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**October 6: "Love on Four Legs"**

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**October 27: "What's Behind the Masks We Wear?"**

**Rev. Karen Madrone**

## *From the Board of Trustees*

Dear Community,

October may be my favorite month of the year. True, this happens to be my birthday month so I've always paid a little closer attention, but everything is crisper in October. The new school year and church year have settled into our bones, the air tastes cleaner and colder, and the end-of-the-year holidays begin their march through our daily lives. Autumn has begun! And Autumn, since the earliest records of our human race, is a time for harvest and gathering of community and of gratitude.

Here in SVUUS, we start October by gathering together with all our family's loved ones, even the furriest and most feathery, for the Blessing of the Animals on the first Sunday! We gather together to celebrate the marginalized LGBTQ members of our Beloved Community the following week in our sacred Coming Out Day service. We gather together on the weekends to serve and celebrate, such as in our wonderful Fall Cleanup Day last month, and in our exciting and celebratory Harvest Fair on the 19th. This event is a favorite of mine; make sure you wear a costume and bring friends! We also gather together in the warmth of our beloved community to plan for the coming year. Cottage Meetings hosted by the Ministerial Search Committee began last month and continue through October. Come join, hear what our hard-working Search Committee members are doing together, and be a part of the growth of South Valley.

Autumn is also a time of gratitude for our bounty with opportunities to share what we have. October is the month of Ending Child Homelessness in Utah, so we are doing our part with a diaper drive. May we live out our first principle and give a warm, safe Autumn full of diapers, formula, gratitude, and love of community to our most fragile and youngest neighbors! The generosity of this Autumn circles within our own Beloved Community as well. The Board of Trustees has found gaps within our existing funding for Project Welcome, gaps which our community can help us fill. Please give lovingly so every member of our community can access our beloved buildings and feel welcome each and every Sunday. Donate via check or online through our snazzy new website: Follow under "About Us", then "Contact Us" to find "Give to SVUUS" and mention your donation is for Project Welcome.

As your newest Board Member, I am learning a lot about everything that keeps our church afloat. I've learned a lot of nuts and bolts, terms and responsibilities, expectations and shortfalls in these past few months...but the true driving force behind South Valley isn't a secret I learned in Board Meetings or in the books we read and messages we share. It's all of us, this Beloved Community of seekers and radically inclusive people. May we gather together in love, in celebration, in conversation, in generosity, and in growth. May we all enjoy the crisp October air and the colors of the changing seasons. May we live out our values and live in our principles.

In Community,

Bubbles Emerson  
(Alias, Member at Large)

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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/](http://www.svuus.org/our-community/online/)

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## *From Our Minister*

Dear SVUUS community,

I hope you are enjoying the lower temperatures and the fall colors. Our larger culture focuses on January 1st as the time for making changes in our lives but for me - probably because I just finished three years of seminary - fall is the time where I assess what changes I need to make in my life to be more centered and renewed. I am bringing this spirit of renewal to my work at South Valley as well which is perfect for Interim Ministry.

The work of Interim Ministry is its own very specific type of ministry. It is not an in-between placeholder until the new settled minister arrives. It is a specific time period in which important congregational work should take place. In the Interim is a time for assessing and learning from the history of South Valley; establishing South Valley's identity separate from former ministers; strengthening leadership and building leadership capacity; evaluating systems; and helping South Valley become prepared to have a new settled minister. It is a very large undertaking which is why the Unitarian Universalist Association recommends a minimum of a two-year interim. The work of the Interim is not done just by the minister but by the board, the Transition Team, the staff, the Leadership Council, and all of you. Cultural shift requires engagement and buy-in from the congregation, it is not mine to do alone.

My hope is that by continuing to ask questions and reflect back what I see to leaders of the congregation, making recommendations, and being as supportive as I can, South Valley will be on the path towards each of these things happening which will help it to be clear about who your next settled minister should be as a result. If you ever have questions about what Interim Ministry is, feel free to ask. I am happy to talk about it with you.

