



March 2016 Chalice PrevUUs, Part 1

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California
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Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

March 6

“Celebrating the Generations”

At every life stage, we have spiritual and emotional work to attend to. This morning we reflect on the diversity of generations in our Chalice community, cherishing the joys, naming the challenges, and marking the sorrows of being in relationship together.

Rev. Sharon Wylie

Multigenerational Service

March 13 - Clocks change 1 hour forward this Sunday

“Spirituality and Sexuality”

Often, in our country, religion and human sexuality are painted as opposites, with the loudest religious voices condemning bodies and sexuality as shameful, dangerous, and in need of tight control. How do Unitarian Universalists understand the relationship between spirituality and sexuality? This sermon draws on the Bible's Song of Songs and Rev. Elizabeth's experience facilitating the Our Whole Lives sex ed curriculum with young adults.

Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

March 20

“Drinking from the Fire Hose”

The advent of the internet has brought us into an Information Age that is as overwhelming as it is exciting. Our work now is not to access information, which is abundant, but to keep what is meaningful and ignore what is distracting. This is the seventh in a 10-part sermon series on voluntary simplicity.

Rev. Sharon Wylie

March 27 –

“Flower Communion”

The Wheel of the Year turns to spring. Please bring a flower for the altar as we mark the Easter holiday and revel in the beauty of our diversity.

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A Good Life To The Very End

How can we make well informed decisions that reflect our values about the quality of life as we age when the morass of disorganized, problematic, publically available resources is so daunting? Do I want to stay in my home or move? If I stay at home, what modifications might be necessary? If I suddenly become unable to manage my daily life, what mechanisms do I have in place to guide my helpers? Who ARE my helpers? It is so much to think about that many people just execute a will hoping that will be enough, before heading for the beach and burying their head in the sand. Good luck with that!



The mission of the Chalice Successful Aging Strategies (SAS) team is to pull together, in an organized manner, the authoritative, credible and reliable information you will need to assist with making the right decisions for living well as you age. This information is also needed by loved ones, current and potential caregivers. To accomplish this, the Committee has arranged for a group of highly experienced and dedicated professionals to conduct a seminar on their area of expertise, collectively covering the basics and more of what you need to know or where to find it. There will be four sessions plus a fifth, recommended, supplemental session. all at Chalice from 10 AM until noon. They are:

- March 15th A team of experienced specialists address the stay or go (to where) and all that is involved in this key decision.
- March 17th A geriatric care manager tackles the specifics of what help is needed and available as our independence diminishes, including how to find, select and manage that help.
- March 22nd A team of estate attorneys and tax experts clarify and update us as most of us “don't know what we don't know” about the multitude of inter-related issues involved.
- March 29th A deeply involved North County physician/gerontologist will focus on palliative and hospice care, and how to have the best quality of life long before and to the end.
- March 31st Showing of “Being Mortal” the PBS Frontline program, followed by a discussion to help each of us determine what “quality of life” means for each individual. Rev. Sharon Wylie, who has served as a hospice chaplain, will facilitate the discussion.

These seminars will be non-sectarian and non-commercial. They are open to the public and will be broadly promoted with seating first come – first served. If you cannot attend every session, attend those you can. Given that space is limited, please sign up as soon as possible if you wish to attend. You can do this by reserving your seat at chalicesast@gmail.com, filling out the back side of your yellow card or speaking to one of the SAS team members during coffee hour.

Sunday Worship Music March Highlights

Mar. 6: Steve Withers will be our worship musician.

Mar. 13: The Chancel Choir will sing "Set Me As A Seal", by David N. Childs. Timothy Holmes will be featured on French horn. Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

Mar. 20: John Schulz will be our worship musician.

Mar. 27: The Chancel Choir will sing "Jasmine Flower (Mo Li Hua)", arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, translation by Charlotte Lee. Susan Spoto will be featured on flute. Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Cabaret Information Session	March 13 between services
Music Service Dress Rehearsal	May 7 @ 10am-3pm
Spring Music Services	May 8 @ 9am & 11am
Cabaret "Revolution"	Oct 6-9

Cabaret 2016, Oct. 6th-9th — Revolution!

