
Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Creating Home - Symbols of Faith
Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children - A Tour Inside our Church

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High School (9th-12th graders): Coffee Shop Sunday at Beans & Brews
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - UU Values
Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - Flaming Chalice
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Children's Chapel - Sukkot
Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Children's Chapel - Sukkot
Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children - A Tour Outside our Church



Save the Date

October	13	SVUUS Community Fall Festival
November	10	SVUUS Auction
November	11	Community Chat
November	18	Leadership Council

Upcoming Events

September	8	Worship Retreat
September	9	Water Ceremony & Reception for Rev. Bob
September	15	Stewardship Think Tank
September	16	Regal Open House
September	22	Board Retreat
September	29	Interweave Welcoming for Rev. Bob

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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