



February 2018 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California
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Chalice Auction

February 10 at 5:00 pm

Chalice chapel

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The Power of Matching: Building Fund Finale UPDATE!

Now that we have received a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City of Escondido, Phase 1 construction planning has begun in earnest. There's a lot to do, including preparation of detailed architectural and engineering plans and soliciting bids to perform the work. The dream of a new multipurpose building is nearing a reality.

The Power of Matching Campaign has been an enormous success so far. Thanks to all who have contributed! However, we are still short of our goal of \$200,000. **Please remember, any new or additional contributions in excess of previous pledges will be dollar matched to double their impact through June 30, 2018.**

We need these additional funds to complete Phase 1 without taking on new debt.

To contribute, simply write a check to Chalice UU Congregation noting "The Power of Matching: Building Fund Finale" (or P of M or BFF) on the memo line. These checks can be mailed to Chalice, dropped in the Sunday offering, or placed in the Bookkeeper's Mailbox near the restrooms. Online banking contributions should also note "The Power of Matching" on the memo line.

Thank you all for your generosity and spirit and the loving care you bring to our Chalice Community!

Marshall A Fogel
Chalice Vice President

Sunday Services

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

February 4 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Imbolc Blessings" Multigenerational Service

Imbolc is the Neo-Pagan celebration of the earliest signs of spring, an observance that lives on in our modern Groundhog Day. At this morning's service, the Maiden, Mother, and Crone will offer blessings of health and protection to all who ask.

Fire Drill Practice after service.

February 11 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Visioning Something New (Active Hope #6)"

Today, please bring a friend to church for our annual chocolate and berries service. This is the sixth sermon in a 10-part series inspired by the book Active Hope by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

**Chocolate & Berries Sunday
Bring a Friend to Chalice Sunday**

February 18 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Right Relationship with Money"

Do you control your money, or does your money control you? Our fears and anxieties around money sometimes run amok. This morning we consider how to keep an appropriate perspective on the role of money in our lives.

Congregation Meeting after 2nd service

February 25 Lisa Shaffer, pulpit guest "Spiritual Weeding"

Today we explore how we create and maintain our physical, emotional, and spiritual landscape. What do we plant and nurture? How do we determine what to keep and feed and what is a weed that needs to be eradicated?

Lisa Shaffer is a member of the UU Fellowship of San Dieguito in Solana Beach. She served on the Encinitas City Council from 2012-2016. She has failed at retirement and is involved in a number of volunteer and paid consulting positions in her community.



Music Ministry

Sunday Worship Music February Highlights

Feb 4: The **Handchime Ensemble** will present "Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads", based on English folk tune "Kingsfold" and arranged by David Peale. **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.



Feb 11: The **Chancel Choir** will present the song "Friendship" from the Broadway musical *Anything Goes* by Cole Porter. **Spirit of Chalice** will present "Welcome". **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.



Tim McKnight
Music Director

Feb 18: **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.

Feb 25: The **Chancel Choir** will present the American Folk Hymn "How Can I Keep from Singing" arranged by Andy Beck. This song can be found in our gray hymnal (#108) where it is called "My Life Flows On In Endless Song." **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Spring Music Service

May 20 @ 9 & 11 am

Bring a Friend to Chalice! Sunday, February 11

Do you know someone who has dull, lonely, Sunday mornings? Someone who may avoid going to church because they don't appreciate the messages they have heard in a traditional house of worship? Maybe someone whose children have grown up and they no longer have a social connection through youth sports, scouts, or even science fair?

Do this friend a favor! Bring them to Chalice!

We put the fun in Sundays, with stimulating conversations following thought provoking services, and good coffee. We hear LIVE MUSIC every Sunday! We organize for social justice causes. We stretch our minds (and bodies) at a variety of activities during the week.

Be a friend. Bring a friend. Share the experience of Chalice with someone you know.

Bring a Friend Sunday is February 11. But, any Sunday is a good day to invite someone to be a part of this loving community.

Special Congregation Meeting February 18, 2018

The Board voted to hold a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 12:15 pm

1. Celebrate and hear an update on the progress of the facilities renovation and the capital campaign.
2. Vote to change the Board of Trustees size from 11 members (9 voting and 2 non-voting ex-officio) to 9 members (7 voting and 2 non-voting ex-officio).

