



# January 2018 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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What, When, & Where to find details:

## January:

### Tuesday, January 9

2:00 pm **Celebration of Life**,  
Bill Spaulding (pg 2)

7:00 pm **Planning Commission**  
**Hearing** on Chalice construction  
Plans (pg 2)

### Monday, January 15

6:00 pm Chalice volunteers serving  
**Haven House** dinner at ICS (pg 4)

### Tuesday, January 16

10:00 am **Chair Yoga** — first class  
(pg 5). To meet weekly.

### Saturday, January 20

10:20 am Bus to the **Women's**  
**March** in San Marcos (see pg 6)

### Sunday, January 21

12:30 pm **Voter Registration**  
**Training** (pg 4)

### Saturday, January 27

9:30 am **Council of Chairs** (pg 1)

## February:

### Saturday, February 10

4:30 pm **Auction!** (pg 2)

### Sunday, February 11

Bring a friend to Chalice Sunday

### Sunday, February 18

12:30 pm **Congregational Meeting**  
(see page 9 of the magazine section).



### Council of Chairs

**Saturday,**  
**January 27**

**9:30 am in the Chapel**



All groups and Committees at Chalice are invited to send a representative to this quarterly meeting. Meetings are informative and educational. We share plans for the future and talk about effective leadership techniques, committee and congregation issues. This meeting will focus on congregation goals, creating budgets that will support our work.

## Sunday Services

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

### January 7

lay led service

### "Letting Go" Multigenerational Service

We start the new year by considering what burdens we might want to release in order to continue our life's journey less encumbered. Our ritual this morning will invite you to let go of something weighing you down, and also to affirm what you want more of in your life. Please join worship associates Patty Carlisle, Alice Dodd, and Patrick McConnell for this lay led service.

### January 14

Rev. Sharon Wylie

### "The Promise and the Practice of our Faith"

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, this morning's service will feature the voices and stories of Black Unitarian Universalists. Our offering this morning will benefit the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism Organizing Collective (BLUU).

### January 21

Rev. Sharon Wylie

### "Time is Speeding Up"

So much information comes at us so quickly these days that events of just a week ago can seem like months. For many of us, the past year has felt like a lifetime. How do we cope with the stress this disorientation brings with it? This is the fifth sermon in a 10-part series inspired by the book Active Hope by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

### January 28

Rev. Sharon Wylie

### "White Supremacy Teach-In"

Please read Rev. Sharon's message about this morning's activities in Chalice's January magazine and on our Chalice blog on the website. And please keep an eye on the weekly e-nuus for details.

<http://chaliceuucongregation.org/2017/12/26/january-28th-white-supremacy-teach/>



**Bring a Friend to Chalice Sunday -**  
**Feb. 11, 2018**  
**9 or 11 am service**



## Music Ministry

### Sunday Worship Music January Highlights

Jan. 7: **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.

Jan. 14: **The Chancel Choir** will present "Peace Song (with We Shall Overcome) by Greg Gilpin. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

Jan. 21: **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.

Jan. 28: **The Chancel Choir** will present "Keep Your Lamps!", a traditional spiritual arranged by Andre Thomas. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.



**Tim McKnight**  
Music Director

### Joyful news from Handchimes

Callie Leef had a concern, David Peale had an idea, and Hope Campbell created the solution.

The Handchime Ensemble is a fabulous group of people who make sure that every note rings for as long as necessary, and stops as quickly as required. To stop the chime to make an 1/8th note, for example, requires tapping the chime to the chest or clavicle shoulder bone area. After hours of practice, that repeated tapping can cause soreness or bruising. David and Callie had the idea that a small stole with extra padding would solve this bruising problem. David approached Hope with the idea of making such stoles.

After three prototypes, Hope went into production. And here are the results.



### Chalice Holiday Party, Dec. 2, 2017 Brought to you by the Family Ministries Team

Food...festivity...family...friends...



**Chalice Auction**  
**Saturday - Feb. 10, 2018**  
**Food & Paddles available**  
**at 4:30 pm**  
**Auction begins at 5:00**

We need donations:

Parties, services, treasures

Gift Cards for the flash give-aways

- \* Send your information by January 20 to rhill1@att.net or ChaliceAuction@gmail.com
- \* Bring finger food for social time at the auction
- \* Catalogs will be emailed to all the first week of February.

