



July 2016 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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.

July 3 Rev. Sharon Wylie

“All the Things”

Today is Rev. Sharon’s last Sunday with us until she returns to the pulpit on November 6, after four months of sabbatical. This morning she will share her thoughts on her first four years at Chalice.

July 10 Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

“Calm in the Storm”

We live in a world of inner and outer turmoil. How do we address anxiety and frustration in healthy ways?

July 17 Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

“Questioning Gender”

Despite work toward gender equality, expectations about what it means to be “male” or “female” inform so many aspects of our society. In honor of San Diego Pride week, Rev. Elizabeth explores the complexity of gender.

July 24 Lisa Shaffer, pulpit guest

“Politics, Religion, and Values”

Lisa Shaffer is a member of the UU Fellowship of San Dieguito in Solana Beach and is serving the final year of a four-year term on the Encinitas City Council. As an evangelical UU and an elected member of the Encinitas City Council, she ponders how to reconcile wanting our UU religious values to be reflected in government, but reject others who want to impose their beliefs through public policy.

July 31 Rev. Elizabeth Bukey

“Honoring Lammas” Multigenerational Service

We mark the Pagan holiday of Lammas, the first harvest festival, the festival of grain. We ponder what is still ripening in our lives, and what we give up in order to harvest something new.

Come to the Council of Chairs!

Saturday, July 16 from 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Chalice Chapel

Training Topic: "Sharing Leadership Lessons" and "Sharon's Sabbatical"

All congregants are welcome at this quarterly get-together of Chalice leadership. We get together four times a year to share the achievements of the past months, hear about new visions of the different ministries, and coordinate how all in Chalice can help to make it so.



Poetry Service News

Attention poetry lovers! Time to start planning for our summer poetry service! It will be held August 28th and you are invited to participate.

This summer's theme is "Travel." What does travel mean to you? Is it traveling to another country, another time, another reality, maybe just a walk down to the corner of your street?

Find a poem you love, or write your own, maybe even write a song.

We hope that you can read your chosen poem for this service, but we can find someone to read it for you if need be.

Please contact Jessica Schulz by July 15 at [not for public edition] if you plan to participate.



Chalice Auction Parties you can still get in to:

Dianne and Pete Houser welcome additional diners at their Annual Tri Tip Dinner on July 9. Lots of fun with lots of good food and great conversations. Menu includes: Tri-Tip Sandwiches, Black Beans, Coleslaw, and a yummy dessert. Not to mention all the good stuff before and after! All adults are welcome. \$35.00 suggested donation to Chalice for this event. **Please RSVP to [not for public edition]**.

Circle House Party on July 16 at 2 pm has room for more celebrants. Celebrate summer with a fun-filled, family friendly pool party with the Throckmorton clan, Kathleen & Judy. We'll have food, drinks, sno-cones, games, and more! Ride the zipline! Catch a chicken! Or, just come check out the weird architecture - yes. It's a circle house. We've got lots of space, so all are welcome. Hope to see you there! Suggested donation to Chalice for this event: \$5.00/person \$10.00/family **Please RSVP to Kathleen Swift at her personal email address: [not for public edition]**.

Sunday Worship Music July Highlights

- July 3: Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.
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July 17: John Schulz will be our worship musician.
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Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

- Keyboard Kaleidoscope September 10
Hymn Sing Service September 25
Cabaret 'Revolution!' Performances October 6-9

Cabaret 2016 (October 6-9) — Revolution is brewing!

July is the relative quiet before the storm of Cabaret rehearsals, which begin in earnest in August. The cast list is set and directors have been assigned to each musical number. Yet even as we relax mid-summer, some of us are busy with preparations: soloists are working on their pieces, directors are researching staging options and dance moves, set and costume designers are coming up with creative ideas, script writers are beginning to weave the threads that bind musical numbers into separate acts and the separate acts into a cohesive whole. 'Revolution!' is brewing and coming into being in this moment!

And we can use your help! It takes many hands to produce Cabaret: set designers, set builders, sound and lighting volunteers, costuming, makeup artists, refreshments, ushers. Volunteers to feed the cast and crew are always needed and appreciated as well. Contact Andi Stout or Deb Coon [not for public edition] to help brew another great Cabaret.

Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund

The Chalice Music Program is pleased to announce the availability of visual and performing arts scholarships through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship 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, email music@chaliceucongregation.org.



Gary Cagle Poetry Corner

What is the mind?

An accident or the stuff of the universe
Some byproduct of brains
Of the fundamental energy
Dark matter of mind
Cast among the stars
Shaping all in form
is it not divine?

Mindful

Mindful of each moment
Of this precious life
Each breath I take a miracle
Mindful when I awake
To hold precious this jewel
Diamond like facet this stone
Cutting to the core this heart
Spirit of mystery this thought

Save the Date: Immigration-Related Film Screening

Sunday, August 14, 12-4pm

The Immigrant Justice Team invites you to come watch a film about immigration and immigrant rights! Lunch provided.

Save the Date: Food Bank Service Project

Saturday, September 17, 9-11:30am

San Diego Food Bank (Miramar Area)

Thank you!

Thank you everyone who served as a greeter/usher in June: Don Anderson, Kassy Dorman, Carol Harris, Becki Collins, Julia Fogel, Marshall Fogel, Heather Barnard, Gene Troxell, and Emily Troxell.

July Social Justice Offering: July 10

North County LGBT Resource Center

The North County LGBT Resource Center provides a space for LGBTQ people throughout our part of San Diego County. Their mission is to foster and empower the North County LGBTQ community by providing a safe space, advancing awareness and visibility and sustaining equality and inclusiveness. The Resource Center envisions a community where everyone lives in equality, feeling accepted, valued, safe and free from social stigma. The Resource Center is the organizer of "Pride By The Beach" in Oceanside, which Chalice participates in every October.



Weekly and Monthly Community Pages - You are invited to participate:

Yoga Class meets at 7 pm **each Tuesday evening** in the Chapel. These are friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.



Cracker Barrel is a group of liberal thinkers; they are friendly, supportive men who meet each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, and discussion at 9:30, at Marie Calendar's in Escondido. New friends are welcome. Contact Marty Schwartz at *[not for public edition]*



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 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 edition]*

July Circle Suppers

You are invited to Circle Supper on **Saturday, July 16**, at 6pm.

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. The number of dinners each month depends on how many people 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 **Thursday July 7** or if you have any questions. *[not for public edition]*

Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

Women's Book Discussion

On Tuesday, July 19 at 7:15pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr. A stunningly ambitious and beautiful novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Margaret Spear will facilitate the discussion.

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 edition]

August's Book: Lisette's List by Susan Vreeland ** Facilitator: Susan Sklar

Fiber Artists

The Fiber Arts Group which meets the third Wednesday of each month will meet July 20 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 edition] with any questions.



Chalice Dine-Out

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month. This month, the Dine Out Group will meet at Añejo Bar & Grill located at 329 W. Felicita Ave. Escondido on July 27th at 6:00. Please RSVP to Cindy Carter at [not for public edition]. Restaurant website: anejos.com

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, July 15 at the Cheesecake Factory at the Westfield Escondido Mall. The address is 200 East Via Rancho Parkway, Suite 370. We meet at 11:30 AM and welcome newcomers! To RSVP or for further information, contact Carol Simpson at [not for public edition]



Chalice Readers

On July 22nd at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss **The Flamethrowers** by Rachel Kushner. Radical politics, avant-garde art and motorcycle racing all spring to life in Kushner's radiant novel of the 1970s, in which a young woman moves to New York to become an artist, only to wind up involved in the revolutionary protest movement that shook Italy in those years. The novel, Kushner's second, deploys mordant observations and chiseled sentences to explore how individuals are swept along by implacable circumstances.

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

Readers' Theater

Our July meeting will be held on Monday, July 25th 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 a classic comedy, **Pygmalion**, by George Bernard Shaw. Professor of phonetics Henry Higgins makes a bet that he can train a bedraggled Cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, to pass for a duchess at an ambassador's garden party by teaching her to assume a veneer of gentility, the most important element of which, he believes, is impeccable speech. The play is a sharp lampoon of the rigid British class system of the day and a commentary on women's independence.

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



Hike with the Men's Group

Some members of the Chalice Men's Support Group have started doing a monthly hike which is usually around five miles, and in the moderately difficult range. The hikes are on the third Friday morning of each month.

