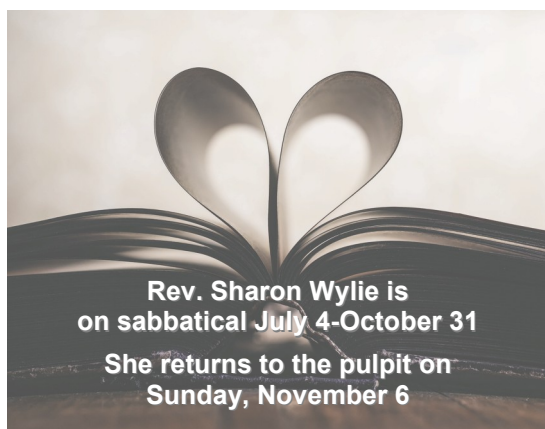




### **Spirit Study: Compassionate Living**

Spirit Study is a 10-month invitation to learning, practice, and reflection. Our 2016-2017 Spirit Study Topic is "Compassionate Living," inspired by Karen Armstrong's Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life. Start reading the book now, and mark your calendar for Rev. Elizabeth's sermons on the topic on September 11 and October 16.



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

### **September 4 Work!**

**Rev. Elizabeth Bukey**

In honor of Labor Day, we reflect on work. What is the role of work in a balanced life? How should we honor and compensate all who labor?

### **September 11 Finding Compassion**

**Rev. Elizabeth Bukey**

All religions believe in compassion. This morning, we orient ourselves to the idea of compassion, and the ways in which cultivating compassion runs through humanity's wisdom traditions. This is the first in our sermon series on Compassionate Living, inspired by Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.

### **September 18 Tending the Well Multigenerational Service**

**Rev. Elizabeth Bukey**

In our annual water ritual, we honor the way all of us bring our unique gifts and perspective to the community, and how joining together nurtures our growth.

### **September 25 Hymn Sing**

**Karen McComb**

Unitarian Universalists are proud of our eclectic musical tradition, beautifully expressed in our hymnals. Singing together in community is a cherished part of Chalice's congregational life. Our hymn-sing service will feature a mix of old and new favorites, accompanied by our talented Chalice instrumentalists! Don't miss this special service!

## **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 - Dates

### Register Voters in Escondido Every Sunday, 1-2 pm

Resurrection Church, 1445 Conway Drive,  
Escondido, CA 92027

Are you interested in helping register voters? From now until October, Chalice's Immigrant Justice Team encourages you to join the North County Immigration Task Force every Sunday afternoon after Mass at this Catholic church in Escondido. Please contact Patricia Serrano: *[not for public]*

### Immigration Film Screening: *Harvest of Empire* Wednesday, September 21, 6:45-9:00 pm:

At Chalice

The immigrant justice team invites you to watch this film, which reveals the direct connection between the long history of U.S. intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis we face today. Based on the groundbreaking book by award-winning journalist and "Democracy Now!" Co-host Juan González, *Harvest of Empire* takes an unflinching look at the role that U.S. economic and military interests played in triggering an unprecedented wave of migration that is transforming our nation's cultural and economic landscape.

Description from film's website; read more here:

<http://harvestofempiremovie.com/>

Light supper provided: rsvp to

[revelizabethbukey@gmail.com](mailto:revelizabethbukey@gmail.com).

### Immigrant Justice Visioning Meeting: Saturday, October 15, 9 am-noon

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.

### 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*.



Thank you to those who served as greeters in the month of August: Don Anderson, Carol Bagguley, Roy Ellis, Cathy Gray, Nancy Hacker, Gracie Hinman, Carol McAllister, Pat Partin, and the many other "unofficial" greeters who lent them a hand on Sunday mornings.

## Coordinating Team Report to the Board -- August 9, 2016

- Entries in the eTapestry database were updated and those of visitors from a long time ago were removed to leave room for new ones.
- Carol & Charlie Harris donated brand new, beautiful fabric table cloths that can be used for special gatherings (Memorials, Weddings). THANK you to Carol & Charlie
- Water filter decision postponed until November.
- Moving forward to get SDGE to turn on the streetlight in the cul-de-sac by the upper lot. Contact neighbors first.
- The training topic of the Council of Chairs meeting in October will be Focus Groups. A good discussion about leadership was held at the July meeting.
- Question for the Board: Should the security gate be left open at all times? It currently will not stop if there is an obstruction in its path.

