



## Susan Spoto President

Thank you to all of our Chalice volunteers! You help make Chalice a wonderful place to visit, to become a part of, and a place that we want to keep returning to. Your ever-present volunteer spirit and vision ensures our groups, task forces, and committees will be staffed and effective. Special activities depend on volunteer time and commitment; attendees appreciate a well-planned activity/event to attend. Chalice is a place where one's talents can shine! To honor and highlight our volunteers, I have created a word poem that hopefully captures many attributes of Chalice volunteers:



V very  
O outstanding  
L leaders  
U using  
N native  
T talents  
E every  
E engagement  
R reliably

Volunteerism helps the community at large, and I personally have spent many years volunteering for various non-profits and schools, in addition to Chalice. I find that I am able to learn new skills every day and apply them to all aspects of my life. "I Can Do It!" was a phrase heard during a multi-generational story before Thanksgiving. Engage your mind and heart and volunteer to help our community partners. Service work for non-profit partners such as Interfaith Community Services, the San Diego Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity helps each organization fulfill its mission, and fulfills our own compassionate hearts.

Happy Holidays to all and thank you for all you do.

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

### December 6 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Find a Stillness"

This is the fourth in a 10-part sermon series on voluntary simplicity. Today we examine the importance of developing a regular spiritual practice. This is the second Sunday of our Advent series, Finding the Heart of the Holidays.

### December 13 Music Service "Christmas at the Movies"

For this winter's music service, the many talented musicians of Chalice will take you on a nostalgic trip through holiday movie history. You'll hear the Chalice Chancel Choir, Project Harmony, the Chalice Handchime Ensemble, Spirit of Chalice, and much more! This is the third Sunday of our Advent series, Finding the Heart of the Holidays.

### December 20 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Finding the Heart of the Holidays"

Multigenerational Service  
On the final Sunday before Christmas, we celebrate what brings joy and meaning to the holidays, and we let go of what gets in the way. This is the final Sunday of our Advent series.

### December 24 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Sharon Wylie "The Heart Hears a Whisper"

**Christmas Eve Service**  
We gather at a time of longest night to honor one of the most significant holy days in the Christian tradition. Our service includes traditional Christmas hymns and communal candle lighting.

### December 27 Rev. Sharon Wylie "To Be Wealthy, Not Rich"

We often think of money as being separate from spiritual matters. But financial worries can be overwhelming. Today we reflect on the role of money in our lives. This is the fifth in a 10-part sermon series on voluntary simplicity.



## Chalice Building Program Update

Susan Spoto, Pete Bussett and Bob Nelson met with Ann Dolmage of the Escondido Planning Dept. on November 19<sup>th</sup> to submit our Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. Ann will be the planner responsible for our project. Barring any unforeseen obstacles our CUP should be approved in about six months. We are in the process of evaluating environmental consultants to prepare the reports and necessary documentation. The city has advised us that they do not expect an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) will be required but an analysis is necessary to substantiate that opinion. Once it is clear that there are no major issues affecting the CUP we will begin preparation of the construction drawings for the multipurpose building with the objective of applying for the building permit as soon as the CUP is granted. Please contact Bob Nelson, *[not for public issue]* if you have any questions.

### **Chalice Auction Got a great idea for an Auction Party???**

See Debi Streett-Idell between services any Sunday to sign up for a date on the calendar! You can also email her at *[not for public issue]*

The Auction is scheduled for February 6.

## GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

"Guest at Your Table" boxes from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) were handed out at the November 22 worship service. There are still a handful of boxes in the chapel if you would like to get one.

The boxes will be collected during worship on December 20. If you are unable to be at Chalice that day, you can turn your box back in any time before December 27. Please drop it off in the kitchen with your name and contact information on the box completed.



## SPIRIT STUDY DECEMBER CALENDAR

Spirit Study is a 10-month invitation to learning, practice, and reflection. Our 2015-16 study topic is voluntary simplicity, the rejection of consumerist, materialist values in favor of choosing less and slower and minimal.

Our December topic is "Daily Spiritual Practice"

~~ December 6 Sermon: "Find a Stillness"

~~ Challenge: A minimum of five minutes a day of prayer, meditation, journaling, or sitting in silence. DAILY.

