



January 2017 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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VISIONING WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 28
10 am – 2 pm
Lunch is provided

Chalice Congregation “Visioning Workshop”

Saturday, January 28, 10 am to 2 pm

If you attend Chalice regularly, we invite you to our “Visioning Workshop” to share your dreams of what you want Chalice to be in the future. From this rich sharing, we will create a Vision Statement that will help guide us in the creation of a Long Range Plan for the next 5 years. Everyone’s heart, mind and dreams are needed.

Lunch will be provided. Email Nancy Bowen if you can attend *[not for public]*. Please let her know if you need child care.

AUCTION - FEBRUARY 11, 2017

Come at 5:15 for food, paddle pickup and fun socializing. Bring finger food to share. Beverages will be provided. Those able to help with food setup please contact Nancy Bowen nlb234@yahoo.com

The children's auction begins at 5 pm in the cottage. \$5.00 will buy \$100.00 in “Chalice Bucks” for your child to bid with. Donations of clean children’s toys and books will be collected just before auction night. Childcare will be provided in the cottage throughout the evening.

Please donate dinners, parties, gourmet items, services and treasures. Send the following information about your donations to the auction website chaliceauction@gmail.com:

- ♦ **Category:** Party Time, Gourmet, Service or Treasure
- ♦ **Date** of your event or service
- ♦ **Title & description** (paragraph) for the catalog
- ♦ **How many** items to auction, or guests
- ♦ **Value** and/or minimum bid
- ♦ **Your name**

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

January 1 Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

“Outwitting the Goblins”

Multigenerational Service

Happy New Year! On this, the last day of Hanukkah, we explore stories of people prevailing over oppression, greed, fear, and the other “goblins” that haunt us. The service is inspired by the book “Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins”.

January 8 Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Sex, Religion, and Politics”

It’s an old axiom that sex, religion, and politics are taboo conversation topics. This morning we consider why these subjects are so controversial. Could it be they have something in common?

January 15 Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Life in a Bubble”

Today we honor Martin Luther King Jr. by reflecting on the question that has gained prominence in the last couple of months: are you living in a bubble? And if you are...so what?

January 22 Rev. Sharon Wylie

“What We Don’t Know”

With so much information at our fingertips, we sometimes forget how much we actually don’t and can’t know. Can we actually be certain of...anything? This is the fifth in a 10-part sermon series on Compassionate Living, inspired by Karen Armstrong’s book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.



January 29 Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

“Dancing for Justice”

Alice Walker wrote, “Hard times require furious dancing.” Today we explore the way art and joy are connected to struggles for justice and a fulfilling life.

Chalice Mission Statement

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



Social Justice

January 10 and 24: North County Immigration Task Force

6:00 to 8:00 pm

370 Mulberry Drive, Suite E, San Marcos

The North County Immigration Task Force is a grassroots organization working for immigrant rights in North County. You are invited to join their regular meetings, which include reports on educational efforts, team-building, and planning. You can also follow them on Facebook by searching for "North County Immigration Task Force" or going to <https://www.facebook.com/760NCITf/>

January 22 Social Justice Offering

Our January Social Justice offering will go to UURISE, which empowers immigrants and refugees in the U.S. by offering direct legal services, particularly to those who have few resources to obtain legal assistance. Chalice congregants have volunteered with UURISE to help qualified immigrants apply for US citizenship.

Connect. Be Inspired. Commit

Join UU women from U.S. and around the world at **The Third International Women's Convocation, February 16-19, 2017!** Build connections, discover inspiring work for global women's rights, and forge a commitment to spur positive change in your community in the inspirational setting of Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA – "a refuge by the sea." Keynoters include **Dr. bell hooks, writer, professor, and feminist theorist; Dr. Cecilia A. Conrad, Director of the MacArthur Fellows Program; and Rev. Florence Caplow, UU minister, author, and Soto Zen priest.** Registration is \$350. Discounts are available for ministers, LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Assoc) members, young adults and groups as small as two. For more information and to register, visit Third International Women's Convocation at www.intlwomenscovo.org.



