



October 2016 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California
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Come to the Council of Chairs!

Saturday, October 22 from 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Chalice Chapel
Training Topic: "Chalice Campus Facilities
(The Practical Stuff)"

All congregants are welcome at this quarterly get-together of Chalice leadership. We get together four times a year to share the achievements of the past months, hear about new visions of the different ministries, and coordinate how all in Chalice can help to make it so.



Artists and Crafters of all Ages Wanted!!!

On Sunday, November 13th, from 9:30 AM to 2 PM, Chalice will be hosting an Arts and Crafts Fair! This is your chance to earn some money and donate to Chalice at the same time! We are looking for all types of arts and crafts -- Fiber Art, Pottery, Jewelry, Homemade Cards, Photography, Needlework, Paintings, Paper Crafts, and much more.

Lena Wellman is the contact person, and she will be available between services so you can reserve a table or ask questions. Or, you can contact her [hidden] if you are interested in selling your work. The deadline for submitting an application is Nov 6!

Barbe Harrison's Salvage Art Cards

On the patio Sunday October 23 & 30 between services. Beautiful, unique, handmade cards by one of our talented Chalice artists.

Chalice Mission Statement

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

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

October 2

Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

"Befriending Anxiety"

We live in anxious times. Many of us live with anxiety, and in some people, fear and anxiety can be overwhelming. In honor of Mental Illness Awareness Week, Rev. Elizabeth will offer resources for understanding and managing anxiety.

October 9

Tania Márquez

"On Sacred Ground"

Join pulpit guest Tania Márquez for an Indigenous People's Day Service. Ms. Márquez is an Intern Minister at First UU Church of San Diego.

October 16

Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

"Compassion for Ourselves"

Practicing compassion starts at home. This morning, we learn about the importance of practicing self-compassion. This is the second sermon in our series on Compassionate Living, inspired by Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.

October 23

Michele Nelson

Exploring Buddhism

As Unitarian Universalists we embrace and learn from other world religious traditions. We will explore Buddhist principles and their life skill tools including meditation. Our focus will be on what we can incorporate from ancient Zen Buddhist tradition and how we can utilize their tools to thrive in today's busy and conflicted world.

October 30

Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

We Call Our Beloved Dead Multigenerational Service

Whether you call it Samhain, Día de los Muertos, or All Hallows' Eve: this is the season to remember and honor our ancestors and beloved dead. You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones (pets too!) to add to our communal altar as we gather in memory and celebration of those who have gone before us.

Social Justice - Dates

Volunteer at Pride by the Beach

Saturday, October 8, Oceanside, CA

Come hang out with fellow UUs from around North County at this LGBTQ Pride festival. Volunteer to staff our booth so we can spread the word about our welcoming congregations. The event is run by the North County LGBTQ Resource Center and funds their annual GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance) Awards. These awards go directly to North County Gay/Straight Alliance clubs in the middle schools and high schools. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://wejoinin.com/sheets/ywxbn>

Immigrant Justice Visioning Meeting:

Saturday, October 15, 9 am-noon at Chalice

Help Chalice's Immigrant Justice Team shape our vision and goals for the year. All are welcome, no commitment to joining the committee is required. Light breakfast provided with RSVP.

Immigration Film Screening: Immigration Battle

Sunday, October 16, 12:30-3:00 pm at Chalice

Our final immigration-related film screening chronicles the behind-the-scenes negotiations and near-misses of immigration reform legislation. From *Frontline*. Light lunch provided with RSVP.



Auction Parties with Available "tickets"

The January Auction always has a few events that do not sell out. Look for these events coming soon:

Sweet Treat Bingo on November 12 at 3 pm at Chalice. More information will be available in the November Newsletter.

Auction Planning Ahead:

The next Chalice Auction Camping Trip is scheduled for April 7-9, 2017!