~~ Book Recommendation: Inner Simplicity by Elaine St. James



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### **With gratitude for our Proofreaders**

Peggy Kiefer, Andi Stout

### December 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 lay members Delynn Kelly and Callie Leef, and staff members Brittany Keegan and Rev. Sharon Wylie.

- § Coordinating Team has decided on ordering several new sets of signs, which will include: No Smoking signs, informational signs, and Caution: children stay away signs.
- § CPR/AED class has been cancelled. We have someone certified through the end of the year and Coordinating Team will ensure that we have staff members trained.
- § Doug Key has agreed to be the new Safety Officer and he has provided Coordinating Team with an initial report.
- § Termites have been treated in the downstairs bathroom and the annual inspection will be scheduled for the beginning of the new year.
- § Coordinating Team has decided to start a "Volunteer Spotlight" in the newsletter to thank some of Chalice's many volunteers.
- § Communications Task Force has begun meeting.
- § A "Guidelines for Lay Leaders" section is being compiled for the website under "How We Operate" to provide resources for new leaders to use.



## Minister's Message

### **Beloved community,**

As we approach a season traditionally associated with gift giving, I thought I might be so bold as to recommend some books you might like to give or receive (or both!).

*Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Don't be turned off by the title! This is an excellent book for just about anyone,

and it's one I am recommending to everyone at Chalice. It is half about our health care system and half about how to approach the last 15-20 years of life.

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. I've been recommending this book for the past two years and will continue to do so. If you've read it, then give your copy to a loved one. This is the book to read to begin to understand the Black Lives Matter movement.

I have chosen a series of books by Elaine St. James for our Spirit Study topic of Voluntary Simplicity. I invite you to choose one that calls to you. They are all slim volumes, simply written, and they make great gifts.

*Simplify Your Life: 100 Ways to Slow Down and Enjoy the Things That Really Matter*

*Inner Simplicity: 100 Ways to Regain Peace and Nourish Your Soul*

*Simplify Your Life With Kids: 100 Ways to Make Family Life Easier and More Fun*

*Simplify Your Work Life: Ways to Change the Way You Work So You Have More Time to Live*

*Simplify Your Christmas: 100 Ways to Reduce the Stress and Recapture the Joy of the Holidays*

*The Wonder of Aging: A New Approach to Embracing Life After Fifty* by Michael Gurian. Not a book for everyone, but definitely for everyone over the age of 50. I found Gurian's description of three life stages after the age of 50 to be compelling.

*The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts* by Gary Chapman. This book looks and reads like an average sort of self-help book, but the core ideas—that we have different ways we like to receive and to express love—are important to understand. I give this book to all couples whose weddings I officiate.

*How to Survive the Loss of a Love* by Harold Bloomfield, Melba Corgrove, and Peter McWilliams. A powerful little book for anyone who is grieving any kind of loss.

**Bright blessings, Sharon**



### **ALONE ON DEC. 25?**

If you will be alone on December 25 and would prefer not to be, please email Rev. Sharon at [revsharonwylie@gmail.com](mailto:revsharonwylie@gmail.com) before December 20 to let her know. We'll match you with other Chalice congregants who welcome guests.

And if you have room at your table on December 25 and would welcome fellow congregants, please let Rev. Sharon know (and how many you have room for).



### **Beloved Chalice members,**

I'm sorry to share with you that two of our members have died in the past month.

Beverly Schwab died on November 13 after a battle with cancer. We extinguished the chalice for her this past Sunday, November 15.

Gordon Carter, one of Chalice's founding members, died on Wednesday, November 18. Gordon had not been well for a while due to kidney failure. We extinguished the chalice for him Sunday, November 22.

These two deaths come within a month of the death of Zion Woods. It's a lot of loss for us as a community in a short period of time, and these losses come at a time of global grief and anxiety.

Take gentle care of your tender hearts, friends.

Blessings and love,  
Rev. Sharon

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## Music



### *Sunday Worship Music December Highlights*

- Dec. 6:** John Schulz will be the worship musician.
- Dec. 13:** Winter Music Services:  
"Christmas at the Movies."
- Dec. 20:** Tim McKnight will be the worship musician.
- Dec. 27:** John Schulz will be the worship musician.