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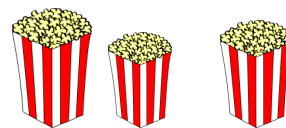
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Auction Party with Available "tickets"



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

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

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



Music Ministry

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Voice and Piano Recital	Feb 4 @ 2pm
Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5	March 4 @ 7pm
Spring Music Services	June 25 @ 9am & 11am



Sunday Worship Music January Highlights

- Jan 1:** Steve Withers will be our worship musician.
- Jan 8:** The Chancel Choir will perform “**Ancient Mother**”, a Native American tune arranged by Bart Bradfield. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- Jan 15:** **Justin Gray**, the newest member of our worship team, will be our worship musician. Check out a Spotlight article in the next few months to learn more about Justin!
- Jan 22:** The **Chancel Choir** will perform “**Spirit Eternal**” by Carl Strommen. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- Jan 29:** **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.

Come Sing a Song With Me!

Want to get a healthy start to your New Year? Start singing! That's right, start singing in the shower, in the car, around the house, in the garden, wherever you are. It not only exercises your lungs and heart, but it releases endorphins, those “feel good” hormones, thereby reducing stress and anxiety. That's good news for your immune system, blood pressure, and your general well-being.

Interestingly, all these positive effects are magnified when you sing in a group. Quoting an article from *Time* in 2013, “Group singing ... takes something incredibly intimate, a sound that begins inside you, shares it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more thrilling: harmony.” Indeed, one study suggests that our heart rates may sync up during group singing, feeling like a group meditation. It is like “an infusion of the perfect tranquilizer, the kind that both soothes your nerves and elevates your spirits.”

So remember on Sunday mornings what a great thing you are doing for yourself by joining with each other in song. Want to take it to the next level? Consider joining the Chalice Chancel Choir! Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, and sings during services two Sundays a month. January is the perfect time to join the choir as we begin a new semester of music. Contact Tim McKnight at music@chaliceucongregation.org if you are interested. We look forward to singing with you!



Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5 Auction Concert!

The **Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5** Auction Concert has been rescheduled! Look for this amazing musical event coming **Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm**. For all who purchased tickets for the original event, you have a ticket for this one already! If you did not get a ticket at the auction, you may reserve a ticket by contacting Music Director Tim McKnight at music@chaliceucongregation.org. This event always sells out, so don't wait to get tickets at the door!



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

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



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

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

Zen Meditation - Chalice Friend, Dr. Al Zolnyas, offers instruction and Meditation practice on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 am and on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice. Meet in the cottage.

Women's Meditation & Buddhist Study Group meets every Thursday

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

January Circle Suppers

It's a great way to begin 2017. Join us for Circle Supper on **Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 at 6pm**. Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home. The number of dinners each month depends on how many people participate that month. This is a great way to get to know each other better and further our sense of community.

Newcomers are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Dani Comer by Wed., Jan.11 or if you have any questions: *[not for public]*.



Women's Book Discussion

Join us on Tuesday, **January 17** 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 from books nominated by group members. It is always a great night of fun, food, and books.

Please send your book nominations to **Dani Comer by Jan. 5.** at *[not for public]*.

When you recommend a book, please include the following information:

Title :

Author:

Suggested by: (your name)

Synopsis:(this can come from the book cover, the Amazon blurb or your own words)

Number of Pages:

Library Availability in the city/county library system

Price: (information generally available on Amazon) available as e-book &/or paperback





Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group meets the third Wednesday of each month. That's January 18 at 1 PM in the Common Room at Chalice. This group is open to all crafters of any type. Do you knit, sew, crochet, quilt, weave, make cards? The list is endless. Please bring your hand work to the meetings and join with like-minded individuals for encouragement and wonderful conversation. Contact Dianne Decker-Houser at [not for public] if you have questions.

Chalice Dine-Out



We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, at a new place each month. In January, we will meet at the Akita Japanese restaurant in Escondido at 330 W. Felicita Ave. Dinner reservation for 5:00 pm on Jan. 25th. We are meeting an hour earlier due to the time change. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at [not for public].