We will need a quorum. Please attend. There will be food served!





USHER MEETING

Sunday, February 4

10:15 - 10:45 am in the chapel

Are you an usher or would you like to be an usher? Ushers are the folks who collect the offering during the service and count the number of people in the chapel -- very easy and VERY important!

Please join Rev. Sharon for a brief meeting in the chapel between services to review usher duties and ask any questions.

Donuts will be provided.



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2018 STORIES OF HOPE, COURAGE, RESISTANCE, AND RESILIENCE

Lloyd Center DoubleTree in Portland, OR
April 27-29, 2018
uua.org/pwr



Speakers include
Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal,
Rev. Dr. William Barber, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray.

Join us for workshops on congregational life, development days for religious professionals, experiential learning with the UU College for Social Justice, district gatherings, and much more.

REGISTRATION FEES

Adult: \$162 (to Jan. 31). After Feb. 1, \$180.
Young Adults, Ministerial Aspirants, Retired Ministers & Partners: \$120
Youth: \$90
Children: \$30 (Kids Camp will be amazing!)
Includes all programming Friday night through Sunday noon; Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner; Sunday breakfast.



AUCTION REMINDERS

- ◇ Those donating treasures please bring them to Chalice between February 7th and the afternoon of February 10th.
- ◇ On the evening of the Auction (February 10th) come at 5:00 for plate and paddle pickup and have fun socializing.
- ◇ Childcare will be provided throughout the Auction. We would like a count of how many children to plan for. Please contact Rita Hill at *[not for public]* or Debi Streett-Idell at *[not for public]* to let us know.
- ◇ Remember to bring a finger food with you. Beverages and paper goods will be provided. Those able to help with setup and cleanup please contact Nancy Bowen at *[not for public]* or Susan Sklar *[not for public]*.
- ◇ The Auction Team would like to remind those unable to attend that a proxy can bid for you. Payment will not be on Auction night. A statement for purchases and donations will be e-mailed after the Auction evening.
- ◇ If you have unwanted gift cards please consider donating them for the flash give-a-ways between auction items. Please contact Judy Winn if you have a card to donate.

The Auction Team is looking forward to seeing everyone on February 10th at 5:00 pm



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

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays, 10 am in the Chapel	Patty Carlisle leads this weekly yoga class to share the healing aspects of yoga. Individuals exercise and strengthen their bodies. This is at Chalice, so you know you will be surrounded by positive, caring people.
Yoga 	Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Chapel	Alec Bergamini leads the class on the 1st, 2nd, & 4th Tuesday evenings each month, Chris O'Connor on the 3rd Tuesday. Every class is different, but you will always be glad you came. Newcomers are welcome. \$5 donation 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 person is Marty Schwartz at <i>[contact info not for public]</i> . 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. New activists welcome. Contact Kaye Campbell at <i>[not for public]</i> if you have any questions.
Zen Meditation	Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 am and Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Cottage	Chalice Friend, Dr. Al Zolnyas, offers instruction and Meditation practice 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 person is Carol Bagguley at <i>[not for public]</i>

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 fun game. Newcomers happily welcomed! Contact Carol Bagguley at <i>[not for public]</i>
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 <i>[not for public]</i> . 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, or embroidery, but any portable crafts are welcome. Contact person is Bonnie at <i>[not for public]</i>
Prayer Group	Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chapel	Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others. All are welcome.
Circle Suppers	Third Saturday, Feb. 17 at 6 pm at homes of congregants RSVP by Feb. 7	Circle Suppers are monthly dinners in a pot-luck format with usually eight people at a host's home, depending on how many people participate. There is no obligation to host a dinner. Newcomers are welcome. Please contact Dani Comer by Wed. Feb.7. <i>[not for public]</i>



Monthly Group meetings – Details for February! You are Welcome Here!

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

Dine Out will be dining at Dominic's Italian Restaurant located at 113 E Grand Ave, Escondido, on February 19th at 5:00 pm.

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. Please contact Cindy Carter at [not for public] .