### *Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events*

Winter Music Services "Christmas At the Movies!"	Dec. 13 @ 9 & 11 am
Randi's Damn Jingle Ball	Dec. 13 @ 7 pm
Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24 @ 7:30 pm

### Winter Music Services

Did you know that some of the most famous and iconic Christmas music ever written was written for movies? For this winter's music service, the many talented musicians of Chalice will take you on a nostalgic trip through holiday movie history. Along the way, we will be singing and playing songs like "White Christmas," "Frosty the Snowman," "Silver Bells," and many more! You'll hear the Chalice Chancel Choir, Project Harmony, the Chalice Handchime Ensemble, Spirit of Chalice, and much more! You'll not only hear the great Christmas movie music, but you'll also see video clips from movies like "Home Alone," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Lady and the Tramp," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." So many holiday movie memories to share - bring your popcorn!

### Randi's Damn Jingle Ball!

Don't miss Randi's Annual Damn Jingle Ball at Chalice on Sunday, December 13 at 7 PM! Featuring Randi Driscoll with TONS of special guests... vendors, two stages, and enough music to STUFF YOUR STOCKING! Tickets are \$15 and are available at [www.randidriscoll.com](http://www.randidriscoll.com).



### *Holiday Music Trivia! — Handchime Ensemble*

In November of 2006, Jim Stone, who was a Chalice member, musician, and former music teacher and choir director, passed away. His wife Marguerite designated all memorial funds to go to the Chalice Music Department. So, in the Spring of 2007 the Music Committee decided to use the money to buy a 3-octave set of handchimes. We felt that Jim's legacy both as a musician and as an educator would live on through the beautiful sounds of the handchimes.

Over the next several years, Tim put together ad-hoc ensembles whenever possible, especially for music services and other special services. Then in 2014, the handchime ensemble officially began rehearsals!

Playing handchimes looks simple, but it is not! Consider all that each chimer must do during a performance, and picture, if you will, instead of humming a simple tune like Spirit of Life, you only hum random notes of the melody throughout the tune. So first and foremost, you must look at your music and be sure to not lose your place. Then of course you must also look at the director. You also need to keep your fellow chimers in your peripheral vision so that you can strike your chimes at just the right moment relative to when they strike their chimes – sometimes together, sometimes just after. You also need to know when to ignore

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what they're doing because they missed their note and don't want the feared "cascade of lost melody" to occur. And then there is the technique of playing the chime itself – how to strike it, when to let it vibrate, when to dampen, how to play it softly (playing it loudly is pretty easy!). If you watch us during a performance you may not see too many smiles, because we are working pretty hard. But we sure smile at the end!

Our wonderful directors, Tim McKnight and David Peale, welcome chimers of all abilities, from complete novice to advanced – and we have some of both! The only real requirement is to be able to read music. Not sure if the Handchime Ensemble is for you? Volunteer to be a substitute! We always need people to substitute for those who have to miss a rehearsal. The Handchime Ensemble meets on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 7:15pm.

So, what is it like to be in the handchime ensemble? Here is what some of our current ensemble members have to say about it:

- ◆ When performing you feel like all your senses are engaged and you are in the moment in a way that one does not often experience. It's exhilarating! ~ Lara Brown
- ◆ The sheer terror of losing your place in the music makes the performances fly by. ~ Mary Best
- ◆ Learning to play handchimes has provided me a completely different way to be involved in music. It has been challenging but very rewarding. I especially like how the handchime ensemble works so hard to master each piece and how joyful we are when it all comes together. ~ Callie Leaf
- ◆ Fun musical team work unlike anything else! I enjoy the musical challenge: one which is deceptively simple with one note at a time. ~ Susan Spoto
- ◆ Having never been in a band or orchestra, I'm enjoying playing in a group. ~ Andi Stout
- ◆ I enjoy the tight interdependence and challenge of learning a new instrument. ~ Paige Fairfield



## POTLUCK DINNER

### **Chalice Holiday Party and Sing-A-Long Dec. 5 Starting at 5:00 pm**

Wondering what to contribute?

You can use this:

If your last name begins with:

A through G - bring an entrée

H through O - bring dessert or sweets

P through Z - bring a salad

Any letter - bring an appetizer, or bread, or whatever inspires you.

The party committee has arranged for turkey, ham, and beverages.