The Cabaret leadership is excited to announce Cabaret 2016 with its theme of Revolution! We'll be including all sorts of revolutions in our song list — inner, outer, even planetary! We'll be hosting an informational session in the chapel between services on Sunday, March 13th. No matter what your talents, we can use your help in Cabaret either on-stage or off! Contact Tim McKnight, Deb Coon *[Not for public]* or Andi Stout *[Not for public]* for more information.

Cabaret 2016 Information Session!!

Please join us between services on Sunday, March 13th, to pick up a packet of information about Cabaret 2016, to be held on October 6th-9th!

SPIRIT STUDY March

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 March topic is "Mindful Media Exposure"

~~ Potluck Dinner and Small Group Discussion: Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

~~ March 20 Sermon: "Drinking from the Fire Hose"

~~ Challenge: Track and reduce the amount of time you spend on screens: television, computer, phone.



Circle Suppers

You are invited to Circle Supper on March 19 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 6pm. 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. March 9 or if you have any questions: *[Not for public]*

Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Sunday, April 3 from 12:30-2:30pm

Are you new to Chalice? Want to learn more about being involved here? Join us in the Chapel for a light lunch and conversation about Chalice's vision, programs, and leaders. RSVP to Elizabeth (revelizabethbukey@gmail.com) to reserve your spot (and your lunch)!

Teacher Orientation-March 13, 2016

Have you ever wondered what people mean when they talk about the rewards of teaching? Our Religious Education program would love your help! Why not find out what is involved in serving as a Teacher or Assistant Teacher--it is probably easier than you think. Even if you are unsure, but entertaining the possibility of serving in RE in some capacity, please come to our Teacher Orientation on Sunday, March 13 at 12:15. We will meet in the Cottage. Please consider helping in RE -- we need you!

What's happening in Sunday RE Classes?



Children answer a thought-provoking question in the 2/3 classroom



Our 2/3 class puts a new decoration on their UU stole each week. This student is wearing hers while listening to a story.



Our Preschoolers are STARS!



Our K/1 kids learning about wind energy and making pinwheels!

Religious education for children ages 4 through 13 is provided during the 9 am service.
Childcare for all ages is available at both the 9 am and 11 am services.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CONGREGATION POTLUCK DINNER!

Wednesday, March 16

Please help set up beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6-8 p.m.

Cleanup: 8-8:30 p.m.



Congregants participating in Spirit Study (Voluntary Simplicity) will break into small groups for discussion at 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

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

Save the date! Our next potluck dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at the same time.

Book Discussion: Enrique's Journey - Wednesday, March 2 , from 7 - 8:30 pm

Join our Immigrant Justice team in a discussion of this moving book by Sonia Nazario. Enrique's Journey recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Braving unimaginable peril, often clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains, Enrique travels through hostile worlds full of thugs, bandits, and corrupt cops. But he pushes forward, relying on his wit, courage, hope, and the kindness of strangers. (description from the author's website).

The book is available from the San Diego Public Library in both hard copy and ebook.

Please RSVP to Rev. Elizabeth, RevElizabethBukey@gmail.com

March Justice/Charity Offering

Our offering on Sunday, March 6 will go to the North County Immigration Task Force. This group of advocates, organizations, leaders and community members works together to empower and voice the needs of immigrant communities and advance immigrant rights in North County.

Sunday March 6: Seminar with Immigration Activist - 12:30-2:00

Join us to welcome Patricia Serrano, Chair of the North County Immigration Task Force. Patricia will share her experience working for immigrant rights and take our questions. Please RSVP to Rev. Elizabeth: revelizabethbukey@gmail.com



Yoga - Weekly class

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

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

Cracker Barrel 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]*

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.



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]*

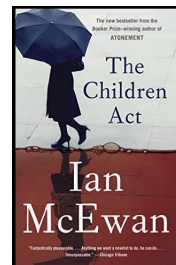
Chalice Dine-Out

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Dine Out Group will be meeting on March 23 at our regular time of 6:00 PM. (Since we will be back on Daylight Savings Time) We will be dining at Passage to India located at 16411 Bernardo Center Drive in Rancho Bernardo. Contact Cindy Carter at [Not for public]. Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up, and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.