Women's Book Group

On Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:15pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Johanna has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, throws away her shoes, and refuses to act "civilized." Yet as the miles pass, the two lonely survivors tentatively begin to trust each other, forming a bond that marks the difference between life and death in this treacherous land. Jan Hall 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 would like to come or want more information, please contact: Dani Comer: [not for public]

March Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Facilitator: Lena Wellman

Our complete reading list for 2018 is available on the Chalice web page.

Ladies Out to Lunch

We will meet at Anejo Restaurant in Escondido, located at 329 W. Felicita Ave. The restaurant is in the Von's & Brigantine restaurant shopping center off Center City Parkway. We meet at 11:30 AM every third Friday of the month.

Hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Carol Simpson, [not for public] .



Readers' Theater

Our February meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 26th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. **We love newcomers at our gatherings!**

This month we'll be reading aloud the comedy "Mama Won't Fly," by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. An outrageously hilarious race against the clock begins when Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. Savannah's problem: Mama won't fly. With only four days to make it to the ceremony, this determined daughter has no choice but to drive cross-country with her equally willful mother in Mama's vintage sedan. Comedic chaos ensues as every conceivable—and inconceivable—mishap that can occur does.

Please join us for a lighthearted evening! Please contact Deb Coon [not for public] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.



Chalice Mission Statement

Open hearts, open minds, open doors,
Nurturing spirits;
Seeking justice within the wider world



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9 & 11 am Worship Service: Rev. Sharon Wylie Multigenerational "Imbolc Blessings" 10 am & 12 pm Fire Drill 10:15 am Usher meeting 10:30 am Spirit of Chalice 3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am Chair Yoga 1 pm Coord Team 7 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Executive Board</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter 7:00 pm Bruno Groening Circle</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 am Power of Matching</p>	<p>3</p>
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Minister's Message

The following is an excerpt from Rev. Sharon Wylie's sermon "Understanding Power (Active Hope #3)" offered on November 12, 2017:

But power in and of itself is not bad or harmful. As Dr. Martin Luther King described, "Power is the ability to achieve purpose. Power is the ability to effect change."

And our world is desperately in need of change.

As we transition to a life-sustaining society committed to the healing and recovery of our world, our understanding of power is changing. Who here could have imagined a year ago that we would still have the Affordable Care Act today? Getting rid of the Affordable Care Act was a central promise of the Trump campaign, and with both the House and Senate controlled by Republicans, there did not seem to be any way of stopping that from happening.

But that's not what's happened so far. We've learned that we have more power than we knew. That our phone calls and shared stories about why the Affordable Care Act is important and how it's saved lives...that all those things are important. That they make a difference.

We've been learning about power with, not power over. Power that's collaborative, not conflicted. Power where everyone wins, rather than one side winning and another side losing. Power that's about relationship, not dominance.

A surprise hero in preserving the Affordable Care Act (so far) was television host Jimmy Kimmel, who used his power on his television show to tell about his infant son's heart surgery, and to make the connection that everyone should have access to affordable health care. It was a beautiful use of power.

Now, Jimmy Kimmel wasn't alone in advocating for affordable health care. I'm not even sure it's accurate to call him a leader in advocating for affordable health care. He was simply one person, using his power and his voice to help effect change. To help effect change, joining with millions of other people, using their power and their voices.

When we use power with (instead of power over), we are mindful that we are one of many taking action. Instead of feeling powerlessness, like our one small step won't make a difference, we know ourselves to be part of a larger whole. The questions to ask ourselves are, "What am I part of?" "What is this action a part of?" "What is happening through me?"

We are like drops of water...that are part of a trickle of water...part of a river of water...part of a powerful waterfall. On our own, we can't see all that we are a part of. We only know that we're a drop of water. A drop of water isn't much, right?

But we might be part of a trickle.
Or we might be part of a river.
Or we might be part of a waterfall.

We don't know. We have to take action, exert what power we have, not knowing with certainty what effect it will have. Sometimes we will be disappointed. But sometimes we will be amazed.

Blessings,
Rev. Sharon Wylie



Monthly Prayer Circle

Wednesday, February 21
Chapel at 7 pm

Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others.



Rev. Sharon Wylie's Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 1-5 pm, Wednesday, 2-5 pm
Appointments outside office hours are based on availability

Office: 760.737.0393 Cell: 619.871.9959

Email: revsharonwylie@gmail.com



Family Ministry

Children who attend Religious Education classes will be finishing up their current curriculum and starting a new program early in 2018.