*In Our Hearts*

**Celebration of Life for**  
**Bill Spaulding**

**Tuesday, January 9 at 2 pm**

March 20, 1922 to

November 23, 2017

Pre-deceased by his wife, Claire Spaulding (March, 2016), Bill was a founding member of Chalice, and one of our Cracker Barrel guys. Bill was known for his wisdom, generosity, and his cool antique car. He was always thinking ahead.

He will be deeply missed.

All are invited to attend the service.



**Renovation**  
**Status**  
**Update**

Our application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) will be submitted to the Escondido Planning Commission on January 9th.

The meeting will be at the Escondido City Hall in the City Council Chambers and will start at 7PM, but we will not know our place on the agenda until a few days before the meeting. Ann Dolmage, the city planner for our project, will present the application material. It will be helpful if as many Chalice representatives as possible attend. There is no need to speak, just our presence will send a message of commitment and solidarity.

Signs announcing the meeting are posted on Miller and Hamilton.

Assuming our application is approved, we will move on to the final step in the process, submittal to the Escondido City Council for final approval, which will likely occur in late February or March.

**The Power of Matching:**  
**Building Fund Finale**

Chalice members contributed substantial funds in December toward our \$200,000 goal, which will be matched to \$400,000 by some very generous donors! We are already almost halfway there! The additional funds (added to all of the previous donations) will allow us to fully pay for Phase 1 which includes the Multipurpose Building and all of the required infrastructure improvements. Just imagine Chalice with more beautiful usable space and no new debt! Let's enthusiastically financially support this project, which will meet our needs for classroom space now and in the future. Let's help Chalice become "a vibrant center of liberal religious values, a beacon to the communities we serve, with innovative ministries and flourishing activities," our stated Vision. Improved facilities and more space are necessary and will be built this year, with your help.

Now is the perfect time to make an additional or new pledge to the Capital Campaign. All pledges will be matched through June. A Capital Campaign Volunteer may be calling on you to encourage your support. Please contribute what you can.

Thanks to the entire Chalice community for your years of patience and perseverance. Together we can grow stronger and make our Vision a reality!

Marshall A Fogel





## Seasons Greetings to Our Chalice Haven House Volunteers!

Our holiday dinner service on Saturday, Dec. 16 was a smashing success with a delicious ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, and pudding/fruit salad/cookies. Our singers (attached picture) made the evening extra special. Thanks to Bonnie Packert for coordinating the dinner and to Maria-Pia Duffy for organizing the singers!

Our 2018 schedule follows showing volunteer Coordinators. **Please reply to me if you can coordinate any date in 2018.** It's a wonderful opportunity to set the menu and organize the volunteers by e-mail. Now that we have served 6 dinners, service goes smoothly with plenty of volunteers joining in fellowship. Food purchases can be reimbursed, thanks to funding by some generous donors, by submitting an Expense Form (available at the Chalice mailbox area near the bathrooms).

Monday, January 15 (MLK Day)- Maria-Pia Duffy  
Tuesday, February 20  
Wednesday, March 21- Bonnie Packert  
Thursday, April 19  
Friday, May 18- Alice Dodd  
Saturday, June 23  
Monday, July 16  
Tuesday, August 21  
Wednesday, September 19  
Thursday, October 25  
Friday, November 16  
Saturday, December 15



Thanks again to all of you for helping with this important Chalice Social Justice activity!

Marshall A Fogel      Contact: *[not for public version]*



## Voter Registration Training - January 21 at 1 pm

Greetings all,

Voter registration is a key initial step to ensuring that people exercise their right to vote; high voter turnout can help the US to improve equity and promote justice in our society. The Chalice Immigration Justice Task Force is sponsoring a training in voter registration. The one hour training session will be held at Chalice at 1 pm on Jan 21. We would like to encourage those interested in assisting with voter registration in the coming year (or years) to attend the training session. We are also opening the training session to the North County Immigration Task Force, a Chalice social justice partner, and the North County People Power group.

With these partners and others we will then explore the particular settings in Escondido and other areas of northern San Diego County to conduct voter registration efforts and provide a link for those interested to assist.

If you are interested in attending the voter registration training please let me know (email best for me). If we end up with a large group we will organize a second training session. At the present time we are not planning to have child care services available. We will have coffee and tea available.