Are you interested in coming on the Chalice Auction Camping Trip but prefer to stay in a cabin? Agua Caliente offers seven camping cabins with climate control, a table and seating for four, two queen bed frames (mattress/bedding not included), a sink, a bathroom and a table fire ring outdoors. These cabins often get rented months in advance. If you are interested, you can rent one of these cabins ahead of time at <http://reservations.sdparks.org/> or by calling 877-565-3600. Be sure to select the dates of April 7-9, 2017 at Agua Caliente Park. Please be aware that the cost for renting a cabin is in addition to the donation to Chalice that will be requested at the Chalice Auction. You can contact Wendy Metzger at [hidden] with any questions.



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Peggy Kiefer, Andi Stout

Sunday Worship Music October Highlights

- Oct 2:** John Schulz will be our worship musician.
- Oct 9:** John Schulz will be our worship musician.
- Oct 16:** The choir will sing **Let It Be** by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, arranged by Kirby Shaw. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- Oct 23:** Steve Withers will be our worship musician.
- Oct 30:** The choir will sing **In Remembrance** by Eleanor Daley. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.



Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Cabaret "Revolution!" Performances
Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Winter Music Service
Randi Driscoll's Jingle Ball

October 6 to 9
Postponed
November 16
December 11
December 11



Act now to score last minute tickets to Cabaret 2016: "Revolution!"

Performances are October 6 – October 9, and suggested donations are \$20 to \$45 per person depending upon section and date. Remember that \$5 of every ticket will benefit the North County LGBTQ Resource Center! Online tickets and information are available at chalicecabaret.org. Don't miss this exciting event!

Many thanks to Jennifer Stout and Katie Carlstrom for the design of our beautiful "Revolution!" logo!

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.

Sunday Morning Childcare for Chancel Choir Members!

The Music Program is happy to announce that childcare will now be provided from 8:15-8:45 am on those Sundays when Chancel Choir is singing. If you have ever wanted to join the choir but didn't have a plan for your children during Sunday morning rehearsals, we've got you covered now! The Chancel Choir generally sings on two Sundays per month from September through June.

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. **No yoga on Tuesday October 4.**



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 [hidden] .

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.

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: [hidden] .

October Circle Suppers

You are invited to Circle Supper on October 15 at 6 pm.

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 or you have any questions, please contact Dani Comer by **Thurs. Oct.6** at [hidden] .

Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, October 18, at 7:15 pm the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **Charlotte and Emily, A Novel of the Brontes** by Jude Morgan. From an obscure country parsonage came three extraordinary sisters who defied the outward bleakness of their lives to create the most brilliant literary works of their time. The genius of the haunted Brontes is revealed and the sisters are brought to life. Emily, who turned from the world to the greater temptations of the imaginations (**Wuthering Heights**); Anne, who suffered the harshest perception of the stifling life forced upon her (**The Tenant of Wildfell Hall**); the brilliant, uncompromising, and tormented Charlotte, who longed for both love and independence and learned their ultimate price (**Jane Eyre**). Rita Hill will facilitate the discussion.

November 15's Book: **Here If You Need Me: A True Story**

Author: Kate Braestrup Facilitator: Dani Comer

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 [hidden]

Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group which meets the third Wednesday of each month will meet October 19 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 [hidden] with any questions.



Chalice Dine-Out

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, at a new place each month. October 26th, the Dine-Out Group will be going to Chin's Restaurant located at 15721 Bernardo Heights Parkway in Rancho Bernardo at 6:00. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at [hidden] .

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

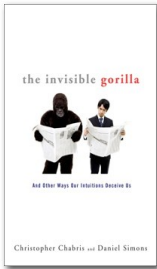
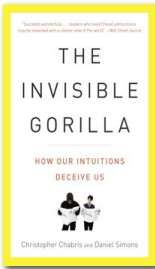
Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch meets on the third Friday of each month. We will meet on Friday, October 21 at **Intertwined Bistro & Wine Bar** in Escondido at 11:30 AM. The address is 113 E. Grand Avenue. It is located east of Broadway, between Broadway and Kalmia Streets. Please

RSVP to Carol Simpson at [hidden]



Chalice Readers



On October 21st at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss ***The Invisible Gorilla: And Other Ways Our Intuitions Deceive Us*** by Christopher Chabris, Daniel Simons. Reading this book will make you less sure of yourself—and that's a good thing. In *The Invisible Gorilla*, Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons, creators of one of psychology's most famous experiments, use remarkable stories and counterintuitive scientific findings to demonstrate an important truth: Our minds don't work the way we think they do. We think we see ourselves and the world as they really are, but we're actually missing a whole lot.

