



November 2017 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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Focus Group on Chalice Families

Attention all families who have children in RE or childcare, you are invited to participate in a focus group about Chalice.

Please join us either Nov. 12 or 19 from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm in the cottage (after Spirit of Chalice choir rehearsal). Snacks and child care provided. Please RSVP with Nancy Bowen at NLB234@yahoo.com or (858) 335-6652. Thanks!



Immigration Law 101--

Join us for a brief seminar to give you a background in U.S. immigration law and provide you with a fuller understanding of the legal issues immigrants face today.

Presenter: Kathy Zapata

Kathy Zapata has served as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (DHS ICE) and its predecessor the Immigration and Naturalization Service since 1996. She has worked with ICE Headquarters since 2009 in their appellate division, assisting the 1000+ ICE attorneys and those in other federal agencies with complex immigration litigation.

Date: November 19, 2017
12:30pm to 2:00pm

Place: Chapel, Chalice Unitarian Universalist Church

Child Care Provided



Sunday Services

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



Turn the clocks back

November 5

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Washing Dishes is Not a Spiritual Practice"

In trying times, it is more important than ever to take care of ourselves, to put on our own oxygen masks first, as the saying goes. Most of us know to tend to our physical, mental, and social wellbeing. But how do we tend to the spirit?

November 12

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Understanding Power"

It is easy to feel powerless against the resources of large corporations and politicians who don't seem to care. But doing nothing isn't the right answer either. How do we effect change? This is the third sermon in a 10-part sermon series inspired by the book "Active Hope" by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

November 19

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Chalice Soup and Founders Day" Multigenerational Service

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on and to share our communal abundance, with special appreciation for our founding members. Canned goods for the Interfaith Community Services Food Pantry will be collected during the service, so please bring LOTS! Please bring vegetarian soup ingredients for our communal soup.

Tuesday evening, **November 21 at 7 p.m.**

"Interfaith Thanksgiving Service"

Held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2255 Felicita Avenue, Escondido. Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation joins other faith communities of Escondido in celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 26

Lay Led Service

"Abundance"

Today we reflect on abundance, the true meaning of it, in preparation for the holiday shopping spree/season. Please join worship associates Anne McKeirnan and David Peale for this lay led service.



Music Ministry

Sunday Worship Music November Highlights

Nov 5: **The Chancel Choir** will present "Autumn" by Andy Beck.
Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

Nov. 12: **Spirit of Chalice** will present "Open the Door" by Joyce Poley.
Justin Gray will be our worship musician.

Nov. 19: The **Chancel Choir** will present "Breaths" by Ysaye M. Barnwell, adapted from a poem by Birago Diop.
Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

Nov. 26: **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.



Tim McKnight
Music Director

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Moana Movie and Sing Along
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Winter Music Service
Randi Driscoll's Jingle Ball

Nov. 5 @ 3 pm
Nov. 21 @ 7 pm
Dec. 10 @ 9 & 11 am
Dec. 10 at 7 pm

Cool Yuule — Winter Music Service

When someone says the word "cool," what kind of music do you hear? Is it bebop, hip-hop, boogie-woogie, blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll or something entirely different? Could you explain why the concept of cool is ever-changing? On December 10th, the Chalice Music Department will take you on a tour of the "coolification" of America featuring holiday music by Irving Berlin, Steve Allen, Kaye Starr, Jimmy Buffett, and many others. You might even learn to scat like Louis Armstrong! So, play it cool, real cool, and don't miss this music service!

Disney's "Moana" Sing Along on Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm! Free!

We all had so much fun at our Hamiltunes & Mary Poppins sing-alongs this year that we've created a new offering: come join us Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm for a sing-along to Disney's "Moana" at Chalice! This is a free event!

With a 96% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, this Golden Globe nominated family film is a must see. Best of all, many of the songs are composed by none other than our beloved "Hamilton" creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Lin earned his first Oscar nomination for his work writing the music for this film. Common Sense Media says "Moana" is good for kids ages 6 & up, and that it is full of positive messages and role models. Adults will love the journey, too. We'd love to share the fun with you, so save the date! Showtime is 3pm, and feel free to bring snacks to share.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 21 @ 7:00pm

Members of the Chalice Chancel Choir will be participating in a combined choir for the Escondido Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00pm, located at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2255 Felicita Road. Our own Tim McKnight will be directing the combined choir in "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come". Come and enjoy the choirs from a variety of Escondido congregations as we give thanks together.

