



Susan Spoto President

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Board of Trustees has approved Rev. Sharon Wylie's sabbatical leave, starting this July 4th through October 30, 2016. This four-month leave, which will be Rev. Wylie's time for rest, renewal, research, and reflection, will finish ahead of



our renovation project's construction start date. She will bring back to Chalice a renewed sense of purpose for our future, and reinvigorated spirit. Her leadership will be renewed and, thus, we will continue to be a beacon for those people seeking an oasis of liberal tolerance in our wider world.

We are also fortunate to have Rev. Elizabeth Bukey agree to be our sabbatical minister in Rev. Wylie's absence. Rev. Bukey will continue to be our Minister of Congregational Life and in addition, will assume the role of sabbatical minister for those four months. The scope of her duties has yet to be determined but we do know that there will be much planning for that interval. Sincere thanks to Rev. Bukey for anchoring Chalice during this time.

Our renovation and construction plans are continuing to move through the important Planning Department at the City of Escondido. The construction start date now looks like the very end of this year (or early next year) to begin. Bob Nelson will have updates for us as we get closer to our ground-breaking time.

Next month, in March, there will be a series of seminars on Estate Planning and Successful Aging thoughtfully curated by our new Successful Aging Strategies Team. The programs will be held at Chalice at 10 am Tuesday and Thursday, March 15th and 17th, 22nd and 24th. Next month, I will share my own personal family experience with this topic and why I recommend this important information.

Sunday Services

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

February 7

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Imbolc Blessings" **Multigenerational Service**

Imbolc is the Neo-Pagan celebration of the earliest signs of spring, an observance that lives on in our modern Groundhog Day. At this morning's service, we honor the goddess Brigid and receive her gifts of healing and protection.

February 14

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Cultivating Enoughness" Chocolate and Berry Sunday

Decluttering, spending less, saving more...all the steps to simplify our lives don't mean much if we feel deprived, as if we've denied ourselves what we really want. Today we consider how we can invite a sense of contentment and satisfaction into our lives. This is the sixth in a 10-part sermon series on voluntary simplicity.

- Please bring chocolate or berries to share during social hour.
- Please bring items from the San Diego Humane Society's "general supplies" wish list for collection and donation. See sdhumane.org, under the tab "Ways You Can Help"

February 21

Surprise Pulpit Guest!

Our guest speaker and service title will be sent out in the weekly e-nuus the Wednesday before this service.

February 28

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Wrestling with History"

Some aspects of Unitarian Universalist history are well known and documented, but the experiences of African Americans within our faith tradition are just starting to be told. In honor of Black History Month, we will hear some of these lesser-told stories of our history and reflect on their meaning.



January Board of Trustees Highlights

- VP Kathy Zapata-Bergamini has lined up a bylaws committee and will soon begin reviewing the bylaws.
- Treasurer Ann Cunningham reported that 72% of the annual pledges are in.
- As part of her work with the Escondido Faith Leader Association, Rev. Sharon is chair of the newly-formed Crisis Response Task Force, and is also the lead planner for an event the group is planning in recognition of César Chávez Day.
- Rev. Sharon is taking a six-session webinar on clergy misconduct offered by Deborah Pope-Lance.
- Rev. Sharon has tracked her time for the last three months. She spent her time as follows: Worship (planning, preparation, and leading) 42%, Administration and Staff Supervision 14.5%, Pastoral Care 11%, Governance 10%, Communications 5%, Adult Religious Education 5%, Cluster and Denominational 4%, Local and interfaith activities 3.5%, Email sort/file 2%, Children's Religious Education 1%, Reading 1%, Pathways 0.5%, Weddings 0%, Memorials 0%. She will continue to track her time and report to the Board quarterly.
- The Board discussed a mechanism for insuring that important events are entered on the church calendar.
- On behalf of the Social Justice Team, Jeff Heys provided a brief history of how the Team's "Policy to Take a Public Position" came about. The SJT is working to develop a nimbler approach for the congregation to take a public stand on important social justice issues. A bylaws modification will be required to accommodate a new policy.
- In an informal mid-year assessment, Board members expressed appreciation that the meetings are well-organized, proceed logically, that issues are dealt with efficiently without micro-managing and are increasingly grounded in policies, and that Board members deal with each other well and respectfully.
- In the informal mid-year assessment of the Minister, Board members stated they value the tone Rev. Sharon sets for the congregation and the Board, the ritual that has developed in our worship services, the concept of an annual sermon series, the cohesiveness of all the elements of the services, and the impressive Worship Associates.
- The Board approved minor changes to the Building Use Request Form which will be presented to the Council of Chairs on January 23rd.
- Chris Toft has agreed to serve another term on the Good Relations Team.
- The Board briefly discussed ideas for a Year in Review document.

