



Religious Education

WE built it!

As I reflect on 2013 I can't help but smile. The RE program has gone through an amazing transformation over the course of one year! We have our new cottage, new leaders in the program, and lots and lots of new families. Throughout this process, I have found myself asking the question, "Could a new building really attract this many new families?" That seemed far too simple.

I began to realize that it's not really about the new facilities, although they are beautiful. It's about the congregation's dedication to the children at Chalice that is so evident by the endless (and I mean ENDLESS!) months of time, energy, and sweat that went into creating the space. So many hands, so many hearts. It is a loving testament of our commitment and stands as a monument of our shared vision for the future. I believe that people can internally feel that positive energy whether or not they are aware of it. I know I do, and I know our leaders do, too. It feels good! It's all about the vibes, dare I say "Groovy, man, groovy!". Now fifty, I think I can get away with it. At any rate, the cottage is finished, class is in session, and the RE Program is the best it has ever been! Thank you to everyone who made it all possible. You are the true foundation for the community we continue to build together.

Congratulations to our new administrator, Kathleen Swift! I am looking forward to working with her as a staff member, but will miss her as the RE Committee Chair. She has taught me so much about streamlining the program, especially with respect to our leaders who benefit so much by her organizing of the curricula, which I definitely plan to continue. I will be creating a list of specific tasks that I am hoping might interest those who wish to volunteer but have time constraints. These would be small, and very meaningful opportunities for you to help our program remain vibrant.

Looking forward to what 2014 brings,
Peace, Jackie



Jackie Austin-Singer

Sunday Services

Service at 9:00 and 11:00

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation
2324 Miller Avenue Escondido, CA

January 5 — The Chalice Jesters "Feast of Fools"

Multigenerational Service

The medieval Feast of Fools was a mock religious celebration marked by buffoonery and merrymaking. Like the Roman Saturnalia, customary rules of behavior were reversed, and an irreverent carnival was held instead of dignified religious services. Wear your fool's costume to take part in Chalice's own light-hearted version of this ancient celebration.

January 12 — Rev. Suzanne Marsh, pulpit guest "The Meaning of Service"

Liberation Theology, which rose out of populations of oppressed peoples has a great deal to teach those of us who consider ourselves seekers of justice. This Sunday we will talk a little theology and consider why "serving" others is very different than "helping" them.

** This Sunday, Unitarian Universalist ministers in Southern California swap pulpits and preach for each other's congregation. Rev. Suzanne Marsh is the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert in Rancho Mirage, CA. **

January 19 — Rev. Sharon Wylie "And None Shall Be Afraid"

As the racial and economic divides in our country deepen, we need the wisdom and guidance of Martin Luther King more than ever. We gather this morning to draw strength from his teachings as we grapple with the challenges of our time. This service is informed by *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander.

January 26 — Rev. Sharon Wylie "The Sex Talk 2014: Bodies Matter"

Healthy sexual expression is nothing to be ashamed of or afraid of, but we get mixed messages about what constitutes "healthy." After some rudimentary biological information most of us receive at the onset of puberty, where and when do we learn to feel good about our bodies? The answer today is: church!



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Board of Trustee Meeting Highlights December 10, 2013

For a complete copy of all Board minutes, please go to:
<http://members.chaliceuucongregation.org/index-php?title:Board of Trustees>

- Aloha to Rev. Sharon, who will go on a much-deserved vacation to Maui with husband Peter from December 26 to January 8.
- Rev. Carol Hilton will be our on-call minister while Rev. Sharon is on vacation
- Our Chalice community is growing, especially since the building of our new cottage. We welcome them and encourage all congregants to get to know them as well as all newcomers.
- The congregation is encouraged to recommend a third charity to add to our two present ones, Interfaith and CCS.
- The new cottage will be dedicated shortly. The date has not been decided yet.
- The newcomers at the Getting to Know You meeting mentioned how welcoming people at Chalice are. Way to go, Chalice!!