Email your questions to John Drewe at [hidden]

Readers' Theater

Our October meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th, at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. **Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings.** This month we'll be reading aloud the dramatic comedy ***Dead Man's Cell Phone***, by Sarah Ruhl. The scenario? An incessantly ringing cell phone in a quiet café and a dead man-with a lot of loose ends. This is a work about how we memorialize the dead and how that remembering changes us, the odyssey of a woman forced to confront her own assumptions about morality, redemption, and the need to connect in a technologically obsessed world. *Variety* reviewed it as a "...zany probe of the razor-thin line between life and death, ...fresh and humorous look at the times we live in."



If you'd like to join us as a newcomer or listener, please contact Deb Coon [hidden] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.

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 join us for the hikes. If you are interested in the hikes or in the Men's Group that meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month, contact Phil Comer at [hidden] to find out more about this supportive and caring group, and their hiking plans.



Chalice UU Congregation ** October 2016 ** Services, Meetings, Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Tania Marquez "On Sacred Ground" 9 am Children's RE 2 pm Cabaret - Closing Show 4 pm - Strike Set - All invited	10	11 2 pm Caregiver Support 7 pm Board of Trustees 7 pm Yoga	12 9 am Cracker Barrel 6:30 pm Family Ministries Team 7 pm Chalice Men's Support Group	13 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	14 12 pm Calix Group	15 9am Social Justice Retreat 6pm Circle Suppers
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President's Message - October 2016

September was a month of challenges for our little community and for the wider world.

After a joyous weekend that included our much-loved hymn sing service and Cabaret rehearsals, we lost Chalice member Morgana Mlodach on September 26 to a heart attack. The day before, I introduced a visitor to Morgana, and the visitor hesitated over whether to address Morgana as "he" or "she." Morgana laughed it off gracefully, responding "Well, I'm a 6'2" baritone in jeans and a t-shirt, so I don't make it easy."

But she did make it easy. Morgana listened more than she spoke, and when she spoke, it was always thoughtful and thought-provoking. Her warm, grounded nature made her approachable even to those meeting a transgender person for the first time. As we rehearsed together for Cabaret, her joy and wonder with this new experience were infectious.

The week before Morgana's passing, I reviewed the immigration files of three young men who sought to murder random strangers in their community in the name of their faith. Three times in one week. Five victims dead, 38 injured, countless devastated families, four communities forever scarred. All three immigrated as children; all three were U.S. citizens at the time of the attacks. I looked at their files and their families' files, and tried to find in all the dates and connections something that would allow me to understand how these young men become so alienated from their communities that they were drawn into the archaic and simplistic ideology of

fundamentalism. How did they lose sight of the fact that a young man's despair can be temporary, something to be addressed with education or training or treatment, something requiring a response less than murder?

One answer is that the nature of electronic communication provides a place to seethe and rage in isolation without a touchstone, someone to call us out face to face when we stray too far from reason. Fundamentalism uses this, targeting the young, the disenfranchised, the alienated, the mentally ill, and isolates them further by giving them an alternate community, one that is always ready with simple answers to complex issues. In today's political climate, we see this seething and raging everywhere, and sometimes despite our better natures, we get drawn in.

Unitarian Universalists are a gentle, angry people. There is injustice in the world, and so much work to be done. But calming the rage that is consuming our nation requires listening to one another. Morgana had studied the art of listening, and she did it well, calmly and with intention. I hope to cultivate the same skill.

~ Kahty Zapata, Congregation President



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.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team, in consultation with Rev. Elizabeth, 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. Elizabeth or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at [hidden] .



How Big Is Chalice, Anyway? Or: Minister Gets Too Excited About Data

There's a funny thing going around Facebook where you describe yourself using three fictional characters. Mine would probably be Hermione, Mr. Spock, and Dr. Holtzmann from the new Ghostbusters. In other words: I really like research and patterns. This is one reason I have *loved* having our Connection Cards: it has really helped me get a better sense of who attends worship at Chalice, and how often. Here's what I can have learned (bearing in mind that a handful of folks don't fill out connection cards):

Worship Attendance:

About 125 adults attend worship at least once a month.

