



## June 2017 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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### Annual Congregational Meeting June 11, 12:30 pm

We will vote on the nominated Board of Trustee members, the Proposed Budget, and the updated Bylaw Changes. The Long-Range Plan – Vision and Goals will be presented at the meeting. The Chalice 2nd Annual Report will be available.

As we must achieve our quorum to hold the meeting, we respectfully request that all Voting Members attend this important annual meeting. We will have refreshments on the patio before we convene.



### Social Justice Meeting on Proposed Homelessness Program Sunday, June 25, 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary

Several congregants recently met with Interfaith Community Services (the main provider of homelessness services in North County). ICS suggested that Chalice UU support Haven House, their year-round shelter in Escondido. This opportunity will require a once-monthly Chalice commitment to provide dinner for about 60-70 people at Haven House, prepared offsite at our expense. The help and continuing commitment of approximately 15 Chalice UU members or friends is required. Please attend this meeting, where we will update you on our conversation with Interfaith Community Services and discuss the proposed Social Justice Homelessness Program.

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

**June 4** **Rev. Elizabeth Bukey**  
**“Fire of Welcome” Multigenerational Service**  
The Christian holiday of Pentecost uses images of fire to represent the presence of the Holy. Our UU denomination uses a cup of flame as its symbol. On this day we explore the origins of both traditions, and how we can honor the messages of service, welcome, and inclusion within them.

**June 11** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**“Compassionate Living”**  
The last step to compassionate living is to wish our enemies well. Can we do it? And who are our enemies anyway? This is the final sermon in a 10-part sermon series inspired by Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.

**June 18** **Rev. Elizabeth Bukey**  
**“Sources and Goodbyes”**  
Unitarian Universalism draws on six sources of wisdom and our congregants have a wide range of beliefs about important religious questions. This morning we explore the beauty and challenges of our UU experiment: how can religious community be created among people of such diverse theologies and practices? Join us for Rev. Bukey's last sermon as Chalice's Minister of Congregational Life.

**June 25** **Music Service**  
It's the annual Spring Music Service! This year we celebrate “mUUsical masters”, with selections from Unitarian Universalist composers and song writers. The Chancel Choir will present “Three Hungarian Folk Songs” by Bela Bartok; a beautiful rendition of “Loch Lamond”, arranged by Jason Shelton; and “Peace I Leave With You” by Amy Beach.



## Music Ministry



### Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Spring Music Service  
Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing and Church Potluck Supper

June 25 @ 9am & 11am  
Oct 28 @ 5pm

### Sunday Worship Music June Highlights

- June 4:** **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.
- June 11:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “**All Lifted Hearts**” by Jason Shelton, from his cantata, **Sources**. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- June 18:** **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.
- June 25:** It's the annual **Spring Music Service**! This year we celebrate “**mUUsical masters**”, with selections from Unitarian Universalist composers and song writers. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

### “Celebrating UU Composers: 200 Years of Music”

Did you know that James Pierpont, who is famous for writing “Jingle Bells,” was a Unitarian? What about Edward Grieg, the famous Norwegian composer of “Peer Gynt” and “In the Hall of the Mountain King?” Yes, he was a Unitarian too! Do you think most UU's know that Amy Cheney Beach, the first successful American female composer of large-scale art music, was a Unitarian? How about Béla Bartók, one of the most famous composers of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, who was also a Unitarian? Join us for this special service of music celebrating UU composers and songwriters of the last 200 years. And yes we will also be celebrating some living composers as well, like Jason Shelton, Peter Mayer, and many more!



### Nominating committee's recommended slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees for fiscal year 2017 – 2018

New members of the Board, to be voted on at the congregational meeting Sunday, June 11, are:

Marshall Fogel – Vice President, replacing Nancy Bowen  
Rita Hill – Treasurer, replacing Ann Cunningham  
Becky Sangha – Trustee (Second Term)  
Ralph Peters – Trustee, replacing Bruce Campbell  
Lara Brown – Trustee, replacing Phil Comer

Also to be voted on at the meeting will be Susan Spoto to serve a three year term on the nominating committee, replacing Lloyd Kelly.

Current Board members continuing next year are:

Nancy Bowen – President  
Michele Nelson – Secretary  
Ed Hall – Trustee  
Karen McComb – Trustee

Nominating committee members continuing next year are Deb Coon and Andi Stout.  
If you have any questions please contact Lloyd Kelly, Deb Coon or Andi Stout.