Nominations for Board of Trustees Open

notice from Michele Nelson

The Nominating Committee convened and is accepting nominations for open positions on the board. If you are interested in serving Chalice in this way or wish to nominate another committed person, please see or speak to Michele Nelson, Pete Houser or Jim Idell - *[contact info private]*.

The Congregational Meeting and Election June 8, 2014

Coordinating Team (CT) Report

December Coordinating Team Highlights

The Coordinating Team coordinates, integrates, and advocates the methods for accomplishing the Congregation's goals in accordance with Governance Policies. The Coordinating Team is composed of Paula Gonzales, Delynn Kelly, Callie Leef, and Rev. Sharon Wylie.

- Coordinating Team oversaw a campus clean up on Saturday, November 23. A dumpster full of garbage was hauled away.
- Tom Carlstrom power washed the building exterior. (Thank you, Tom!) He will provide some small stucco repairs after the new year.
- The chapel carpet was cleaned on November 22.
- Coordinating Team authorized and oversaw the purchase of a rolling partition for the cottage. A broom cabinet has been purchased and will be installed after the new year.

PrevUUs

February issue
article deadline:

Sunday, January 26

Email your submission to
[contact info private]



Minister's Message

Beloved community,

As many of you know, I very much enjoy Facebook, the social networking website. If you are not on Facebook, I'd like to encourage you to join and participate. If you are already on Facebook, I'd like you to know I'm glad.

Here's why: Facebook is becoming the primary way that Unitarian Universalists across the country and across the world communicate with each other.

For those of us at Chalice who are active on Facebook, it is a way to be in touch all week long. Photos are shared, as are daily gratitudes and annoyances. Silly videos are shared. So are important news articles. Many of you who travel share the joys of your journey as you go.

But just as important as strengthening the bonds of our church community, Facebook is also helping UUs develop connections across wider distances. Facebook "groups" exist for UUs interested in a wide assortment of topics. These groups include:

- UU Climate Action Network
- UU Ministry for Earth Discussion Group
- UUs Resisting New Jim Crow & Mass Incarceration
- UU Parenting
- UU Humanists

And there are many, many more! There are over a hundred groups for UUs on Facebook, with more forming every day.

These are in addition to the pages you can "like," such as Chalice's page. "Liking" a page means you'll receive that page's posts and updates. We often post photos from Chalice's events on our page, along with reminders about upcoming services and activities.

Finally, my reasons for wanting you on Facebook are selfish. I enjoy getting to be part of your life in a different way through Facebook. I like seeing your photos and reading about your daily lives. And I like to share my own sense of humor with you.

If you are on Facebook, please send me a friend request. If you aren't on Facebook, please consider joining. It's a good way to get connected.

**Bright blessings,
Sharon**



One of Rev. Sharon's most popular Facebook photos



Rev. Sharon Wylie

Rev. Sharon is out of the office on vacation through Wednesday, January 8, 2014. If you have an urgent matter, please contact our Lay Chaplain Convener, Nancy Hurt, or our Board president, Deborah Coon, at *[contact info private]*. Either will help assess if we need to call our on-call minister. Thank you. .

Rev. Sharon Wylie's

Office Hours:

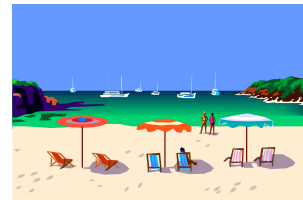
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 1:00 –5:00

Appointments outside office hours are based on availability.

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Pastoral Care Team, in consultation with Rev.

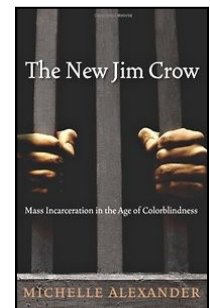
Sharon, provides support for those in the congregation in need. This can take the form of cards, flowers, meals, temporary transport, and personal visits. We also visit members who cannot attend services. If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral support, please contact Rev. Sharon or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at *[contact info private]*

Reminder From Deb Coon

Rev. Sharon has invited the Chalice community to read this book

The call for our church to engage in conversations around race is a call we can answer.