I'm excited about the adult religious exploration offerings for Wellspring Wednesdays and the connections that will be made as a result. In addition, I am hosting both a weekday lunch and a movie night in October. I look forward to getting to know South Valley better as our year progresses.

Many blessings,

Rev. Karen



## Opportunities and Announcements

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 24, 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](mailto: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](mailto:eyzsooz@gmail.com) for more information.

### September-October Offering Split: VOA Center for Women and Children

VOA's Center for Women and Children, which provides safety and support for homeless and low-income women who are withdrawing from alcohol or drugs. The center is a 30-bed social model where women can complete the detoxification process, take care of their children, and move towards self-sufficiency. Women are connected to needed resources such as substance abuse treatment and recovery-focused support groups, and have the opportunity to work in the on-site garden.

### October Diaper Drive



Please donate diapers, wipes, and unexpired baby food during October. A collection box will be set in the foyer. If you are dropping off items during the week during Cindy Martin's business hours, please phone the administrator's office at 801-944-9723 or ring the doorbell to gain access as the door will be locked. Business hours are: Tuesdays, 12-5 (except the 3rd T of the month) Wednesdays 12-5, Thursday 1-5 and Friday 8-1.

SVUUS along with over 30 congregations will participate in this drive. South Valley is a partner in Utah CORC (Coalition of Religious Communities.)

Our South Valley donations will go to the Center for Women and Children operated by Volunteers of America – Utah. Encourage other congregations, co-workers, family and friends to contribute.

### Auction 2020

This year's Auction is just beyond the horizon. Imagine the cool sea breeze as you mark your calendars and save the date to party with us on November 9th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and will be a boatload of fun for all ages. More details coming soon!

We are always looking for volunteers to help lighten the load. We have volunteer teams for: Decor, Food, Bar, Silent Auction Items, Tickets & Advertising, Data Entry, Tech, Graphics, Children's Activities, and Cleanup. If you are interested in joining a team or learning more about what each team does, please reach out to our auction coordinator, Kristen May, at [kristenamay@gmail.com](mailto:kristenamay@gmail.com) or 801-518-1371. Whether you are a long time member or a newcomer, we'd love to have you.

### 2nd Fridays Night out at the Movies - Oct 11

Join other film lovers for an independent film at the Broadway Theatre (111 East 300 South, SLC) the 2nd Friday of each month. We will meet Oct 11, at 6:30 pm in the west lobby of the theatre. Watch the community list for the movie we are aiming to see. If you have suggestions, contact Susan at [eyzsooz@gmail.com](mailto:eyzsooz@gmail.com).

## *Opportunities and Announcements Continued*

### **Saturday, October 19th, 12-4PM "All Hallows Eve Carnival"**

Come join us for a fun afternoon celebrating the season of cool ghouls and fall treats!! We are excited to bring to the community this event which will include lots of fun crafts and activities for kids, a potluck, and entertainment upstairs in the sanctuary for everyone! Our vendors will be selling handmade purses, brooms, jewelry, and many more magical items. We even have a henna artist on hand to create beautiful body art! Come in costume for extra fun and feel free to bring a food item for the potluck, or bring a personal-care item to donate for the Reverse Trick or Treat packages the kids will be making. Hope to see you there!!

### **Dinner for the VOA's Center for Women and Children - Oct 20**

In the spirit of serving our wider community, we are sharing our offering split with the VOA's Center for Women and Children this month, and we also have an opportunity to provide dinner at this facility on Oct 20, 5 pm to 7:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Eyzaguirre at eyzsooz@gmail.com, or visit the Happenings Hub and look for a signup sheet if you are available/interested in helping with this effort. We will be serving 15-25 clients. Opportunities to provide menu items (ie salad, dessert, drinks, etc.), and to serve food and cleanup at the center are available. -Susan Eyzaguirre, South Valley Social Action Council Chair.

### **We Are Sponsoring an 9-Year Old Nepali Student!**

South Valley Social Action Council is excited to let you know that our South Valley community is now sponsoring a young Nepali student! This was made possible from funds collected as part of our South Valley community worship service offering split program during Sept-Oct of last year. We collected over \$900 that will help provide a high-quality education for Bishnu Dayaram Kapadi, a very bright 9-year old, over the next 3 years! Bishnu is being supported through a program of the American Nepali Student and Women's Educational Relief organization (ANSWER) who is helping close to 700 students in 130 schools and universities across Nepal.