Dear Chalice family and beyond,  
you are amazing. Sisters in  
Treble had a wonderful time  
singing May 7th for Becky  
Sangha's FUNd-rasier, and were  
thrilled when the final count  
came in at \$4366.25. Thank you  
for your love and support as she  
continues on this challenging  
journey towards wellness.  
Thank you!! Lena



A photograph showing two men working on a metal frame outdoors. One man, wearing a brown shirt and jeans, is bent over the frame. The other man, wearing a red shirt and jeans, is standing and holding a yellow tool. A white pickup truck is parked in the background.

Thank you **everyone** who  
came to work at the  
Chalice Campus  
Clean-up!!!  
We accomplished a lot!

**Please join us on June 25. We hope to proceed with the Haven House dinner program if committed supporters agree to help.**



## Weekly and Monthly Community Pages - You are welcome here too:

**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 Callender's in Escondido. 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.

**Zen Meditation** - Chalice Friend, Dr. Al Zolnyas, offers instruction and Meditation practice on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 am and on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice. Meet in the cottage.

### **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]*.

### **June Circle Suppers**

Join us for Circle Supper on Saturday, June 17 at 6 pm. Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home. 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 Wed, June 7th or if you have any questions at *[not for public]*.



POTLUCK DINNER

### **Women's Book Discussion**

Join us on Tues., June 20 at 7:15 in the Common Room to discuss "*The Boys in the Boat*" by Daniel James Brown. The Boys in the Boat celebrates the 1936 U.S. Men's Olympic Rowing team. These nine working class boys stormed the rowing world, transforming the sport and galvanizing the attention of millions of Americans. They defeated Hitler's championship team right before the beginning of World War II. Peggy Kiefer will lead 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.

July's Book: "*The Trespasser*" by Tana French. Our Facilitator is Chris Toft.

If interested in attending or if you have any questions, please contact Dani Comer *[not for public]*.







## Weekly and Monthly Community Pages Continued:

### New Group - Games

We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month to play a game. June 14 we will meet 1:00 P.M., at Chalice, to play Chicken Foot Dominoes. Other suggestions for games have been Mexican Train Dominoes, Rummy-cube, Scrabble or easy to learn card games.

If you are interested, contact Carol Bagguley - Email: *[not for public]*.

### Fiber Arts and Crafts

The Chalice Fiber Arts and Crafts Group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, June 21 from 1pm to 3pm in the common room. We meet for conversation and shared interest in our work, primarily needle-crafts like knitting, embroidery, and appliqué, but any portable crafts are welcome. Bonnie is also considering starting an evening meeting for crafters who are busy during the day; please let her know if you're interested in that. Contact: Bonnie Packert at *[not for public]*.



### Chalice Dine-Out

We will be going to Vintana Wine & Dine on Monday, June 19th at 6:00. They are located above the Lexus auto dealer at 1205 Auto Parkway, Escondido.

Please RSVP to 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.

### Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Hunan Chinese Restaurant on Friday, June 16 at 11:30 AM. The restaurant is located at 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite B in Rancho Bernardo.

For directions & to RSVP, please contact Carol Simpson at *[not for public]*.



### Chalice Readers

On June 23rd at 7 pm at Chalice we will discuss "Outline" by Rachel Cusk. A poised and cerebral novel that has little in the way of straightforward plot yet is transfixing in its unruffled awareness of the ways we love and leave each other, and of what it means to listen to other people. The most resonant verb in her novel is "ask." While little happens in "Outline," everything seems to happen. You find yourself pulling the novel closer to your face, as if it were a thriller and the hero were dangling over a snake pit. The narrator is mostly a listener, an asker of questions, an intellectual filter. Posing meaningful questions to others, or even unmeaningful ones, she correctly observes, is a skill that "many people never learn."

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

### Readers' Theater

Our June meeting will be held on Monday, June 26th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. We love newcomers at our gatherings! This month we'll be reading aloud Noel Coward's Hay Fever, a cross between high farce and a comedy of manners. The play is set in an English country house in the 1920s, and deals with the four eccentric members of the Bliss family and their outlandish behavior when they each invite a guest to spend the weekend.

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



### Men's Support Group

The Chalice Men's Support Group has several openings and we are extending an invitation for men to join our group. We currently meet in Escondido the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. The group uses the structure and focus provided by the UU Men's Group guidelines. Basically we get to know and support each other by sharing experiences, thoughts and feelings from our lives.

If you are interested please contact Phil Comer at *[not for public]*. Phil can tell you more about the group, including the location where they will meet.