You don't need to be a member of the Men's group to join us for the hikes. If you are interested in the hikes; or in the Men's Group that meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month, contact Phil Comer at [not for public edition]. Our next morning hike is scheduled for July 15. The men's support group meetings in July are the 13th & 27 @ 7 PM.



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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "All the Things" 9 am Children's RE 3 pm Roast for Gary Cagle | 4 <i>National Holiday</i> | 5 7 pm Yoga | 6 9 am Cracker Barrel 6:45 pm Newcomer Small Group 7 pm Bruno Groening | 7 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Meditation & Study 10 am Coord Team | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Calm in the Storm" 9 am Children's RE 2 pm Memorial - Dennis Gooler 3:30 pm Zen Meditation | 11 | 12 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Board of Trustees | 13 9 am Cracker Barrel 6:30 pm Family Ministries Team 7 pm Chalice Men's Support Group | 14 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women Study | 15 ? am Men's Group Hike | 16 9:30 am Council of Chairs 6 pm Circle Suppers |
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| 31 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Honoring Lamas" Multigenerational Service 3:30 pm Zen Meditation | | | | | | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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 have a member password. </div> |



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President's Message - July 2016

I write my first column as Chalice's incoming congregational president while processing the death of my mother Pat. Many of you know that my mom spent the last four years in a memory care facility in Escondido, where I visited with her once or twice a week and monitored her care.

My family and I were fortunate that Mom had such great care. We marveled for years at the kindness and professionalism of the staff and caregivers, who never showed anything but patience, love and creativity in caring for my mom and the other residents despite the difficulty of their work. It's certainly not a job I could do. In the years I visited with Mom and became friendly with her caregivers, I heard over and over again, "It's a calling." "My own family doesn't understand, but I could never do any other work." "They're so sweet and innocent; no pretense." "I just want their last years to be happy." During her weekend in hospice, her caregivers came in one by one to cry with us and say their own goodbyes. If you can imagine – they thanked us for being kind to them over the years.

In talking about this after her passing, my brother observed, "You don't have to believe in God to recognize people who are doing God's work." This comment stayed with me. Rejecting the punitive

patriarchal God of my upbringing left me cynical for years about the very concept, but I've never stopped seeing people doing God's work – in friends who are public defenders or teachers or ministers, in those who spend their free time engaging in social activism, in promoting diversity, in welcoming all. Of course this is simply another word for humanitarianism, for caring for our fellow beings. Yet with my upbringing, "God's work" resonates.

As we begin our congregational year together we face a summer of anger, violence and divisiveness in our nation and the world. Feelings are raw, people are passionate, people are afraid. Our UU message of inclusion and respect for all is needed more than ever. I hope to do my own little bit of God's work within our community, and in doing so, maybe contribute in some small way to spreading the love beyond our campus. I hope we can be gentle with one another as we face whatever challenges might lie ahead.

Peace to all.
Kathy Zapata



A Heartfelt "Thank You" from the Family Ministries Team to our 2016-2017 Religious Education Volunteers

It is touching and gratifying that so many people have helped with our religious education program. The realization that nearly 20% of our Congregation has volunteered to help with religious education during the past year warms our hearts.

We thank you!

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 edition]*



Beloved community,

The letter below was submitted to Chalice's Board of Trustees on June 14, 2016:

Since my sabbatical was announced earlier this year, I have been asked dozens of times—by people within our congregation and outside it as well—“What are your plans?” It is only in the past few weeks that I have finally grown comfortable answering, “My plan is to have no plans.”

The temptation to fill my four months off with “plans”—conferences, classes, travel—has been strong. Surely someone with four months of free time will make plans! Will fill that time to the brim with activity! Will load up on all the things there's never time for!

Since the moment I decided to apply to seminary in early 2008, my life has been a non-stop succession of goals, deadlines, and reading lists. Even now, in my fourth year of settled ministry, I find it challenging to read for pleasure, and my study time is spent reading what I need for sermon preparation. My deadlines are Sundays and meetings and responding to what people need from me. There is almost no spaciousness. There is little room for curiosity, for interest, for spiritual exploration.

It is a great blessing to me that our Spirit Study topic this year has been voluntary simplicity, and that I have preached time and again these past 10 months on the importance of slowing down, doing less, and resisting our cultural pressure to do more, more, more. As is often the case, the preacher gives the sermon she needs to hear.

