



December 2016 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California
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Gary Bartle Cagle

June 16, 1947 - November 13, 2016

Poet, actor, activist, artist, theologian, philosopher extraordinaire. Lover of cooking, good food, and good times. Victoria, Gary's wife, wrote a lovely obituary you can read on his facebook page.

Memorial Service -
Saturday, December 17 at 2 pm at Chalice.



Randi Driscoll's Annual Jingle Ball Sunday, December 11 7 pm

Randi Driscoll's Jingle Ball is a favorite annual tradition at Chalice.

Randi says "One night a year, we pack ourselves into an inviting space, we surround ourselves with music, love and inclusion and we celebrate life and friendship, as we prepare to usher in a new year. Two stages of music, vendors, art, refreshments and merry mayhem".

Tickets on sale now at www.randidriscoll.com



Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00

December 4

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Do Unto Others"

This is the fourth in a 10-part sermon series on Compassionate Living, inspired by Karen Armstrong's book Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life. Today we examine steps five and six: mindfulness and action. This is the second Sunday of Advent.

December 11

Music Service

"If Music Be the Food of Love"

2016 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of the English poet and playwright William Shakespeare. Join the talented musicians of Chalice as we turn back the clock to the 17th century! In addition to the wonderful music, we will also be presenting an adaptation of Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be performed by a multigenerational cast of Chalice youth and adults!

December 18

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"When Hope is Hard to Find"

Multigenerational Service

On the final Sunday before Christmas, we consider what it truly means to live a hope-filled life. This is the final Sunday of Advent.

Holiday Services



Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Signs of Hope: A Hanukkah Christmas Mashup"

Tonight is Christmas Eve AND the first night of Hanukkah! Join us for a special celebration of these two holy days. Childcare is not available for this service.

December 25 at 10 a.m.

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Christmas Morning: Story and Song"

Multigenerational Service

Our Christmas morning gatherings include a simple breakfast at 9 a.m., a service of story and song at 10 a.m., and coffee and conversation for those who would like to gather at 11 a.m. Childcare is not available this morning.



Social Justice and Thank yous

THANK YOU from Mental Health Systems

Celina Garcia-Placencia from Mental Health Systems writes: "once again thanks to your donation we were able to work with Albertsons and give 34 holiday meals in a box to our most needy families. The CAT team thanks you and your congregation whole heartedly for continuing to think of us during this time."



Thank you! Thank you to everyone who served as a greeter in November:

Don Anderson, Kassy Dorman, Amaki Ayikpa, Carol Bagguley, Ed Hall, Jan Hall, Peggy Kiefer, Richard Korts, Marshall Fogel, Julia Fogel, Nancy Hacker, and everyone else who pitched in to move hymnals and sort orders of service.

A Note on Hymnals:

You have probably noticed that sometimes hymnals are placed on chairs before services. The worship leading team will do this when there are no greeters signed up for the 9am service; please leave the hymnals and orders of service on your chairs when you exit. When there ARE greeters, we will continue to put orders of service and hymnals on tables as you enter the patio.


Newcomers' Group: Sharing Our Journeys

Wednesday, December 7th (and every first Wednesday of the month) - 7:00-8:30pm, at Chalice
Are you new to Chalice in the last year? Join Rev. Elizabeth in a special small group ministry. We meet to get to know one another, discuss religious questions and share about our spiritual journeys.
RSVP to Rev. Elizabeth: revelizabethbukey@gmail.com

North County Immigration Task Force Tuesday, December 13 from 6 to 8pm

370 Mulberry Dr, Ste E., San Marcos

Join the regular meeting of this grassroots organization to plan ways to support immigrant rights in North County.



Auction Party with Available "tickets"

The January 2016 Auction had one more event that did not sell out.