Chalice Readers

On March 25th 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. The story of a life or death decision for a minor for Fiona Maye, a leading High Court judge, renowned for her fierce intelligence and sensitivity. She is called on to try an urgent case. For religious reasons, a seventeen-year-old boy is refusing the medical treatment that could save his life. Time is running out. She visits the boy in hospital – an encounter which stirs long-buried feelings in her and powerful new emotions in the boy. But it is Fiona who must ultimately decide whether he lives or dies and her judgment will have momentous consequences for them both.



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

Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, March 15 at 7:15 pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **What Alice Forgot** by Liane Moriarty, a novel for anyone who's ever asked herself, **"How did I get here?"**

Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice's surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym (a gym! She HATES the gym) and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over — she's getting divorced, she has three kids, and she's actually 39 years old. Alice must reconstruct the events of a lost decade, and find out whether it's possible to reconstruct her life at the same time. She has to figure out why her sister hardly talks to her, and how is it that she's become one of those super skinny moms with really expensive clothes. Ultimately, Alice must discover whether forgetting is a blessing or a curse, and whether it's possible to start over... Mary Best will facilitate the discussion.

April's book: **The Monsters of Templeton** by Lauren Groff Facilitator: Jessica Schulz

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]

Readers' Theater

Our March meeting will be held on Monday, March 28th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings. This month we'll be reading aloud Oscar Wilde's witty drama, *An Ideal Husband*. The play "revolves around a blackmail scheme that forces a married couple to reexamine their moral standards — providing, along the way, a wry commentary on the rarity of politicians who can claim to be ethically pure. A supporting cast of young lovers, society matrons, an overbearing father, and a formidable femme fatale keep the play moving at a lively pace." Please contact Deb Coon [Not for public] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.



Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group (and MyPassion) meets the third Wednesday of each month. This month, we meet on March 16, 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.

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Cocina Del Charro at 11:30 AM on Friday, March 18. The address is 890 W. Valley Parkway in Escondido.

We welcome new participants! Please RSVP to Carol Simpson at [Not for public]



CHALICE RUMMAGE SALE! May 13 - 14

Save the date (and your things)



Chalice UU Congregation ** March 2016 ** Services, Meetings, Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Auction Task Force	2 9 am Cracker Barrel 7 pm Enrique's Journey discussion	3 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 12 pm Coord Team	5
6 Social Justice Sunday 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Celebrating the Generations" Multigenerational 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	7	8 2 pm Caregiver Support Circle 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Board of Trustees	9 9 am Cracker Barrel 6:30 pm Family Ministries Team 7 pm Chalice Men's Support Group	10 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	11 12 pm Calix Group	12 3 pm Auction Event Ukrainian Egg Decorating Time Change night
13 - Time Change 1 hr forward 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Spirituality and Sexuality" 9 am Children's RE 10:15 am Cabaret Information 12:30 pm Keyboard Rehearsal 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	14	15 9 am Successful Aging Strategies 7 pm Yoga 7:15 pm Women's Book Club	16 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Fiber Arts 6 pm Congregational Potluck Dinner 7 pm Bruno Groening Circle	17 8:30 am Zen Meditation 9 am Successful Aging Strategies 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime 7 pm Lay Chaplains 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	18 12 pm Coord Team	19 10 am Wroship Associates meeting 6 pm Circle Suppers
20 - Spring Equinox 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Drinking from the Fire Hose" 9 am Children's RE 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	21	22 9 am Successful Aging Strategies 2 pm Caregiver Support Circle 7 pm Yoga	23 9 am Cracker Barrel 5 pm Dine Out Circle	24 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 8 pm Newsletter Deadline	25 7 pm Chalice Readers	26
27 - Easter Sunday 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Flower Communion" Multigenerational 1 pm Music Committee 3:30 pm Zen Meditation	28 6:45 pm Readers' Theater Group	29 9 am Successful Aging Strategies 7 pm Yoga	30 9 am Cracker Barrel	31 8:30 am Zen Meditation 9 am Successful Aging 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime 7:30 pm Chancel Choir		



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President's Message

Last month I mentioned that I would share a saga of my family's history, with respect to estate planning. My story is a cautionary one, showing what can happen in one unfortunate healthcare situation due to a legal loophole. The upcoming Successful Aging Strategies Team workshops this month will present information and resources for us all. It is important to plan wisely when making one's Trust and when updating it. I will be attending this series of workshops.