# Chalice UU Congregation \*\* June 2017 \*\* Services, Meetings, Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUUcongregation.org and click under the "News" 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.</p>				<p><b>1</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10 am Coord Team 10:30 am Women 's Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b> Camp de Benneville Pines June 2nd to 4th</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 am Leaders for Neighborhood groups</p>
<p><b>4</b> 9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Fire of Welcome" Multigenerational service 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 6 pm Facilities Improvements/Face-Lift 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Executive Board</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel 7 pm Newcomers Group</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 1:00 pm Communications 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> 12 pm Calix Lunch Group</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
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<p><b>18</b> 9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Elizabeth Bukey "Sources and Goodbyes" 9 am RE Classes 10:15 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5:00 pm Dine Out Circle</p>	<p><b>20 - Vernal Equinox</b> 7 pm Yoga 7:15 pm Woomen's Book Club</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel 1 pm Fiber Arts &amp; Crafts Group</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 pm Chalice Readers</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:30 am PSA Video 10 am Music Service Dress Rehearsal 6 pm Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p><b>25</b> 9 &amp; 11 am Worship Service: Spring Music Service 9 am RE Classes 12:15 pm Homelessness Program from Social Justice Team 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:45 pm Readers' Theater</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7 pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9 am Cracker Barrel</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	



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### *Minister's Message*

Beloved community,

At our visioning workshop held in January of this year, we identified "growth" as the highest priority for Chalice in the next few years. This specific goal has made its way into our proposed vision statement (which members will vote on at the June 11 congregational meeting) as a goal to increase the number and diversity of congregational participants, including families and people of all ages; and expand the facilities and grounds.

"Growth" has, of course, long been Chalice's hope and, as one congregational leader phrased it recently, what we think of as our destiny. Chalice was founded in 2000 with the express intention of becoming a fully mature religious organization, with a full-time minister and permanent facilities that are appropriately sized. This vision has served us well: compared with other congregations our age, we have more members, better facilities, and more pledge income.

But growth that moves us up to the next level of congregational size will need to be substantial. There are different ways of measuring congregational size, and the two most common ways are, well, tricky in these modern times:

First, we can count membership. We would need to add approximately 100 members to move up to the next congregation size. The problem with this way of counting is that we become focused on trying to get people to become members instead of helping them feel connected to the congregation regardless of whether or not they decide to join. We have many long-time congregants who don't want to become members here but are nevertheless involved and committed in every other way. And pressuring people to join when they are not ready is one of the quickest ways to drive them away.

Second, we can count the average Sunday attendance (ASA). This is considered a more accurate way to assess congregational vitality. We currently average 120 people per Sunday (adults and children). At the next level up, we would average 150 people per Sunday. That's a 25% increase.

But there are two things to keep in mind when it comes to average Sunday attendance. One is that the larger a congregation becomes, the lower the percentage of congregants who attend on Sunday.

That's a funny conundrum, yes? So when the congregation had 80 congregants, probably 80% of them attended on any given Sunday. With 200 or so congregants, about 60% of you attend on a Sunday. When we have 150 people attending on a Sunday, we will probably have 300 congregants (with 50% attending).

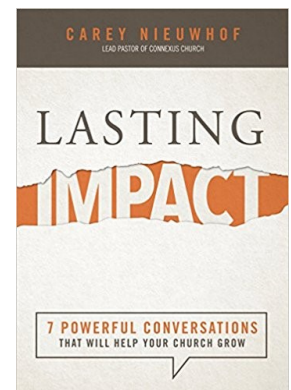
The more significant challenge is that we are living in an era when regular church attendance is dropping (this is a cultural event, not something particular to Unitarian Universalism or our congregation). It used to be that attending church three times a month was "regular attendance." Now for many people "regular attendance" is more like once a month. That's a 60% drop in regular attendance, without losing any members.

All of which is to say: It can be hard to identify a useful and reliable metric for assessing whether or not a congregation is growing. The landscape of religious communities is changing so rapidly that it is hard to see clearly what challenges we face, and what gifts we need to cultivate to meet those challenges.

To help us think about the challenges to growth, I am inviting congregational leaders (that's YOU, if you're interested) to read together and discuss a book by Christian pastor Carey Nieuwhof called *Lasting Impact: 7 Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow*, published in 2015. This is one of the most recent and relevant books to help identify the hurdles that hold us back. This is not a book that presents a bunch of solutions for us to implement; rather, it will help us have some conversations to get us thinking, perhaps, in new ways.

I hope you will consider getting a copy of the book to read along.