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

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet at the Fish House Vera Cruz located at 360 Vera Cruz, San Marcos on Friday, January 20. We meet at 11:30 AM and welcome newcomers!

Please RSVP to Carol Simpson at [not for public].



Chalice Readers

On Friday, January 27th at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss **Abundance by Diamandis and Kotler**. It is a thrilling antidote to today's dark pessimism after the election. The authors rely on exhaustive research and extensive interviews with top scientists, innovators, and captains of industry to explore how four emerging forces—exponential technologies, the DIY innovator, the Technophilanthropist, and the Rising Billion—are conspiring to solve our biggest problems. Diamandis and Kotler examine the stunning impact these forces are having on categories of critical importance while establishing hard targets for change, laying out a strategic road map for governments, industry, and entrepreneurs, and giving us plenty of reason for optimism.

You've got questions? Email them to John Drewe at [not for public].

Readers' Theater

Our January meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th (note this is the 5th Monday) 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 comedy/drama *The Birdcage: The Shooting Script* (of the movie), by Elaine May, adapted by Mike Nichols. The plot: a gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents. "Political satire... in the irresistible voice of Elaine May... Dizzilyingly farcical." --The New York Times. "A torrent of hip dialogue." -- New York Post

Please contact Deb Coon [not for public] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.



Hike or Talk with the Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, January 11 at 6:30 pm, in the chapel at Chalice. Please contact Phil Comer at [not for public] to find out more about this supportive, fun, and caring group of men.

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



Chalice UU Congregation ** January 2017 ** Services, Meetings, Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Outwitting the Goblins" Multigenerational Service 12:15 pm Chapel decorations down	2	3 7 pm Executive Board 7 pm Yoga	4 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Meeting	5 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10 am Coord Team 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Sex, Religion & Politics" 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	9 7 pm Strategic Planning	10 No Caregivers Support meeting today. 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Board of Trustees	11 9 am Cracker Barrel 6:30 pm Family Ministries 6:30 pm Chalice Men's Group	12 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 12 pm Calix Group	14 9:30 am Council of Chairs 4:30 pm Auction Event
15 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Life in a Bubble" 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 12:30 pm Greeters Meeting 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	16	17 7 pm Yoga 7:15 pm Women's Book Group	18 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Fiber Arts Group 7 pm Bruno Groening Circle	19 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10 am Coord Team 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7 pm Lay Chaplains 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 10 am Women 's March 6 pm Circle Suppers
22 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "What We Don't Know" 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 12 pm OWL 5/6 Parent Orientation 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	23 6:45 pm Readers" Theater	24 2 pm Caregiver Support 6 pm Newsletter Deadline 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Strategic Planning	25 9 am Cracker Barrel 5 pm Dine-Out Circle	26 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Hand Chimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 7pm Chalice Readers	28 10 am Visioning Workshop All regular Chalice attendees welcome. RSVP info pg 1
29 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Dancing for Justice" 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	30	31 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Auction Task Force	The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUUCongregation.org and click under the "Stay In Touch" tab . There is a drop down menu with a button for the Calendar. Anyone can access that calendar; you do not need to have a member password.			



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Minister's Message

Beloved community,

An edited excerpt from the December 18 homily "When Hope is Hard to Find."

What do we do when hope is hard to find? Hope, that sense of looking forward, of excitement, of wanting. Hope is the spice of life, isn't it. Everything is flat and dull without it.

Author Rebecca Solnit has some thoughts on hope in her book *Hope in the Dark: Untold Histories, Wild Possibilities*. She writes, "It's important to say what hope is not: it is not the belief that everything was, is, or will be fine. The evidence is all around us of tremendous suffering and tremendous destruction....It's also not a sunny everything-is-getting-better narrative, though it may be a counter to the everything-is-getting-worse narrative."