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**Thank you to our proofreaders:** Peggy Kiefer, Andi Stout

## Sunday Worship Music August Highlights

- Sep 4:** John Schulz will be our worship musician.
- Sep 11:** The choir will sing “**Candle on the Water**” from the 1977 movie *Pete’s Dragon*. Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.
- Sep 18:** Steve Withers will be our worship musician.
- Sep 25:** The choir will sing “**Morning Has Broken**,” a traditional Gaelic melody with words by Eleanor Farjeon and arranged by Philip Stopford. The choir will be accompanied by Susan Spoto on flute. Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.



## Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Cabaret Tickets go on Sale  
Keyboard Kaleidoscope 5  
Hymn Sing Service  
Cabaret “Revolution!” Performances

September 4  
Postponed!  
September 25  
October 6-9



## Countdown to Cabaret 2016: Voices of Revolution!

### What do you like about Cabaret?

This month we asked various cast and crew members what they like about Cabaret. Here are their responses!

#### Warmth of Community

Overwhelmingly, people say that it is a great way to get to know people in the congregation better. Doug Key enjoys the camaraderie he finds with other cast and crew members. Wendy Metzger agrees that it is a great way of getting different people in the congregation working together. Cheryl O’Gwynn enjoys the closeness that develops with everyone involved. Sarah Shapard joined Cabaret in 2010 when she was very new to Chalice as a way to meet more people. This helped her feel more at home and part of the community. By Cabaret 2012, Sarah got to know one Stuart Holmes better as they each waited for their children to finish their rehearsals – and they recently celebrated 3 years of marriage!



#### Intergenerational Bonding

A beautiful thing about Cabaret is how it brings people of different generations together. Deb Coon likes Cabaret for the safe theatre environment it provided for her son, Liam, and how it gave him the chance to know adults as friends. Callie Leef, who performed with two of her kids over the years, agrees that it is a great opportunity for families to do fun things together. It is good to have young people take on leadership roles and be taken seriously by older adults. Paula Gonzales loves how Cabaret brings families together, and how it draws young people back that we have not seen for a while.

#### Teamwork

Victoria Cagle finds that the most rewarding part of Cabaret is being part of a group project where everyone is working to make everyone look good and create something wonderful together. Paula agrees - she loves the energy and the sense of working toward a common, exciting goal.

### UU Values

Another thing Wendy likes about Cabaret is how it is a reflection of our UU values. Our values emerge in the choice of songs and how the production is put together to express ideas important to us and our community.

### Creative Self-Expression

Cheryl shares a sentiment echoed by many: Cabaret offers an opportunity for self-exploration. Her words say it best: "I have learned so much about myself because of Cabaret. I never had thought of myself as a creative person. Yet, Cabaret has brought out in me a side I never knew I had. Now I find myself singing, dancing, doing choreography and directing - all new experiences for me. I never knew how much I loved performing!"

### Fun

Of course another thing most everyone said is that Cabaret is loads of fun! Doug says it is fun to sing and dance and express yourself. Lara Brown agrees – she discovered a cheesy side to herself that she never knew existed. All the kids agree with the fun factor – being on stage with friends is great fun!

### Magic

Paula says it best: "Participating in Cabaret is a unique and wonderful experience. It is life changing and magical."

### Favorite Cabaret Moments

Doug Key: Singing "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof* with wife Wendy, and singing "Un Mejor Dia Vendra" from *Working* with daughter Natalya.

Sarah Shapard: Singing in the "Mamma Mia Mega Mix" and in "Joseph's Coat" from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Wendy Metzger: Being Mary Poppins, singing "Spoonful of Sugar" with the kids.

Paula Gonzales: I do the microphones – I put them on the actors before they go on stage and remove them after each performance. You can imagine the energy is very different for each part of the process. I love when the younger ones come off stage and they are excited. I love the way the performers will keep up their energy before the curtain rises on the first act. They dance silently backstage, grinning and getting into character.

Callie Leef: Getting a high-five and a hug from my supremely talented daughter, Tina, back stage after surviving my first solo on stage.

Lara Brown: Dancing in "Run Freedom Run" from *Urinetown*. What a blast!