SAVE THE **NEW** DATE
(AND YOUR THINGS!)
CHALICE RUMMAGE SALE
May 13 - 14

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With gratitude for our Proofreaders
Peggy Kiefer, Andi Stout

January Coordinating Team Highlights

The Coordinating Team coordinates, integrates, and advocates the methods for accomplishing the Congregation's goals in accordance with the Board's Policies. The Coordinating Team is composed of lay members Delynn Kelly and Callie Leef, and staff members Brittany Keegan and Rev. Sharon Wylie.

- Coordinating Team has approved a sign for the driveway that Pathways Team will order and have installed.
- A new hymnal cart has been purchased (the wheels on the old one were damaged beyond repair).
- The Rummage Sale has moved to May 13th and 14th to eliminate a scheduling conflict.



Minister's Message

Beloved community,

This is the "charge of the congregation" I gave to Chalice at the January 16 ordination of Elizabeth Bukey:

It is tradition at ordinations for a charge to be given to the ordaining congregation, in recognition that this event is as much about the authority and role of the congregation as it is about the authority and role of the minister.

Chalice, today I charge you to step fully into your responsibility to become a teaching congregation.

A teaching congregation is one that understands itself as having a formal role in preparing people to enter the professional ministry.

Chalice has inadvertently played a part in preparing people for ministry two times in our young history. Nine years ago, when David Miller approached you about being your student minister, you said yes, and you went on to ordain him. When you had the opportunity to hire Elizabeth, at that time a candidate for ministry, you also said yes, and have gone on to affirm her call to ministry through this act of ordination.

But these happy accidents are not the same as knowing that you have a responsibility to help prepare people for professional ministry. Chalice, you have a responsibility, I charge you today, to fund and offer a paid, fulltime ministerial internship position as soon as we are able.

Why do you have this responsibility? Because you are loving and respectful of your ministers; that is the perfect environment in which to nurture young ministries. You know that not all ministries look the same and not all ministers sound the same; that is the perfect environment in which to nurture young ministries. You recognize and affirm the ministry of those who are answering the call at a young age and as a first career, as well as recognizing and affirming the ministry of those of us who come later in life, NOT as a first career. You are ready to be spiritual companions in the mentoring and training of students.

I know that this sounds ambitious. We have a lot on our plate right now already. I am not saying I think this is something we're going to do this year or next (but we might!). It is important to offer a fair stipend to intern ministers, so there is a considerable financial commitment to be made. What I am saying is that we have a responsibility, and we need to be ready for the right time.

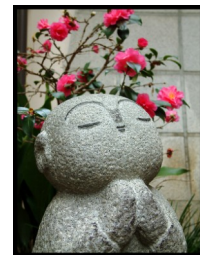
Unitarian Universalism needs excellent ministers, and it needs congregations to support and encourage aspirants and candidates for ministry. Today we celebrate a new minister. My hope is that today's happiness paves the way for many more who will be traveling the path of ministry.

