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Andi Stout, President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your expressions of condolence on the loss of my father in July. It has been a tough ten months: my mother passed last September. After her death, my siblings and I

made several trips back to Indiana to visit Dad and help him out. My parents were married for almost 67 years and Mom was the organizer of their lives, so her death was very hard on Dad. As my brother said after Dad's death, Mom is probably again organizing their lives!

I feel I am truly experiencing the circle of life: as I grapple with no longer having parents, I revel in my grandson. I am just thankful that my parents got the chance to be great-grandparents.

Congregants were busy in July, increasing our visibility in the community. About thirty of us worked at the Habitat for Humanity site in Escondido on July 18 and 19. Little did most of us know how exhausting construction is! Some of us carried walls and helped put them up. Others installed dry wall. Still others helped transport supplies off-site. And we learned how to use assorted tools. I think we were all tired and some of us were sun-burned at the end of each day. But it was a wonderful experience. I hope we will participate again in the future. My thanks to Deb Coon for arranging this.

On July 22, about twenty congregants joined Rev. Sharon at a meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission. Several spoke in support of our UU values and urged the commission to reconsider their decision to deny a permit for an unaccompanied immigrant youth care facility. I was especially struck by the pleas of several teenage residents of Escondido and the passion with which they urged the commission to reconsider their decision. However, after about 90 minutes of public testimony, the commission stood by their decision to deny the permit.

Rev. Sharon was interviewed by KPBS for a segment that was broadcast that evening. She, along with Becki Collins and Andrea Seavey, was also in some news footage featured by other stations during their news shows that night.

We may not have changed the minds of the commissioners, but we were certainly visible and vocal in the community!

Let's keep on being visible, letting the community know we are here and what our values are.

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

August 3 - Michael Eselun, pulpit guest

"Restringing the Beads"

Popular guest speaker and oncology chaplain Michael Eselun will explore our relationship to our own stories and how we use them in the attempt to make spiritual sense of our lives.

August 10 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Bread Communion" Multigenerational Service In Earth-centered traditions, August is the time to celebrate the wheat harvest with the baking and sharing of bread. This Sunday, you are invited to bring bread to share as we celebrate the harvest together.

August 17 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

"My Still Small Voice Within Said WHAT?!"

Many of us have had the experience of feeling that an inner voice is telling us to take action. Call it an impulse, call it a gut feeling, call it conscience, or call it "a call."

This morning, we reflect together on what this voice might have to say.

August 24 - Rev. Mark Kiyimba and Rev. Sharon Wylie

"The Importance of our UU Faith in Uganda"
This morning we welcome Rev. Mark Kiyimba into the pulpit. He leads the Unitarian Universalist church of Kampala, Uganda, which runs a housing program for orphans of HIV victims, HIV positive youth, and homeless LGBTI youth.

August 31 – Katy Kroll Swanson, pulpit guest "Good Enough"

Self-compassion is not a way of judging ourselves positively; it is a way of relating to ourselves with the same care and kindness we would show a good friend. It is loving ourselves as we are, flaws and all. In our highly competitive culture, how can we be more compassionate with ourselves and within our communities?

Religious education for ages 4 through 14 is provided during the 9 am service. Childcare for all ages is available at both the 9 am and 11 am services.



PARKING NOTICE - Please do not park on Miller Avenue. 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

July 8, 2014 Board of Trustees Highlights

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

- A Board of Trustees Mission Statement was drafted.
- Proposed changes to the Child & Youth Protection Policy were accepted by consensus.
- The hiring of Elizabeth Bukey as our Director of Congregational Life was announced.
- The Board designated ownership of our 2014-2017 Goals and Outcomes Statements.
- Eli & Amy Jones graciously agreed to coordinate a task force for playground safety.

Coordinating Team (CT) Report

August Coordinating Team Highlights

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

- The July 26 Council of Chairs meeting featured a training topic on running a good meeting.
- Our Habitat for Humanity project was a great success, with 30 volunteers participating over two days. Many thanks to Deb Coon for organizing it.
- Our Director of Religious Education's office is being cleaned and improved to accommodate sharing the space with our Director of Congregational Life (and continuing to use it as a Sunday morning classroom).

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.

James Smullen



Minister's Message

Beloved community,

As part of my recent time off for vacation, I participated in a five-day silent retreat at Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. Except for one hour each day with my spiritual director, I was silent from 7 p.m. Sunday evening until Friday morning (I left a few hours before the retreat officially ended at lunch time because I really felt done with the retreat center food).

I thought that four full days of silence would be really difficult, but it turned out to be lovely. I learned that I spend a certain amount of time thinking about what I want to say, and of course, listening to others takes time and energy too. Freed from the obligations of talking and listening, I had more space for thoughts and emotions that had gone unnoticed.