To begin, I invite you to read, if you haven't, The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander. I would love for us to read this together, as a congregation. It will be the focus of our January 19 worship service in honor of Martin Luther King Day.





Adopt-A-Family

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Chalice Adopt-a-Family Team would like to thank you, the members of Chalice Congregation, for your generous donations to the Interfaith Community Services Holiday Adopt-a-Family program. Your generosity impacted and enriched the lives of 29 people. ICS sent us a letter expressing their gratitude for our support.

This year's Chalice Adopt-a-Family was much larger in scale than last year's--we more than doubled the number of people for whom we provided gifts--but you rallied to meet this challenge. Chalice's donations totaled almost \$3,000. Way to go, Chalice! Thank you, everyone, for your compassionate, caring and generous hearts!

Chalice Office

Administrator

It is a great pleasure to announce that Kathleen Swift has accepted the position as Chalice Office Administrator!

You can contact Kathleen at ChaliceUUC@gmail.com starting Tuesday, Dec. 31. Her office hours will be posted soon.



Social Justice - by Peg Briggerman

For everyone, I believe, December is a month for complex, multi-functional personal schedules. Sounds scary, but it's always amazing what Chalice folk can accomplish during this busy time.

In the December newsletter, I wrote about concerns for a proposed BMX 'for-profit' development inside Kit Carson Park. This month the Parks & Rec Commission voted 6 – 1 to recommend that other sites be explored for the BMX track development.

Thank you to all who signed up to receive the newsletter and support Kit Carson Park.

The UULM (Legislative Ministry) held its annual retreat for the District Justice Leaders at Camp de Benneville Pines at the end of November. Karen McComb and I attended. Pictures from that trip are on our Justice Board during Social Hour. As before, just being able to informally compare notes and learn about other Congregations' programs was very beneficial and will help us plan our own programs.



The name UULM, is changing Jan. 1 to the UUJM – UU Justice Ministry. This expands their mission and possible programs beyond legislation itself.

The new mission statement is: 'The Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of CA advances Justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles.'

UUJM Goals for 2018 are:

- * California UUs have access to and participate in statewide justice education, advocacy, and witness that deepens their faith and changes life

for the better in California.

- * CA UU Justice Leaders are trained, effective, inspiring, and connected.
- * CA UU Congregations utilize UUJMCA to strengthen their justice ministries.
- * CA Policymakers and justice leaders value UUJMCA as a visible and credible partner in advancing justice in California.

Interfaith Community Services will not be holding a formal 'Food Fight' between their member Churches this year, but the need is still very real. So, let's have our own **FOOD FRENZY!** On Jan 5, Feb 2, and March 2, please bring as many non-perishable food items as you can fit into your car, and I'll deliver them.

We received a letter from the Center for Community Solutions (CCS), thanking us for our generous financial donation last fall, and reviewing their milestones this past year. They have invited us to tour one of their shelters and learn how our gift saves lives. Let's do that. Please let me know if you would like to join the tour. No date is set yet, but I'd like to get an idea of how many would like to come.

Please see the Bulletin Boards for upcoming Social Justice Events at First Church.

The Board is taking recommendations for our third Charity Partner. Please send in your suggestions. Our financial donations make a real difference, in what a group can accomplish.

I hope you are also looking forward to the second half of Chalice's Church Year. It is an opportunity for those who joined us in the fall to become involved on our Justice projects.

Date for a Social Justice Mid-Year Retreat, open to all, will be February 22, 2014. Please come.



Sound Bites
Tim McKnight



Music

Sunday Worship Music – January Highlights

- **Jan. 5:** The Chancel Choir will sing "Taco Bell's Canon" and "A Gaelic Blessing" by Daniel Gawthrop.
- **Jan. 12:** Some of Chalice's talented instrumentalists will be featured.
- **Jan. 19:** The Chancel Choir will sing "Hold Me, Rock Me" by Brian Tate.
- **Jan. 26:** Kathleen Swift will sing "My Body" from the Broadway musical *The Life*.