If you are interested in singing at this community event, contact Tim McKnight for more information at music@chaliceucongregation.org.

Winter Holiday Party

I'm dreaming of a Holiday Party
Just like the ones I've grown to know
Where desserts all glisten
While Chalice folk listen
To songs wishing for some snow



I'm dreaming of a Holiday Party
With every friend and member there
As we bring enough to share
And all feast merrily on the fare.

I'm dreaming of a Holiday Party
With three turkeys and a ham
with an overflowing platter
And it doesn't matter
If no one brought the rolls and jam

I'm dreaming of a Holiday Party
Where all raise their voices to sing
With games and fun for all ages
As the fun expands in stages
Amidst the holiday bling



I'm dreaming of a Holiday Party
That's why this poem I do write
May our festival be merry and bright
And may all our Christmases,
Solstices, pagan festivities,
Chanakkuhs, Kwanzaas
and this Chalice party turn out right.

The annual Chalice Holiday
potluck and party will
be Saturday December
2 starting at 5 pm with songs,
stories, games, and other
merriment for all ages. Wear your
Christmas sweater and
bring a dish to share.



For more information or to help
plan the event contact Victoria Cagle
or Lara Brown. Or join us for the
planning meeting between services on
Sunday, November 5, in the chapel.

Clothing Drive to benefit Our Safe Place

Our Safe Place serves LGBT
Youth, ages 12—21 in North
County.

Bring donations to Chalice
from Sunday, Nov. 19 to
Dec. 17



Our Safe Place works in tandem with existing
agencies to get services to our most at-risk youth.

Requests:

- Shoes, sizes 8 to 13 mens, 7 to 10 womens
- Men's clothing size: S to XL shirts, & 30 to 36 pants
- Women's clothing size: S to XL shirts, size 6 to 16 pants
- Toiletries (deodorant, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, feminine hygiene products).
- Gender affirming items: cosmetics, hair products, nail polish.

New Construction Status


The posting of our Environmental Impact Report (EIR) supporting our Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application expired on October 18th. There were no objections or inquiries, although the city has raised an issue on the storm water control. The city planner has scheduled a **Planning Commission hearing for November 28th**. The specifics of time and place will be announced later, but it will be beneficial if as many members of Chalice as possible could attend to show support. A formal review by the Escondido City Council will follow after any issues arising in the Planning Commission hearing have been addressed. It is likely the CUP will be approved in the first quarter of 2018.

Pete Bussett is preparing his proposal for the preparation of the construction drawings and expects to have it to us the week of October 30th. If you have additional questions, please contact Bob Nelson, rbnelson@cox.net.





Groups That Meet Every Week or Every Other Week. You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Yoga	Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Chapel	Friendly classes, with gentle teachers and appreciative students. A \$5 donation is suggested, but not required.
Cracker Barrel 	Wednesdays, 9 am for breakfast, 9:30 for discussion at Marie Callender's in Escondido	Liberal thinkers & friendly, supportive men. New friends are welcome. Contact Marty Schwartz at (760) 445-5441 or Elliot1Marty@gmail.com. Open to all men of Chalice to meet life-long friends with a sense of humor.
Activist Letter Writing	First & Third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am in the Common Room	Join us for lively discussion and post card writing, with action as an outcome. For further information contact Kaye Campbell mmmgood30@gmail.com.
Zen Meditation	Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 am in the Cottage Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Cottage	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.
Women's Meditation & Study	Thursdays, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the Chapel	Mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Contact: Carol Bagguley (760) 746-0260 or 7carolbags@gmail.com
Grief Group	Started Saturday, October 7. Meets in the Chapel at 10:30 am, through November 11.	Dr. Patt Wahl and Dorris Kingsbury meet with any who are feeling the effect of grief in their lives.