And this was the first real retreat I think I've ever been on. I "retreat" with my fellow UU ministers in the fall and in the spring, but what we call "retreats" are actually "gatherings," and we are scheduled from morning through evening. I usually come back exhausted (and grateful for the time with my colleagues, which is always important, if not as restorative as I might wish).

No, this was a real retreat. Outside of meal times, there was nothing I had to do. Even my time with my spiritual director was optional (and I did pass him a note one day to let him know I didn't want to meet because I wanted to remain silent).

I walked the labyrinth each day. I colored a mandala one morning. I walked through the retreat gardens and spent guite a bit of time on my favorite bench. I read. I journaled a little, but not nearly as much as I had thought I might. I napped.

And the thing that surprised me most was how the days flew by. Each morning I would wake up and think, "How am I going to fill all the hours of the day?" And then it would suddenly be time for dinner. The week went unbelievably fast.

I thought a silent retreat would teach me about silence, but what I really learned about was time. Moving through time like floating on my back in the water, slowly, languidly, with no real sense of where I'm going or any urgency about getting there. The only difference between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. was the sun in the sky and the quality of light.

The retreat was a wonderful experience. I hope to keep some of what I learned about moving at a slower pace with me as I return to my regular life. And I hope the same retreat will be offered again next year. I would definitely go again.

Bright blessings, Sharon



Rev. Sharon Wylie Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 1-5 pm Appointments outside office hours are based on availability Office phone: 760.737.0393

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Grateful 🔊 🔻 🖣









In June, many of us signed a jumbo card for the Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association expressing condolences for the fire damage and loss they sustained. Much gratitude to Lena Wellman for organizing and delivering the card!

We received the following thank you note:

Dear Ms. Wellman (and UU Congregation), Thank you for the beautiful and heart-warming card. We loved reading the messages. Thanks for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Marilyn Johnson-Kozlow **HGSA** Recording Secretary

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 [personal info removed]







Spotlight on Tim McKnight Ten Years at Chalice

In 2003, while working on my Masters Degree at the University of Illinois, I began to consider the possibility of moving to California upon graduation. Although I didn't know exactly what I was going to do once I got there, I was quite sure that I was *not* interested in working at a church ever again, considering the negative experiences I had endured in the past. Working in musical theatre was definitely a possibility, especially considering that just a few months before, I was the Music Director for my first professional musical, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, at Zoo Theatre Company, a brand new company founded by Artistic Director Greg Wolf.

Also during this time I had a federal work-study job where I worked on educational websites. One of the other members of the web team was a doctoral student named Amy who was a "Unitarian Universalist". Amy often spoke of her church, how open it was, the great diversity of membership, and how welcome she felt there. I thought, "I guess I should look up this Univertarianist thing...or whatever it's called..." After visiting Southern California a couple of times, I decided to move to San Diego. I had no professional connections, but I felt it would be a good place for me to build my career as a musician and teacher. So on July 9, 2004 I drove into San Diego to start my new life.

At the same time I was moving to California, Chalice had been looking for a professional Music Director, but to no avail. They weren't getting any responses to their ads, so Susan Spoto, who was then the Music Committee Chair, suggested that they try the UCSD Job Board. It seemed like a long shot, but why not? Within days of getting into San Diego, I got an e-mail from Meghan Wolf, the sister of Greg Wolf who was the director I had worked with a few months before on Ain't Misbehavin'. She worked for the UCSD Performing Arts Department, and had come across an ad for a Church Music Director in Escondido, so she thought she would pass it on to me.

And the rest is history...

Music



It's hard to believe that it has been 10 years since I came to Chalice, and what a journey it has been. I'm so glad that those synchronistic moments all added up to my discovering a church where I am fully accepted for who I am, not partially accepted for who people want me to be: a place where I really

believe in the message we have to share with the world, instead of feeling hypocritical and conflicted; a place where I feel that people really care about each other, not where people just want to save each other.

Over the last 10 years, Chalice has cultivated a community that respects and values the power of music in our lives. We have a thriving music ministry that has brought so much to all of our lives. I am very lucky to have found such a place. As I begin my second decade at Chalice, I dream of how we can share the rich blessings that music has brought to us with others in our local community and beyond.