Of those, about 90 are Members, 15 are Friends, and 20 are regulars. (Regulars attend Sunday worship regularly. Friends attend worship, participate in other activities, and make an annual financial pledge. Members make a pledge and officially join by signing the membership card and membership book.)

Visitors:

Most UU churches get a LOT of visitors, and we're no exception. Congregations that are growing generally do so not because they get more first-time visitors, but because more of those newcomers "stick," becoming fully-engaged participants in congregational life. In 2014, Chalice's Transition/Growth Task Force told us "we need to have more systematic ways of helping congregants find activities and programs at Chalice that nurture their spirits so that we retain more of our visitors." Here's how we're doing:

In fiscal year 2015-2016, we had 116 adult visitors, or 92 families. That is, weirdly, exactly TWICE what we had the previous fiscal year. However, we did not have connection cards until 8/2015, so it is possible that connection cards are simply better at counting visitors than the "visitor information sheet" was. We had 55 of those individuals, or 44 families, return a second time.

We got 25 new "regulars" (20 families) out of this crop of visitors, although not all of them have continued to "stick" after coming 5 times.

We got 17 adults (12 families) who have "stuck," as in they came for the first time during that year, became regulars, AND have attended worship in the last two months and/or have become members.

So we have a rate of 21% retention if we count families who came at least 5 times, but a real "stick rate" of about 13-14% for the last year. That's about the same retention rate we've had for awhile, and is the same as most UU congregations. According to the 2014 report of Chalice's Growth Task Force, we need a retention rate of 20-30% to grow.

The good news? We now know where we are. The challenge? We have work to do. To do it, I need your help. If you're interested in working on the engagement and integration of newcomers, please consider joining the Pathways Team, either in the long term, or in the short-term as we envision our next steps. It takes a whole congregation to engage in growth, hospitality, and belonging. Let me know how you want to help.

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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.



Family Ministry



Summer Religious Education Classes a Great Success!

In September, our summer Religious Education program came to a close and the new year of classes began on Sept. 25. Here is what happened this summer:

July 3: Patriotic Berry Trifle

Thanks to Morgan Spear and Leslie Aguilar

July 10: Tie Dyeing

Thanks to Andrea McDonald, Heather Barnard, and Nancy Bowen

July 17: Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder

Thanks to Morgan Spear, Peter Armstrong, and Ann Cunningham

July 24: Ghanian Andrinkra Art

Thanks to Amaki Ayikpa and Andrew Barnard

July 24: Sand Painting Collage

Thanks to Julie Laux and Heather Barnard

August 7: Koinobori (Japanese Kites)

Thanks to Ann Cunningham, and Andrew and Heather Barnard

August 14: Mason Jar Terrarium

Thanks to Margaret Spear, Lara Brown, Heather Barnard, and Kathy Frank

August 28: Build a Water Wall

Thanks to Jeff Heys, Nancy Bowen, Carlos Aguilar, and Heather Barnard

September 4: Butterfly Seed Bombs

Thanks to Judy Winn, Morgan Spear, and Leslie Aguilar

September 11: End of Summer Party

Thanks to Leslie Aguilar and Morgan Spear

Dungeons and Dragons (middle school only)

Program Goals:

- Learn about the game of DnD
- Bond with other Chalice teens
- Solidify friendships
- Advance critical thinking and problem solving

- Develop self-expression and imagination
- Practice math skills in meaningful ways
- Summer fun!

Thanks to Tim Holmes and Paula Gonzales for leading all summer!



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September Board of Trustees Highlights

- New Members - Names were read into the membership:
Alice Dodd
Richard Korts
Paul Courtright
Susan Lewallen
- Progress reported in finding one Board Member to be appointed to the Board of Trustees, and a Member for the Good Relations Committee.
- Priorities for the Coord Team for the upcoming year were discussed and established.
- Date was set for first Focus Group Leader Training. First trainees volunteered. A few additional congregants will be asked if they want to participate.
- Discussion of finding "Optimal levels of engagement" for new and established members/friends/visitors was lively. This subject will be ongoing.
- Board created a short list of future items for discussion.