Bishnu is a confident young boy who is getting impeccable grades in school (his report card shows a full column of A+), his favorite subject is Nepali, and he likes to play football in his free time. He has four siblings between the ages of 4 and 13, and only 2 of them also are in school. His parents are farmers with annual earnings of less than \$900/year. His family is of the lowest caste in Nepali society.

As part of this program, we will be exchanging letters with Bishnu twice a year. We received our first letter in July 2019, and on the last Sunday in July, in our Religious Exploration classroom with our children and youth we together composed a response to Bishnu's letter. We again will be exchanging letters in Jan-Feb 2020, so watch for an opportunity to be part of this, we want to involve people of all ages. We are keeping a scrapbook of letters and pictures that we exchange with Bishnu that we will have on display at the Happenings Hub periodically. Watch for this as our next letter exchange period approaches (Feb 2020).

Thank you for being part of this! We couldn't have made this connection with Bishnu without the generosity of our whole South Valley community. We look forward to learning more about him, Nepali culture, and the broader picture of global poverty together over the next 3 years! If you have questions about the ANSWER program, visit [www.answernepal.org](http://www.answernepal.org)  
-Susan Eyzaguirre, South Valley Social Action Council Chair



## *Opportunities and Announcements Continued*

### **SLOW FOOD UTAH**

Save the Date! Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Five Senses  
We think this will be the best one yet . . .  
Tickets on Sale Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indigenous Dinner - Utah Dine Bikeyah  
Monday, October 14, 2019, 6pm – 10 pm  
Join Utah Dine Bikeyah as they celebrate indigenous foods and the  
8 tribes of Utah on Indigenous People's Day  
Go to [Indigenous Dinner](#) for more information

Thanks to our community partner  
For the generous support of our summer programs and the upcoming  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Five Senses  
We are glad we are neighbors!

### **The Fall Clean Up**

What you've all been waiting for!

- The all yard and parking lot cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28th (rain date Oct. 5th)
- 8:30-1:00
- Bring hard working kids over 10
- Bring your own coffee mug, water and we'll supply the coffee and bagels
- Tool suggestions: gloves, clippers, leaf blowers and electric cords, pitch forks, wheel barrows (just a couple needed), loppers, buckets/baskets, garden rakes, and pickups if you can do a dump run.
- We're developing a chore list but your suggestions are welcome.
- Sign up and suggestion sheets are at the Happenings Hub

Looking forward to a productive work day!

Bob and Cate MacGillivray, co- chairs of the Maintenance and Facility Committee, 240-750-0540,  
bobcat9611@comcast.net

### **All Hallow's Eve Carnival - October 19 12:00-4:00**

We are looking for volunteers and donations for the event. There will be a craft fair for the children, an open mic, psychic readings, vendors and refreshments. Herbology, essential oils, henna, tarot, or energy work are some suggestions for vendors. If you are a musician or have a talent you would like to share, sign up for the open mic.

We will have refreshments downstairs and we would greatly appreciate donations of pumpkin pie and other fall themed food items. There will be reverse trick-or-treating and we will be collecting donations of personal products (including diapers) to be given to the Women's shelter. Join us for an afternoon of fun! Costumes are welcome, but not required.

Contact April at [gneissrxs@gmail.com](mailto:gneissrxs@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

### **South Valley Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Society (CUUPs) News**

South Valley CUUPs is planning several rituals and classes this year. We will start off with a Wellspring Wednesday class called "Reflections on the Seventh Principal". Many of us are suffering from grief from all the current events and the impact of global warming. We want to create a safe space to talk and listen to one another, ground and center our energy through mediation and focus on sending healing energy outward. This group will meet every other week and more information will be announced at a later date. All are welcome.

