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August 11: "#6 World Community" Jordan Roberts

**August 18: "Our 2nd Principle: Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations"
Maureen Davies and KC Tabor**

August 25: "The Democracy of Three Sisters" Rev. John Cooper

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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

Dear Community,

August is here, and the summer will be over soon. We, as your Board of Trustees, have a sense of anticipation as new things are happening in our congregation. In early August, we welcome our new Interim Minister, Reverend Karen Madrone. We are having a welcome for her on her first Sunday appearance on August 4th, and a special potluck meal after the Church Service for everyone to visit with Rev. Madrone and get to know her.

August is also a time to transition from the culturally standard Unitarian Universalist lackadaisical summer playtime into a more active return to community and congregational participation. In other words, we will soon be coming to Sunday services more regularly.

There are plenty of meaningful and fun services to anticipate. We will be having the Church Camp-out in early September. Fall is a time for the Water Ceremony and the Bread Ceremony. The Auction is just around the corner. The Ministerial Search Committee will be ramping up with their duties. We hope to have a number of projects completed soon, such as the wheelchair access for the Annex and the playground restructuring, etc. All in all, this coming next few months is filled with hope, promise and excitement for a fun and enlightening rededication to service and community building.

Judith Mehr

Secretary of the Board of Trustees



From Our Minister

Hello everyone,

Today an amazing thing happened: our belongings were finally delivered! My wife and I are finally able to get settled into our apartment. We are very excited even though unpacking all our boxes (how in the world did we have this much stuff in our apartment in Manhattan???) is quite tiring. Our process of living in anticipation and then finally receiving our things that feel like “home” to us made me think of the Interim Ministry process.

During the Interim, South Valley has been in an ongoing process of learning more about your own identity and doing the preparatory work for your next settled minister. The Interim process can feel like two years of anticipation. It is hard to live in a state of anticipation for two years! South Valley has completed one year so far and has one more to go. I have faith that SVUUS will find the right minister for this congregation and it is my honor to be part of this process.

My role at South Valley is to hold two roles simultaneously: to be your minister and at the same time be the minister who stands in the in-between. I will lead worship, provide pastoral care, support social justice causes that SVUUS is involved with, and of course do administrative tasks like plan, organize and supervise. At the same time, I will continue the work that Rev. Bob began and I will help SVUUS prepare for its next settled minister. The Interim process needs everyone in the community to be thoughtful and caring with each other, especially because living in the in-between is taxing emotionally. I encourage each of you to notice how you are feeling during this process and appreciate how far South Valley has already come. May we continue to learn and grow even while we are living in a state of anticipation.

Many blessings,

Rev. Karen



Meet Our New Interim Minister for 2019 – 2020



Preparing to Welcome our New Minister, Karen Madrone

From July 1-25 the Board of Trustees will be collecting items for a Gift Basket to welcome our new Interim Minister. This will be presented to Rev. Karen when she begins on August 1st. Please add your special gift items to the central collection areas, on Sundays it will be near the Visitors Table and during the week it will be in Cindy's office.

To help Rev. Karen meet our members and friends, we are inviting people to host small dinner groups (6-8) in their homes or at restaurants. Please check the Happenings Hub on Sundays in the Social Hall to sign up as a host, to assist a host, or to request to be a guest. These dinners will begin in August and will continue through the fall months. Stay tuned for more details! You may also contact the Board at trustees@svuus.org.

Meet Our New Acting Director of Religious Exploration

Rebecca is an Illinoisian who is excited to live near mountains. She has a Bachelor degree in Sociology from Elmhurst College. She has a background in early childhood education and social justice education.

She has worked at The DOOR Network and in multiple religious and secular educational settings. In her free time she enjoys writing, crafting and visiting new places. Rebecca starts on July 1st. The Religious Exploration (RE) Council will be providing support as she steps into this new role. Let's give her a warm welcome!



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 22, 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.

July-August Offering Split: The Inn Between

The mission of The Inn Between is to end the tragedy of people dying on our streets by providing a supportive safe haven for those who have nowhere to go when they are facing a medical crisis. They adhere to the hospice philosophy of providing care for the whole person and are providing care for those who cannot get hospice or medical care simply because they lack housing.

Helping Seniors - Here is an opportunity for those interested in helping Seniors run by the city. The program is looking for helpers for their Senior Companion Program. Specifically they are looking for foster grandparents and Senior Companions. One can volunteer; however, there is a stipend for those of low income. The contact person at the City is: Rose Marie at 385 377-7299 or Ellen Payzant at 617 797-9993.

Movie Night

Join us in the Junior High Room on Wednesday August 14 at 6:30 PM to see a documentary called "Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock". Indigenous filmmakers and environmental filmmakers collaborated to tell the story of the Standing Rock protests in 2016 and early 2017 against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Remember that Patty Willis joined that protest with our support. Please join us for a light supper, the 89 minute movie, and discussion of future actions.

Tucker Gurney and Ann Scarborough

South Valley,

We have been contacted by UU Mass Action to help with providing food and water to those who are being released from Border Patrol/ICE detention and put on busses that stop in Salt Lake. They most often have a bus ticket but have no resources for food and drink. We need a point person to participate in a training class and to be contacted when the migrants are headed to Salt Lake, and a few people who are available to take supplies to the travelers at the bus depot. Please contact Elaine Totten directly at elaine_totten@yahoo.com elaine(underscoretotten)with your interest and availability. We urgently need volunteers.

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

Let's all go Camping!

It's time to think about the annual SVUUS Labor Day Campout. This year it will be in Diamond Fork Campground which is a lot closer than Bear Lake. Diamond Fork has many trails and a hot springs near it.