Many thanks.

Paul Courtright

Email: *[not for public version]*



## New Weekly Group!! Chair Yoga - You are welcome here!

### Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the chapel starting January 16

Tuesday, January 9 at 10 AM there will be an informational meeting in the chapel about Patty Carlisle's new chair yoga class. Beginning January 16, class will be every Tuesday morning and will be open to anyone who wishes to join in. Her vision is to share the healing aspects of yoga in all the ways it has helped her -- physically, mentally, and spiritually -- and to provide a space for individuals to exercise and strengthen their bodies surrounded by a community of like-minded, positive, caring people who aspire to good health and happiness. At this meeting, Patty will tell you all about chair yoga, answer questions, and enthusiastically encourage you to try the class! Hope you can make it!

## Groups That Meet Every Week or Every Other Week - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Yoga	Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Chapel	Friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.
Cracker Barrel	Wednesdays, 9 am for breakfast, 9:30 for discussion at Marie Callender's in Escondido	Liberal thinkers & friendly, supportive men. New friends are welcome. Contact person is Marty Schwartz at <i>[not for public version]</i> . Open to all men of Chalice to meet life-long friends with a sense of humor.
Activist Letter Writing	First & Third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am in the Common Room	Join us for lively discussion and post card writing, with action as an outcome. Contact person is Kaye Campbell at <i>[not for public version]</i> .
Zen Meditation	Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 am and Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Cottage	Chalice Friend, Dr. Al Zolnyas, offers instruction and Meditation practice This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice.
Women's Meditation & Study	Thursdays, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the Chapel	Mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Contact Carol Bagguley at <i>[not for public version]</i>

## Groups That Meet Once A Month - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Board Games	Second Wednesday 1:00 pm Common Room	A lively group meets to play games: Mexican dominoes, Rummikub, or any fun game. Contact person is Carol Bagguley at <i>[not for public version]</i>
Men's Support Group	Second Wednesday 6:30 pm Escondido location	We get to know and support each other by sharing experiences, thoughts and feelings from our lives. If you are interested contact Phil Comer at <i>[not for public version]</i> . Phil can tell you more about the group, including the location.
Fiber Arts & Crafts	Third Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm Common Room	We chat and work, primarily needle-crafts like knitting, or embroidery, but any portable crafts are welcome. Contact person is Bonnie Packert at <i>[not for public version]</i>
Prayer Group	Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chapel	Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others.
Circle Suppers	Third Saturday January 20 at 6 pm Homes of congregants RSVP by Jan. 10	Start 2018 with old and new Chalice friends. Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home. RSVP to Dani Comer if you have any questions. <i>[not for public version]</i> .



## Bus to the Women's March Back by popular demand!

The Social Justice Team has again arranged to charter a bus to the Women's March! Instead of taking our Chalice spirit back to downtown San Diego, this year we will join our North County sisters and brothers in San Marcos on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Look for additional details and show your support at their Facebook page, Women's March North San Diego County. The bus will leave Chalice at 10:30 am and return by 2:30 pm, with a suggested donation of \$10 per rider. Please contact Social Justice Team

members Deb Coon, Susan Lewallen, or Kathy Zapata to get your name on the list. Family and friends are welcome as well – if there is enough interest, we will charter a second bus! Parents, this is a great way to introduce our kids to grassroots activism in action. The March promises dynamic speakers, funny and inspirational signs / chants / songs, camaraderie, and inspiration for the road ahead in 2018!



## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY for Pacific Western Region of UUA

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist, the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly. Childcare and youth programming will be available. Registration will open by January 4. Watch the PWR website ([www.uua.org/pwr](http://www.uua.org/pwr)) for full details to be posted.

Groups That Meet Once a Month, but something changes every month. You are Welcome Here!

### Chalice Dine-Out - Meets on the Third Monday at 5:00 pm

We will be dining at Pegasus Greek Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo located at 16719 Bernardo Center Drive on January 15th at 5:00 pm.

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. Please contact Cindy Carter at *[not for public version]*.