Pizza, Popcorn, Poppins Sing-Along Special, Kids Saturday January 14, 2017

Everyone is invited to join the fun on January 14 at 4:00 pm for a Mary Poppins Sing (and Dance)-Along. There will also be a bonus screening of Peter and the Wolf and other rarely seen short animations. Pizza, popcorn beverages, and movie-time sweets will be provided. Contact donors Debi Streett-Idell [not for public] or Stuart Holmes if you would like to attend.

While we are on the subject -

The next Chalice Auction will be Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 5 pm

It is time to start thinking about what you want to offer. Parties, services, and treasures for all. The Stewardship Committee will be rounding up donations in the next month or so.

When you make your charitable donations at the end of the year, remember Chalice.

A check can be sent to Chalice UU Congregation, 2324 Miller Ave, Escondido, CA 92029

Credit card payments can be made at any of these links:

- 1) ChaliceUUCongregation.org
- 2) There is a link in each weekly newsletter, the E-Nuus
- 3) There is a link on the opening email for the Monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions about where you stand with your pledge, please contact Delynn Kelly at [not for public]



Music Ministry

Sunday Worship Music December Highlights

Dec 4: **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.

Dec 11: **Annual Winter Music Service!** 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. Join the talented musicians of Chalice as we turn back the clock to sing with the Bard of Avon! You'll hear the **Chancel Choir**, our fantastic children's choir **Spirit of Chalice**, the **Handchime Ensemble**, and much more! **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.



Dec 18: **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.

Dec 24: Chalice's Christmas Eve service is a cherished tradition in our community. This year Christmas Eve coincides with the first night of Hanukkah, creating a wonderful opportunity to honor both traditions. The service will be at 7:00 pm. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

Dec 25: On Christmas Day, there will be one service at 10:00 am. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.



Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Winter Music Service	December 11 at 9 & 11 am
Randi Driscoll's Jingle Ball	December 11 at 7 pm
Christmas Eve Service	December 24 at 7 pm
Christmas Day Service	December 25 at 10 am
Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5	March 4, 2017 at 7 pm



Keyboard Kaleidoscope Auction Event!

The Keyboard Kaleidoscope Auction Event Concert has been rescheduled! Look for this amazing musical event coming Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm. For all who purchased tickets for the original event, you have a ticket for this one already! If you did not get a ticket at the auction, you may reserve a ticket by contacting Music Director Tim McKnight at music@chaliceuucongregation.org. This performance always sells out, so don't wait to get tickets at the door!

Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund

The Chalice Music Program is pleased to announce the availability of visual and performing arts scholarships through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund was established by Paula Gonzales in memory of her mother, Gloria Angelo, in 2007. Over the years many scholarships have been granted leaving the fund nearly depleted. Thanks to a recent, generous donation from Daniel Gordon in memory of his parents, Edith and Barry Gordon, these scholarships are again available for lessons, workshops, summer camps, and other educational opportunities in the arts. Drama, dance, music, voice, painting, and drawing are among the arts that would be supported by this fund. For more information and applications, email music@chaliceuucongregation.org.



Weekly and Monthly Community Pages - You are welcome here too:

Yoga Class meets at 7 pm **each Tuesday evening** in the Chapel. These are friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.



Cracker Barrel is a group of liberal thinkers; they are friendly, supportive men who meet each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, and discussion at 9:30, at Marie Callender's in Escondido. New friends are welcome. Contact Marty Schwartz at *[not for public]*

This is open to all men of Chalice. If you are looking to meet life long friends with a sense of humor, Cracker Barrel may be exactly what you are looking for.

Zen Meditation - Chalice Friend, Dr. Al Zolnyas, offers instruction and Meditation practice on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 am and on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice. Meet in the cottage. **NOTE** No meditation on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Women's Meditation & Buddhist Study Group meets every Thursday

This group focuses on mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Our format is to check in, read aloud from our selected book, discuss what we have just read, and then meditate for 30 minutes. Our readings about Buddhist practice and philosophy are written by contemporary writers and Buddhist teachers and are chosen by group consensus. We meet in the chapel from 10:30 am until 12:00 every Thursday. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Carol Bagguley *[not for public]*

December Circle Suppers

You are invited to Circle Supper on **Saturday, Dec.10** at 6pm.

Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home. The number of dinners each month depends on how many people participate that month. This is a great way to get to know each other better and further our sense of community.

Newcomers are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Dani Comer by Thurs. Dec. 1 or if you have any questions. *[not for public]*



POTLUCK DINNER

Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:15 pm the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **"Where did you go, Bernadette"** by Maria Semple. A madcap romp full of heart and ingenuity that raises issues of identity, the many roles we play, and fulfillment. A day before the family's trip to Antarctica, Bernadette disappears. To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, secret correspondence—creating a compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world. Dani will facilitate the discussion.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 PM in the Common Room. Please come and join us for a stimulating and fun evening, discussing the book and all the other topics, ideas and experiences that we share at our meetings.

Newcomers are welcome, please contact: Dani Comer *[not for public]*



Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group meets the third Wednesday of each month. That's December 21 at 1 PM in the Common Room at Chalice. This group is open to all crafters of any type. Do you knit, sew, crochet, quilt, weave, make cards? The list is endless. Please bring your hand work to the meetings and join with like-minded individuals for encouragement and wonderful conversation. Contact Dianne Decker-Houser at *[not for public]* if you have questions.

Chalice Dine-Out



We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, at a new place each month. We will be going to Carver's Steaks & Chops on December 28th at 5:00 pm. We are meeting an hour earlier due to the time change. They are located at 11940 Bernardo Plaza Dr. Rancho Bernardo. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at *[not for public]*

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet on Friday, December 16 at Le Bistro de Louisa in Rancho Bernardo (formerly Bernardo's restaurant). The address is 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, in the shopping center at the corner of Pomerado and Rancho Bernardo Roads. We meet at 11:30 AM and welcome newcomers! Please RSVP to Carol Simpson *[not for public]*



Chalice Readers

On December 23rd at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown**. This robust book tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936

You've got questions? Email them to *[not for public]*

Readers' Theater

Will not be meeting in December.

Hike or Talk with the Men's Group

Some members of the Chalice Men's Support Group have started doing a monthly hike which is usually around five miles and in the moderately difficult range. The hikes are on the third Friday morning of each month. You don't need to be a member of the Men's group to participate in the hiking.

The Men's Group has some schedule changes. In December the group will meet on the second Wednesday - Dec. 14 only. Please contact Phil Comer at *[not for public]* to find out more about this supportive, fun, and caring group of men.

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4 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Do Unto Others" 9 am Children's RE 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice	5	6 7 pm Executive Board 7 pm Yoga	7 9 am Cracker Barrel 12 pm Escondido Faith Leaders 7 pm Strategic Planning 7 pm Sharing Our Journeys	1 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 12 pm Calix Group	3 6 pm Circle Suppers
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The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUUCongregation.org and click under the "Stay In Touch" tab there is a drop down menu with a button for the Calendar. Anyone can access that calendar, you do not need to have a member password.



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Minister's Message

Beloved community,

Below are my reflections from sabbatical that I shared with Chalice's Board of Trustees upon my return:

The first two months of sabbatical, I found myself processing a lot of grief. I have been present to quite a bit of suffering and death in my first few years here at Chalice, and it was good to have some spaciousness for remembering.

As I sat in my study at home one morning, I thought, "To take care of my body, I am eating well and exercising. To take care of my mind, I am reading interesting books. But how do I care for my broken heart?" And the thought came to me quite clearly: beauty is the antidote to brokenness.

From then, sabbatical became about finding and experiencing beauty. I bought a couple of art books to keep at home, to open and sit with when I feel like it. I started writing poetry, which is something I've done periodically, but never regularly. Visiting art museums became a regular activity; I've lived in San Diego almost my whole life but had never been to the Museum of Contemporary Art! I made a trip to the Huntington Library and Art Collection. Of course I spent a day at Balboa Park.