From the spaciousness of slowing down and doing less, I expect my sabbatical time to allow me to:

Let my intellectual and spiritual curiosity guide my study and reflection

Re-discover my appreciation for arts and beauty

Pause and let the events of the eight years—the decision to become a minister and all that has followed—catch up to who and where I am now

Father Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang rehab and re-entry program. In a February 2016 interview with FaithandLeadership.com, Father Boyle commented that ministry aimed at saving people and the world instead leads to burnout. “Our choice always is the same: save the world or savor it. And I vote for savoring it. And, just because everything is about something else, if you savor the world, somehow—go figure—it's getting saved.”

I so appreciate this insight from someone who has concretely done so much to save the world.

My hope is that my sabbatical time is spent savoring the world, and that when I return in November, I may bring with me a renewed commitment to working at a sustainable pace, and to finding ways to continue to savor the world as together we work on saving it.

My first Sunday back in the pulpit will be November 6. My sermon that day will share with you what I learned and experienced during my sabbatical time. I am well aware that this time off is a privilege that most working people are not afforded. Like a traveler who returns from a little-visited land, I hope to share with you the gifts and lessons of my journey. Perhaps my experiences will inspire others of you to find a way to make such a trip of self-exploration yourself some day.

Bright blessings, Sharon

Rev. Sharon Wylie is on sabbatical from July 4 through October 31.

Bright blessings, Sharon



Highlights from the June 2016 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

- The Board was pleased with the results of the Congregational Meeting.
- Treasurer Ann Cunningham reported that 97% of pledges are in and we still have 1 month to go.
- Rev. Sharon Wylie reported that we have a new member, Jane Shriver.
- Rev. Sharon met with available greeters on June 11 to arrive at a new plan for distributing hymnals and orders of service on Sunday mornings. This plan went into effect immediately (June 12).
- Rev. Sharon will attend the Service of the Living Tradition on June 23 in Columbus, Ohio (arriving the day before and leaving the day after).
- Rev. Sharon has received a letter from our 4th / 5th grade class requesting that Chalice resume participation in the Winter Shelter project.
- Escondido Faith Leaders is offering a Candlelight Vigil for Orlando in Maple Street Plaza at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16.
- Kathleen Swift has been accepted into the UUA's Religious Educator credentialing program.
- Rev. Sharon's sabbatical begins July 4.
- Our paid childcare staff attended our annual safety training led by Kathleen on May 22.
- The Board members expressed appreciation for the work Rev. Sharon has done as the Family Ministries Team Chairperson, and gratitude that the program was in shape for others to take the reins. FMT is now co-chaired by Wendy Metzger and Victoria Cagle.
- The Social Justice Policy Task Force led a forum on June 5 to review and discuss the proposed Taking a Public Position on a Social Justice Issue Policy. Twelve congregants attended.
- Becki Collins is working with Rev. Elizabeth to organize a service project at the San Diego Food Bank on September 17.
- The Board reviewed the CT self-assessment. Coordinating Team was commended for giving support to people who have stepped forward to lead an event or ministry. Rev. Sharon offered clarifications as questions arose. Suggestions were made that the Board reconsider current policies and guidelines regarding advertising, communications, and setting priorities and goals. The Pledge Drive was discussed. The Stewardship Team will work in concert with CT next year to plan and execute the drive.
- The Board considered nominations to the Good Relations Team and the Ministerial Support Team.
- Delynn Kelly raised issues that the Congregational Meeting vote on the bylaws has created for the finance and membership. Discussion was held and suggestions were made in response.
- Rev. Sharon explained facets of the proposed Personnel Policy.
- Further discussion of CT's Borrowing Policy and Borrowing Form approval was tabled until July.
- Board President, Susan Spoto led a Visioning Session on Adult Faith Development.



Chalice surrounded by eight symbols from great religions and wisdom traditions of the world: Native American sun sign, Islam's crescent and star, the Jewish Star of David, the Hindu word "Om", a 5 pointed star or pentagram for goddess/creation-centered spirituality, the Chinese Taoist yin yang, a Christian cross, and the Buddhist wheel of dharma. Designed by Gary Cagle for Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

June Coordinating Team Highlights

- CT finished the Self Assessment
- Council of Chairs meetings scheduled for October 2016, and January, April, and July 2017

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 Paula Gonzales and Rev. Sharon Wylie.