My late mother was a very pragmatic person, a farm-girl, an artist, and a UU. My father always showed himself to be thoughtful of others but always in command. Serious long-term health concerns found my mother to be on life support twice. The first time was for approximately 9 weeks, in which she was eventually weaned off a ventilator. Four years later in 2006, her health took a turn for the worse. My father agreed to place her onto life-support, which, in this instance, included a feeding tube as well as a ventilator. All her physicians, as well as I, their only child, argued against this treatment as it was against everything my mother would have wanted. Her Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care stated to not allow life-saving treatments if "an incurable and irreversible condition has been diagnosed by two physicians that will result in (her) death within a relatively short time...." and we were at the decision point. The loophole here was that my father was the Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions and went against her stated wishes.

A transfer to a sub-acute facility, aka "vent farm" was the next step. My mother was awake enough, for the first couple of months (although she couldn't speak) to mouth the words "take me home". I told her I would try to do that, although it would happen only once; she nodded her head in agreement. My dad would not allow it, as he wanted her to get better. A heart wrenching situation that I hope no one has to ever be a part of. "Life" was extended in this instance for two years. Finally, she was placed into Hospice Care and allowed to pass. I still thank the facility's chaplain, my family, friends here at Chalice and the ministerial staff from our UU Network for their support.

Susan Spoto, President of Chalice UU Congregation



Minister's Message

As you read in last month's newsletter, I will be on sabbatical leave from July 4 through October 30 this year. This time off will actually be three months of sabbatical leave, plus two weeks of vacation and two weeks of study leave.

I have never before had work that provided time off for sabbatical. On paper, it seems luxurious. In practice, it feels necessary. The work of the minister is demanding in two ways: 1) it is the work of a scholar, expected to continuously read, think, and create/write and 2) it is the work of a caregiver, companioning those in crisis, those approaching the end of life, and those who are grieving.

After four years of this joyful but demanding work, I will be ready for my sabbatical when the time comes.

What follows is information from my Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the congregation about how sabbatical leave works. (I have pulled out sections of interest; this is not the complete verbiage on sabbatical leave.)

- The Minister shall use sabbatical leave for study, education, writing, meditation, and other forms of professional and religious growth. Sabbatical leave accrues at the rate of one month per year of service, with leave to be taken after four but before seven years of service. No more than six months of sabbatical leave may be used within any twelve-month period.
- The Congregation agrees to take no action on ministerial tenure during a sabbatical leave.
- The Minister agrees not to resign from full-time service to the Congregation for a minimum of one year following the end of each sabbatical leave.

My LOA largely follows the joint recommendations on ministerial agreements that come from the UU Ministers Association and the UUA. The language on sabbatical leave in my LOA follows these recommendations exactly.

You can see how stressful sabbatical is expected to be: the congregation agrees not to fire me while I'm gone, and I agree not to quit after I get back. Nice, right? Fun! Good times!

The understanding that sabbatical puts stresses on a congregation's relationship with its minister is why the current "best practice" is to take shorter sabbaticals more frequently, rather than taking 8-12 months off at a time.

I am grateful to the Board for approving this time off, and I am also grateful to the many Chalice congregants who have told me how happy you are for me to have this break. You are curious to know how I will use the time, and so am I! I will keep you posted.

In the meantime, there are many things happening at Chalice and much to do, so let's savor these months together before our time apart.