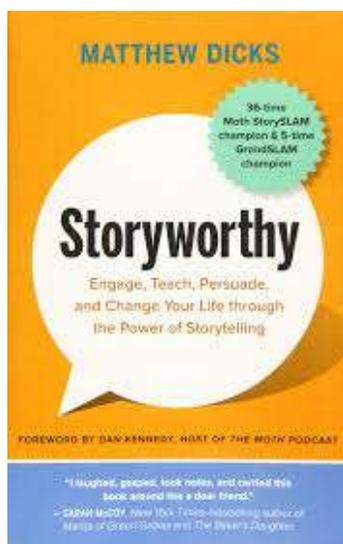
We will be planning a Samhain ritual on November 2nd. Our next planning meeting is on September 29 at 12:15pm in the Senior High room. Please join us if you are interesting in planning the ritual.

## Opportunities and Announcements Continued

### Adult Religious Exploration with Rev. Karen

Beginning in October you are invited to join Rev. Karen for a meal to explore our stories together.

On the third Thursday of each month you are welcome to come have lunch with Rev. Karen at 12:30pm in the Social Hall. Together we will be exploring the text of "Storyworthy: Engage, Teach, Persuade, and Change Your Life through the Power of Storytelling" by Matthew Dicks. Matthew Dicks is Moth StorySLAM champion & 5-time GrandSLAM champion. He is clearly a master at storytelling! Exploring his book will help participants think about the ways we tell stories, how we engage with each other, and how we understand our own stories. Please respond to this link <https://forms.gle/J1JDduHqj3A13D7r6> to let Rev. Karen know that you are interested and she will send out the text to be discussed each month. For October, this group will meet on October 17.



### October Potluck

On Sunday, October 13th, we will be having a chili cook off. Bring your favorite chili (along with your recipe if desired) for all to enjoy. October chili potluck is hosted by the Happenings Hub and Social Action Council.





# Wellspring Wednesdays

## Fall 2019

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, November 6th, 13th, with a special Transgender Day of Remembrance service on the 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Vegetarian Potluck Dinner 6:00-6:30 pm - Class Offerings 6:30-8:00 pm**

Wellspring Wednesdays is kicking off next Wednesday, October 2nd, beginning a 7 session long journey. Wellspring Wednesdays is our Religious Exploration program for adults, with at least two dynamic class options each night. Because RE isn't just for kids! (But child care is offered) Come by, bring a dish and get ready to explore.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE 7th PRINCIPAL: Offered by CUUPS October 2nd, 16th and November 6th**

Many of us are suffering from grief from all the current events and the impact of global warming. We want to create a safe space to talk and listen to one another, ground and center our energy through meditation and focus on sending healing energy outward. This group will meet every other week and more information will be announced at a later date. All are welcome.

### **(Y)OUR Story: Offered by Rebecca Britt - October 2nd, 9th and 23rd**

Explore how the art of telling stories can impact our relationship with our community, spirituality and ourselves. This series builds questions about what the stories we tell mean about who we are. Workshops will include reflections on our stories, as well as time to put our storytelling skills into practice. Attendance at each workshop is not necessary but may enhance your experience.

### **OWNING YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST: Offered by Rev. Karen Madrone October 9, 16, 23, and November 13th**

On four evenings, Rev. Karen will lead a class called "Owning Your Religious Past," a UUA curriculum. This series will help participants explore who they are religiously, what their past religious perspectives and experiences have been, and who they hope to become as Unitarian Universalists. Consistent attendance is very helpful to get the most out of this class. The class will be offered on October 9, 16, 23, and November 6

### **WINTER CARD MAKING: Offered by Christine Hirrill - November 13th**

Create a handmade holiday or winter-themed card for someone special. Experience is not required, but registering in advance will assure adequate supplies are on hand. There is no supply fee, but additional cards (up to 5) can be made for \$1 each if requested in advance. This class is for adults and teens, and children are welcome if accompanied by a participating adult.

### **EARRING MAKING: Offered by Cindy Martin - November 6th, November 13th**

Use your creative eye to make simple, basic pierced earrings. Supplies will be provided for up to two pairs of earrings to take home. Class is limited to 12 people, so please select one night to attend to allow many people to participate.