For our K/1 kids, we offer *World of Wonder*, a Tapestry of Faith curriculum from the UUA. This program delves deep into our Unitarian Universalist seventh Principle. It instills respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part and appreciation of its beauty, excitement, and mystery. It is founded on the premise that direct experience in nature is essential to children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development. Time spent experiencing and exploring during the kindergarten and first grade years begins a practice that can bring lifelong openness to the wonder nature can spark.



Kathleen Swift
Director of Family Ministry

Our 2/3 kids will learn about *Signs of Our Faith: Being UU Every Day*. Another offering from Tapestry of Faith, this program asks us to think about religion as the practice of being faithful to what you love. In order to do this, you must decide what you love and do your best to live that love faithfully every day. *Signs of Our Faith* guides children to do their best to live faithful lives every day. It presents fourteen traits or values that most Unitarian Universalist love, including the quest for knowledge, reverence for life, supporting one another on our faith journeys, and public witness. Children examine how their lives do and can exhibit these traits and values, and come to understand that their faith is a living faith whose histories and teachings are fortifications for living faithfully in a complex world.

For kids in the 4/5 grade levels, we will offer *Toolbox of Faith*. Written by Katie Covey, this Tapestry of Faith curriculum invites participants to reflect on qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. These tools are offered as symbols of various traits. For example, a magnifying glass becomes a symbol for questioning; a hammer a metaphor for power.

Our middle school youth will move to the program, *Popcorn Theology*, by Shancar Publications. *Popcorn Theology* takes the concept and popularity of movie night to explore issues of theology and ethics for Unitarian Universalists. Each session has a selected excerpt which lasts approximately 15-20 minutes and is accompanied by suggested activities and discussion questions.

Our high school youth will continue their faith exploration with *Coming of Age*.

Chalice is now on Instagram!
Follow us at
[@chaliceuuescondido](https://www.instagram.com/chaliceuuescondido).
Thanks!





President's Message



Sometimes I feel overwhelmed because I have so many things I need to do and many that I just want to do. For me it does all come down to choices and the need to focus. At Chalice, there are many congregants with different interests and we are involved in a variety of great activities. But sometimes, for selected efforts, as for myself, it is important for Chalice to come together to focus in order for us to be effective and move forward.

With this in mind, at the recent annual meeting of the Board and the Coordinating Team, two Congregational One-Year Goals (for Fiscal Year 2018-2019) were developed and a topic for exploration for that year was chosen. The Goal criteria included: it contributes to the achievement of Chalice's Five-Year Goals; multiple programs and committees can offer support for it; it is of highest priority for Chalice to work on (this coming year); it is feasible.

The Goals in rough draft form are:

- ♦ Improve support for current and newly arriving families with children of RE age & younger
- ♦ Ensure every Chalice member is a knowledgeable ambassador about the renovation project

The topic chosen for exploration to be led by the Board next year (the "Open Question") is:

What groups of people that we are not now reaching do we mean to reach? What special

efforts will we take to reach them?

There was a very "rich", informed discussion at the meeting that I will attempt to share by describing the categories of suggestions for Goals and some of the suggestions themselves. The final choices were difficult. They were made through intense reasoning and sharing of feelings and finally development of consensus. The categories under which suggestions for topics were grouped are underlined. An example or two of a suggestion follows the category where it was grouped. Social Justice: known for social justice work, anti-racism work; Love & Compassion: nurturing and tending to the congregation; Engagement (internal): increase involvement of congregants; Leadership Development: increase # of leaders; Retention: practice radical hospitality; Families/Children: make this the most awesome place for kids; Diversity (internal): increase number of members of color; Recruitment: increase involvement in our community; Facilities: message in an exciting way about renovation; Visibility: outreach with a consistent message.

Chalice is an amazing group of people !

Nancy Bowen,
Congregation President

CT Report for January 2018 Board Meeting

- Date for Council of Chairs meeting is changed to January 27, 2018.
- Office Administrator will hire professional to do repairs that are needed on an urgent or emergency project.
- Procedure for congregation-wide (single subject) emails was adopted.
- Ok to Bookkeeper to purchase a credit card reader from Vanco, to be used for accepting credit card payments.