Moving at a slower pace has been an incredible gift. I learned that the challenge for me is not really time management, which I do well, but energy management. I am interested in everything! But if I let myself pursue all the thoughts and ideas that interest me, then I lose the focus and depth that is needed to minister well.

I have returned from sabbatical hoping to do

fewer things in general, and to leave myself mental space to go deeper with the activities and interests that benefit from my full attention (worship and pastoral care being foremost of these).

It is clear in the short time I've been back that people are finding me "quiet." I have essentially been on retreat for four months, with minimal contact with other people. Transitioning from that quiet and contemplative space back into the fullness of church community takes time, and, of course, I am hoping to maintain some of the stillness and centeredness I feel. Please know that if I am quiet, it is because I feel calm and peaceful.

When I left for sabbatical, I had planned that my November 6 sermon would share what I learned and experienced during my sabbatical time. Returning just before the election, it felt more pressing to me to share my thoughts on the state of the nation that day (and I'm glad I did). Look for my "Beauty is the Antidote to Brokenness" service sometime in the next few months.

I'm glad to be back with you.

Bright blessings, Sharon



Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team, in consultation with Rev. Sharon, provides support for those in the congregation in need. This can take the form of cards, flowers, meals, temporary transport, and personal visits. We also visit members who cannot attend services.

If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral support, please contact Rev. Sharon Wylie at RevSharonWylie@gmail.com or [not for public] or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at [not for public]



Congregational Life Ministry

Why is Chalice important? What does it mean that this band of some 200 congregants exists in this old house on Miller, tucked away in a residential neighborhood? If the congregation disappeared one day, what would that mean to ourselves, to the North County community, and the world?

This is another way of asking, “what, really is our purpose?” As I’ve said before, my favorite way to think about us is with a metaphor of the well. At our best, this congregation is a source of connection, inspiration, and resilience. As members of this “well,” we relate to it in three ways: drinking from the well, tending the well, and digging the well deeper.

Drinking from the well means being nurtured and “fed,” metaphorically. It means coming on Sunday morning and leaving feeling full up. It means being encouraged and supported in regular spiritual practices like prayer, meditation, journaling, or yoga. It means deeply connecting with one another: having a community around us helps put that spiritual practice and ethical behavior into our lives.

In times of struggle, this is not optional. A few of us recently were at a racial justice training, and we heard a useful simile: inspiration is like hygiene. In doing the work of social justice, it is not enough to be inspired once, and then do the rest of your work for social justice out of a sense of duty, fear, or guilt. Just as you don’t take a shower once and consider yourself done, you need to take an “inspiration shower” every day. This might be music that helps you feel full of purpose, it might be art, or it might be stories of resilience, joy, and inspiration. Congregational life can be a source of that inspiration.

We “tend the well” when we hold one another through crisis, and when we organize programs and resources that in turn fill and nurture others. We do

this when we encourage someone else in their spiritual practice and when we offer our gifts of song, of caring, of joy, of soup-making, of teaching, and of time to others here in our community.

We “dig the well deeper” when those gifts of caring and song and inspiration spill over into the rest of our lives and into the wider community. Our religious communities are urgently needed, like water in the desert. I do not mean that we are saviors—any more than anyone else is. But it is not enough to tend our own well. Or, if you will forgive the further extended metaphor, it is not appropriate to imagine this is a bunker we can stock with bottled water and hunker down to survive.

Love calls us to un-stopper the wells wherever we are, as best we can. There isn’t scarcity, not really. I believe there is a spring rising under our feet, in a particular place and time, the one that is ready to nourish a thirsty community. We have a responsibility to dig in to this place, to this time, to open up and uncover a well of justice, joy, and love that is open to all—to the whole community, not just our band of travelers. So take a breath. Take your shovel and dig. Break open the rocks and get messy. Dig deep, and dig where you are, wherever you find yourself. Let the water come—the spring we did not create, but which people throughout history have tended—an every-flowing stream of love, and grace, and hope.