Bright blessings, Sharon



SPIRIT STUDY FEBRUARY

Spirit Study is a 10-month invitation to learning, practice, and reflection. Our 2015-16 study topic is voluntary simplicity, the rejection of consumerist, materialist values in favor of choosing less and slower and minimal.



Our February topic is "Mindful Consumerism"

- ~~ February 14 Sermon: "Cultivating Enoughness"
- ~~ Challenge: How many days can you go without buying something? (Alternatively, how else can you reduce your impact on the environment?)

Rev. Sharon Wylie's Office Hours:

Rev. Sharon Wylie's Office Hours:
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 Appointments outside office hours are based on availability
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Renovation Status

Pete Bussett and our civil engineer, Andy Kaan, have met with the city planners regarding the city's initial comments to our CUP (Conditional Use Permit) application. There were no issues which would impact our plans. There will be some modification to the grading plans and the city is still insisting we pave and provide gutters and sidewalk on our side of Miller Ave. We have received the preliminary version of the environmental report from TRC (Environmental Engineer) and returned our comments. It will be submitted to the city as soon as our comments are reconciled.

We are still projecting that our CUP can be approved in June and we can submit drawings for plan check and apply for a building permit for the multipurpose building in July. We are at the mercy of the city until we have a building permit in our hands, but if events materialize as we expect we can break ground in early December 2016 and have occupancy of the building in August 2017. Please contact Bob Nelson, *[not for public]* if you have any questions.



Music



Sunday Worship Music February Highlights

- Feb. 14:** The **Chancel Choir** will sing "Animal Crackers, Vol II", by Eric Whitacre.
- Feb. 28:** The **Chancel Choir** will sing "Wade In The Water/Wayfaring Stranger", arranged by John Purifoy.

Welcome Steve Withers!

The Music Program welcomes the very talented **Steve Withers** to our team of Sunday morning worship musicians!

Steve is a San Diego native, a graduate of Point Loma High School, and an alumnus of the University of Cincinnati's College/Conservatory of Music (CCM) where he studied music composition and piano performance. Steve is currently the Associate Artistic Director of the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus.

You'll be seeing and hearing Steve approximately one Sunday a month starting in February!

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Voice and Piano Recital	Feb 7 @ 1:00pm
Music Service Dress Rehearsal	May 7 @ 10am to 3 pm
Spring Music Services	May 8 @ 9am & 11am

Gloria Angelo Arts Education Fund

The Chalice Music Program is pleased to announce the availability of visual and performing arts scholarships through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Fund.

Thanks to a generous donation from Daniel Gordon in memory of his parents, Edith and Barry Gordon, these scholarships are now available for lessons, workshops, summer camps, and other educational opportunities. Drama, dance, music, voice, painting, and drawing are among the arts that would be supported by this fund.

For more information and applications, send an email to: music@chaliceuucongregation.org

Spotlight on Victoria Holmes Brief Biography



I am 16, and have always been surrounded by music my whole life. As long as I can remember I have always had an instrument in my hand. The first instrument I decided to play was violin but I quickly quit that after sitting in on a class my dad was teaching. The sound of beginning violin players was so bad, I cried and never touched the violin again.

I was lucky enough to be able to sit in on classes my dad taught at Ozzie's Music where I got to play a little bit of everything. That is where I found my first love, the flute. I started playing flute when I was in first grade. One time I played "Blue Boat Home" with the children's choir. When my dad went back to school at Point Loma Nazarene, my brother Timmy and I were often at the University and had the privilege to go to many concerts. One night, on our way home, I told my dad I wanted to play the oboe, and despite it being 9 o'clock at night, Dad was on the phone looking for an oboe for me to play. But when I switched schools in fifth grade, I didn't want to be the weird new girl, playing some weird instrument, so instead I enjoyed being better than everyone else on flute.