Childcare will be provided from 5 to 8 p.m. The children are always welcome in the chapel, with the adults, and there will be crafts and videos for them in the common room.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
'Tis the season for a holiday party  
See the Chalice Yule before us  
Drink the punch and join the chorus  
Bring the turkey and the hams  
Make the stuffing and the yams

Fun and games for all ages  
The party will unfold in stages  
Get there before the food is passed  
You know the desserts will be last  
Sing we joyous all together  
We don't mind the winter weather

For more information or to help plan the event contact Victoria Cagle ([vacagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vacagle@sbcglobal.net))



## Congregational Life



Dear Chalice,  
It's been a busy and full time in my work with you. In October, Pathways Team held a Newcomer Orientation for seven newcomers to our community. In November, we welcomed seven people into

membership at Chalice. I also have been working with our Immigrant Justice Team to educate ourselves and the congregation about the issue, and with our Social Justice Policy task force to clarify the processes Chalice uses to take positions in the public sphere. I'm also in the throes of ordination planning, and I hope you will all join me at 3pm on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at First Church for the ordination ceremony and reception. I also hope you have a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

With gratitude,  
Elizabeth

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### Immigrant Justice

Thank you so much for attending the October 25<sup>th</sup> seminar on the current immigration system. The immigrant justice task force looks forward to offering more seminars on immigration in the future, probably in January or February. In the meantime, we encourage you to keep educating yourself about the issue:

#### 1. Read a book! Three we recommend are:

- *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*, by Aviva Chomsky
- *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands*, by Margaret Regan
- *Enrique's Journey*, by Sonia Nazario

#### 2. Read the UUA's Statement:

Did you know that the Unitarian Universalist Association, of which we are a part, has passed a statement about **immigration as a moral issue**? This statement was the result of four years of discernment by our congregations. UU congregations spent years studying, reflecting, and acting on immigration, and giving feedback to our denominational Commission on Social Witness. The result was a statement, excerpted below, which our delegates at General Assembly voted to approve. Chalice's Immigrant Justice Team encourages you to read the full statement and discuss it with one another. In what ways do YOU think immigration is a moral issue?

### Social Justice

#### December Charity Offering

#### Donate Gift Cards for Foster Youth Now through January 3rd

Chalice is participating again in "My First Home for the Holidays" campaign with Just In Time For Foster Youth. Our gifts will help transitioning foster youth outfit their first homes. Donate gift cards to Target, Walmart and IKEA, and help youth who lack family support turn their empty apartments into safe and comfortable homes.

Just In Time for Foster Youth (JIT) is one of our three Charity Partners, and provides transitioning foster youth ages 18-26 emergency support, essential resources, and caring personal guidance at critical junctures on their path to self-sufficiency and well-being. Contact Elizabeth with any questions.

### Immigrant Justice continued

#### IMMIGRATION AS A MORAL ISSUE

#### 2013 Statement of Conscience (Excerpts)

A belief in "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" is core to Unitarian Universalism: every person, no exceptions. As religious people, our Principles call us to acknowledge the immigrant experience and to affirm and promote the flourishing of the human family. Our Sources "challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." (...) Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources call us to recognize the opportunities and challenges of human migration—caring for ourselves and our families, interacting with strangers, valuing diversity, and dealing with immigration systems. (...)

Our Unitarian Universalist (UU) Principles and Sources compel us to affirm that all immigrants, regardless of legal status, should be treated justly and humanely. At a minimum, a moral immigration policy would include the following elements:

- A path to legal permanent residency and Citizenship Work Visas that:
  - \* Require the same worker protections applicable to citizens including fair wages, safe and healthful environments, and receipt of benefits
  - \* Do not depend on a single employer
  - \* Allow multiple entries
  - \* Permit entry into the path for legal permanent residency and citizenship
  - \* Provide parity between the number of visas and the work available in the receiving nation

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## DECEMBER VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON

*Lena Wellman*

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Lena Wellman for her leadership in organizing the November 21st Arts & Crafts Fair.



WHAT MINISTRY/GROUP/TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

*Currently: I just finished organizing the arts & crafts fair on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> with the help from a planning committee and many others.*

*Previously: I've worked with RE - all ages, I've done Cabaret (does that count?), trail maintenance with Chuck, and I used to direct Spirit of Chalice, when the kids put on the amazing Music Machine show!*

WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

*The beginning of 2008*

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

*Guilt. Just kidding. I wanted to see the craft fair up and running at Chalice again, so I figured one way to make that happen was to organize it. (Plus, I really needed to clear out some of my pottery, and I figured a sale would be a good way to accomplish that. Many thanks to those of you who helped me by purchasing my pieces!)*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