This column is adapted from Rev. Elizabeth’s
Nov 27 sermon “So What?”



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Multipurpose Building Update

We have signed the contract with T.R.C. Environmental to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for our revised Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. There have been several additional requirements affecting the EIR that have arisen since we submitted the first application a year ago. These include increased Native American study of the archaeologist analysis, report and surveillance of the site during construction, and additional analysis of the bio-retention design for storm water distribution. Pete Busset’s civil engineer is working on the bio-retention design and Pete expects to submit the revised application in December.

If you have additional questions, please contact Bob Nelson at *[not for public]*





President's Message

Ah, change. Sometimes it's welcome, but often it's stressful, even painful. I have been reminded in recent weeks just how grateful I am for our little community. And through it all, the work of Chalice congregation goes on.

So what does the Board **do**, anyway? Before I served on Chalice's Board of Trustees, I was not entirely clear about this. Under policy-style governance, which Chalice adopted in 2011, the five primary roles of the Board are:

- ◆ Holders of the mission – the Board is expected to measure its actions against the mission of the congregation
- ◆ Financial oversight – decision-making on the budget
- ◆ Sets policies – making it clear to the various ministries, committees and staff how they are to function
- ◆ Long-range planning oversight – where we are headed and how we get there
- ◆ Assessment – how we are doing in meeting the needs of the congregation

In anticipation of meeting the fourth of these goals, your Board has established a Long Range Planning Task Force, because our existing "Goals and Outcomes Statements" for 2014-2017 ends with this congregational year. A congregation of our size benefits from a regular cycle of longer term thinking that involves many people.

The Task Force is holding regular meetings, with Board Vice President Nancy Bowen as chair along with members Deb Coon, Dennis Brown, Kathleen Swift, Phil Comer, Ralph Peters, Susan Spoto and Reverend Sharon Wylie. The Task Force has discussed the current Mission, our existing Goals and Outcome Statements, components of long range plans and the approaches to developing them. The Task Force sees this as an opportunity for the congregation, the Board and our staff to have conversations about where we are in the present and where we want to be in the future. As we work through these conversations and processes, we will analyze the gap between our present status and future aspirations, and then develop options and recommendations for moving forward. The Task Force is currently exploring where we stand using a SWOT frame work: Strengths and Weaknesses (inside Chalice) and Opportunities and Threats (outside of Chalice).

If you have ideas about these topics, please share them with any member of the Task Force. We are blessed with talented, creative congregants with a wealth of professional and personal experience. We value your input and creativity about the challenges Chalice faces in meeting our mission statement: "Open hearts, open minds, open doors, nurturing spirits, and seeking justice in the wider world."

Kathy Zapata, President of the Board of Trustees



Welcoming Congregation

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation is A Certified "Welcoming Congregation". The Welcoming Congregation Program is a volunteer program for Unitarian Universalist congregations that want to take intentional steps to become more welcoming and inclusive of people with marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities.

First launched in 1990, the program grew out of an understanding that widespread prejudices and ignorance about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people existed within Unitarian Universalism, which resulted in the exclusion of LGBTQ people from our congregations.

Today, most Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations are recognized as Welcoming Congregations.



November Board of Trustees Highlights

- ♦ Music Program Chairperson, Susan Sklar, gave a periodic report to the Board on the health of our Music ministry. Among other things, the Board heard that there are two funds managed by the program, and that Lara Brown is writing the music page for the monthly newsletter. The Music Program oversees the Chancel Choir, handchime ensemble, Spirit of Chalice (children's choir), special musical events, musicians, two yearly music services, and more. The Music program is the largest ministry we have, with 35 adult choir members, 10 to 12 children in the children's choir, musicians probably total about 50.
- ♦ Minister's report. There are no volunteers to organize the Holiday party this year, so the party will not be held.
- ♦ Nancy gave an update on the Focus Group Training that will start this weekend. Its purpose is to assess the overall health of the congregation.
- ♦ The Strategic Planning Group to determine Chalice's long-range plan for 2017-2020 has been formed and will begin their work by reviewing the Mission Statement.
- ♦ The construction schedule has been changed. It looks like construction will start in a year.
- ♦ Membership Discussion: What systems can be put in place so that when Rev. Elizabeth's tenure with us as Minister of Congregational Life ends, groups she has helped lead, such as Pathways and the Social Justice Committee, will be self-sustaining. Becky offered to continue work on this.
- ♦ The Board's fire evacuation policy is that Chalice shall have a fire evacuation procedure. The Coordinating Team is charged with putting together procedures based upon the May 2015 PowerPoint presentation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13