When I found myself sitting in my father's class in sixth grade, however, I was practically blackmailed into playing oboe. "We have seven flutes, we need an oboe player, and I happen to know one flute player who can play oboe." Though annoying at the time, that was one of the best things my dad ever did for me. I soon found that playing oboe was what I was meant to do. In sixth grade I traveled with the top band at my middle school to San Francisco, perk of being the band director's daughter. When I went again in 8th grade, I received an Outstanding Musician Award for my solo in a piece called "Fox Fire."

When I moved to Mira Mesa High School I picked up the clarinet to play during marching season. Throughout marching season, I played in the school orchestra and also played oboe at PLNU (Point Loma Nazarene University) for a senior recital. My dad recalls it being a weird feeling seeing his daughter on the same stage he performed on. As a freshman, I found myself in Wind Ensemble (the top band at my high school); the pit of the school musical, *Shrek the Musical*; and first chair of

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Thank you!

Thank you so much to each and everyone one of you who helped with my ordination, and all of you who attended. It was a beautiful day, and I'm so glad so many of us could share it together. I literally could not have been ordained without you!

--Rev. Elizabeth



Help With Citizenship Applications

UURISE, the recipient of last month's social justice offering, is looking for volunteers! They have events coming up at which volunteers help legal permanent residents apply for citizenship, and Chalice's immigrant justice team encourages you to participate if you can. The next one is: Thurs February 11 from 9am to 5pm in San Diego. Please let Rev. Elizabeth know ASAP if you are interested in participating. If you would like to participate on the 11th or in the future, UURISE will host a training for us. Please also contact Rev. Elizabeth if you would like training.

February Charity Offering

Our offering on Sunday, February 14, will go to benefit San Diego Humane Society. SDHS's mission is "Inspiring Compassion." As they put it on their website, they "provide vital services to animals and people by sheltering and adopting animals, providing positive reinforcement training classes, investigating animal cruelty and neglect, presenting education programs for youth and adults, and much more. They are a private, nonprofit organization that is not affiliated with any other humane society or SPCA."

Service Project Feb 14

Help make lunches for ICS

On Feb 14 after the second service, Chalice congregants have the opportunity to help make a difference. We are partnering with Interfaith Community Services to provide a sack lunch for individuals and families. This support helps these individuals and families in their efforts to improve their lives and focus on goals, such as finding employment, instead of worrying about their next meal. Contact Rev. Elizabeth with questions or to RSVP to help.

Elizabeth Bukey

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Ombuds Is Now the Good Relations Committee

Did you know there is a confidential process and committee in place at Chalice to help resolve disputes? They are now known as the Good Relations Committee (pending formal name change in June), and they're here to help. Current committee members are Judy Winn (Chair), Bruce Campbell, and Chris Toft.

Our Covenant with one another includes a promise to **foster a safe, inviting and loving community** and to **treat one another genuinely and respectfully**. As in any community, conflict inevitably arises. Oftentimes conflicts are healthy and help strengthen our relationship to one another and support our mission. However, some conflicts are unhealthy, consequently weakening our Covenant with one another. If left unresolved, such conflicts can be very harmful to the community.

Some people are very comfortable raising their concerns directly with others. Other people may find it very hard to directly approach the person or persons with which they have a concern and would like some additional support. In either case, the Good Relations committee is available as a neutral, third party to provide support, generate options for moving towards resolution, and/or facilitate the **Process for Resolution** between the individuals or groups in conflict.

Members of the committee recently furthered their knowledge by participating in an all-day course led by the National Conflict Resolution Center.

A brochure with more information on the Good Relations Committee and process is available in the brochure rack. You can reach all three committee members simultaneously through the committee email address:

GoodRelations@chaliceucongregation.org.

Cracker Barrel Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am

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. 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.



Family Ministry

**AUCTION
THIS SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 6TH
5:00 PM**

BE THERE TO BID ON:

SOCIAL EVENTS

TREASURES

GOURMET FOODS

CONCERTS

SERVICES

If you are unable to attend have a friend become your proxy and bid for you.

Statements for both purchases and donations will be e-mailed after the auction evening.