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The message below was emailed to Chalice members and friends on January 19, 2018:

Beloved Chalice members and friends,

In our small space at Chalice, making room for each other is an ongoing struggle. Your Coordinating Team - Rev. Sharon Wylie, Deb Coon, Paula Gonzales, and Callie Leef - would like to encourage a community-wide effort to make sure we are doing our collective best to take care of each other, especially on Sunday mornings.

We're calling this the "Protect and Respect" campaign. It has two components.

1. Protect and Respect in the Parking Lot

We would like to request that on Sunday mornings, the main Chalice parking lot be reserved for the following groups:

- Families with young children
- Elders 80 years and older
- Anyone experiencing pain with walking or anyone with medical conditions
- People new to the congregation

This request is to leave the premier parking spaces for those who need the closest and safest access to church.

This means that if you do not fall into one of those groups, we would like to encourage you to park in the upper lot, on Hamilton east of Miller, or on Miller south of Hamilton (please do not ever park on Miller in front of the church).

We continue to have four parking spots reserved for those with disabled person parking placards. Also, the parking spot reserved for Rev. Sharon will continue to be reserved for her Monday through Saturday, but will not be reserved for her on Sunday mornings.

2. Protect and Respect in the Chapel

Even though we have plenty of seating in the chapel at each service, it can still feel hard to find a seat! So we would like to ask our earliest arriving people to seat yourself toward the walls, leaving the seats closer to the aisle available for those who arrive after you.

There are also now two spots in the chapel reserved for wheelchairs, with companion seats next to them.

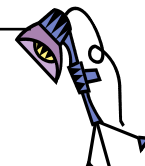
These are simple changes, but we also know that it can feel hard to make simple changes. We all just want to get to church! But we are not people arriving at the movie theater or trying to get a good parking spot at the mall. We are a caring community, offering mutual care and support.

Whether you are being asked to park farther away or encouraged to park in the main lot, we hope you will have patience with and compassion for one another as we make these changes to our Sunday morning norms.

Yours in faith,

The Coordinating Team Rev. Sharon Wylie, Deb Coon, Paula Gonzales, and Callie Leef





Music Spotlight on Bonnie Packert

Brief Biography

After early years spent moving around with my Navy father, we finally settled in rural Louisiana. My family was not particularly musical, though there were guitars and a piano in the house and we played popular records. In 3rd grade, I took piano lessons for a year or so. That was enough for me to learn the correspondence between piano keys and the music staff, but it is slow and painful, sort of like singing the whole alphabet to remember whether Q comes before R. My efforts in the hand chime ensemble are using entirely new pathways in my sixty-mumble-year-old brain since I am also rhythmically and left-right challenged.

What does music mean in your life?

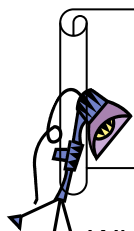
Though making music is difficult for me, my first iPod completely changed my listening relationship. Working as an embedded software developer, I tuned out noise using playlists that were either entirely instrumental or that had vocals in a language I didn't understand, and the "least recently heard" features brought back forgotten favorites. Music keeps me focused when I need to work.

Fun Fact

In my very conservative high school, my sister and I and some friends "entertained" the Future Homemakers of America at our Mother-Daughter Banquet with a rousing rendition of "What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?" but they were not as amused as we expected.



Volunteer Spotlight on Craft Fair Organizers Kathy Frank & Margaret Spear



WHAT INSPIRED THIS TEAM TO GET STARTED?

When I heard that Lena wasn't going to lead it this year. What!? I had fun at the last 2 she organized, I knew there had to be a 3rd.

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

Learning to work with my co organizer, Margaret Spear.

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

The excitement I felt from people and myself when they signed up. I especially liked including the children. Maybe there could be one just for the kids.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE CHALICE CONGREGANTS WILL TAKE AWAY FROM THE CRAFT FAIR?

Learning something new about the people who were there, the ones they see in the congregation and never knew there was this side to them. A love of handmade art.

WHAT NEXT (AFTER THE CRAFT FAIR)?

Don't know yet