November Coordinating Team Highlights

- ♦ Operations Fund is "in the black". Our fair share, quarterly payments to UUA, PSWD and our charity partners have been made.
- ♦ The planks on the bridge have been replaced. Thank you Vince Gonzales.
- ♦ Updated directory has been posted to the Wiki. Ideally, the directory will be updated quarterly.
- ♦ Cabaret contributed almost \$3,500 to the operating budget.
- ♦ Bob Nelson gave the Council of Chairs an update on the renovations schedule.
- ♦ Larry added lights to the stairway going to the upper lot, and more lights around the perimeter of that lot. Thank you Larry Simpson!
- ♦ Sharon asked Callie to continue as head of Coordinating Team, and she has graciously agreed. She will continue to be a member.



Chalice surrounded by eight symbols from great religions and wisdom traditions of the world: Native American sun sign, Islam's crescent and star, the Jewish Star of David, the Hindu word "Om", a 5 pointed star or pentagram for goddess/creation-centered spirituality, the Chinese Taoist yin yang, a Christian cross, and the Buddhist wheel of dharma. Designed by Gary Cagle for Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Chalice Mission Statement

Open hearts, open minds, open
doors,
Nurturing spirits;
Seeking justice within the wider
world

Music Spotlight on Alice Dodd

Brief Biography

I grew up in Chicago singing with three of my sisters. We harmonized on car rides and while we did the dishes or helped prepare meals.

As a young woman in the 1960s and 70s I had an 18-year career in musical theatre, as well as singing roles in industrial shows, music revues and trade shows in Chicago. I also was an on-camera spokeswoman in over 100 television commercials, some of which ran nationally. During this time I also wrote scripts for "live marketing" at trade shows and industrial shows for clients such as Proctor and Gamble, Kellogg's, Kraft Foods and U.S. Plywood.

From 1995-2005, I sang with the Melodeers, a Chicago area Sweet Adelines Chorus famous for winning more international gold medals than any of the 700 Sweet Adelines choruses in the world. (Women drove from four states to be part of this special chorus!) I formed a woman's trio, and for years we performed at special events, club luncheons and retirement homes. Our repertoire consisted of a variety of songs from the Great American Song Book.

When my husband and I moved from Chicago to San Diego, I auditioned for **the San Diego Master Chorale** as a first soprano and sang with them from 2006 to 2011, performing choral works with the SD Symphony. I chaired a committee that set up a concert tour to Provence during the summer of 2011.

I currently sing with **Rhapsody**, a vocal jazz SATB ensemble of a dozen voices that is hired to perform for charity functions, club luncheons and various celebrations. I also sing in the Chalice Choir and enjoyed participating in the recent Cabaret production. Chalice has been a source of comfort and support for me, and I have great respect and admiration for Tim McKnight.

What does music mean in your life?

Singing is a joy and a blessing that makes me feel whole.

Fun Fact

In 2014, I won the Golden Idol Talent Contest, and performed at the Rancho Bernardo 4th of July celebration!