With gratitude, Tim McKnight

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Hand chime rehearsals begin - Aug. 21 @ 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume - Aug. 21 @ 7:30 pm

SUUN Cluster Picnic and Musical Extravaganza at UUFSD - Aug. 23 @ 4 pm

Spirit of Chalice rehearsals resume - mid–September (look for more information in the Sept. Newsletter)

Chalice Home Companion III - Oct. 11 @ 7 pm

Puccini and Pasta - Nov. 9 @ 5 pm

Winter Music Services - Dec. 14 @ 9 & 11 am



Chalice Handchime Ensemble

Here at Chalice we have been blessed with the sound of our handchimes periodically over the last several years, but we haven't offered an official handchime ensemble. That's going to change on Thursday, August 21st when our new handchime ensemble has its first rehearsal! The ensemble is open to anyone who has a least some basic music-reading ability, and there are no auditions to get into the group. The ensemble will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:15 in the chapel, and we will play in Sunday services approximately every 6-8 weeks. If you would like to join the handchime ensemble, please contact Tim McKnight at *[personal info removed]*



Chalice Chancel Choir 2014-2015 Kick-Off

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members for the upcoming congregational year! Why join the choir?

"The choir is friendly, warm, collegial and fun. The music is well selected and the director's humor and skill make it all very enjoyable." -Manzo Hill

"What a wonderful way to meet people and make new friends, and get to sing lots of great music in the bargain."-Susan Sklar

The choir will kick-off the year on Thursday, August 21st. The choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM and sings at one service on two Sundays each month. If you like to sing, you are welcome in the choir! For more information, contact Tim McKnight at *[personal info removed]*

Spirit of Chalice

Spirit of Chalice, our children's choir, will begin again in September. We meet weekly from September to June, to sing, play games, learn about music, and have fun! Our rehearsals are Sunday mornings - the time is to be decided. We will have approximately six performances during the year to share our music with the congregation at Sunday services. New and returning members are encouraged to join us - no experience necessary! Look for more information in the September Newsletter.

Children will be escorted their parents or guardians after rehearsals.

This group is most appropriate for children kindergarten to sixth grade. Ability to read is helpful but not required- non readers may benefit from extra help at home to practice the songs in between rehearsals. Please contact Sarah Shapard [personal]

info removed] with any questions! More details coming soon.



Chalice Musicians Directory

Interested in being involved in music at Chalice? The Chalice Musician's Directory is currently being updated and the Music Department would love to have your information. If you have already received a Musical Interests and Skills Survey, please fill it out and turn it in to the Music Committee mailbox or give it to Callie Leef or Susan Sklar. If you haven't received a Musical Interests and Skills Survey and would like to be involved in music at Chalice, please find blank survey forms in the Music Committee mailbox and turn it in as soon as possible. We want to hear from you!

Who can play bag pipes?



UPCOMING SUUN EVENTS

A TASTE OF UU: A FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 23, 2014, 4:00-8:00PM UU Fellowship of San Dieguito We need side dishes, desserts, and volunteers. No Admission Charge, but please register at http://suunbbq.eventbrite.com

BOARD EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Saturday, Sept 20, 2014 1:00-4:00PM Summit UU Fellowship Make your calendar, as SUUN opens the year with a workshop on Board Trusteeship! Jan Gallo will facilitate.

Contact: Morgana Mlodoch [personal info removed]



A NEW VISION FOR RE: BRUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Sunday, August 24 10:15 a.m. - noon

Parents and guardians of children who will be enrolled in the children's religious education program (K-8) this coming year are invited to join our Director of Religious Education, Jackie Austin-Singer, and members of our Religious Education Committee for brunch and discussion.

Brunch will be available on the patio after the morning worship service. At 11 am, adults will gather in the Cottage for a presentation about our vision for the Children's Religious Education Program for the coming year, followed by group discussion. Childcare is available in the common room.

Please RSVP to Becki Collins at [personal info removed]



Toyon Berries © Beverly Pecunia

Escondido Municipal Gallery
262 E. Grand Ave
Escondido, CA presents
Wild Flowers of San Diego

By Beverly Pecunia (Chalice Member)

Reception and Refreshments Saturday, August 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 www.escondidoarts.org (760) 480-4101





CHALICE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO A WOK AND ROLL BIRTHDAY PARTY!

ALEC, DEB, DEBI, VINCE, AND RALPH ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 60TH BIRTHDAY!!

Where – At Chalice

When – FRIDAY, September 5th at 6:00 Dinner will be provided by stir Fresh Mongolian Grill along with Munchies, Cake and Celebratory Beverages!

Please RSVP to Debi Streett-Idell at [personal info removed] and let us know if you would like a meat or vegetarian dinner.

Women's Book Discussion

Calling all women book lovers, discussion participants and critical reviews! On Tuesday, August 19th, the Women's Book Group will discuss "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. Natalie Milano will be our Facilitator.

Our group meets at 7:15 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in our common room. We encourage all women readers to join us. Our group is always interesting and fun as we discuss the book and other issues important to all of us.

The book for September is "My Notorious Life" by Kate Manning.

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

Chalice Groups

Chalice Dine-Out

The Dine-Out Group may be taking a break during the month of August, or they may be cooking up something for Aug. 17th and the newsletter did not get notified.