Bright blessings, Sharon





February Board of Trustees Highlights

- VP Kathy attended the Council of Chairs meeting and reported on a helpful presentation on building use policy and the room request form.
- Treasurer Ann reported that last month pledges were up. This month they are evening out but are still ahead of last year.
- Rev. Sharon reported that we have two new members: Marshall and Julia Fogel. Member Mike Crowley has resigned.
- Rev. Sharon is leading a memorial on February 13 for the husband of our congregant Marty Germain (at her home).
- Rev. Elizabeth will attend the UU First Year Ministers' Conference in Boston from February 22-25.
- Rev. Sharon declared that last April she returned a tax document to the County of San Diego two days after it was due. This resulted in a \$260 fine to the congregation. She has already submitted this year's document.
- Rev. Sharon will mark the two-year anniversary of the death of Margo McKenna as part of our February 14 worship service.
- Rev. Elizabeth is leading a memorial at Chalice for a non-congregant in April.
- Family Ministries Team reported that the recent storm blew off the roof of the RE shed; a new and larger shed has been purchased and assembled.
- The Music Program reports we have a new Sunday musician, Steve Withers. His first service with us will be February 21.
- The Music Program declared that there will be a Cabaret this fall. Dates coming soon.
- Social Justice reported that 15 people attended the "Inequality for All" film showing on January 24, but only one person expressed willingness to help organize ongoing work in this area. There does not seem to be sufficient lay leadership to support an ongoing Economic Justice Task Force, so we will set aside this work for now to focus solely on Immigrant Justice.
- Rev. Elizabeth gave a presentation to the Board about Pathways. Their Mission Statement is: "Pathways prepares the congregation to welcome visitors and accompanies people along the way to belonging." One of their goals was to increase the retention rate of visitors. Declining congregations retain 10-12% of their visitors. Growing congregations retain 20-25%. We were at 15% and are now at 22%. We have had 82 visitors since July. We have 10 new regulars. A new regular is someone who comes 5 times in 2 months. We have 5 new members since July 1st 2015.
- Rev. Sharon asked for the formation of a Sabbatical Task Force that will be in place to problem solve if needed.
- The Board will appoint a temporary board member to finish Mike Crowley's term.
- A new Sick Leave Policy was approved.
- A new Bereavement Policy was approved.

February 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.

- § There is a new volunteer for taking trash cans to the curb on Sunday afternoon.
- § The Office Administrator is now the new database administrator.
- § The play structure weatherizing is in progress; the process is more labor intensive than expected – but the work is getting done.
- § A leak in the large shed behind the chapel has been patched.
- § New signs have been added in the kitchen area to encourage congregants to help keep the kitchen clean.

Renovation Committee Status

We have submitted our draft environmental plan to the city and are awaiting their review and comments. When the city's comments are received we will make the appropriate changes and submit the final version.

Pete Bussett and his civil engineer, Andy Kaan, are working to update the overall plot plan to incorporate the city's latest requests. We will be required to do some additional survey work along Miller.

We won't be able to project an approval date for our CUP application, but a summer date still seems possible.

Please contact Bob Nelson, *[Not for public]*, if you have any questions.




Family Ministry



Teaching Circles

At our recent retreat, the Family Ministries Team came up with the idea of having grade level teaching teams, called Teaching Circles. These teams, which ideally would have 6 people on each of them, would work together to ensure teachers and assistants for each time R.E. meets and could encourage stronger connections among grade level leaders and between leaders and students. So, for example, those who choose to work with the second- and third-grade kids would sign up for that team along with a small group of like-minded others. With 6 people on each team, there would only be a need for leaders to volunteer once a month. Kathleen would still send out lesson plans each Thursday to the team. There would be a Coordinator for each to make sure things keep running smoothly.

Kathleen Swift,
Director of Family Life
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The Chalice Men's Support group has a few openings, if you have an interest in exploring the group. We follow the Unitarian Universalist Men's Network guidelines. This is not a light discussion group around current events or politics. Rather we encourage speaking from personal experience. Most men have ample opportunities to debate philosophical or political topics in other contexts. What our group focuses on are our heartfelt experiences. We try so speak from our own life journey and respond to other men's sharing from their life experience. Confidentiality is expected; so that anything said in the group goes no farther. Also, while all are welcome to join us, this is not a drop in group, and attendance at most meetings is encouraged. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7 PM in the Chapel at Chalice. If you have any interest in exploring or learning more about our men's support group contact Phil Comer at *[not for public issue]*.