Circle Suppers

You are invited to Circle Supper on Feb. 19 at 6pm. Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home. Dinners are held on the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 or 6 pm. The number of dinners each month depends on how many people want to 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 Wed. Feb. 10 or if you have any questions.

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On February 14th, the kids in religious education classes will be having a whole group lesson based on Reverend Sharon's message to adults that day. The title of that service: Cultivating Enoughness.

Reverend Sharon and I like working together on a unified message—we plan working on doing this even more often in the future. For this particular Sunday it came up when I was doing some long-term planning for future class lessons and found a Tapestry of Faith lesson that happened to be called, "Enough Stuff" that would have fallen on February 14th. We just couldn't ignore a coincidence like that! I decided to expand the lesson to include the entire group of kids.

One of the ideas of the lesson is the suggestion of having kids have a "No Presents" birthday party. This intrigues me to no end. I remember when my children were young and how many toys they had. I also remember that most of them lost what I would call their "play value" after a very short time. In fact, I used to routinely box up a significant number of them and rotate them. (It was amazing how much more fun a toy is when it hasn't been seen every day.) I wish I had thought of holding No Present birthday parties for them when they were young.

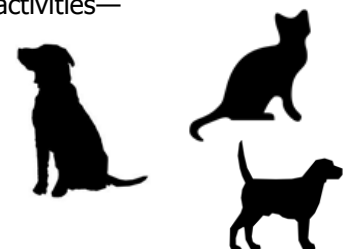
Some variations on this idea:

- Requesting non-perishable goods, pet-care items, or toys that can be personally donated by the guest of honor to those in need.
- Ask for gender-neutral gifts and hold a White Elephant exchange among the guests
- Hold a theme party for books
- Hold a theme party for garden supplies and—if the time of year is right—ask guests to help plant seeds or seedlings they bring
- Ask guests to donate what they would spend on a present to a college fund

There are many creative ideas out there. If this appeals to you, have an honest discussion with your child about whether this may be the right choice for their next birthday. Just having the discussion can be a great first step toward helping them be thankful for what s/he already has.

Special note: Reverend Bukey, our Minister of Congregational Life, is also collaborating with this congregational-wide lesson plan. We will be asking kids and adults to do two things that day. First, we are rounding up pet-care items to donate to the San Diego Humane Society. Their wish list can be found here: <http://www.sdhumane.org/how-you-can-help/donate/donate-wish-list-items/>. And, Elizabeth will be organizing making lunches for homeless folks (in partnership with ICS) after services that day. I hope you can participate in one or both of these activities—more details will come on both of them.

Kathleen Swift,
Director of Family Life
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A Good Life To The Very End

Spotlight on Victoria Holmes continued from pg 4

Your Chalice Successful Aging Strategies

Team has spent the last two months investigating resources and reviewing research to determine what it means and what it will take for each of us to "live a good life to the very end."

We have assembled a series of four informative presentations intended to empower our Chalice members with successful aging strategies. We have condensed many related topics on aging to the essentials to provide current and crucial information for

- those of us who are aging
- They who are currently caregivers.
- those who have aging parents

The presentations will cover more information and save everyone time trying to gather data independently.

Four sessions are scheduled in March--all from 10-12 AM in our Chalice chapel allowing time for questions and discussion. The dates are March 15, 17, 22 and 24. The speakers are all in place. We have vetted each speaker either individually or collectively. They are experts. They will not be "handing out business cards". Each session will deal with a different topic and each topic will deal with the practicalities of successfully aging. For example deciding between aging in place and the other alternatives and/or what services may you need while aging in place? Where do you find and how do you manage them? What modifications to your home may be advisable? What about when you can no longer age in place? Is there anyone out there with comprehensive knowledge who can help you decide? What are the nuts and bolts of estate planning? What are some things that we might not have thought about? A whole session will be on geriatric palliative and hospice care.

