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Feb. 3: "IRA: Integrity, Resource, Alignment"

Rev. Bob LaVallee

Feb. 10: "Siding with Love"

Rev. Bob LaVallee

Feb. 17: "Love at the Border"

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Feb. 24: "Immutable Laws: A Blessing or a Curse?"

Cindy Martin

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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

This Year of Transition – The Search for a Settled Minister

Seven years ago, I was asked to be a member of the South Valley Transition Team. Our job was to conduct a search for an “interim” minister after South Valley had gone for several years with no professional ministry. I wrote an article for the Beacon at that time entitled “Embracing Change”.

Now here we are in 2019, going through a new series of transitions and I am asking you again to embrace change. We have said goodbye to Rev. Patty Willis and welcomed our interim minister, Rev. Bob LaVallee. He joined us as an “interim” minister which means he agreed to serve our congregation for a year or two, easing the shift from the past to the future. And when we hired Rev. Bob, we agreed to follow the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) policy that we would not be able to call him as our permanent settled minister. He would help us as we began the search process for our next settled minister but would not stay. Rev. Bob is now in search for his own opportunity to become a settled minister for a congregation.

The Board has been working with the UUA as we progress through the search process. We have been assigned a Religious Transitions Coach and we have participated in an exit interview regarding our time with Rev. Patty. It is now time to select our official search committee who will spend the next year guiding our congregation through the steps required to hire a settled minister. Selecting a search committee is the work of both the leadership and the entire congregation. Our bylaws state: “A ministerial Search Committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the congregation at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Search Committee shall search out, screen and recommend candidates.”

It is the Board’s responsibility, with the help of the congregation, to find seven people who are willing and able to devote their time and talents to this important task. We want to have a search committee that is representative, trusted, in touch, and responsible to the entire congregation. Our Search Committee will be voted on by the congregation at our annual meeting in May and will begin their work in June 2019, continuing through next year until, hopefully, we vote to call our new settled minister in May 2020.

The Board will be surveying all members and friends of the congregation about whom they trust to serve on the Search Committee on behalf of the congregation. We are sponsoring meetings in member homes and in our Social Hall during February and March to share information about the search, to answer questions about our budget and the pledge drive, and to give everyone an opportunity to nominate trusted persons.

We hope you will attend a gathering. It is a great way to get to know people and to have your voice heard about the future direction of our congregation! You can sign up for the gathering of your choice at the Happenings Hub. Or you can contact any member of the Board. If you are not able to attend a gathering, a member of the board will reach out to you by phone or email to ask for your nominations. Either way, please plan to participate in this important process.

In community,
 Lorri Quigley, President,
 Board of Trustees



Minister's Message

From Your Minister

Hello Folks - Congratulations on getting through the holidays! We survived! Now to enjoy/endure the winter.

I want to share with you a fairly detailed update on my status as your interim minister. You may already know that I'm in "search" for a long-term congregation. The search season began in earnest on January 2. I released my ministerial record to nine congregations and began the process of video interviews while I was on vacation. (It's kind of like Tinder for churches and ministers.) To my tremendous surprise, the response has been more positive than I expected. I withdrew from two congregations that I realized didn't interest me, interviewed with seven, and received three invitations to pre-candidate. "Pre-candidate" means that I fly out to a congregation for the weekend, spending that time meeting with the search committee, getting to know the area, and finally, preaching at a nearby church.

I'll be making four pre-candidating trips total: February 7-10, February 21-24, March 7-10, and March 22-24. Based on those trips, I hope to arrive at a final choice. If the feeling of the congregation is mutual, I'll return to the congregation in late April for a candidating week. During that week I meet with the congregation (it's like a 96 hour potluck!) and then preach at that church on Sunday. The congregation then holds a vote about whether to call me. It's very dramatic!

The rules of search require that I keep the identities of the congregations I'm looking at confidential. I hope to be able to confirm if I'm leaving or staying an additional year at South Valley by the end of April. Anything could happen but the Board will move forward with planning a search for a one-year interim regardless.

Talk about mixed feelings! I love the people of this church and their common work in creating a community of care and growth. It's really hard for me to think about leaving. And yet the rules of interim ministry require that I stay for two years at the longest. I'll keep you posted as things progress. In the meantime, we still have lots of time together to learn and love.

And in that spirit, remember that I'm here if you need me for support. If you're carrying a burden, I'd like to walk with you. Call 801-327-2241 to set up a visit. And I'm happy to meet you near your workplace if that makes it easier. You don't have to go it alone.

Warmly,
Rev. Bob



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 28, at 3:00 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.