Holiday Kaleidoscope Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended the Holiday Kaleidoscope Concert and brought an unwrapped toy or gave a cash contribution to support the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Three Marine Corps personnel decked out in their dress uniforms attended the concert to collect our contributions. Two large cardboard boxes were filled with toys and a significant amount of cash was donated. In addition, everyone was treated to an exceptional concert of music.

Spotlight on Andrew Cleveland

Brief Biography



I grew up in Escondido. I have one older brother who has autism. I remember our parents had a little electronic keyboard and I would bang on it. It wasn't really music, but my parents were very encouraging.

In middle school, I started playing tuba in the band as a way to fit in. That was my sixth grade logic. My band teacher was really good. He was old school and taught us musicianship. This was my first experience in music and I learned a lot.

My high school didn't really have a band. It was a small school and they hired a band teacher. It was more like bring your own instrument. I got a bass guitar for Christmas, so I brought my bass. The other instruments in the band were trumpet, flute, violin and keyboard. The band director wrote a lot of the music himself. I also sang in the choir in high school.

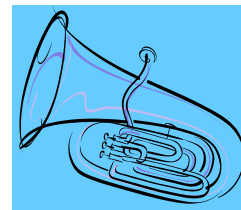
I stopped when I went to college. I went to UC Irvine, which only had a small band but I didn't get into it. I majored in electrical engineering. For the last few years I have been getting into broadcast engineering. I took radio and TV classes at Palomar for a couple of years. Now I am working at the Union-Tribune as an engineer.



I was raised UU. My dad took me first to Palomar and then to First Church. We stopped going when I was around 10 years old. When I moved back here from college in Irvine, I wanted to see if I could get back into UU church again, so I looked up UU churches and Chalice was the closest one. Everyone was so nice. I decided to try choir because I enjoyed it so much in high school. I gradually moved into doing sound for the church.

What does music mean to you?

In middle school during 9/11, I remember everyone was talking about it in a state of shock. My first class was band. Our band teacher, Mr. Wright, quieted everyone down and said, "Let's just play music because playing will calm you down." That always stuck with me. Music is something that can distract you or help when you've had a bad day. It's something that helps your mind focus.



Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

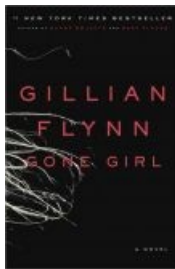
Spring Music Services May 4 @ 9:00 and 11:00 AM



Coming Events

Women's Book Discussion

By participating in this book group you will meet many of the women of Chalice as well as share in our love of books.



We meet Tuesday, **January 21 at 7:15**. In January there is no book scheduled as that night is reserved for choosing our reading list for the next year. We bring a number of selections and ask you to vote on your favorites. It is always a great night of fun, food, and passion for books.

Please contact Kathy Johnson for questions or further information [contact info private]



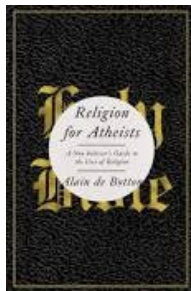
Readers' Theater Group

Our January meeting will be held on **Monday, January 27th at 7 p.m.** in the common room. We will be reading aloud Wendy Wasserstein's **The Heidi Chronicles**, winner of numerous awards including the Pulitzer Prize. One reviewer wrote: "Funny, touching, and written with rare grace and sensitivity, the play is a moving examination of the progress of a generation, from the socially and politically activist sixties to the success-oriented eighties—a time during which the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling, change."

Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings. Please contact Deb Coon [contact info private] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.

Chalice Readers

On **January 24th at 7:00 PM** at Chalice we will discuss Religion for Atheists: A non-believer's guide to the use of religion by Alain de



Botton. Suggested is that rather than mocking religion, agnostics and atheists should instead steal from it—because the world's religions are packed with good ideas on how we might live and arrange our societies. Blending deep respect with total impiety, de Botton (a non-believer himself) proposes that we look to religion for insights into how to, among other concerns, build a sense of community, make our relationships last, overcome feelings of envy and inadequacy, inspire travel, and reconnect with the natural world. He is a travel writer. You've got questions? Email them to John Drewe at [contact info private]

Chalice Dine-Out

To begin a new year of dining together we will eat at **Romano's Macaroni Grill** at North County Fair in Escondido on **Wednesday, January 22nd at 6 p.m.** Directions and menu are on their website www.macaronigrill.com

Please call or e-mail Gracie Hinman, or Colette Jones [contact info private] by Tuesday, **January 21st**. Start the new year with this open group of UUs. We alternate between Escondido and Rancho Bernardo areas on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Join Us!



Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch



The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, January 15**, at the **On the Border Restaurant Mexican Cafe** at the North County Westfield Mall in Escondido. The address is 298 East Via Rancho Parkway. We meet at 11:30 AM.

All are welcome! Please call Carol Simpson [contact info private] to RSVP.

Knitters and Crocheters



Dianne Decker-Houser

The hand stitchery group meets the **third Wednesday** of every month to work on our projects and share our lives.

Each year we donate hand-made items to Interfaith for distribution to those in need. You do not have to be a regular attendee to donate a hand-made item.

Join us on **January 15th** with your knitting, crocheting, needlework or whatever for a nice evening with lovely people—**7:00–9:00 PM** at Chalice. If you need a ride, contact Dianne Decker-Houser to coordinate ride sharing.

Contact Dianne at [contact info private]



Chalice Auction

Saturday, January 25, 5:00 p.m.

Potluck - Bring food 5:00 to 5:15
Children's Auction - 5 to 6 in cottage
Pickup Bidding Paddles starting at 5:15
Food & Wine at 5:30
Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Register donation for the Auction Catalog at chaliceauction@gmail.com before 1/5/2014.

We need

- Your name & contact information
- The date of your event
- A title & description
- How many guests or items
- The value and an acceptable minimum bid

SUUN

The SUUN Cluster Leadership Conference 2014 - "What Can We Do Better Together?"
Saturday, January 11th, 2014, 8:30am – 3:00pm,
First Church, San Diego

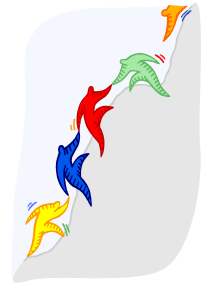
The new year is a chance to look at things with a fresh eye. If you are in leadership, or interested in leadership, join leaders from Cluster congregations to discuss what we can do better together, share best practices, and learn from each other. There is NO COST to attend this event. You can order a lunch for \$10. Breakout sessions in the morning will focus on specific topic areas. Areas of possible cooperation and information sharing will include:

- Mutual support and coordination of Cluster musical events and other activities
- Religious and lifespan education
- Social justice
- Shared purchasing and logistics
- Sharing of staff and other creative solutions to issues facing congregations

Two plenary sessions in the afternoon will explore 'Conflict Resolution' and 'Leadership Development.' This is a great opportunity to meet and network with UU leadership across the Cluster. For more information contact: suun.events@gmail.com or call 858-755-9225.

Seeking Nominations for a 3rd Charity Partner for Chalice!

Chalice is committed to giving away a percentage of our operating budget each year to our charity partners, just as we ask our members to pledge a certain percentage of their household operating budget to Chalice. Our current charity partners are Interfaith Community Services (ICS) and the Center for Community Solutions (CCS). ICS supports the homeless and the working poor in a variety of ways; CCS focuses its services on stopping family violence.



This year the Board of Trustees would like to add a third charity partner. The hope is to pledge \$15,000 this year -- which is 5% of our operating budget -- divided among 3 charity partners.