Jessica Schulz: The first year I was part of the stage prop crew and I also served refreshments at intermission—that's right, no rest time at all!!! The next year I scaled back; I "just" did refreshments (and I sewed a few costumes). I've served wine to Cabaret guests in freezing cold and extreme heat! Back in the beginning it was so dark on the patio I had to burn lots of candles so that people could see what they were buying! The patio lighting has improved since then, thank goodness. I've seen lots of shows, at least two times each. I am always amazed at what talented people we have within our Chalice community.

Natalya Metzger-Key: Singing "Neat to be a Newsgirl" from *Newsies*. I got to do gymnastics, too!

Victoria Cagle: The team work it took to get Geoff Allinson out of one costume and into the next, so he could still participate in all his scheduled numbers—with cracked ribs. It is these brief moments of intimacy, often with people we don't know very well, that are very rewarding.

Cheryl O'Gwynn: When Tim told me that I got Nothing in Cabaret (referring to the song "Nothing" from *A Chorus Line*!).

Leah Brown: Rehearsals! I know it sounds crazy, but I love rehearsals!





## 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. All ages, genders, and abilities welcome!



**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 Calendar's in Escondido. New friends are welcome. Contact *[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. The Thursday morning meeting may change to a different time in order to draw more attendance.

### **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]*.

### **September Circle Suppers**

You are invited to Circle Supper on **September 17** 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 please contact Dani Comer by **Wed. Sept. 7** or if you have any questions. *[not for public]*.



### **Women's Book Discussion**

On Tuesday, September 20 at 7:15 pm the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss M.L. Stedman's **The Light Between Oceans**. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world. Their choice has devastated one of them. Chris Toft will facilitate the discussion.

October's Book: **Charlotte and Emily, A Novel of the Brontes** by Jude Morgan. Facilitator: Rita Hill

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

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

## Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

### Fiber Artists

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



### Chalice Dine-Out

We will be dining at Chin's Szechwan Restaurant at 6:00 pm on Wednesday September 28th. Located at 445 N. Escondido Blvd. Escondido across the street from The California Center for the Arts.

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at [not for public]. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.

### Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will convene at 11:30 AM on September 16 at Charm Thai Kitchen in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 11627 Duenda Road and is found in the Westwood Shopping Center. This is a small shopping center just east of West Bernardo Drive. Take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Rd. exit, go west one block to West Bernardo Drive and turn right (north).

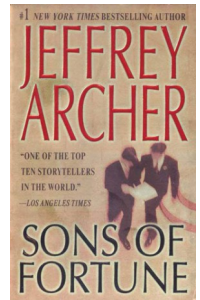
Please RSVP to Carol Simpson at [not for public].



### Chalice Readers

On September 23rd at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss "**Sons of Fortune**" by **Jeffrey Archer**. Twins separated at birth, Nathaniel Cartwright and Fletcher Davenport have been raised in different worlds and have both thrived among the best and brightest of their generation. In an era of violent change, free love, and blind ambition, Nat goes off to war, while Fletcher enters political combat. With each choice they make -- in love and career, through tragedy and triumph--their lives mirror one another...until a high-profile murder case brings them together. Until a high-stakes political battle turns them into rivals. Until a decades-old secret is exposed...and two powerful men must confront their bonds of fate and fortune.

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



### Readers' Theater

Our September meeting will be held on Monday, Sept 26th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. **Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!** This month we're reading Moliere's **The School for Wives**, translated by Richard Wilbur. The plot of this social satire? Terrified of having an unfaithful wife, the protagonist chooses a totally innocent little girl and locks her in a convent for 13 years, keeping her isolated and ignorant until she comes of age, at which time he will marry and mold her. All she needs to know, he believes, is "to pray, to love me, and to stitch and spin." The plan goes ridiculously awry. "Molière's satire is on the side of common sense." -- New York Times. "It's 1662, yet we can see the roots of feminism... could ironically translate the title to read: 'The School for Men.'" (LA Times)

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



### Men's Support Group

This men's support group provides a safe and supportive environment for men to share their personal concerns in a strictly confidential setting. The discussions of our group are formatted around guidelines created by the Unitarian Universalist. Mens' Network which emphasizes conversation that engenders connection between men. Meetings take place on each month's second and fourth Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8 PM.