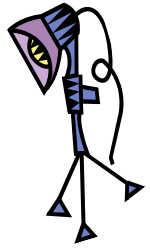


Cabaret 2016

What a joy to share the gifts of our spirits and voices with our Chalice community through Cabaret 2016: "Revolution!" And what an even greater joy that, through ticket sales and generous donations, we were able to raise \$2303 for our local charity partner, North County LGBTQ Resource Center. Deb Coon and Andi Stout took the money to the North County LGBTQ Resource Center so they could personally hand it to Max Disposti, their Executive Director. He was moved to tears by Chalice's generosity and love for Morgana. Our beloved friend, Morgana Mlodoch, who passed away on September 26, 2016, was a founding member of the center. Thank you, Chalice, for your generous support of Cabaret and the North County LGBTQ Resource Center!



Volunteer Spotlight on Callie Leef



Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Callie Leef for her work as the Coordinating Team Lead during Rev. Sharon's sabbatical and continuing into the congregational year.

WHAT MINISTRY / GROUP / TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Currently: Coordinating Team, Music Committee

Member and Secretary, Music Librarian, RE Leader for grades 2 and 3, Worship Service Storyteller, Stage Manager for Chalice Cabaret since 2006 and a Producer for this year's show. I am also a Chancel Choir member, Handchimes Ensemble member, and Cabaret performer.

Previously: Board member (2007-2011 including one year as President), Worship Service Song Leader, RE Committee, Ministerial Support Team during Rev. Anastasi's interim ministry

WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

We started with Chalice UU Church in about 1997 so are founding members of Chalice UU Congregation.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

I enjoy working with people to accomplish things. Sometimes I was asked if I would consider a particular position (Evelyn Englander and Es Gaunt kept after me for years before I agreed to be on the Board) and sometimes I feel I have the skills needed to contribute to a particular group.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Getting to know Chalice community members especially our young people.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

At the moment, most of my volunteering is with Chalice or through Chalice such as supporting ICS (serving Thanksgiving dinners) and Habitat for Humanity (building project).

Previously, I volunteered with the Mt Carmel High School as a Band Mom (6 years), was a Girl Scout leader (12 years), and was Stage Manager for Metropolitan Educational Theater Network (10 years).

WHAT PURPOSE/VALUE/FEELING DO YOU FEEL/ GAIN/HAVE WHEN YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING?

I feel like I am making a difference if even in a small way.

ABOUT YOU

WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

I was born in Norwood, MA and raised in Wrentham, MA



Callie with her grandson

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

My favorite childhood memories are related to our family trips to Great Diamond Island off Portland, ME. We would depart our home in Massachusetts about 6:30am so we could make it to Portland for the 10am ferry to the island. My three siblings and I hated getting up that early on a Saturday but so enjoyed being on the island for long holiday weekends during the summer. Since the island was only a couple miles long, we were able to go everywhere without getting lost. Days would be taken up with tennis matches, walks to the rocky beach, treks to Little Diamond Island at low tide to get fresh lobsters, and card games by the fireplace in the evenings. Idyllic!!

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

Initially, I came to San Diego by way of a transfer from Hawaii while on active duty in the Navy to be with my first husband who was stationed on a ship. After we were discharged from active duty, we moved to El Paso. About 5 years later, I returned to San Diego to accept a job after a divorce from said first husband. I have been here continuously since 1983.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

I have retired from both the Naval Reserve and government contracting. In the Naval Reserve, I served 3 years on active duty and 22 more as a "weekend warrior". I supported Navy research projects for the majority of my time in the service. As a contractor, I was a software test engineer for Naval communications systems and also worked as a process engineer developing support tools for project managers. Right now, my "work" is with Chalice.

MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

I am married to Budd Leef and have four children. Jim Rachel (39) lives in Portland, OR with his wife, Anna. Erich Rachel (35) lives in Denver with his wife, Shaeleah and our first grandchild, Myles. Tina Leef (29) and her husband, Doron Kipper, live in Northridge, CA. Finally, Matt Leef (27) is looking for work in OR after completing about 1700 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail last summer.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

"Ever After"

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?

My favorite place for burritos is Jalapeño's in Carmel Mountain Ranch

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?

San Diego Padres

COFFEE OR TEA? COFFEE!!