### Women's Book Group

Your Vote Counts for 2018. Join us on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:15 in the Common Room. In January there is no book scheduled as that night is reserved for choosing our reading list for the next year. A list of suggested books and information is available through email to read before our meeting. At the meeting, we present the books and vote on our favorites. It is always a great night of fun, food, and books. Please contact Dani Comer for the information about the nominated books for 2018 or any questions *[not for public version]*

### Ladies Out to Lunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Mae Ploy Thai Restaurant at 11:30 AM on Friday, January 19, (third Friday) The address is 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite #K-8. The restaurant is located in the shopping center near Round Table Pizza in Rancho Bernardo. Please RSVP to Carol Simpson *[not for public version]* for reservations or further directions. Join us in the New Year & let's get better acquainted!

### Readers' Theater

Our January meeting will be held on **Monday, January 29th at 6:45 p.m.** in the Common Room. **Please note the date change — this is the 5th Sunday.** This month we'll be reading aloud a drama -- *The Conscientious Objector*, by Michael Murphy. The play dramatizes a largely forgotten period in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1965 Dr. King became the first person of his stature to publicly oppose the Vietnam War. This put him in direct conflict with President Lyndon Johnson, his most important ally in the Civil Rights Movement. Grounded in historical accounts, *The Conscientious Objector* voices the conflicting views of some of the most fascinating and charismatic figures of the twentieth century. The climax of the play—the last time King and Johnson would ever speak to each other—left New York audiences in tears. We welcome newcomers!! Please contact Deb Coon *[not for public version]* in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Happy New Year Office is closed today	<b>2</b> Office is closed today 7 pm Yoga	<b>3</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter Writers 7 pm Auction Team	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Lay-Led, Multigenerational "Letting Go" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	<b>8</b> 7 pm Board of Trustees	<b>9</b> 2 pm Celebration of Life for Bill Spaulding 7 pm Planning Commis- sion Meeting 7 pm Yoga	<b>10</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Board Games 6:30 pm Chalice Men's Group 6:30 pm Family Ministries	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 am Neighborhood Circle 10:00 am Worship Team 12:00 noon Neighbor- hood Circle
<b>14</b> 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie: "Promise & Practice of Our Faith" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 12:15 pm Outreach 12:30 pm CT & Board Retreat 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	<b>15</b> 5 pm Dine Out Circle 6 pm Haven House	<b>16</b> 10 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Coord Team 7 pm Yoga 7-15 pm Women's Book Group	<b>17</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter 1:30 pm Fiber Arts 7:00 pm Bruno Groening Circle 7:00 pm Monthly Prayer	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 11:30 am Ladies-Out-To Lunch	<b>20</b> 10:30 am Women's March Bus to San Marcos 6:00 pm Circle Suppers Deadline for Auction Catalog (pg 3)
<b>21</b> 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie: "Time is Speeding Up" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 1:00 pm Voter Reg. Training 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	<b>22</b> 6 pm Escondido Indivi- sible & Together We Will 6:45 pm Readers' Theatre	<b>23</b> 10 am Chair Yoga 7 pm Yoga	<b>24</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 am Council of Chairs
<b>28</b> 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie: "Promise & Practice of Our Faith" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 1:00 pm Music Committee 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	<b>29</b> 6:45 pm Readers' Theatre	<b>30</b> 10 am Chair Yoga 7 pm Yoga	<b>31</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel	The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUUcongregation.org and click under the "News" 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,

In case you are not familiar with them, please know that the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism Organizing Collective (abbreviated "BLUU") formed in July 2015 to provide support, information, and resources for Black Unitarian Universalists. They also work to expand the role and visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

In the past two and a half years, BLUU has become an important and dynamic organization within our Unitarian Universalist movement.



BLUU's closed Facebook group—an online space for Black UUs to congregate together, support each other, and discuss the issues important to them in a safe environment—has over 500 members.

In Spring 2017, BLUU challenged UU congregations to shift our regularly scheduled Sunday morning worship to participate in a teach-in on racism and white supremacy. As was described on BLUU's website ([www.blacklivesuu.com](http://www.blacklivesuu.com)), this call to action and worship came from a growing network of UUs—religious professionals and lay leaders from both within and outside congregations—led by UUs of color and white UUs working together.

BLUU defines white supremacy culture as "a set of institutional assumptions and practices, often operating unconsciously, that tend to benefit white people and exclude people of color."