We would like to invite congregants to nominate local charities that they think would make good candidates for our 3rd charity partner. The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2014. Please send nominations to Deb Coon at dcoon@san.rr.com, or leave them in the president's mailbox at Chalice. Please nominate your charity by telling its name, a brief description of its mission, and why you think it deserves the congregation's financial help. Please include the charity's website address, as well as your own name and contact information so we can get in touch if we need to. Nominations will be vetted and narrowed down by a task force (Peg Briggerman, Deb Coon, Stuart Holmes and Judy Winn), using the following criteria. The nominated charity should be:

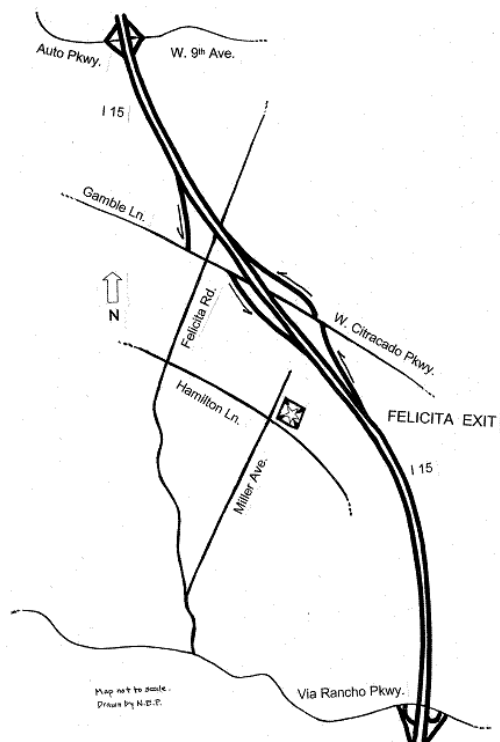
- Local, serving Escondido and its environs
- A reputable/established 501(c)3
- In keeping with UU values and the Seven Principles
- Serving a different cause/clientele than our existing charity partners
- An organization for whom our contribution would make a significant difference





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Welcoming Congregation

We are pleased to be designated a Welcoming Congregation by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, and as such we honor and value the racial, cultural, economic, religious, physical ability, sexual orientation and gender diversity of our members and visitors, young and old.

Chalice UU Congregation ** January 2014 ** Meetings & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Chalice - www.ChaliceUUCongregation.org 2324 Miller Ave, Escondido, CA 92029 760-737-0393			1 Happy New Year 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 a Women's Meditation & Study 6 pm Teen Group	2 7 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Chancel Choir	3	4
5 9 & 11 am Worship "Feast of Fools" Chalice Jesters 12:15 Ombuds 3:30 Zen Meditation	6	7 6 pm Taiji 7 pm Yoga	8 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 a Women's Meditation & Study 6 pm Teen Group 7 pm Finance	9 7 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Mini Support 7 pm Chancel Choir	10	11 8:30 am UU Leadership Conference at First UU in Hillcrest
12 9 & 11 am Worship "The Meaning of Service" Rev. Suzanne Marsh 12:15 Ombuds 3:30 Zen Meditation	13	14 2 pm Caregivers Support 6 pm Taiji 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Board	15 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 a Women's Meditation & Study 11:30 Ladies-To-Lunch 7 p.m. Chalice Knitters	16 7 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Lay Chaplains 7 pm Calix Group 7 pm Chancel Choir	17 12 p.m. Coord Team	18 9:30 am Council Mtg 6 pm Circle Suppers
19 9 & 11 am Worship "And None Shall Be Afraid" Rev. Sharon Wylie 12:15 Ombuds 3:30 Zen Meditation	20	21 6 pm Taiji 7 pm Yoga 7:15 Women's Book	22 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 a Women's Meditation & Study 12:30 pm Eclectic Arts 6 p.m. Dine Out	23 7 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Chancel Choir	24 7 pm Readers Theater	25 5 pm Chalice Auction
26 9 & 11 am Worship "The Sex Talk 2014: Bodies Matter" Rev. Sharon Wylie 11 am Spirit of Chalice 12:15 Ombuds	27 7 pm Readers (Books)	28 2 pm Caregivers Support 6 pm Taiji 7 pm Yoga 7:15 Worship Assoc	29 9 am Cracker Barrel 10:30 a Women's Meditation & Study	30 7 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Chancel Choir	31 12 pm Coord Team	February 1 9 am Board Retreat—off site

Changes to the Chalice Calendar are made often. For the most up to date calendar, go on-line to www.ChaliceUUCongregation.org, and click on Calendar at the bottom