So we don't have to believe that everything will get better in order to have hope. She goes on:

"Hope locates itself in the premises that we don't know what will happen and that in the spaciousness of uncertainty is room to act. When you recognize uncertainty, you recognize that you may be able to influence the outcomes — you alone or you in concert with a few dozen or several million others. Hope is an embrace of the unknown and the unknowable, an alternative to the certainty of both optimists and pessimists. Optimists think it will all be fine without our involvement; pessimists take the opposite position; both excuse themselves from acting. It's the belief that what we do matters even though how and when it may matter,

who and what it may impact, are not things we can know beforehand. We may not, in fact, know them afterward either, but they matter all the same, and history is full of people whose influence was most powerful after they were gone."

We are an instant gratification society; we like to think that if we take some kind of action today, we will see a result immediately. We are in danger of losing, I fear, our commitment to the long haul. Most change comes incrementally. It took women in the United States seven decades to gain the right to vote, for example. Should we be discouraged that we have not achieved a perfect society in the 240 years of this country's existence?

Let's not make the mistake of excusing ourselves from acting. We don't know what the future holds, and my invitation to you is to let your hope for a better world live in that uncertain place where the future is unfolding. Everything is possible. Step into that spaciousness and take action for a better world down the road.

Bright blessings, Sharon



Pastoral Care Team

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

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



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.



Like most of us, I am continuing to go through a post-election process. It's akin to the stages of grief—although denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance have been replaced with unfounded hope (on election eve), disbelief, anger, numbness, and deep sadness—with no acceptance yet on the horizon.

Mostly, I tend to go inside myself in time of grief. I confess, that is what I did on the days following the election night. It took a few words from a friend who is a parent to snap me out of myself. She related some troubling episodes that were happening at her kids' school and at other local schools. You may have heard a couple of stories from Reverend Sharon during her sermon on November 13th concerning some specific incidents of bullying involving Chalice children and youth. More could be added to that, including a Chalice 1st grade child who has been having night terrors since the election because of fears that some of his friends must leave their homes. Soon after, the Superintendent of Poway Schools sent out a letter outlining other problems. The point is, these incidents are hitting close to home—not somewhere in a far away state or region.

I asked our religious education teachers to please be on the ready to hear of grief or fears from any of our kids, especially over the next few months when all is fresh. Chalice tends to be a safe place for all of us, including our children and youth. Remembering that we are all part of a Chalice Family, I urge all of us to remember a few things when working with affected kids, even when we are not the parents.

First, reassure them that they are safe. No matter who was elected, they are safe. I know it seems hypocritical, because we don't really know what the future will bring. But nothing will happen fast and uncertainty is very different for a kid than an adult. We have the experience of repeated election cycles upon which to draw. It's also important to maintain a reassuring calm. While I believe it's fine to allow kids to see you in emotional moments, it's equally important to let them see you sort out those negative feelings and move on.

I also believe we need to address the racism and bullying we've seen. This is going to be tough. The person that committed the bullying and racism won,

after all. But, you could point to the fact that Trump and Clinton were gracious to each other afterwards, as were President Obama and President-elect Trump. I think we need to address how hurtful and negative the bigotry and bullying were, and use this as a teachable moment. Letting them know that the behavior is unacceptable regardless of what others do is important. I did say it wouldn't be easy.

If you are the parent of a daughter, it's important to remember what a big deal we made of the "glass-ceiling" metaphor. Remind your still-impressionable daughters (and sons) of the significance of having a woman as the nominee of a major political party, and point to Hillary Clinton as an amazing example of a woman who would not give up.

Finally, as many of us have or are beginning to do, discuss the role of social media in this election. If your children are old enough to have Facebook accounts, or were exposed to yours, they may have observed firsthand the damage and negativity that was so prevalent. It happened on both sides and ongoing discussions with these older children (and with each other) on the appropriateness of getting "news" from social media sources is something we should start to do. I know I am guilty of purposely exposing myself primarily to those areas in which I was comfortable; putting myself in that "safe bubble" has led to an awareness of being out of touch with a number of my fellow Americans and their feelings of disenfranchisement.

Over the next weeks, Reverend Sharon and I will be revisiting the workshop, "Raising Compassionate Children in a World of Bullies." The last time we offered it, the response was very low and it had to be cancelled. At the time, we spoke of trying again after her return from sabbatical. Are you interested in attending a workshop such as this one with your children in the upcoming months? Please let me know:

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President's Message



I dare say that many of us in our little community are beginning 2017 with a sense of relief – at least 2016 is over! We experienced real losses this past year, both within our congregation and more distant ones. And for those surprised by November's election results, reactions have included fear, confusion, anger, even depression.