Board Nominations Open

The Nominating Committee has begun deliberations to choose a slate of candidates to be voted upon at the June 2016 Congregational meeting. We will chose a vice-president (to become president in 2017), a secretary and 3 trustees to serve 2 year terms, and a new member of the Nominating Committee to serve a 3 year term.

Anyone who would like to provide input to the process, please contact any member of the committee - Jim Idell, Lloyd Kelly or Deb Coon - with your thoughts or suggestions.

the district honor band. The summer after freshman year, I was the youngest member of the pit orchestra for *Fiddler On the Roof* at Kit Carson Park. The person closest to me in age was 11 years older. In my sophomore year at Mira Mesa, I was in the top band, played in the pit for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and was second chair in the district honor band.

Now I am in my Junior year of high school where I just finished marching in the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade, where the Mira Mesa Sapphire Sound was the only band to have no one pass out and play the whole 5.5 miles. I am now preparing to audition for honor band again, and I vow to beat the other oboist and take my rightful place as first chair! In February and March I will be playing in the school production of *Mary Poppins*. I have also begun the process of looking at colleges and deciding on a major. I would love to be a music major, like my father, but also teach elementary school. I would like to thank my dad for all of the concerts he has graced me with, yet would like to point out that on numerous occasions I listened to him perform some of the same pieces I performed - though I recognize he is still a better musician than me.

What does music mean in your life?

Music in my life has always been something that has brought all my family together, whether that is my uncles, dad and cousin all playing their guitars and singing, or my sisters and I going out for karaoke.

Fun Fact

To prepare for the Tournament of Roses Parade, our band had many nine hour rehearsals over winter break. The only days we got off were Dec. 24th and 25th. During our rehearsals band members would sprint the infield, go on "fun runs" covering a distance between 2-3+ miles, and we would spend about two hours marching and playing around the track. On any given day, each band member would cover anywhere from 7-11 miles. We were so sore each day, and often moaned whenever we moved. Though it wasn't the most fun, it made the Rose Parade far more enjoyable because it was the easy part.





FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON BRUCE CAMPBELL

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Bruce Campbell for his work as a Lay Chaplain, a Good Relations Team member, and fair trade chocolate representative.



WHAT MINISTRY/GROUP/TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Currently: Lay Chaplain, Good Relations team member, Greeter, Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee/tea/ Chocolate sales

Previously: Cabaret usher captain, Sunday school teacher

WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

We attended Chalice in the early 1990's when we met at the Golden West Academy. We became members of Chalice in the mid 1990's.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

I felt that I could help programs that were personally important to me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

Meeting members, friends and visitors of the congregation that I wouldn't without volunteering.

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

Selling Equal Exchange fair trade products at cost is a way for me to feel connected with Chalice's efforts to pursue social justice in the wider world.

ABOUT YOU

WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

Faribault, Minnesota

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Birding with my dad and brother

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

U. S. Navy career dentist stationed in San Diego from 1990 to my retirement in 2003.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

Dental hygienist at MCAS Miramar.

MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

Married to Kaye since 1972/Children Mari, Bob, Greg

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? - Lawrence of Arabia

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?

Chitos

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM? - Padres

COFFEE OR TEA? - Coffee!

Women's Meditation & Buddhist Study Group: - Meeting every Thursday, Starting Feb. 18

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 Wednesday, February 3 & 10 and then begin meeting on Thursdays Feb. 18 & 25. Newcomers welcome.

Contact: *[not for public]*

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 or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at *[not for public]*

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.



Chalice Dine-Out

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. In February, the Dine Out Group will meet at the Akita Japanese Restaurant located at 330 W. Felicita Ave. in Escondido. The date is February 24th at 5:00. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at *[not for public]* by February 17th.