Bright blessings, Sharon





## *President's Message*



Kathy Zapata  
President, Board of  
Trustees

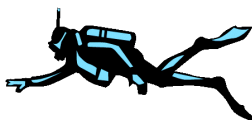
As I prepare to transition to the position of Past President, leaving the Chalice Board in the very capable hands of incoming President Nancy Bowen, I have been reflecting on all that I have learned during my year as congregational President. Among other things, I have learned to run meetings and look people in the eye while typing furiously on my laptop to keep track of needed follow-up. I have learned to facilitate discussion of opposing views and ensure that all are heard while encouraging timely resolution of issues the Board needed to decide. I have repeated "non-anxious leadership" so often it's become a mantra. I have learned that the most efficient way to handle the volume of email is to process them in bunches every few days (sometimes once a week). I have been deeply grateful for the gentle guidance I've received from our current Past President Susan Spoto in dealing with Board business. And I have been extraordinarily impressed by congregants' commitment to their views of what matters at Chalice. We are a strong-minded, passionate bunch.

But lately I have been considering this: leadership in a professional setting is not the same as leadership in a church community. In my work as a government attorney, colleagues are intellectually vested in their work. They work hard, have varying opinions and views, but they come together to get the job done. Most are professionally vested in their work, but less emotionally vested in the outcome.

In a church community, congregants are tied to their identity as congregational members, sometimes going back decades, and feel emotionally vested in their views. As an example, I learned during the focus groups that many people have strong opinions about how worship should be conducted, and want their views heard, acknowledged, and preferably agreed with. They are willing to wrestle with these questions for what appears to require a tremendous investment of emotional capital. As someone who comes to Sunday services with few preferences other than some lovely music, a thought-provoking sermon, and a smooth presentation, I was surprised by the intensity of their feelings. I've been a Chalice member for 19 years, and am still mostly just grateful this community exists, in whatever fashion.

I respect the passion in the various and contradictory views of my fellow congregants. But still I wonder: what could we accomplish if we channeled that energy outward instead of inward? At what point do we mature as a community ready to burst forth rather than spending all our energy on internal matters? I don't know the answer, but will be thinking about this in the coming year. Let's discuss!

Kathy



### **May Board of Trustees Highlights**

This month your board is grappling with data from the Focus Groups and updated information provided by the Renovation Committee. This will continue through next month's meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.

### **CT Report for May 4 Board meeting**

- Completed Self-Assessment
- Reviewed budget from last year, started this year's budget
- Submitted annual report
- Scheduled campus clean up for May 27
- The dedication plaque has been attached to the new steps
- Updated chapel lay-out schematic
- Held Council of Chairs meeting on May 6, topic was the neighborhood care group.





## Congregational Life Ministry

I can hardly believe that my time here at Chalice is coming to a close. I am so grateful for the three years I've spent here; you have been an important part of my growth as a minister. I will cherish memories of this congregation as well as the skills (and songs!) I have learned from all of you.

I will remember going through a social justice discernment process with you and the UU Justice Ministry of California. I will remember countless social justice forums and workshops and town halls, and the way you so often brought your curiosity, your passion, and your broken hearts to our justice work. I will remember the hours with the social justice policy task force, faithfully considering the best processes for taking public positions on matters of public policy. I will remember video meetings while my dog jumped off camera and your cats walked on the keyboard.

I will remember greeting and welcoming new members with you. Brainstorming. Reading your connection cards and candle cards. I'll remember the power of officiating at memorial services and a child dedication, laughing and crying at Cabaret, and being with you through conflict, illness, and grief.

I will remember your thoughtful engagement with sermons, your willingness to participate in interactive worship, and your fondness for parties, feather boas, and theater.

I'll remember your singing.

I want to leave you with a charge: live fully into your mission and vision and make room for others within it. Chalice has something special to offer North County San Diego: a liberal religious community that is music-filled, caring, and welcoming to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks. Don't hide that light under a bushel.

During my time here, we have together wrestled with the puzzle of how to grow the number of Chalice congregants, and how church growth happens in general. Do we need to do more outreach? Expand parking? Explain our activities more clearly?

As far as I know, the answer is both yes and no. Those things are helpful. But I believe that churches that grow numerically are led by mission, and by a sense that incorporating newcomers into congregational life is a key part of that mission. This happens structurally, through programs, but also interpersonally, one-to-one, in moments beyond initial warm conversations with first-time guests. Keep thinking: how can you welcome someone new to the congregation into your favorite part of Chalice? How could you nurture a relationship with someone you don't know yet? What would happen if you connected with someone who is "different" from most of your friends, and approached that connection with an open heart?

None of this is easy. As I've said, the thing about change is that it...requires change. For Chalice to grow, it needs to hold on to the core of its mission while letting go of patterns which no longer serve, or which work better for those with privilege than with those at the margins. It requires being, as the hymn goes, "willing to be changed by what we've started." Growth is hard, messy, confusing work. But you can do it. I have faith in your warmth, your curiosity, and your open hearts, and your care for the Chalice community.

