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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: community@svuus.org

From the Board of Trustees

Rolling in the Money (reports) at South Valley

As a member of the Board and the treasurer at South Valley it is now my turn to write this article for the Beacon. I've been thinking of what to explore here and I considered several topics. Perhaps you'd like to know that we are ahead of predictions in donations to the church—good news! But we are behind in collections on pledges, our chief source of income. Perhaps I could lecture people about financial responsibility. I could scold and admonish. That would be fun.

Instead I am going to write about the treasurer job and how, as my term comes to an end, the Leadership Succession committee is looking for the next treasurer. Now, if that committee were to knock on your door you would probably ask two questions: Am I qualified? And what the hell would I be getting into if I offered to serve on the Board as treasurer?

Good questions.

Members are nominated to the Board by the Leadership Succession committee. Nominees are then elected at the congregational meeting in May. The term for a Board member is 3 years. First, to be nominated you need to have been a member for at least 6 months. There are no formal qualifications beyond that. It helps to be comfortable with numbers, to be curious and willing to learn, and, of course, the more you know about finance the better. You will learn a lot from the Finance committee about the monthly reports and about our financial system at South Valley.

The duties of the treasurer include reporting to the Board monthly on the state of our finances. Before you do that each month you will have been to the Finance Council meeting where the reports, produced by the bookkeeper from QuickBooks, are analyzed and you glean the wisdom of the ol' timers and others interested in the church economy. The treasurer presents the reports to the Board and points out what is important and significant for that month. For example, if the report is for December then we are halfway into the year and should have received about 50% of the income expected in the budget, and we should have spent about half of what we expected to spend in the year. There are always variations—the large yearly expenditure for insurance or dues may need to be explained. The treasurer then works with the Board on how to spend all the extra money.... just kidding, we always need more money. Although I will say that we do a pretty good job in the budget of predicting our income and expenditures.

Another treasurer job is to supervise the bookkeeper. The treasurer drafts a letter quarterly to members about progress on their pledge. (That way we find out if there are any discrepancies we need to fix.) The treasurer works with the Finance Council to draft the budget for the year which is presented to the Board in the spring.

Much of the job involves participating as a Board member and answering finance related questions. Often that involves working with the bookkeeper to find the answers. If you know QuickBooks that is a bonus, but by no means necessary.

Serving on the Board in any capacity is a deeply meaningful and rewarding experience. It allows you not only to be "in the know", but to feel like you are making a real contribution to your church and to your community. It is a way to live your beliefs and values and to make a real difference.

Phil Quigley

From Our Minister

Dear South Valley community,

Can you believe 2020 is here?! It is amazing how time moves on faster than we sometimes wish it would and even though we know it will pass, we humans always seem surprised. I hope that your holidays, whether you celebrate the Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa were filled with blessings and good cheer.

This spring's worship services will be about preparation for your new settled minister who will begin serving South Valley in August. Towards that end, several of the worship services in January, February and March will be about Unitarian Universalist identity, governance, living in covenant, and creating our Beloved Community.

I have been hearing from multiple sources that folks would like to have opportunities to connect and I completely support that. In the fall, Rebecca Britt, the Acting DRE, and I organized Wellspring Wednesday evenings but there was extremely low turnout. We will try again in the spring but truthfully we are uncertain about how to move forward. After the service on Sunday, February 2 there will be a community chat where we will facilitate a discussion about what does shared ministry look like here at South Valley. We need your input and leadership, especially regarding Adult Religious Exploration and Worship. Please put this community chat on your calendar and plan to be there!

I would like to acknowledge the many changes that have happened at South Valley in the last year and a half. Your settled Minister and your Music Director left due to health concerns and the following year the Director of Religious Exploration left to begin attending seminary. South Valley now has a new Music Director and an Acting Director of Religious Exploration. Last year South Valley had an Interim Minister for one year, Rev. Bob LaValle, and I am only here for one year. You have been through a lot of change which is hard to process and can feel disruptive. If at any time you would like to talk with me, please contact me at 801.810.6184 or minister@svuus.org.

In faith,
Rev. Karen



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 23, 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.

SVUS Offering Split Recipient for Jan.-Feb.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Salt Lake Branch is a civil rights organization based in Salt Lake City that aims to improve the political, educational, social, and economic status of minority groups. They work to eliminate racial prejudice, to raise awareness of the adverse effects of racial discrimination, and to take lawful action to secure its elimination. They also promote voter registration and provide education scholarships.

CUUPS News

On Saturday, January 18th CUUPS will be cooking breakfast at the Homeless Youth Resource Center. We need one more volunteer to help us. If you can help contact Kim Lane or Kathleen Luck.

CUUPS will be in charge of the potluck on Sunday February 2nd. We plan on having egg and other spring items theme. Look for more information in January. We also would like to have a short ritual after the potluck to celebrate Imbolc. Look for more information on the happenings board or in the January Beacon.

Ministry Fair

The Leadership Council will sponsor a Ministry Fair after church in the Social Hall on Sunday, January 19th. Church committee members will be on hand to talk about their respective committees--the function and purpose of each and how YOU can become a helping hand for one of these committees. Check it out !!!

Book Grup

Meeting on Monday Jan 20th in social hall at 7:00 PM. Reviewing the book "An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

This will continue our discussion of race in the US. The next book in February is "White Fragility" and March will be "Braiding Sweetgrass". We did "Killers of the Flower Moon" in October about the treatment of Indians in Osage County, OK. Come join the discussion even if you haven't read the current book.

I have a copy of "Indigenous" to sell for \$12.00 and our church library may still have two copies to check out, one being a "youth" version. Facilitated by Janis Ries.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Hello!

I am so excited to start the new calendar year with fun and exploration in the RE program. Our amazing teachers are getting ready for another year of learning. January will start with an activity day, and our first day of classes is on January 19th. The children in this program are growing before our eyes, and it's a privilege to be part of their religious exploration.

Rebecca Britt
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RE Schedule

1/5/19

Winter Fun Day: RE Choices

1/12/19

Identity Service: Intergen

1/19/19

High School (9th-12th graders): Modern Faith
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Our Neighboring Faiths
Seekers (4th-5th graders): Love Connects Us
Trailblazers (2nd-3rd graders): Love Will Guide Us
Pathfinders (Kindergarten-1st graders): Love Surrounds Us
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Save the Date

Feb.	2	Community Chat with Rev. Karen and VPs
April 26-May 3		Candidate Week
May	3	Special Congregational Meeting and Vote
March	14	Big Event

Upcoming Events

Jan.	5	Monthly Potluck
Jan.	12	Religious Transition Group
Jan.	21	Board Meeting
Jan.	26	Religious Transition Group

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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