*Getting to know folks better whom I don't necessarily have the opportunity to interact with otherwise.*

DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

*Yes*

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

*It depends on the volunteer work! It can be rewarding, exhausting, freeing, centering, healing, disgusting, difficult, labor intensive, grounding, but almost always satisfying.*

ABOUT YOU

WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

*Born in Houston, TX but at age 5 moved to Meade, KS, and lived there until College.*

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

*Spending time with my siblings building lath houses in our back yard, harmonizing, and playing in our tree house.*

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

*Our Dodge Dakota pick-up truck. 😊 but we came for the weather (from chilly VA).*

WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

*I've always worked with children/youth. This past year I've mostly just focused on my own child, but I've also enjoyed being a student and helping others whenever I can.*

MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

*I have a partner, Curtis and a son, Antonio.*

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

*Depends on my mood, but I rarely watch movies. A couple that come to mind are Liar, Liar, and Prime.*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?

*I don't eat burritos very often since I'm gluten free. I can tell you where to get some of the best chocolate though.*

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?

*My son's lacrosse team and my volleyball team.*

COFFEE OR TEA?

*Neither. I prefer water. I know, not terribly exciting but it is refreshing!*



A big THANK YOU! to our November 22 soup chefs, **Patrick McConnell** and **Gary Cagle**, and to those who provided so much help with clean up: **Victoria Cagle**, **Doug Key**, **Michele McConnell**, **Mari Porter**, and **Victor Pestone**.

And another big THANK YOU! to **Corby and Barbe Harrison** and to **Lena Wellman** for leading fundraising activities at Chalice in the form of the "Chalice Chances" basket giveaway and the November 21 Arts & Crafts Fair. Those two events combined to raise \$1000 for Chalice's operating fund!





Elizabeth Bukey's Column - continued:

- Timely processing of applications for visas and timely deportation decisions
- Access to the same medical care and education available to citizens
- Evaluation of human and environmental costs and benefits of proposed barriers to immigration or other changes in immigration policy
- Due process under the law, including legal representation, rights of appeal, and the right to initiate suits
- Alternatives to detention for those not considered a threat to society and humane treatment for those being detained
- Preservation of family unity, including same-sex and transgender couples and families
- Provision of asylum for refugees and others living in fear of violence or retribution
- Collaboration with source countries to address underlying issues that contribute to immigration, including trade policies.

*Cracker Barrel*  
*Marie Callender's in Escondido*  
*Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am*

**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. New friends are welcome. Contact Marty Schwartz at *[not for public issue]*

This is a place where you can find people to be honest with, to safely discuss the issues of our lives and the world. This is a men's discussion group which 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.



*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 or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at *[not for public issue]*.

SAVE THE DATE (AND YOUR THINGS!)  
 CHALICE RUMMAGE SALE  
 May 6 and 7, 2016

**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.

**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.





## Chalice Dine-Out

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Dine Out Group will meet at the Brigantine Restaurant located at 421 W. Felicita Ave. Escondido at 6:00 pm on Dec. 23rd. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at *[not for public issue]* by Dec 20th. Singles and couples, for conversation, catching up, getting acquainted.

This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.



## Women's Meditation & Buddhist Study Group:

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, comment on and 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 Wednesday. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Carol Bagguley *[not for public issue]*

## Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group (and MyPassion) meets December 16, at 1 PM in the Common Room at Chalice, and 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 issue]* with any questions.

## Chalice Groups

### Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7:15pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss *We are All Completely Beside Ourselves: A Novel* by Karen Joy Fowler. The story of an American family, middle class in middle America, ordinary in every way but one. But that exception is the beating heart of this extraordinary novel. Our facilitator is Jessica Schulz. Join us for a lively discussion and delicious treats that often appear at the meeting.

On Jan. 19, 2016, we will vote on our reading list for the year. Please send your nominations for books to Debi Streett-Idell by Jan. 1, 2016 at *[not for public issue]*

Newcomers are always welcome.

For more information or questions please contact Dani Comer *[not for public issue]*

### Yoga

Yoga Class at 7 pm each Tuesday evening in the Chapel. Taught by either Alec Bergamini & Kathy Zapata, or by Jessica Schulz.