Unitarian Universalism is guided by seven principles, among these the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the interdependent web of all existence. Based on the electoral campaign, it may be fair to assume that these UU principles are not at the heart of the incoming Administration.

I find comfort in problem-solving, so like many others initially I took to Facebook. But it didn't take me long to be reminded that Facebook is not activism. While social media can be useful for making us feel connected with others, this connection is something of an illusion. Post-election reports abound on how social media limits political discussion to likeminded others, is based on algorithms that limit exposure to diverse news, and is responsible for spreading fake news. While defending your position on social media might be a

conversation, it is not action. Instead, it is an echo chamber, validating our own views as we put them in writing, and alienating us further from those who disagree with us. Because it's not face-to-face, it's impossible to actually hear one another and we simply become more entrenched.

Change is frightening, but even change in the wrong direction may have long-term benefits, like shaking up a population that has become complacent and perhaps taken democracy for granted. In this election, almost 93 million people – 40% of eligible voters – did not vote. If you were unhappy with the election results, it may be time to get involved in the democratic process.

For those inspired to get involved in promoting change, please consider talking to your Social Justice Committee. Chalice has laudable social justice goals, but at present we only have enough hands to take action on a fraction of these. The Social Justice Committee is working on some great group events, so talk to Committee Chairs Deb Coon and Rev. Elizabeth for information.

Kathy Zapata,
President of the Board of Trustees

Welcoming Congregation

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

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

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



Social Justice: Invitation to Southern Arizona March 31-April 2, 2017, Sonoran Arizona & Mexico Early-bird registration opens January 15



Every year, Unitarian Universalists from Southern California, Arizona, and Las Vegas are invited to gather for "District Assembly." This conference and gathering usually features workshops for congregational leaders, worship, networking, and business meetings.

This year, the Unitarian Universalist congregations in Southern Arizona, the Baja Four, invite you to join them for a different kind of district assembly. The following is from them:

Justice DA 2017: Migrant & Borderlands Justice. This assembly begins now, right where you are with education about migrant and borderland justice in Southern Arizona. (A variety of resources is available on our website.) Join us next spring in the Sonoran Desert as thirty partner organizations offer interactive immersion experiences designed to connect you to the social, environmental and spiritual facets of immigration justice. Then, gather with over 300 Unitarian Universalists for worship at the border wall as the transformative capstone of our gathering.

But it doesn't end there.

Yes, we will return to our homes, spreading out across our District once again...but we will continue what has begun. We will continue to expand our education. We will continue to deepen our connections. And we will continue to open ourselves to transformation, living out the justice we proclaim throughout the Pacific Southwest District and beyond.

We invite you to join us as we learn, connect, and transform our hearts, minds, and spirits together.

The Baja Four Congregations
UU Church of Tucson,
Mountain Vista UU,
Sky Island UU Church,
UU Congregation of Green Valley

Read more at: <http://justiceda2017.weebly.com/>
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and by appointment



December Board of Trustees Highlights

Board members are enthused this month about Strategic Planning led by Nancy Bowen and her team. This is exciting work and will provide Chalice with a framework to be a cohesive congregation with forward momentum coming from within the congregation.

As part of the Strategic Planning Becky Sangha and Kathleen Swift will lead the Focus Group Assessment Team. Twelve team members were trained by a PSWD (Pacific South West District) specialist and have determined that the first focus group topic will be "Tell us about your Sunday Chalice experience?" In the next months the FG team will be developing open ended questions and a script to guide us all through the process.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10

December Coordinating Team Highlights

- ◆ Water supplier is now Pure Water service. Sparkletts was cancelled.
- ◆ Craft Fair brought in about \$700 in donations to Chalice from the Vendors.
- ◆ Pledge statements will be sent out in mid-December. We are half way through the year, so half the pledge payments should be received by the end of December.