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]*



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No Human Being is Illegal

Language matters. Our words matter, and how we talk with one another matters. We know this, of course: think about learning that some words are “bad,” or how it feels when a coworker can never get your name right, or the time you discovered just how much an insult can sting. Words help us understand the world around us and communicate nuances of meaning and emotion.

As Chalice digs deeper into the issues of immigrant rights, I hope you will join me in paying attention to language. Specifically, I encourage us to leave behind the phrase “illegal immigrants” and the word “illegal” used as a noun, because this language is dehumanizing and stings like an insult. (Instead, I join advocates and journalists in using the phrase “undocumented immigrants.”)

Many of you know this of course, and have had this very conversation about language with your family members or others around you. I hope this reflection gives you a few new resources for that conversation.

Why drop “the i word?”

No person is illegal. Calling a person or a population “illegal” implies that their being, their existence is illegal. As Unitarian Universalists, we know that every person has worth and dignity. I think we have seen, in political rallies and rhetoric, how calling a person “illegal” makes it easier to see that person as less than human, fundamentally “different,” and with fewer rights. As UUs, we reject this dehumanization.

Selective criminalization. Everyone has broken some law. As journalist Maria Hinojosa and others have pointed out, people who have broken traffic laws, or failed to pay child support, or have not paid taxes are not referred to as “illegal drivers,” “illegal parents,” or “illegal taxpayers.”

It’s not entirely accurate. As I understand it, being in the US without authorization is not allowed, but it’s not a “crime” under federal criminal law. Entering the country illegally is a crime, but a person who has, for example, overstayed a visa, is subject to civil immigration proceedings, not criminal court. Putting people into the category of “criminal” contributes to the dehumanization, stereotyping, and fear of immigrants.

The community asks us to. From our partners at the North County Immigration Task Force to the national “Words Matter” campaign, immigrant communities and activists overwhelmingly experience “illegal” as offensive and have asked journalists, politicians, and the public to use other language when describing the people who are in the US without authorization.

More resources:

<http://act.defineamerican.com/page/s/wordsmatter>

https://www.aclu.org/files/assets/FINAL_criminalizing_undocumented_immigrants_issue_brief_PUBLIC_VERSION.pdf

<http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2016/2/19/language-in-politics/>

<http://www.rawstory.com/2012/10/npr-anchor-ties-term-illegal-immigrant-to-nazi-germany/>

<http://www.uua.org/immigration/re/ga/ware-hinojosa>

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/06/illegal-immigrant-label-offensive-wrong-activists-say>

End of Economic Justice Task Force

After our social justice discernment in 2014, a small group of Chalice congregants met to think about our work on economic justice going forward. While we did some good envisioning of what economic justice work at Chalice could look like, we’ve come to realize we don’t have the time and energy to have an ongoing economic justice task force at this time. Many of us still care deeply about minimum wage and homelessness issues, so I could foresee a time when interested congregants create an ongoing group to work on one or both of these issues. In the meantime, our justice work will focus on immigration and related issues, as well as engaging the congregation in the denomination’s social witness process. Please let me know if you’re interested in participating in things along those lines.



Music Spotlight on Elizabeth Bukey

Brief Biography

I grew up UU in Seattle, WA, in a household full of literature and music. My dad and I were extras in an opera when I was six, which was the beginning of a lifelong love of singing, costumes, and the stage. (It also began my dad's interest in opera, and he ended up singing in the Seattle Opera Chorus for fifteen years.) In our teens, my younger sister and I sang with a community youth chorus called the Northwest Girlchoir, which was a warm and supportive community. In college I did some musical theater, threw myself into interfaith activities, and majored in Russian language and literature. During a difficult time in college, I started attending a Taize-style service at our college chapel. It was a liberal Christian service that involved a lot of chant-like singing, and that practice was comforting and grounding. After college I moved to Washington DC to work for the UUA's Washington Office for Advocacy, where I lobbied for progressive legislation and tried to help congregations with their social justice programs. In DC, I sang in the Jubilee Singers at All Souls Unitarian Church, a gospel-inspired group. After five years in DC, I followed the call to ministry to New York City, where I attended Union Theological Seminary. I moved out to San Diego for my ministerial internship, then came on board at Chalice, and haven't left! Besides occasional songleading at Chalice, I sing with the San Diego Women's Chorus.