At the time the challenge was issued, Rev. Elizabeth (our assistant minister at the time) and I assessed that we were not ready for such a teach-in at Chalice. Now, over six months later, the time feels right for us. Several of you have come to me—aware that we are now somewhat "behind" the rest of Unitarian Universalism on this work—asking when we will have our teach-in. I am happy to tell you that I finally have an answer to that question.

We will have our white supremacy teach-in on Sunday morning, January 28. I am still working with our planning team to decide on the exact time(s); please keep an eye on the weekly e-nuus for details.

To facilitate our teach-in, we are bringing in Rev. Kristen Kuriga to lead us. Rev. Kuriga worked as the Social Justice Coordinator at First UU Church of San Diego for seven years before stepping down in August 2016 to complete her training to be a UU minister.

If you want to get a jump start on learning about white supremacy culture before our teach-in on January 28th, you can read here: [http://www.cswsworkshop.org/PARC\\_site\\_B/dr-culture.html](http://www.cswsworkshop.org/PARC_site_B/dr-culture.html)

The rest of this space contains additional information about the teach-in from the BLUU website:

"Many have been responding to calls by UUs of color to look critically *within* our faith communities—including hiring practices, power brokers, and cultural habits—for the ways racism, sexism, and white supremacy live.

'White supremacy' is a provocative phrase, as it conjures up images of hoods and mobs. Yet in 2017, actual 'white supremacists' are not required in order to uphold white supremacist culture. Building a faith full of people who understand that key distinction is essential as we work toward a more just society in difficult political times.

For more information on what spurred this call to action, head to [UUWorld.org](http://UUWorld.org) and read the article 'Critics decry white supremacy in hiring practices.' It has become clear that, in order for us to be more effective at tackling the white supremacy beyond our walls, we must also identify ways in which systems of supremacy and inequality live within our faith and our lives.

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The task is simple, and challenging: During your Sunday worship time...devote your program...to explore white supremacy, and help your UU community commit to resisting it.

Why change your worship plan? Many of us work in congregations, and know that such shifts require work and can challenge our comfort levels. That's precisely why we feel it's important. We believe that hundreds of UU churches signaling to their own members and to the larger community that 'our faith takes racism seriously, especially within our own walls' will push our faith toward the beloved community we all seek.

Whether your UU community has dozens of members and children of color, or just about everyone is white, the commitment to combat white supremacy must be strong and urgent. Battling racism in its many forms is not easy. Everyone has to start somewhere, and it takes a commitment to disrupt business as usual."

Bright blessings, Sharon

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on availability  
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## **Special Congregational Meeting to be held February 18, 2018**

The Board voted to hold a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 12:15 pm

1. Celebrate and hear an update on the progress of the facilities renovation and the capital campaign.
2. Vote to change the Board of Trustees size from 11 members (9 voting and 2 ex-officio) to 9 members (7 voting and 2 ex-officio).



### **Monthly Prayer Circle**

Wednesday, January 17

Chapel at 7 pm

Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others.

## **CT Report for December 2017 Meeting**

- CT recommends to the Board that the gift of \$10,000 from Madge Blakey's estate go into the reserves fund.
- Money to pay for excess expenditures for the CUP (Conditional Use Permit) were paid for from the building fund.
- Met with Nancy Bowen to discuss the CT/Board retreat on January 14 and Long Range planning.



## President's Message

### Focus Group Summary from Congregation President, Nancy Bowen

We at Chalice cherish our religious community in the here and now, but we also want to improve conditions for the future, both here at Chalice and throughout the wider world. There is tension in this. I can testify to that tension personally - not wanting to change but also wanting to venture out to improve things.

At Chalice we want to:

- 1) "increase the number and diversity of ... participants, including families" and
- 2) "enhance programs and ministries ... within a caring community".

Our present facilities are an absolute barrier to doing these things. The construction permitting process has finally been completed! Therefore, it is imperative we complete our capital campaign and start building.

With the 2 Goals above in mind, two Focus Groups for families with R.E. age children were held in November. 18 participants discussed their opinions about their Chalice experiences. The following lists the Focus Group Questions and responses where there were 4 or more comments that reflected similar opinions

Question (Q)1 was "What do you love about attending Chalice?" 10 comments- love the values that their children learn; 9- belong to and get support from the Chalice community; 5- their children's friendships; 5- the music.