Please call or e-mail Gracie Hinman, or Collette Jones *[personal info removed]* for more information.

This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together. Join us for an evening of conversation and dining.

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, August 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by August 12 to Cindy Carter at [personal info removed], and contact Cindy for more information.



Readers' Theater



Our August meeting will be held on Monday, August 25th at 7 p.m. in the common room. Our play for August has yet to be determined, but it's bound to be fun!

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

Stitch? Knit? Crochet? Fiber Artists Welcome

Dianne Decker-Houser

Just a reminder that the Chalice Knitters - now the Fiber Arts Group, is on summer vacation. We will meet again **October 15**, **2014**, **at 1pm at Chalice**. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Decker-Houser at [personal info removed]

Yoga & Taiji

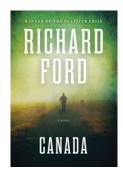
Yoga Class at 7 pm each Tuesday evening in the Chapel. Taiji will break while Pete spends time in China studying Taiji & Taoism. Classes resume at 6 pm on Aug. 19.

These are friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students.. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.

Chalice Readers

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On August 23rd at 7:00 PM at Chalice we will travel to Canada with the help of Richard Ford. Canada, the Pulitzer Prize winning book by the author of literary thrillers like Independence Day, is a true masterwork of haunting and spectacular vision from one of our greatest writers. Canada is a profound novel of boundaries traversed. innocence lost and reconciled, and the mysterious and consoling bonds of family. Told in spare, elegant prose, both resonant and luminous, it is destined to become a classic. You've got questions? Email them to John Drewe at [personal info removed]





Social Justice Committee ~ by Peg Briggerman

Water

In 2012, the California Legislature enacted AB865 which stated that clean, safe, affordable and accessible water is a basic Human Right. To explore how this landmark legislation impacts our local community and County, the annual Social Justice Worship Service focused on the challenges faced by Escondido and surrounding communities to protect and wisely use our fresh water supplies.

Guest speakers, Barry Pulver, from the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board and his wife, Joy Williams, from the Environmental Health Coalition, described our City and County governmental water management structures, examined our current status, and recommended action steps that we could take as a Faith Community to ensure that our fresh water supply remains viable.

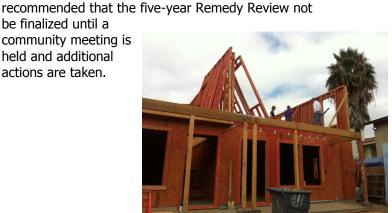
Also on June 29, we showed a movie from the UUSC (Service Committee) called 'Thirsty for Justice' which chronicled the passage of the bill and its impact on the state. After the movie, there was time for discussion.

Since the Gregory Canyon Landfill project has been stopped due to bankruptcy, there is not as much risk to our local water supply as there was, but a remaining concern is whether local water remains affordable to all residents.

Joy pointed out that there is still groundwater contaminated by industrial wastes under Felicita Park and in Felicita Creek due to industrial wastes from the Chatham Brothers Barrel Yard. This company is no longer in business, and has become a State Superfund site, but cleanup is not happening quickly enough. A new public action group called the Escondido Neighbors United (ENU):

(https://www.facebook.com/escondidoneighbors) has made this problem one of its priorities, and

be finalized until a community meeting is held and additional actions are taken.



The city of Escondido maintains its own Water District: http://www.escondido.org/utilities.aspx. This excellent website describes the structure of the Escondido Water Division and its two lake facilities. Dixon Lake and Lake Wohlford. Water is then supplied from the Escondido-Vista Water Treatment Plant to more than 26,000 residential, commercial and agricultural customers. The web page contains links to departments and local activities as well as a Water Conservation Hotline: 760-839-4658. Barry's recommendation to us is to attend a local Water Board meeting, listen to the recommendations and decisions, ask questions about anything that isn't clear, and then ask what they are doing to ensure the basic human right to water to all residents of their district.

Chalice at Habitat for Humanity

Chalice's first Habitat for Humanity work days were a success, hard work on a two hot days and huge fun. Rev. Sharon delivered a welcome lunch break with boxes and boxes of elegant, interesting pizzas along with encouraging words. We helped build a small complex of two story duplexes on Elm Street. In addition to the build project, Habitat 'cleans up' the surrounding neighborhood, so that everyone benefits. That seems like good payment for those who live nearby and spend weeks listening to the hammering and pounding. As I was leaving, we stopped to thank the superintendent. He told us that most volunteer work groups behave competitively amongst themselves as they work. Instead, he found our Chalice work style to be cooperative and helpful toward each other. ~ Peg Briggerman



Chalice UU Congregation ** August 2014 ** Services, Meetings, Events



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