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February 9: Looking through the Window Blinds: How to see beyond our own perspective?
Rev. John Cooper

February 16: What does living in Covenant mean? How can we take care of each other?
Rev. Karen Madrone

February 23: What does transformation look like at South Valley?
Rev Karen Madrone

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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

Dear Community,

Greetings and Happy New Year--2020-- from your Board of Trustees!

At our recent Board Retreat, we optimistically looked forward to the coming church year.

Many good things will be happening--most important--- we will be able to welcome a Settled Minister in a few months.

As we enter the time for the annual Stewardship Drive beginning in February and culminating on Saturday, March 14th with the Big Event, the theme "Transforming Hope into Action" should resonate with everyone and expand our vision for our beloved community.

Our monthly potlucks will continue with CUUPS organizing the lunch for Sunday, February 2nd.

The Ministry Fair that was held in January offered a look at various committees and teams that operate here at SVUUS and how their work supports our UU community. It takes many hands, hearts and heads to keep SVUUS a viable congregation and your help is welcomed at any level. Committee chairs are always looking for new members and new ideas. Special programs like The Big Event and the Auction also rely on volunteer support.

The challenge for those in leadership is finding more members to help us with this important work. As our president, Ann Scarborough, wrote and spoke to us," We are in search for new Board members...if you like implementing vision, this could be a grand fit for you...."

There are only five of us right now and We Need You!! Stepping up to a Board position will enrich your life; you will be "in the know" and involved in decision making. Besides we are all really fun people---Ann, Phil, Lorelei, "Bubbles" and me---plus Rev. Karen, Cindy, and Rebecca---Join us!

Transform your hopes into action---May it be so.

Denna Wright, Co Vice-President

Board of Trustees



From Our Minister

Dear South Valley Community,

As the search for South Valley's new settled minister begins in earnest - video interviews have begun! - I want to give a roadmap for the next few months. In February and March there will be a series of worship services that acknowledge the changes that have happened at South Valley and strengthen ties to the larger UU world. We will be considering what it means to live in covenant, how do we support each other through differences, and how do we rebuild relationships when mistakes have been made.

February and March are leading up to April and May - two big months that will be focused on the next phase of South Valley's ministry. The candidate for settled ministry will lead the services on April 26 and May 3rd with a vote to be held after the service on May 3rd. My hope is that the services in February, March, and early April will ground South Valley in Unitarian Universalism and its ability to articulate who it is when the ministerial candidate arrives.

My hope and dream for South Valley is for you to have a strong UU identity that compels you to live your faith in the larger community and world. Your commitment to South Valley is very important, especially during this time of transition. Please know that you matter.

Always remember that we are one and we are loved.

In faith,
Rev. Karen



Opportunities and Announcements

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group will hold its next meeting on Thursday, February 27, 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 lorriquiqley@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.

SVUUS 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

CUUPS is in charge of the potluck on Sunday February 2nd. We plan on having egg and other spring items theme. 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.

Book Group

In February we are reading "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.

Sharing Stories: Making Meaning

Each year SVUUS gathers information to forecast how much pledged income needs to be raised to cover our anticipated expenses for the next fiscal year (July 1-June 30). This year our theme is "Transforming Hope into Action". One hope is to hire a settled minister so, this year, our budget is reflecting that plan. This is just one of many incubating hopes that our congregation is making plans to bring to fruition. During our Stewardship Campaign classes will be offered after our Sunday services that are based the The Wi\$dom Path: An Adult Program on Money, Spirit & Life. Please come to share your stories about what your family taught you about money, how life experiences altered your understanding of it, and how you connect your UU principles to the earning, spending, giving, and investing of money.

Sunday, February 9th at 11:45: The Meaning of Money in Our Lives

Sunday, February 23rd at 11:45: Faithful Earning

Ann Scarborough will be facilitating these conversations, but we encourage all to participate in sharing their own stories and experiences. The location for these classes will be announced in the weekly Happenings and at The Happenings Hub during the Social Hour.

Religious Education, Growth and Learning

Hello!

January has been a busy month for RE, and there's lots to look forward to in February! At the beginning of this year, following consultation with teaching teams and long-term discernment, we restructured our Pre-K through 3rd grade classrooms. Starting last month, we have Pre-K through Kindergarten are learning together, and 1st through 3rd grade are together. Already, this change has created class sizes better suited to dynamic learning, and new friendships. One child jumped for joy when she learned that she would be in class with a friend! This has also allowed us to better utilize our space, and one classroom has become a dedicated space for our K-1 OWL class that started on January 26th.

I am looking forward to seeing you for the Community Chat February 2nd where we will talk about our community vision for shared ministries, including Adult RE! Childcare for children of all ages will be provided.

Rebecca Britt
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RE Schedule

2/2/20

High School (9th-12th graders): Modern Faith
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Our Neighboring Faiths
Seekers (4th-5th graders): Love Connects Us
Trailblazers (1st-3rd graders): Love Will Guide Us
Butterflies (Pre-K-K): We Are Many, We Are One

2/9/20

High School (9th-12th graders): Modern Faith
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Our Neighboring Faiths
Children's Chapel: Pre-K-5

2/16/20

Questions Service: Intergenerational Worship

2/23/20

High School (9th-12th graders): Modern Faith
Junior High (6th-8th graders): Our Neighboring Faiths
Seekers (4th-5th graders): Love Connects Us
Trailblazers (1st-3rd graders): Love Will Guide Us
Butterflies (Pre-K-K): We Are Many, We Are One



Save the Date

April 26-May 3	Candidate Week
May 3	Special Congregational Meeting and Vote
March 14	Big Event
June 14	Annual Picnic

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2	Monthly Potluck with CUUPS
Feb. 2	Community Chat with Rev. Karen and Transition Team
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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