Q2 was "How do you feel about participating in the social life of Chalice?" 6- it's problematic because of the timing of events and lack of childcare; 5- there are good things about them.

Q2a was "What do you think would make it better for you and your children?" Many comments- more family oriented activities; 5- social events for children without parents; and suggestions for 15 general improvements and 5 related to the auction were made.

Q3 was "What do you think about the RE classes for children?" Many comments - very positive about content and the Family Ministries Director; 4- more volunteers needed for the RE classes who are not congregants with children in the RE program; 4- the middle school program is good.

Q4 was "How do you feel about the multigenerational worship service"?

7 comments- it is difficult; 17 improvements suggested.

Misc. comments- food is a big draw; the story is good.

There is more detail in- "Summary Organized by Theme of Chalice Focus Groups for Families", available by request from the office - [ChaliceUUC@gmail.com](mailto:ChaliceUUC@gmail.com).

The Chalice Board plans to promote support for: the Family Ministry Program and the families with RE age children in order to advance the ideas for improvement that participants voiced at the Focus Groups.

Nancy Bowen,  
Congregation President



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## Social Justice at Chalice

The Social Justice Team exists to help Chalice fulfill its mission to seek justice in the wider world. We encourage everyone at Chalice to get involved. Anyone with a passion for an issue we're not working on already is welcome to suggest new issues!

In order to coordinate and keep track of our activities we have a simple form to be filled out by members who'd like to start new activities. You can pick up a form from Paula or (even simpler) read about the types of activities possible and fill out a form online.

<http://chaliceuucongregation.org/justice/starting-new-social-justice-project/>

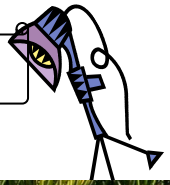
For several years Chalice has specified one Sunday each month as Social Justice Sunday when the collection goes to specific worthy organizations. For 2018 these include:

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism	To provide Info, resources & support for black UUs
Just in Time for Foster Youth	To support foster youth aging out of system
San Diego Humane Society	To care for abused/neglected domestic animals
Center for Community Solutions	To combat relationship and sexual violence in SD County
North County Immigration Task Force	To advance immigrant rights in North SD County
Interfaith Community Services	To provide services and support for people in need
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy	To protect the watershed of the San Dieguito River
SOLACE (run by First UU Church of SD)	To provide compassionate listeners to immigrant detainees
North County LGBTQ Resource Center	To provide services and support to the LGBTQ community
North County Mental Health Systems CAT/YAR program	To provide mental health services for at-risk youth
Casas de Luz (run by UUFSD)	To build homes & revitalize communities in Tijuana

Thanks to all members of Chalice who support social justice causes. We look forward to working with you in 2018 !

co chairs

Deb Coon, Kathy Zapata, and Susan Lewallen



## Music Spotlight on Ann Cunningham

### **Brief Biography**

My family is from Freeport, Illinois, not far from our own Tim's hometown. My elementary years were spent in Niagara Falls, Ontario, but we returned to Freeport.

In fifth grade I began violin lessons using my father's violin. When I was 14, David Zach, the conductor of the Rockford, Illinois Symphony called and invited me to join. I played with them for three years. There were quite a few well known guest performers but the one I remember best is pianist Oscar Levant who had a cigarette dangling from his lips all during rehearsal with an overflowing ashtray nearby. He played beautifully.



I stopped playing and gave the violin to my granddaughter. She still plays some. One of my grandsons also plays the violin. Classical music was always being listened to by my father and that is the music I love the most but I also like acoustic folk music, some blues and jazz.

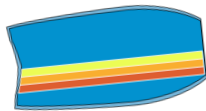
After four years serving on the Board of Trustees, I wanted a real change of pace and am delighted with the challenge of the chimes choir. September to June was school for me for 45 years but I have now been retired for 20 and decided I was ready to hit the classroom again. The middle school UU students are sharp, inquisitive and open to good discussions. All in all, this is a good year.

### **What does music mean in your life?**

Music seems to fill the empty spots. Sometimes music cheers me up and makes me happier or livelier. Sometimes music feels like a comforter encircling me. I am energized making music with the hand chimes ensemble.

### **Fun Fact**

In '98 I played in the USTA League Team Tennis National Championships.



## Fun Card Give Away

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