New members are welcome. Call, text or email if you are interested in joining us. Contact: Phil Comer [not for public]



# Chalice UU Congregation \*\* September 2016 \*\* Services, Meetings, Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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# September 2016 Chalice PrevUUs Magazine

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California  
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## *Sabbatical Minister's Message*

When I was little, my family went on vacation with another family. The first day, when we came down to breakfast, there was bacon. I turned to the other kid, about my age, with excitement. He said, "no thank you. I'm a vegetarian." I looked back at him and said, "well, I'm a UNITarian."

In other words: even though I have technically been "Unitarian Universalist" for as long as I can remember, it has never been easy for me to understand what that means, or to explain it to others in casual conversation. I'm guessing many of you have been in the same boat.

The burden and privilege of belonging to a small, not very well-known, liberal religion with no creed and a weird name, is that you have to—or get to—explain it to people.

Today, when people ask me what a Unitarian Universalist is, I say, "we're a liberal religious denomination." Sometimes that's all they want to know. If they want to know a little more, sometimes I do find it useful to talk about where we came from.

I tell people, "We come out of liberal Protestant Christianity in the United States." On our Unitarian side, we are descended from the Puritans. Some of the oldest Unitarian Universalist churches go back to the 1620s and 30s. Over the years, they became called Congregationalists. In the early 1800s, a fight broke out in Congregationalism, and the "liberal" wing of this fight eventually became known as Unitarians. Universalists, on the other hand, came out of a variety of denominations, although lot of them started out as Baptists. Unitarian Universalism was born in 1961, out of the consolidation of these two liberal Christian denominations.

Knowing those roots is helpful in understanding who we are today, especially in the FORM of congregational life.

But we have become something more than a strange branch of American congregationalism, or a bunch of ex-Baptists who believe Christ saves everyone. We are a BIG tent, theologically. As my colleague in ministry Ranwa Hammamy put it, "Unitarian Universalism is a faith tradition with Judeo-Christian roots striving to evolve with multi-religious wings."

We come together to practice the idea that religious diversity has value, and that we don't have to agree theologically to build community together. It was actually not a Unitarian who said, "we need not think alike to love alike." It was Methodist founder John Wesley who said "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" But many Unitarian Universalists love this phrase because encapsulates what we're trying to do. I like to say that we're an experiment of the idea that you can build religious community based on shared values, rather than shared beliefs or practices.

We come together to consider what is most important, to practice our deepest values, and to, as we sing in our closing song, "drink from the well together, which quenches our thirst for justice, joy, and a love that we're all a part of." To stretch the metaphor: even if, in our individual religious lives, some of us drink from a cup, some of us scoop water with our hands, and some of us bring a bucket, we still all gather together, because we all thirst for the same things.

I'm so glad we're at this well together. Let's dig it deeper so that it can nurture future generations of seekers.

*Note: this column is adapted from Rev. Elizabeth's 2015 sermon "Chalice Who?"*

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## **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 [not for public].







## Highlights from the August 2016 Meeting of the Board of Trustees -

Board of Trustee Meeting - Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 at 7 p.m. Cottage - Proposed Minutes (to be approved at the September meeting).

- Board members were trained how to do the Offering Count each Sunday.
- Board members were given a brief overview of the financial reports for the Congregation. Suggestions for focus for Stewardship Committee – creating a policy for investing money.
- Member resignation: Eric Johnson
- Concerns regarding the safety of the Security Gate were discussed. Additional research is needed. Safe use of the gate is encouraged.
- Strategic Plan Task Force to be created
- A goal this year is to train Leaders to conduct focus groups
- Board Calendar for 2016-2017 with specific monthly goals was finalized.
- Importance of keeping people involved during construction to minimize loss of congregants was emphasized. Communications Task Force and Focus Groups may help.
- Nancy will ask Pathways Committee to attend a future Board Meeting to address membership issues, and help brainstorm suggestions.

## Cabaret 2016 – “Revolution!” is just around the corner!

September – the last month of Cabaret rehearsals, when every aspect of the production begins to come together: music, choreography, staging, costumes, sets, lighting, and sound. We can't wait to bring you a great show! To quote Deb Coon, this will be a “rollicking good time!”, so be sure to get your tickets after services starting Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and every Sunday through October 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring all your friends and family for this amazing event!



## Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund

Scholarships are still available for visual and performing arts through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund. Paula Gonzales established this scholarship fund 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, *[not for public]*.



## Family Ministry

### Serving our Youngest with Love

Recently I attended an intense three-day workshop learning how to become a facilitator for Our Whole Lives (OWL) for elementary kids. I intend to take the training for older kids and adults as it becomes available locally. How I wish I had been able to offer it to my own kids as they grew!

OWL classes are a series of comprehensive sexuality curricula for all ages; each class is designed to be interactive and developmentally appropriate for that age group. Families who participate in this program believe that well-informed children and youth (and adults) make better and healthier decision about sexuality when armed with complete, factual information. And, when the material is presented in a positive manner, it underlines the idea that human sexuality is beautiful and important as well as potentially dangerous to the misinformed. As you are aware, all of us are inundated with messages and images of sexuality that typically lack components of love and respect. As a congregation, we can offer better for our children and youth.

For our K-1 kids, classes are directed at learning about our bodies and body parts, and how to keep them healthy and safe. It also includes exploration of different kinds of families, babies and how they are made, and the feelings that can be experienced in each of these areas. Parents are encouraged to attend these classes with their children as they are the primary teachers of sexuality.

The curriculum for our kids in grades 4-6 cover a broad range of topics. Sexuality and values, relationships, gender identity and sexual orientation, and the process of puberty are discussed in a safe environment. They learn factual information about lovemaking and reproduction in healthy and safe ways. Parents and caregivers continue to be the primary teachers. Typically, they do not attend the classes with their kids but form a support group or can decide to offer the curriculum themselves at home with their children.

Youth in grades 7-9 continue the journey with a curriculum that has been newly revised. Body image, social media and internet bullying are examined, and information on consent and what that means are explored.

Older teens (grades 10-12) continue to gain knowledge and the skills they need to navigate the world. There are also curricula for Young Adults & Adults and a curriculum for Older Adults is on the way!

All of this information is out there, of course, but what OWL offers is a chance for our children and youth to ask questions, explore and clarify in an atmosphere deliberately crafted to be safe and supported in a group of their peers. It affirms the primary role of parents as the primary sexuality educators.

Our San Diego cluster of churches works together to offer this to our kids. There is a K-1 class being offered at First Church this fall and several of our families have expressed interest in participating. A Junior High class is also being offered at First Church in the early months of 2017 — please contact me if you are interested. I would like to offer a 4-6 class here at Chalice. If you are interested in this for your child, please let me know. If you are interested in seeing any of the curriculum, I can help with that as well. Sexuality Education can be controversial, even in a congregation of like-minded individuals. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me!

I look forward to expanding the education of our children and youth (and adults!) in this area.

Kathleen Swift,  
Director of Family Ministries



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.

## *Volunteer Spotlight on Larry Simpson*

### **AUGUST VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON LARRY SIMPSON**

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Larry Simpson for his work as the lead for the Building and Grounds Committee. Larry has overseen improvements to the buildings and grounds of the Chalice campus soon after we moved to our current location. Just a few of his efforts have included ensuring that the canopies over the patio are in good repair, that the irrigation systems are working properly, that we have good, energy efficient lighting in all the buildings, that the plumbing is repaired when needed and so many other efforts too numerous to mention.



### **WHAT MINISTRY / GROUP / TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?**

**Currently:** I have worked with the Building and Grounds Committee since we occupied this building in 2004.

**Previously:** I sang with the choir for three years, as a tenor.

### **WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?**

I joined as a charter member when the original Chalice and UUINCF combined to form Chalice UU Congregation in about 2002. I came in thru UUINCF, which I joined as a charter member on my first visit, which happened to be their charter Sunday, in about 1985.

### **WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?**

This building was a family home we bought and converted to our church. When we moved here in the fall of 2004, I joined the committee to help with the new maintenance and improvement projects we needed. My years of experience as a home and rental owner made this committee a logical choice.

### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?**

I most enjoy seeing people enjoy using an improvement, or appreciating when a repair makes life better. I most enjoy the shade provided by the canopies we installed on our patio.

### **DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?**

Occasionally I help on projects at Poway Blue Sky Ecological Reserve.