### **CREATIVE DESTRUCTION: Offered by Rebecca Britt - November 13th**

An exploration of the meditative properties of creation through mess, mistakes and failures. Prepare to get messy, and be unsure of what you'll take home.



### News about our Chalice Lighter Grant

Last December, the Board of Trustees submitted a grant request to the Mountain Desert District requesting funds to make our front entrance doors truly accessible. We received word in the spring that our grant had been chosen as one of three to be funded through the Chalice Lighter program and that the call for funding would go out in the fall. Last month, we received this letter:

*Dear MDD Chalice Lighter:*

*Thank you for your generous commitment to growing our faith by helping other UU Churches in the Mountain Desert District (MDD). **The first call for FY20 is to assist the South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Salt Lake City, Utah with a building project.***

*The Church Board President writes, "A Chalice Lighter grant will help us complete Project Welcome....our main entry doors are also not completely accessible....Our doors do not open widely enough to accommodate entry comfortably or independently for persons with disabilities. We are applying for a grant of \$9,850 to fund the second half of our accessibility campaign to respond to this need. We would be very grateful for the assistance from our larger UU community in responding to the needs of our members and friends living with disabilities."*

*You can now have your gift automatically charged to your credit card or debited from your bank account each month. Automatic giving may be set up on the [MDD automatic giving page](#). You can make a one-time donation online at our [giving page](#). **If you have already set up automatic giving, we thank you. We do not expect you to make an additional contribution to this call.** We are grateful for whatever you can contribute. Direct costs to administer the call are reimbursed from the donations before the grant is issued. More of your money will go toward the grant if you opt for emailed call letters and make your contribution online. Donations for this call will be accepted through **October 31, 2019**.*

*If you are mailing a check, make it payable to MDD Chalice Lighters and mail to the new address below. If you utilize a third party to issue checks, please give them the updated address.*

*MDD Chalice Lighters  
P.O. Box 567  
Brighton, CO 80601*

*If you have questions, please write to [MDDChalicelighters@pwruiu.org](mailto:MDDChalicelighters@pwruiu.org).*

The members of the Board, both past and present, are hoping that enough people in the Mountain Desert District contribute that we will raise the entire amount needed to make our front entrance truly accessible. Please consider signing up to be a Chalice Lighter which involves committing to contributing at least \$20 whenever a call goes out. Or you can just make a one-time contribution. It would be great if we had a good response from South Valley members and friends.

In community,  
Lorri Quigley

## *Project Welcome Update*

### A Fundraiser to Complete Project Welcome!

At South Valley, we live out our mission and values through our church services and our community projects. Our values are especially exemplified in our current Project Welcome, our plan to provide an ADA-compliant accessible entrance to the classrooms in the Annex for our members and friends. Fulfilling our promises to our community exemplifies justice, equity, and compassion...all of our members deserve to be safe and feel welcome. No part of our beloved community or beloved church building should be inaccessible to anyone.

The Project Welcome Christmas gift initially received a great deal of generous funding, but a financial shortfall has held up completion of this important project. The railings will be installed on October 8th. Beyond that, we will need to complete our fundraiser for the additional amount needed. Now for the good news!

The Board of Trustees and other committed SVUUS leaders believe in this project and have worked together to create a matching grant so we can all raise the missing funds faster. Our financial shortfall to complete Project Welcome is \$5,200 Every dollar raised by the South Valley community will be matched by our leaders up to \$2,600. So our fundraising goal is \$2600. If you can set aside \$25, that instantly becomes \$50 towards a safer and more welcoming SVUUS. \$2 becomes \$4, and \$200 becomes \$400!

As with every gift to our church, donations to Project Welcome are entirely optional and not part of any required pledge or expectation. Please give only if you feel willing and able; Project Welcome's goal is to make every member feel safe and welcome, and that includes everyone with financial concerns.

Join us and take advantage of this exciting matching grant provided by our community leaders and help us live our values. We can accept donations in check format or online through PayPal on our new website; please look in the "about us" section to find ways to give. Make sure to clarify that you are donating to "Project Welcome". To donate online, go to our website at svuus.org and, under What's new, click on the headline "Help Us Finish Project Welcome."