With gratitude,  
Rev. Elizabeth



# Thank you!



Thank you Susan L., for putting together the 2nd Annual Chalice Report!

Thank you Paul C., and Thank you Natalya for sanding and staining the benches in the garden.



## 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 Wylie at [RevSharonWylie@gmail.com](mailto:RevSharonWylie@gmail.com) or or Nancy Hurt, Lay Chaplain Convener, at [not for public].





## Music Spotlight on Doug Key

### Brief Biography

My mother was always interested in music and she played the piano and sang when she was growing up. So, when she had kids, she wanted my brother and I to take up a musical instrument. When my brother hit 4<sup>th</sup> grade, he took up clarinet. When I later entered 4<sup>th</sup> grade, my instrument was trumpet. Trumpet became a big part of school for me, playing in concert and marching band for Lakeside Middle and El Capitan High Schools. In college, I played for the San Diego State concert band and "Marching Aztecs" through my sophomore year. We traveled a lot with the football team and even once marched down mainstreet of Disneyland!

After college, I mostly put aside the trumpet for many years. I finally started playing again because of music programs at Chalice, having played at church, with Sisters in Treble, and once for Cabaret. It is also in the past ~ 3 years that I began singing at Chalice. It all began with singing in Cabaret because my family was also singing in the show. It has expanded from ensemble roles to duets and finally to a solo in the last Cabaret. I have also been singing in choir the past two years.

### What does music mean in your life?

Music for me is family and community. It brings us all together.

### Fun Fact

Since until recent years I only played trumpet, I was only familiar with music in treble clef. When I had occasionally seen piano music in bass clef, I had assumed for many years it was just another way of writing music, like the difference between written English and some other language. Was I in for a surprise when I started singing as a bass!



## PARKING REMINDER

### Please do not park on Miller Avenue in front of Chalice.

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 neighbors' homes.



### Thank you

To those who bring cookies, organize protest marches, send flowers and cards; to those who sing or speak at Sunday service, and those who are just happy to be here; to those who pledge and to those who are not able; to all who bring the heart and soul to Chalice. And, of course—Thank you to all who read the newsletter to the end—there is one more page!

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## Volunteer Spotlight on Sarah Shapard

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON SARAH SHAPARD**

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Sarah Shapard for her work as Director of the *Spirit of Chalice*.

#### **WHAT MINISTRY / GROUP / TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?**

Spirit of Chalice (Children's Choir)

#### **WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?**

2010

#### **WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?**

My daughters were singing with Spirit of Chalice back in 2011-2012, when Lena Wellman was the director. She was looking for an accompanist for the group, and I was looking for an excuse to practice piano more often. Lena welcomed me on board even though I was extremely rusty at the time! When Lena decided to step down as director, I was invited to take her place.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?**

I enjoy getting to know the kids. They are a lively bunch!

#### **DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?**

I give financially to causes I support, and hope to do more volunteering when I am less busy with full-time work and parenting.

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

I am glad to be able to contribute to the community here, and it has been gratifying to see the improvement in kids who have been singing with the group for several years. It's also been a great reason for me to keep practicing piano.

#### **ABOUT YOU**

##### **WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?**

I grew up in Point Loma. My parents moved up to Escondido in 2002 and I, being pregnant with my first child, moved here shortly after that. It has been great being close enough to my parents that they can be very involved grandparents to my children.

##### **FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?**

Not necessarily my favorite memory but on topic- my first experience as an accompanist was in elementary school. We had an annual winter holiday program with a skit and a full chorus (it was a Christmas program until that became too

controversial for the public school I attended). One of the teachers played for most of the program, but I and another classmate each got one song to play.

#### **WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?**

The navy brought my grandparents here, on both sides of the family.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?**

I am a laboratory analyst.

#### **MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?**

Before I knew my husband we were on the Chalice stage together in the fall of 2011, when Lauren Schulz and Randi Driscoll produced a stage reading of *The Laramie Project*. We started dating in 2012 when our families were involved in the Chalice *Cabaret* production. We got married in 2013, and I have two children and two step-children.

#### **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?**

*The Princess Bride* is an old favorite. I got to visit Prince Humperdinck's castle in England the summer before last.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?**

I love that I can walk to Lourdes to pick up burritos (or chicken soup). Lately though I have gone to La Taqueria, over by Major Market. The food is excellent and I love the Dia De Los Muertos style décor.

#### **WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?**

I have never been much of a sports fan. I won tickets to a Padres game as a kid and I remember being more excited about the stadium food than anything else.

#### **COFFEE OR TEA?**

Tea, exclusively. A Delight Of France on Grand Avenue makes an excellent chai latte.