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

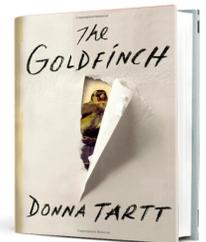


## Readers' Theater Group

**Will not be meeting in December. Enjoy your Holidays!**

## Chalice Readers

On December 4th (NOTE DATE CHANGES DUE TO HOLIDAYS) at 7:00 PM at Chalice we will discuss **GOLDFINCH (PART 1 THROUGH LEAVING LAS VEGAS, PART 2 JANUARY 22nd)** By Donna Tartt. As best noted in the NY Times review of this long book labored over by the author for 10 years "a rarity that comes along perhaps half a dozen times per decade, a smartly written literary novel that connects with the heart as well as the mind. I read it with that mixture of terror and excitement I feel watching a pitcher carry a no-hitter into the late innings. You keep waiting for the wheels to fall off, but in the case of "The Goldfinch," they never do." A Dickensian novel of 10 years in the life of a boy turned man and a painting. You've got to have questions about this one? Email them to John Drewe at *[not for public issue]*



## Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch is not meeting in November and December. We will resume our monthly activities in January, after the holidays.





Chalice UU Congregation \*\* December 2015 \*\* Services, Meetings, Events

| Sun  | Mon              | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <p><b>6 Social Justice Sunday</b><br/> <b>9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service:</b><br/>           Rev. Sharon Wylie<br/>           "Find A Stillness"<br/>           9 am Children's RE<br/>           3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>  |                  | <p><b>1</b><br/>           7 pm Yoga</p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>           9 am Cracker Barrel<br/>           10:30 am Women's Meditation &amp; Study group<br/>           7 pm Auction Kickoff Meeting</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/>           8 am Zen Meditation<br/>           6:30 pm Handchime Ensemble<br/>           7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/>           12 pm Coord Team<br/>           7 pm Chalice Readers<br/>           (Moved to Dec 4 due to holiday schedule)</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/>           5 pm Chalice Holiday Potluck Celebration</p> |
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| <p><b>13</b><br/> <b>9 &amp; 11 am Music Service:</b><br/>           "Christmas at the Movies"<br/>           9 am Children's RE<br/>           9:15 am Ombuds Meeting<br/>           3:30 pm Zen Meditation<br/>           7 pm Randi's Damn Jingle Ball</p>  | <p><b>14</b></p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>           2 pm Caregiver Support Circle<br/>           7 pm Yoga<br/>           7:15 pm Women's Book Club</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>           9 am Cracker Barrel<br/>           10:30 am Women's Meditation &amp; Study group<br/>           1 pm Fiber Arts Group</p>  | <p><b>17</b><br/>           8 am Zen Meditation<br/>           6:30 pm Handchime Ensemble<br/>           7 pm Lay Chaplains<br/>           7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>18</b><br/>           12 pm Coord Team</p>   | <p><b>19</b></p>  |
| <p><b>20</b><br/> <b>9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service:</b><br/>           Rev. Sharon Wylie<br/>           Multigenerational Service<br/>           "Finding the Heart of the Holidays"<br/>           1 pm Music Committee Meeting<br/>           3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>                                   | <p><b>21</b></p> | <p><b>22</b><br/>           2 pm Caregiver Support Circle<br/>           7 pm Yoga</p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>           9 am Cracker Barrel<br/>           10:30 am Women's Meditation &amp; Study group<br/>           6 pm Dine-Out Circle</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/>           7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service:<br/>           Rev. Sharon Wylie<br/>           Multigenerational Service<br/>           "The Heart Hears A Whisper"<br/>           6 pm Newsletter Deadline</p> | <p><b>25</b><br/> <i>Office closed for holiday.</i></p>  | <p><b>26</b></p>  |
| <p><b>27</b><br/> <b>9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service:</b><br/>           Rev. Sharon Wylie<br/>           "To Be Wealthy, Not Rich"<br/>           9 am Children's RE<br/>           8:30 am Holiday Baskets Preview<br/>           12:15 pm Pack up the decorations<br/>           3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p> | <p><b>28</b></p> | <p><b>29</b><br/>           7 pm Yoga</p>   | <p><b>30</b><br/>           9 am Cracker Barrel<br/>           10:30 am Women's Meditation &amp; Study group</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/> <i>Office closed for holiday.</i><br/> <i>Handchimes &amp; Chancel Choir rehearsals cancelled for holidays.</i></p>   | <p>The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUUCongregation.org, 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 be a member.</p> |   |