January - February Offering Split

No Kid Hungry

In America today, 1 in 6 kids faces hunger. Working with local partners across the country, No Kid Hungry is ending childhood hunger by ensuring that kids get the food they need, like healthy breakfast at school and free meals during the summertime.

No Kid Hungry is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization working to end hunger and poverty. Most people are familiar with the name "No Kid Hungry", which is how the campaign appears online and in consumer publications.



Monday Hikers Group

Like to hike? Join us for morning hikes, snowshoeing and cross country skiing during the winter in the Wasatch Canyons for easy to moderately paced hikes. Input on where is always welcome. Contact Rosine Oliver at rhodesignsllc@gmail.com or 801-971-2136 to be added to the email list. I will send out information during the weekend before the hike. Text or email me with questions.

Opportunities and Announcements continued

FINANCE COMMITTEE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The SVUUS Finance Committee is actively seeking new members to assist in the budgeting process. The primary purpose of the SVUUS Finance Committee is to review the monthly financial data provided by the Bookkeeper and Treasurer in a timely manner, and to provide feedback as needed to the SVUUS Board. Through the Board, the SVUUS community is then able to make input on financial decisions at the annual congregational meeting. A secondary purpose is to advise the SVUUS Board on any budgetary concerns that may be noted, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the SVUUS Board. Meetings are held monthly (usually on the 2nd Monday night) and generally last about 60 to 90 minutes. These meetings are commonly held on-line, so that all members can see the reports on their computer monitors. During the March-April budget preparation period, additional meetings are called, generally on a biweekly basis. We will be electing a new Chairperson for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, as the current Chair's term of office is expiring June 30 2019. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Norton (davinort@yahoo.com), or Paul Carlson (polymath66@gmail.com)



Recruiting New Talent!

The Board of Trustees is seeking to fill some important positions. If you have interest in Communications, Worship, or Young Adults, please contact Ellen Payzant on Leadership, Succession & Development (ewpayzant@gmail.com) or Ann Scarborough (annbob.scarborough@gmail.com). These are active committees with skilled team members, who are in need of your unique talent. This community is a great place to try something new, perhaps something you've never done before. Take a risk and ask for more information! The Happenings Hub in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings is another resource where your questions may be directed.

SAVE THE DATE!

SVUUS High School Group BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

For their upcoming trip to UUA General Assembly in June 2019

Sunday, March 3rd

After worship service in Social Hall

Suggested donation: \$10/person (\$6 for ages 11 and under)

Enjoy pancakes, waffles, and more yummy food with great company!

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Sunday Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

SUNDAY RE REGISTRATION TIME!!

We ask that every participant in our Sunday Religious Exploration classes be registered EVERY YEAR to keep our information current. 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

2/3/2019

High School (9th-12th graders): Prep for Brunch Fundraiser
 Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - Our UU Story
 Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - Source Three: Jewish and Christian Faiths
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Children's Chapel
 Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Children's Chapel
 Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children

2/10/2019

All-Ages Service: Worship Upstairs

2/17/2019

High School (9th-12th graders): A Place of Wholeness - Freedom
 Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - The Local Story
 Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - Source Four: World Religions
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Holidays and Holy Days: Susan B. Anthony Day
 Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Holidays and Holy Days: Susan B. Anthony Day
 Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children

2/24/2019

High School (9th-12th graders): A Place of Wholeness - Tolerance
 Junior High (6th-8th graders): Coming of Age - Understanding Social Action
 Seekers (4th-5th graders): URUU - Source Five: Humanism and Science
 Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Moral Tales - Do No Harm
 Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Creating Home - Bless This Meal
 Butterflies (Pre-K): Chalice Children

Wellspring Wednesdays

Wellspring Wednesdays is our midweek community night. Join us for soup and company beginning at 6:00 p.m., and class offerings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Child Care is provided for class participants.

G Suite, Part Two

Facilitated by: Russ Martin

Dates: 2/13

By popular request, we're going to have a follow up to the G Suite course and this time we're going to focus on using Google Forms.

Google Forms allows you to build online surveys and submission forms. This can be useful in a community like ours for things like class sign ups, opinion polls, event registration, etc. Basically, any time you need to ask for and collect information, Google Forms can be your friend.

Like the previous class, this will be a hands on, participatory class so please bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Yoga for Everyone

Facilitated by: Katie Cavicchio

Dates: 1/30, 2/6

Whether you are an experienced yogi or completely new to yoga, you will find a little bit of centering with Katie. She has been teaching yoga for more than 10 years, and is certified in various styles, including power, restore, yin, and trauma-informed yoga. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if you have one (she brings some to share as well).