Chalice at De Benneville Pines!

All Church Camp, hosted by Chalice UU Congregation and First UU Church of San Diego, is a weekend of learning, creating, exploring and interconnecting. There are workshops, crafts, hikes for all ages and so much more. Camp is an amazing weekend away that gives us the opportunity to unplug and connect with each other and nature. Next year's All Church Camp will be held on June 2-4, 2017. Save the date!



The Bernard Family making personalized name tags at check-in.



Andrew Barnard assists Cormac with stringing his name tag.



Leah shares her musical gifts at the Talent Show.



Campers enjoy Sunday service amongst the beautiful mountain pines.

Kathleen Swift,
Director of Family Ministries
dfm.chaliceuu@gmail.com

Planning for Fall Curriculum Needs

Do you have an old (but working) laptop or tablet that you don't need? Consider donating or loaning it to the Family Ministries Team for the year. Next fall, Chalice middle school kids will occasionally have a need for a couple of laptops. If you can help in this area, contact Kathleen at dfm.chaliceuu@gmail.com.

Congregational Life Ministry



Dear Chalice,

I'm excited and honored to be serving as your sabbatical minister. As you know, I will be coordinating and leading worship and pastoral care while Rev. Sharon is away. I will also be continuing my regular portfolio of work as Minister of Congregational Life: organizing service projects, coordinating our membership processes, and generally leading Social Justice and Pathways Teams. You can find more information about who's doing what during sabbatical in the Sabbatical brochure at Chalice.

Some of you may notice that it feels unsettling to have Rev. Sharon gone for awhile, and that is normal. Some of you may not notice much of a change at all, and that is fine, too. My hope is that you simply pay attention to what is coming up for you, and to remember that I and the other congregational leaders are here for you. We care about you, and are deeply committed to the wellbeing of the Chalice community.

I know that it has been a frightening and fractured time in our communities and in the country. I know that I have personally felt shaken by the shooting in Orlando and anxious over the hateful and hurtful rhetoric some are using in this election year. We also marked the anniversary, last month, of the shooting at a black church in Charleston. Please be gentle with yourselves and with one another. Please reach out to me, to each other, and especially to those who enter our doors for the first time, seeking friends and strength. In my experience, it is the fabric of community which upholds us in fearful and difficult times. Thank you for every way, small and large, that you reach out in love to weave that fabric more strongly.

With gratitude,
Elizabeth

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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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Volunteer Spotlight on The Rummage Sale Team!



Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize the Rummage Sale Team—Mary Best, Barbe Harrison, Debi Streett-Idell, Cathy Gray, Patty Carlisle, Patty Evans, Nancy Bowen, Andi Stout, Hope Campbell, Cindy Carter, Julie Fogel, Jessica Schulz, Rita Hill, Michele Nelson, Carol Simpson, Nancy Hacker, Callie Leef, Judy Winn, and Kathleen Swift for their leadership in organizing our successful rummage sale on May 13th and 14th.

WHAT INSPIRED THIS TEAM TO GET STARTED?

Saturated with the beauty of Patty Carlisle's garden, melodious poetry, and perhaps a Bellini or two, Barbe Harrison sighed and wondered if Chalice would ever have another rummage sale. The unsuspecting Mary Best popped right up and volunteered. In the spirit of camaraderie, several others volunteered on the spot.

WHAT WAS MOST HELPFUL TO YOU IN DOING THIS WORK?

Barbe Harrison's vast experience, Hope Campbell's superior recordkeeping from the last rummage sale, having a storage pod to collect and price items in advance, and having the facilities at Chalice available to the team all week long.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE WORK YOU DID?

As always, working with a group of Chalicites offers ready opportunities to build and strengthen our sense of community and commitment. The daily popsicle breaks encouraged giggles and a nice break.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER CHALICE CONGREGANTS WHO WANT TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT?

Organize a good crew, pay attention to publicity opportunities available to you at Chalice, and have a great time!

WHAT NEXT?

Waiting long enough to forget how much work this was before we crazily agree to do it again!