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

I enjoy seeing my work helping the use and enjoyment of the church.

### **ABOUT YOU**

#### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?**

I was born in Burbank, California. I lived in Santa Monica for 4 years, then moved to Highland Park, L.A. The next year, we moved to Clovis, New Mexico, then Big Spring, Texas. We had my only two snow winters there, and lots of freedom to roam the countryside. My dad owned a vacuum cleaner sales company there, but it did poorly. After 15 months, we returned to Highland Park until I finished Junior High School. Then we moved to La Mirada, CA, where I finished high school in Norwalk.

#### **FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?**

I enjoyed the many fishing and camping trips with my family, in the San Gabriel Mountains, and in the middle and High Sierra. A favorite camp was at Redwood Meadow, in the Kern River back country north of Kernville. The access was difficult via a long dirt road past the company logging town of Johnsondale. There was no good fishing there, but it was a very isolated and wonderful car camp. The logging has stopped, and Johnsondale has closed, and the dirt roads are now paved roads all the way to the San Joaquin Valley.

#### **WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?**

I had grown to dislike L.A. with its crowds and seeming lack of purpose. A CATV hardware company offered me a research engineering position in RB, and moved me here. I insisted on a home with good schools with at least a half acre, and got it in Poway. The land can be a mixed blessing, but I hope to stay here until the end.

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## Multi-purpose Building Update

On April 21<sup>st</sup> Jim Idell, Susan Spoto, Bob Nelson, along with Pete Bussett, our architect, and Sean Savage, our civil engineer, met with the Escondido planners and departments involved with approving our Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The city had demanded we include extensive grading, paving and dual access to the upper lot which would have added substantial costs to our plans for the multi-purpose building. We proposed eliminating the phase 3 of our plan, which included a large sanctuary and the upper lot improvements. This was all reported at the June congregational meeting.

Before resubmitting a revised proposal for the CUP, Pete asked Ann Dolmage, the planner, to verify with all parties that this approach would meet the city requirements. Since then two city departments, utilities and fire, have raised questions regarding the water supply to the property. With the addition of the multi-purpose building we are required to install a fire hydrant on the property. The occupancy increase to accommodate the sanctuary would have required two hydrants. The utility and fire departments are requiring we add two hydrants, even though we have removed the sanctuary from the CUP request. Two hydrants would require an installation known as "looping", which would require the piping be installed in a loop around our property which will add substantial expense.

Pete and Sean are adamant that the addition of the multi-purpose building will require only one hydrant and therefore no "looping". Pete is working with Ann Dolmage to schedule a meeting with the involved parties and get a resolution.

In the interim we have signed contracts for the noise survey and a geotechnical investigation of the site, which will verify soil bearing capability. Initiation of these efforts is on hold until resolution is reached with the city.

Please contact Bob Nelson, *[not for public]* if you have further questions.

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#### **WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?**

I am an electronic engineer, specializing in the RF and microwave communications world. I slowly retired between 1996 and 2002.

#### **MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?**

My wife of 51 years, Carol Simpson, is also a Chalice Member. My daughter Joy Micone is married and living in Mira Mesa. Our son Jeff became a software engineer at BAE Systems in RB. He married Megan in June, and they bought a town home in North Park.

#### **DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL THOUGHTS ABOUT CHALICE?**

Our music is spiritual to me. I love the way the music conveys and addresses our human feelings. I think of songs with so much meaning, such as our Blue Boat Home (the Earth) and Spirit of Light, which we sing with such fervor, often from memory..

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?**

I like them best at almost any Mexican 'Taco Stand.' When I see the large sign with block lettering listing a complete Mexican menu, I know I have authentic food.

#### **WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM, OR WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT?**

I prefer individual participation sports, such as hiking, backpacking, and scuba diving, tho I haven't done the latter two lately.

#### **COFFEE OR TEA?**

Coffee, always fresh ground medium roast, and BLACK.



## **PARKING NOTICE**

**Please do not park on Miller Avenue on our side of Hamilton.** We have an agreement with the community because the street is too narrow. If there is no room in the lower parking lot, please use the upper lot or you may park on Hamilton, on the right side - going up the hill. You can park on Miller, over by the fields but not in front of our neighbor's homes. Thank you for your cooperation.