The campout is from Friday August 30th to Monday September 2nd. There will be a Sunday service at the campsite with a potluck lunch after. Come for the day on Sunday or for as much time as you can. We always have a great time. Come have a great time of fun in the outdoors.

Camp registration is available at church. You could also contact Kathleen Luck at dewelluck@gmail.com or Charles Christiansen at cncemc70@gmail.com for more information. We hope to see a lot of you there!



SVUUS Musicians perform at Mundi Project - Aug 17

David Norton (guitar) and Cassie Olsen (cello), who frequently provide music at SVUUS Worship services, will be performing together on Saturday August 17. The concert is sponsored by The Mundi Project, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide musical opportunities to lower income families in the greater SLC area.

Norton and Olsen's performance will be at the Marmalade Branch of the Salt Lake City Library, 280 W. 500 North, SLC. The program begins at 3:00 PM. Free admission, and donations to The Mundi project will be gratefully accepted.

UN Civil Societies Conf in SLC

<https://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/slc-conference>

One of their foundation statements is: The importance of inclusivity, recognizing that sustainable societies must provide opportunities for all human beings to succeed regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, socio-economic status, disability, or any other social or cultural backgrounds or associations.

Help us Stream our Services!

Our Communications team is looking for 2 volunteers to help stream our services online. Streaming online is an important part of our work and helps ensure accessibility and availability of church services. The process is pretty straightforward, and ample training will be provided before you begin the work on your own. If you are interested in learning more, contact Zach Stickney on the communications team by phone/text at (801) 888-2596 or email at zjstickney@gmail.com

Opportunities and Announcements Continued

CUUPs News

South Valley's Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) is interested in hosting a planning meeting on August 11 at 12:15 after the Sunday service. CUUPs is open to all who might be interested in exploring and communing via Earth-Centric, pagan, and shamanistic viewpoints. We're hoping to see if there is interest in rituals, Sunday service, community projects, classes, concerts, books, lectures, and so on.

The Ministerial Search Committee

Has officially and excitedly began the search process. On July 12th and 13th we held our Search Committee Retreat lead by our Transitions Coach, Rev. Christian Schmidt. The retreat provided a foundation and helpful overview of the journey we will be taking as a search committee and more importantly as a congregation. At the retreat we also established that Kris Berg and Bryan Debbink will be serving as co-chairs of the Ministerial Search Committee. Moving forward the Search Committee will be meeting weekly.

Much of the beginning stages of the search process involves the congregation as we develop our congregational historical record and future vision. We will be holding a survey, cottage meetings, and focus groups to discuss who we are as a congregation and hopes and goals for our shared ministry.

We are also applying for a Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop to be held this fall. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is a highly encouraged workshop designed to help congregations in the ministerial search process. The workshop focuses on issues around race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, visible and invisible disabilities and health concerns, and sexual orientation. It is another way that we as a congregation can send a message to potential ministers that our community is committed to equality and anti oppression.

We as a search committee are very excited about taking this journey with you. Please keep an eye out for our updates and ways to be involved in the ministerial search process.



Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Hello!

It's that time of year: Religious Exploration at SVUUS is live! RE 2019-2020 will kick off September 15th where we will begin our year of fun and learning!

Whether this would be your family's first or 25th year with RE, I would be thrilled to have your children and youth in our program. Liz has filled me in on what our children and youth were up to this past year. We will be continuing traditions as well as introducing new things.

Please register your children even if they participated in a past year so we have the most up to date information.

If RE sounds like too much fun to pass up, you can get involved as a volunteer! **This is open to both parents and those in our community without children in the program.** Please either indicate your interest on the form or email me.

As our congregation's new Acting DRE I am looking forward to getting to know your family and having an amazing year of fun and exploration.

[Register here! http://tiny.cc/svuusre2019](http://tiny.cc/svuusre2019)

Rebecca

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Sunday Religious Exploration for Children and Youth

8/4/2019

Nursery-Age 4: Child Care

Sacred Travels (Kindergarten thru 5th grade): New Beginnings

Youth Combined Group (6th thru 12th grade): New Beginnings

8/11/2019

Nursery-Age 4: Child Care

Sacred Travels (Kindergarten thru 5th grade): Scooter Rodeo*/Field Day

Youth Combined Group (6th thru 12th grade): Scooter Rodeo*/Field Day

*Bring scooter and helmet if desired!

8/18/2019

Nursery-Age 4: Child Care

Sacred Travels (Kindergarten thru 5th grade): TBA (Will be confirmed in Happenings!)

Youth Combined Group (6th thru 12th grade): TBA (Will be confirmed in Happenings!)

8/25/2019

Nursery-Age 4: Child Care

Sacred Travels (Kindergarten thru 5th grade): TBA (Will be confirmed in Happenings!)

Youth Combined Group (6th thru 12th grade): TBA (Will be confirmed in Happenings!)

Save the Date

Sept.	8	Water Ceremony-monthly potluck after service
Oct.	6	Blessing of the animals-monthly potluck after service
Nov.	3	All Souls Service-monthly potluck after service
Nov.	9	Annual Auction
Nov.	17	Bread Communion-Leadership Council led by VP's

Upcoming Events

Aug.	4	Welcome Rev. Karen Madrone – Potluck after service
Aug.	17	Board Retreat with Rev. Karen Madrone
Aug.	18	Community Chat with Rev. Karen and VP's
Aug. 30-Sep 2		Labor Day Campout
TBD		Board Leadership Transition Dinner

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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