Groups That Meet Once A Month - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Board Games	Second Wednesday 1:00 pm Common Room	A lively group meets to play games: Mexican dominoes, Rummikub, or any easy to learn game. Contact Carol Bagguley: 7carolbags@gmail.com.
Men's Support Group	Second Wednesday 6:30 pm Escondido location	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 410-608-8507. Phil can tell you more about the group, including the location.
Fiber Arts & Crafts	Third Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm Common Room	We chat and work, primarily needle-crafts like knitting, embroidery, and appliqué, but any portable crafts are welcome. Bonnie Packert at bp931@hyperlogic.com
Prayer Group	Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chapel November 15	Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others.
Circle Suppers	Third Saturday Homes of congregants	Saturday, November 18 at 6pm. Monthly pot-luck dinners. The number of dinners each month depends on how many people participate that month. Newcomers are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Dani Comer by Wed. Nov. 8 or if you have any questions. danicomer13@gmail.com 410-608-8563



Calix Groups are discontinued

It is with concern and regret that this message comes your way. The new Calix Group sessions will not take place. We have experienced a loss of leadership that make these sessions possible. Further we have been unable to locate adequate meeting locations for two of the groups. It is the opinion of the remaining Facilitators and Nancy Bowen, President of Chalice Congregation, that this action is necessary at this time. If adequate interest, leadership and facilities become available, the groups may be recreated.

We want to thank each of you for showing an interest in this type of small group experience, and hope that in the future, if Calix Groups are offered, you will consider making this a part of your Chalice experience.

Blessings,

Emily Troxell, Facilitator, Maria-Pia Duffy, Facilitator, Nancy Bowen, President of Chalice Congregation

These Groups Meet Once a Month, but something changes every month. You are Welcome Here!

Haven House Dinner -

Chalice congregants make & serve dinner at ICS (Interfaith Community Services) for people experiencing homelessness.

Chalice will host dinners on Wed, November 1, and Saturday, Dec. 16. If you would like to participate, please contact Marshall Fogel at mfogel1950@gmail.com.

Chalice Dine-Out - Meets on the Third Monday at 5:00 pm

Dine out will be going to Stone Brewery on Monday November 20th at 5:00 pm. Due to the time change we are meeting an hour earlier. Stone is located at 1999 Citracado Parkway in Escondido. Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. It helps to know how many will be attending. Please contact Cindy Carter at nanac1948@gmail.com.



Women's Book Group

Come join us on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:15 in the Common Room to discuss Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult, a thoughtprovoking examination of racism in America today, both overt and subtle. With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. Victoria Cagle 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dani Comer. danicomer13@gmail.com 410-608-8563

Dec. Book: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion Leader: Dani Comer

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

Will meet on November 17 at Fish House Vera Cruz in San Marcos. The address is 360 Via Vera Cruz, within the popular Old California Restaurant Row off San Marcos Blvd. We will meet there at 11:30 AM. We are a small group and welcome newcomers! Please RSVP for reservations and further instructions if needed.

Carol Simpson (858) 485-5184 or CarolRD@cox.net

Readers' Theater

Our November meeting will be held on Monday, November 27th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. We love newcomers at our gatherings! This month we'll be reading aloud John Grisham's drama *A Time to Kill* (adapted for the stage by Rupert Holmes). The plot: Carl Lee Hailey shot two men in the very courtroom where he now stands trial. But attorney Jake Brigance sees Hailey's act of vengeance against the racist men who attacked his daughter as a desperate bid for justice, and he's willing to risk everything to defend his client's life. As the trial heats up, the community is torn apart in this gripping adaptation of John Grisham's incendiary novel about race, crime, and family in small-town America that asks the question: when is it right to take justice into your own hands?

Please contact Deb Coon debjcoon@gmail.com or 858-538-2018 in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Chalice Calendar is updated frequently. For the most accurate information, please go on-line to ChaliceUU Congregation.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>5 - daylight savings begins - 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie: "Washing Dishes is Not a Spiritual Practice" & New Member Welcome 10:15 pm Party Planning 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 12:15 pm Outreach Team 1 pm Music Committee 3 pm Moana Sing Along</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 1 pm Coord Team 7 pm Executive Board 7 pm Yoga</p>	<p>1 9 am Cracker Barrel 10 am Coord Tm Retreat 11:30 am Activist Letter 6:15 pm Haven House</p>	<p>2 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10 am Worship Team 10:30 am Grief Group</p>
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<p>19 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie "Chalice Soup" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 11:20 pm Focus Group (Family) 12:30 pm Immigration Seminar 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p>20 5 pm Dine-Out Circle (note the different time).</p>	<p>21 1 pm Coord Team 7 pm Yoga 7 pm Interfaith Service off site. see pg 1 7:15 pm Women's Book Group</p>	<p>22 9 am Cracker Barrel</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving No rehearsals for choir or handchimes due to the holiday.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9 & 11 am Worship Service: Anne McKernan & David Peale "Abundance" 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 12:10 pm Decorate the Chapel 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p>27 6 pm TWW & Indivisible Escondido 6:45 pm Readers' Theater</p>	<p>28 Time tba — Planning Commission Hearing 7 pm Yoga</p>	<p>29 9 am Cracker Barrel 7 pm Bruno Groening Circle</p>	<p>30 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>December 2 9 am Board Development 5:30 pm Holiday Party!</p>