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



Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, February 16 at 7:15 pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **The Book Of Unknown Americans** by Cristina Henríquez, a contemporary story of immigrants in America. Alternating points of view bring to life nine families living in an apartment building in Delaware who have fled their birthplaces—dusty towns in Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Paraguay—to begin anew in the States. With her cast of “unknown Americans,” Henríquez has crafted a novel that is inspiring, tragic, brave, and above all, unforgettable. Chris Toft will facilitate the discussion.

March's book: **What Alice Forgot** by Liane Moriarty
Facilitator: Mary Best

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 at *[not for public]*

Chalice Groups

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Urge American Gastropub, located in the Rancho Bernardo Plaza at 16761 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, on Friday, February 19. We meet the third Friday of each month, at 11:30 AM. For directions and to RSVP, please contact Carol Simpson at *[not for public]*



Yoga - Weekly class

Yoga Class meets at 7 pm each Tuesday evening in the Chapel. Taught by either Alec Bergamini, Kathy Zapata, or Jessica Schulz.

These are friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.



Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group (and MyPassion) meets February 17, at 1 PM in the Common Room at Chalice, and 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]* with any questions.

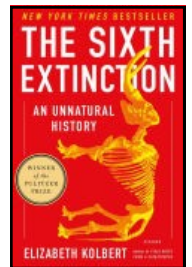


Chalice Readers

On February 26 at 7:00 PM at Chalice we will discuss **THE SIXTH EXTINCTION: An Unnatural History** By Elizabeth Kolbert.

Kolbert is reporting on the front lines of the violent collision between civilization and our planet's ecosystem — from the Great Barrier Reef to her own backyard — in this, her third, book. Traveling to some of the world's remotest corners, she examines how man-made climate change threatens to eliminate 20 to 50 percent of all living species on earth within this century. This is environmental writing at its most rigorous and richly detailed — and as riveting as any thriller.

You've got questions about this one? Email them to John Drewe at *[not for public]*



Readers' Theater



Our February meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 22nd at 6:45 p.m. in the common room.

Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings. In honor of the start of presidential primary season we'll be reading aloud the comedy **Hillary: A Modern Greek Tragedy with a (Somewhat) Happy Ending**, by Wendy Weiner. The plot? Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, and Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, have been at war since time immemorial. When a young girl named Hillary Rodham devotes herself to Athena alone, Aphrodite takes revenge by having her fall in love with a man of mythical charm and appetites: Bill Clinton. The *New York Times* said of this play that “The laughs come steadily.” Please contact Deb Coon at *[not for public]* in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 pm Yoga	3 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 am Women's Meditation & Study group 7 pm Bruno Groening Circle	4 8 am Zen Meditation 6:30 pm Handchime Ensemble 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 12 pm Coord Team Children's Auction Set Up	6 5:00 pm Chalice Auction
7 Social Justice Sunday 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Imbolic Blessings" Multigenerational 1 pm Voice & Piano Recital 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	8	9 2 pm Caregiver Support Circle 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Board of Trustees	10 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 am Women's Meditation & Study group 6:30 pm Family Ministries Team 7 pm Chalice Men's Support Group	11 8 am Zen Meditation 6:30 pm Handchime Ensemble 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 12 pm Calix Group	13
14 Chocolate & Berry Sunday 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Cultivating Enoughness" 9 am Children's RE 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	15	16 7 pm Yoga 7:15 pm Women's Book Club	17 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Fiber Arts Group	18 8 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Meditation & Study group 6:30 pm Handchime 6 pm Lay Chaplains 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19 11:30 am Ladies Out To Lunch 12 pm Coord Team	20 6 pm Circle Suppers
21 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Surprise Pulpit Guest To be Announced 9 am Children's RE 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	22 6:45 pm Readers' Theater Group	23 2 pm Caregiver Support Circle 7 pm Yoga	24 9 am Cracker Barrel 5 pm Newsletter Deadline 5 pm Dine Out Circle 7 pm Bruno Groening Circle	25 8 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Meditation & Study group 6:30 pm Handchime 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	26 7 pm Chalice Readers	27
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