Thanks to the generosity of our many already promised donors, we can finish this project twice as fast, with double the impact and equity. As always, thank you!

In community,

Karen Madrone  
Rev. Karen Madrone

Ann Scarborough, Board President  
For the SVUUS Board of Trustees



## *The Ministerial Search Committee*

### **Update from the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC):**

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South Valley & the Ministerial Search Committee are well into the process of compiling materials to present to prospective ministers.

Our story will be posted on December 1 to prospective ministers. The Survey and Cottage Meetings are two of the main ways that the Committee can gain understanding of how to represent our community. During November we will develop our package of materials that will be posted for prospective ministers. The materials are posted December 1.

We can't represent you unless you share with us what is important to you. Please take the Survey. Please attend a Cottage Meeting. If you want, you can use the short link for the cottage meetings: <http://bit.ly/svuus-cottage>.

Survey Deadline Extended to Midnight Sunday September 29th: The survey is NOT just for members. Anyone may take the survey. Please complete the survey if you have not done so already. There is a link to the survey on our South Valley web page. 45 people have completed the survey. Thank you to each of you! Our goal is 100 responses.

Cottage Meetings Update: Cottage meetings are for everyone, not just for Members. Something different and special happens in the group discussion than happens in other one-on-one communication. The group discussion produces deeper understanding. There is a link to sign up for a cottage meeting on the South Valley web page.

We can't wait to see you. Our goal is to hear from 100 people in meeting forums. Sign up now!

#### **Important Dates:**

December 1: Congregational Materials Available for Searching Ministers  
December 8: Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop at SVUUS (All Invited)  
End of April: Candidate Week  
Culminates with Special Congregational Meeting & Vote



## *Religious Education, Growth and Learning*

Hello!

Religious Exploration programming for our children and youth at South Valley UU Society has begun! Our teachers are so excited to start on this journey with our children and youth. Our children's curricula are from Tapestry of Faith, and follow themes of love and the many forms faith takes. Our youth curricula follows similar themes, but were developed in part from the interests of our youth by our dedicated teachers, pulling from UUA curricula.

On September 7th we had our youth retreat! For the first time in recent history, our JR high youth came along, and we had a fun (but tiring!) day at SVUUS and a nearby park, getting to know each other and talking about our upcoming year together.

Religious Exploration isn't just for the kids! Wellspring Wednesdays will begin on October 2nd, with child care for our youngest congregants. Please check out the schedule below, and sign up for classes at the Happenings Hub. You are welcome to come to as many or as few as you would like. We would love to have you!

RE happens with the love and passion of our volunteers and that includes YOU! Adult volunteers are needed in all our classes, especially those for our younger children (Pre-K, K-1 2-3, 4-5). Your commitment can be as little as once a month. Join your own children, return to a class you loved as a kid, or try something new! There are various ways to get involved to make this a great experience for our kids. Email me! I'm serious!

When I started writing this letter, I initially wrote "religious exploration has begun," but I realized that isn't true. Religious exploration isn't just when we are together in the classrooms, at Wellspring Wednesdays, or upstairs for a service. For all of us, religious exploration is an ongoing process that happens anywhere and everywhere. But we're glad that we're in it together, here at South Valley.

Rebecca Britt  
Acting Director of Religious Exploration  
[dre@svuus.org](mailto:dre@svuus.org)

### **Sunday RE Schedule**

**10/6/19**

Animal Service ALL-Ages Worship

**10/13/19**

RE Classes Begin!

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

Butterflies (Pre-K): We Are Many, We Are One

**10/20/19**

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High School (9th-12th graders): Modern Faith

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Butterflies (Pre-K): We Are Many, We Are One

**10/27/19**

The Masks We Wear -All-Ages Service



Save the Date

Nov.	3	All Souls Service-monthly potluck after service
Nov.	9	Annual Auction
Nov.	17	Leadership Council led by VP's
Nov.	24	Bread Communion

Upcoming Events

Oct.	6	Blessing of the animals-monthly potluck after service
Oct.	19	All Hallows Eve Carnival

**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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