What does music mean in your life?

Music keeps me connected with my body and with larger communities. Music can express and call out emotions I didn't know I was experiencing, and put me in touch with ideas or groups of people I have never encountered before. Singing connects me with my breath, which keeps me grounded and present.

Fun Fact

My rescue dog, Lyuba, is named after the Russian word for love, lyubov. The Field Museum in Chicago has a preserved baby woolly mammoth also named Lyuba, but my Lyuba has slightly smaller teeth.



“Songs My Mother Taught Me” – Spring Music Services

This year's Spring Music Services will be on Mother's Day, which is May 8th. This year we need the congregation's help in choosing the music for our music service! What music do you remember from your childhood? What songs have been passed down from generation to generation in your family? Is there music from your cultural heritage that we might be able to feature in this special service? If so, please e-mail music@chaliceuucongregation.org to tell us! Please give us as much information as you can, i.e. title of song, composer/lyricist, where you remember hearing the song, etc. If you are not 100% sure of this information, still send us an e-mail, and we will help you investigate to find out the information that we need!

Cabaret 2016 Oct 6th – 9th : Revolution!

The Cabaret leadership is excited to announce Cabaret 2016 with its theme of Revolution! We'll be including all sorts of revolutions in our song list – inner, outer, even planetary! We'll be hosting an informational session in the chapel between services on Sunday, March 13th. No matter what your talents, we can use your help in Cabaret either on-stage or off! Contact Tim McKnight, Deb Coon *[Not for public]* or Andi Stout *[Not for public]* for more information.

Gloria Angelo Arts Education Fund

The Chalice Music Program is pleased to announce the availability of visual and performing arts scholarships through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Fund.

Thanks to a generous donation from Daniel Gordon in memory of his parents, Edith and Barry Gordon, these scholarships are now available for lessons, workshops, summer camps, and other educational opportunities. Drama, dance, music, voice, painting, and drawing are among the arts that would be supported by this fund.

For more information and applications, send an email to: music@chaliceuucongregation.org

MARCH VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUCCESSFUL AGING STRATEGIES TEAM

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize the Successful Aging Strategies Team — Patty Carlisle, Ed Hall, Jan Hall, Michele Nelson, and Debi Streett-Idell — for their leadership in organizing the Successful Aging Strategies Mini-Conference this month (starts March 15, 10 am to noon!).

WHAT INSPIRED THIS TEAM TO GET STARTED?

Some of us had read Dr. Atul Gawande's Being Mortal and were so inspired by it that we asked Reverend Sharon to read and consider it for a Chalice service. Some of us had had that close brush with mortality and others have dealt with aging and dying loved ones, so the topics he discussed were meaningful.

WHAT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL TO YOU IN DOING THIS WORK?

Every member of the team had questions about aging for which we were independently seeking answers. We have been amazed at the amount of information that is available and the willingness of professionals to speak at this mini-conference.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE WORK YOU ARE DOING?

The synergy of creating together. Every member of our team has stepped up to attend meetings, identify other resources like UCSD Stein center, attend "Death Cafes"*, or do research on our presenters, for example. Judy Winn provided the graphic design for our logo and will be videotaping each session. Brittany Keegan and Reverend Elizabeth helped us inform cluster churches about this event. Reverend Sharon has been a valued advisor throughout the process.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE CHALICE CONGREGANTS WILL TAKE AWAY FROM THE MINI-CONFERENCE?

We hope our congregants will be empowered to seek out and create their own qualified support system and work with their families to insure that they are able to live their vision of a good, fully engaged life to the very end.

We also hope that our larger community sees Chalice as a source of information and support.

WHAT NEXT (AFTER THE MINI-CONFERENCE)?

We have briefly spoken about holding a "Death Café" and other small group interactive opportunities, but for now we just want this series of workshops to be successful.

* Death Café: A google search reveals these are meetings where people are able to talk safely about death. No agenda, no sales, just interesting conversation over tea and cake.

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.

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