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Minister's Message

Beloved community,

Those of you who have become Chalice members in the past few years have received a handout about membership expectations. But those of you who have been Chalice members for longer than that have likely never seen this information! I'm including it here as my monthly message because I think it's important to know what you can expect at Chalice, as well as what Chalice expects from you.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM CHALICE

Expect to Keep Learning

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors...

Chalice is a community that values learning and curiosity. We aren't here to impose answers on each other, but to explore together.

Expect to Deepen Your Sense of Belonging

If you worship regularly, stay for coffee and conversation, participate in a small group, and volunteer when you can, you can expect to build connections and to begin to develop friendships.

Expect to Receive Care

Fill out a candle card on Sunday mornings. Attend a support group. Schedule time to meet with Rev. Sharon. Visit with a Lay Chaplain.

Expect Seasons of Discomfort

The theological diversity of our individual beliefs means that each of us will have times of feeling alone. And at church, we will meet people we like, but we will also meet people we don't like.

Any meaningful spiritual journey has times of restlessness. Staying engaged through your discontent will deepen your relationship to Unitarian Universalism.

Nuts and Bolts

Expect to receive an updated member directory annually

Expect to receive quarterly pledge statements

WHAT CHALICE EXPECTS OF MEMBERS

Abide by Covenant

You are expected to follow Chalice covenant and policies

You are expected to strive to live our Unitarian Universalist principles

Attend and Participate

You are expected to attend Sunday worship regularly

You are expected to participate, when possible, outside of attending Sunday morning worship. You are strongly encouraged to join a small group that meets regularly

When possible, you are expected to attend and vote at Chalice's annual meeting

Serve the Congregation and Community

When possible, volunteer with our quarterly service projects

Share your gifts and talents with the congregation

Reach out to other congregants with care and support

Support the Congregation Financially

You are required to make an annual pledge (or to request a financial waiver from the minister)

You are encouraged to pledge 3-5% of your income

Nuts and Bolts

You are expected to ensure that Chalice has your current contact information

You are expected to notify Rev. Sharon if you no longer wish to be a member

Bright blessings, Sharon





President's Message

Each of us participates at Chalice for different reasons and our individual experience at Chalice is unique. I participate at Chalice for the social interactions, the inspiration from services and the activities at Chalice and throughout Unitarian-Universalism that make the world more just and loving. No matter your reasons, it may enhance your experience and ability to participate if you better understand how Chalice is managed and who has what roles.



The Board of Trustees has general charge of the property of the Congregation and the conduct of its business affairs such as personnel, property and financial decisions. Chalice voted in 2011 to operate under a model called "Policy Governance". Therefore, our Board concentrates on oversight and delegates management to staff and the Coordinating Team (CT) and holds them accountable. The Board's oversight tasks include developing and leading achievement of the vision, mission, and goals, ensuring that staff and other congregational leadership have guidelines available and people and property are protected against harm.

The Senior Minister is responsible for the worship services and the Congregation's spiritual interests and affairs. At Chalice, the Senior Minister is also the Chief

of Staff and, therefore, is responsible for the paid staff and the volunteers that work with the staff.

Management is shared between staff and the CT and includes not just daily, practical work but ministry work such as building a community and transforming lives. Volunteers are a very important part of this work.

The CT guides the daily operations of the Congregation and supervises supportive committees. The Senior Minister, Administrator and two laypersons make up the Coordinating Team. The CT is responsible for the volunteers that do work not related to staff's work.

The Congregation helps govern Chalice when it votes at Congregational meetings.

It helps plan for Chalice when it reflects in small groups, workshops and surveys. It does ministry when congregants work as volunteers as part of committees and teams and as individuals.