Wellspring Wednesdays continued

Climate Discussions: What Can We Do about Global Warming?

Facilitated by: Tucker Gurney and Ann Scarborough

Dates: 1/30, 2/20, and 3/13

In January, we will view a clip from the film, Before the Flood, followed by a discussion of current events, including the issue of palm oil. After the Paris Climate Agreement was reached in December 2015, our South Valley community agreed to support this accord; we will be discussing how we can take action on a local level. We hope to sponsor an Earth Day Celebration in April... Please join us!

Crystal Bracelet making

Facilitated by: Cindy Martin

Date: 1/30, 2/6

Ever wanted to learn how to "sew" a crystal bracelet? Yes, we will be using needles and strong thread. Just in time for a valentine gift to yourself or another! Class is limited to 6 participants. Advanced sign-up required for materials (see table at Happenings Hub or email DRE@svuus.org)

Paganism 101

Facilitated by: Mary Norton

Dates: 2/13 through 3/20

You may have seen some of the pagan songs and readings in our UU hymn book. If these glimpses into neo-paganism have intrigued you, please join me for a more in-depth exploration of this revival of Pre-Christian theology and worship in Europe. We will focus on the major pagan traditions being practiced by descendants of these ancient cultures today, namely Wicca (which is a very 'new' religion which borrowed from several older sources), Celtic Reconstructionist, Norse and Saxon (also called Asatru and Heathen respectively), Hellenic and Eclectic. If you have an interest in any other historical religion, we can discuss in class. This class is mostly for those unfamiliar with the Pagan Path, but practitioners are welcome as I don't claim to know everything about all the paths. Please note that our March 20th class will be the conducting of an actual pagan ritual honoring the Spring Equinox, which falls on that day. The ritual will be held in the Sanctuary if at all possible and will be an open rite with all welcome, including children 7 and older.

Soul Collage: Discover Your Wisdom

Facilitated by: Julie Vesely

Date: 3/13

Description: SoulCollage® is a creative and meaningful collage process. You make your own deck of cards - each collage card representing one aspect of your personality or Soul. Use the cards intuitively to answer life's questions and participate in self-discovery. Joyfully deepen your understanding of the relationships between your personality parts, you and your family/community/world, and you and your dreams, symbols, and Spirit.

Service Dogs in the U.S.

Facilitated by: Tara Briggs

Dates: TBA

This class will offer a history of service dogs in the United States and what it's like to use a service dog now. The first week will be a recorded talk by Morris Frank who was the first person in the United States to ever use a service dog. He was a blind man and the dog was his seeing eye dog. The second week I will bring some puppy raisers to come and talk about what it is like to raise puppies and then to give the dogs up to be service dogs for a person with a disability. In the third week Tyler and I will talk about what our experiences have been using service dogs. Tyler received his dog at the age of 13 from canine companions for Independence. We think he was probably the youngest person in the state of Utah to receive a service dog. And I have used seeing eye dogs since high school.



Save the Date

March	2	10:30 am Denna Wright & Ann Scarborough hosting coffee & bagels at SVUUS Social Hall RSVP: 952-994-1790
March	2	2:00 pm Tucker Gurney Home meeting. RSVP: tuckerted@comcast.net
March	3	4:00 pm Ines & Juergen Korbanka home meeting RSVP: ikorbanka@gmail.com
March	3	Potluck hosted by the Ministerial Transition Group and the Library
March	9	6:30 pm Janis Ries' home RSVP: janisries@gmail.com
March	10	5:30 pm Jai & Spencer Hogue
March	16	Big Event!

Upcoming Events

February	2	5:30 pm Home meeting at David and Erin Wilcox's home. RSVP: 801-989-4006
February	3	Potluck hosted by the High School Youth Group
February	3	Brief meeting of Safe Congregations Task Force after the service-Trailblazers Classroom
February	9	11:00 am Home meeting at Sandra Roach's home RSVP: Ann 952-994-1790
February	9	6:00 pm Jan Vanderhooft is hosting a dinner at SVUUS in the Social Hall. RSVP: janvanderhooft@gmail.com
February	10	12:30 pm Community Chat in the Trailblazers Classroom
February	10	2:00 pm Home meeting at Scott & Laura Renshaw's home RSVP: 801-441-8888
February	16	6:30 pm Home meeting at Lorri & Phil Quigley's home RSVP: 801-635-8900
February	17	12:30 pm Leadership Council meets in the Sanctuary
February	23	10:30 am Home meeting at Mac & Sheri Lund's home RSVP: 801-599-1953
February	24	12:00 pm Home meeting at SVUUS Social Space. RSVP: janvanderhooft@gmail.com

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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