October Coordinating Team Highlights

- Delynn purchased 12 new chairs for the patio. They have been well received. She will buy more. All plastic chairs will be removed.
- Delynn has liquidated a CD that came due, and that will be the money that is to be used to pay for the Minister of Congregational Life.
- The street light in the cul de sac has been turned on. Some tree trimming is needed so that the light will reach into the upper parking lot.
- Annual key inventory has started. Paula is sending emails.
- Planks on the bridge near the cottage are dangerously uneven. CT is discussing remedies.
- Lights on the steps from the cottage to the parking lot will not be practical. Best idea for now is to close the gate.





Carol in her back yard. Photo credit to Larry Simpson

Volunteer Spotlight on Carol Simpson

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Carol Simpson for her work as the Garden Coordinator and Kitchen Coordinator at Chalice.

ABOUT YOU

WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

I was born in St. Louis, but lived in Edwardsville, IL until I was seven. We moved back to St. Louis for six years, then moved to Los Angeles when I was in junior high school. Went through high school and college in L.A. Larry and I met at UCLA.

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

I remember enjoying summers (though hot & humid) in our St. Louis suburb, playing monopoly with friends in the basement to keep cool. And walking and/or sliding to school in the snow. I still communicate with one girlfriend (via Christmas letters and Facebook), and that would be about sixty years of letter writing!

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

Larry and I had been considering a move to San Diego, as my brother and family were here since 1972, and we wanted to escape from Los Angeles. When he received a desirable offer for employment in 1979, we decided the time was right, as our oldest child was just starting kindergarten.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

I am a registered dietitian nutritionist (new title adopted by my professional group!). I worked in hospitals in Los Angeles, and most recently in skilled nursing facilities here in San Diego. I was consulting in nursing homes part time until about ten years ago, and now am retired.

MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

Married to Larry Simpson. Our daughter Joy is married to Matt Micone and they live in Mira Mesa. Son Jeff and Megan recently married and now live in North Park.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

The recent "Ghostbusters" remake with Melissa McCarthy was a blast! The original was a favorite of mine years ago.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?

I rely on Larry's judgment for the current best burrito shop, which must be local and authentic. Some good ones have disappeared over the years.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?

Of all sports, baseball is probably my favorite, and for sentimental reasons I would pick St. Louis Cardinals. I remember attending games as a child in St. Louis.

COFFEE OR TEA?

Coffee, black, fresh ground and not too strong.

WHAT MINISTRY / GROUP / TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Currently: I often joke that of Building & Grounds Committee, Larry is Buildings chair and I am Grounds chair, but with a gardening service in recent years, my part has been reduced to coordinate care of the rose garden (and troubleshooting with him about garden care). I coordinate with MANY others in the Chalice kitchen, having done inventory twice (ugh!), and serve on the Coffee Team and Sunday Refreshment Team. I help coordinate meals when Pastoral Care Team needs assistance.

Previously: Chalice newsletter production at the Pomerado church site

WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

I joined as a charter member when Chalice and UUINCF combined to form Chalice UU Congregation. My family and I were charter members of UUINCF.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

I had stopped my consulting work and then had time to help the gardening group under Evelyn Englander's leadership, soon after we had moved in to our new Chalice site in Escondido.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

I like getting to know other Chalice members and friends better, outside of the Sunday morning activities.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

I am a docent at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve and treasurer of Friends of Blue Sky Canyon

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

I enjoy seeing the Chalice grounds well maintained, and seeing the enjoyment of others using the outdoors for activities. The kitchen coordination is really a loosely-held position, as so many activities center around food. I truly appreciate that we are all volunteers for a common purpose. I especially appreciate the several label makers in recent years, who help define the "what & where" for everything!

Cabaret 2016: A Look Back

As we bask in the aftermath of another successful Cabaret season, let's revisit scenes from past cabarets. Enjoy the trip down memory lane!