But ultimately, it is not so important how we operate...but what we do and who we do it with. We are all so fortunate to be part of the Chalice UU Community !

"Institutional maintenance is a necessary, but ultimately secondary, function of a congregation. If souls are not transformed and the world not healed, the congregation fails no matter what the treasurer reports..." *

*"Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership" by Dan Hotchkiss, 2016

Nancy Bowen, Congregation President

October Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

The Board welcomed two new members at the October meeting, **Chris O'Connor** and **Margaret Spear**.

President Nancy Bowen was away and President-elect Marshall Fogel conducted the routine meeting. After a lively discussion about reducing the size of the Board from 9 to 7 members, the motion was tabled and will be on the November agenda.

Coordinating Team Report for Oct. 10 2017 Board meeting

- Deb & Sharon will meet with Stewardship Team leaders to create a task force to review existing Stewardship Policy and recommend changes.
- Council of Chairs meeting will be Oct. 14. Callie will lead the meeting with a topic from the UUA's "Harvest the Power" program.
- Chalice T-shirt design has been selected. A sample of the shirt will be available soon. [Update: samples will be available in November.]



Family Ministry

Youth Group Adventure!

On October 22, Chalice high school youths joined with the Palomar UU Fellowship's youth group and participated in a group activity. They went to an Escape Room in Escondido. Escape Rooms—a



growing phenomenon—are used for team building (and fun) for new and existing groups of teens or adults. Like the Chalice youth group, Palomar youths are using the Coming of Age curriculum this year, and will be joining us for some of the retreats we have planned. Thanks to you, our group paid for their part by raising the money in fundraisers at Chalice. (You will continue to see more of these—watch for a pancake breakfast coming soon!) The two groups gathered for pizza afterward.



Kathleen Swift
Director of Family Ministry

Volunteer Spotlight on Patrick McConnell

Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Patrick McConnell for his work as the Summer Gardening Program Lead.

WHAT MINISTRY / GROUP / TEAM DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH?

Currently: I sometimes help as a WA [Worship Associate], and I helped with grade school garden club this summer

WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

July 2015

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

We all need to help out to the best of our abilities

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

A sense of belonging

DO YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

No

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

Strengthen community

ABOUT YOU

WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

Southeast Texas, south of Houston.

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

Uncle Cecil's lake house in north Texas

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

The Navy

WHAT IS YOUR JOB/PROFESSION OUTSIDE OF CHALICE?

Invasive Plants Program Manager, and Habitat Restoration Program Manager, Land Management Section, ES MCB Camp Pendleton.

MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

Married with one boy-Cormac

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

The Big Lebowski

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO GET BURRITOS?

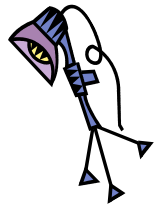
Manana's in Ramona

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?

SDSU Football

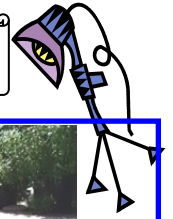
COFFEE OR TEA?

Coffee





Music Spotlight on Marilyn West Alberts



Brief Biography

I was born in 1933 in Sacramento, on my father's side genetically Methodist going back to the times of John Wesley, (although my great-great-grandmother was a Romany Gypsy who reputedly held regular seances in her home). Grandpa West lived with my family until I was five; a phenomenal though untrained musician, he made stringed instruments as a hobby. My dad was an excellent cellist who played one of Grandpa's cellos well into his eighties.



I began piano lessons at age five. When at 15 it became apparent that I would never be better than second-best piano player in town, I switched to organ. Eventually, I enrolled at the University of Redlands as an organ major. After a few weeks, it was clear I was hopelessly outclassed and I became an English major and transferred to UC Berkeley, where I encountered Unitarianism.

The smartest man I ever met, Watson Alberts, and I were married for 55 years and have a beloved son and daughter. I ended up teaching English for 38 years, mostly at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Maryland. Loved it, and was rewarded with an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University.

What does music mean in your life?

Music---folk, classical, and sacred---has been a constant in every home I've lived in, and it will be so for the rest of my life. Wherever I am, I need to sing, by myself or in any size group. Being in Chalice choir is a true joy.

Fun Fact

I have never (yet) successfully managed to dive into a swimming pool.

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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