



# March 2018 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California  
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## Pledge Drive Kick Off The 2018 - 2019 Pledge Drive Kick-Off Sunday, March 4.



Your pledging allows us to plan ahead. We are asking for financial support to help us meet our goals in the coming year.

Pledge cards available March 4.



## Seeking Nominations for the Board of Trustees

Chalice's Nominating Committee (Deb Coon, Chair; Andi Stout and Susan Spoto) is seeking nominations for open positions on the Board of Trustees.

Open positions include:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- 3 Trustee positions

Recommended qualifications vary depending on the position. If you wish to nominate anyone, including yourself, please contact Deb [not for public]. Nominations will close on Weds., March 7, 2018.



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

**March 4** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"Celebrating Aging" Multigenerational Service**  
 Our modern culture glorifies youth and devalues aging. But that doesn't mean we have to! This morning congregants of all ages will celebrate the gifts (and recognize the challenges) of growing older. Congregants 60 years and older will receive blessings and gifts as crones and sages.

Pledge Drive Kickoff March 4.  
You can pick up your pledge card today.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 11



**March 11** **Lay Led Service**  
**"Ethical Eating"**  
 Imagine a world without factory farming. A world where billions of animals no longer suffer. A world with a cleaner and safer environment. Being a vegan or vegetarian may help create this world but there are other ways to make it happen too. Join Anne McKeirnan in this lay led service, and explore how to live in alignment with our 7th principle and eat ethically.

**March 18** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"The Risk of Changing (Active Hope #7)"**  
 Everything is falling apart, and everything is possible...which can feel overwhelming! Building a new way of being means believing that change is possible. This is the seventh sermon in a 10-part series inspired by the book Active Hope by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

**March 25** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"Intersections and Microaggressions"**  
 By some accounts, we are experiencing a second wave of the civil rights movement. In observance of César Chávez Day, we will consider how racism, sexism, and classism remain insidious. We will also learn about the national Poor People's Campaign, led by Rev. Dr. William Barber.

**April 1** **Easter Sunday**



## Music Ministry



**Tim McKnight**  
Music Director

### Sunday Worship Music March Highlights

**March 4:** **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.

**March 11:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”, written by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225 and paraphrased by William H. Draper in 1919. Unitarian Universalist Nick Page provides a beautiful arrangement of the piece, based on the German hymn tune “LASST UNS ERFREUEN” from the 1623 church hymnal *Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengesäng*. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

**March 18:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “Inscription of Hope”, by Z. Randall Stroope. This piece includes fragments of a Russian folk melody as well as words inscribed on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. **Spirit of Chalice** will also perform “If I Had a Hammer” by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

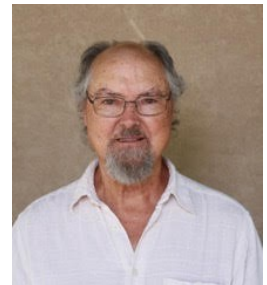
**March 25:** **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.

### Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Don Anderson and Friends Concert	March 25, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Speed of Sound Concert	April 28
Chalice Hootenanny with Tom Carlstrom & Friends	May 12 at 7 pm
Spring Music Service	May 20 @ 9 & 11 am
Chilli, Brews, and Blues Concert	June 23

### Don Anderson and Friends Concert is On!!

Sunday, March 25, the concert starts at 6:00. Beer, wine, snacks served at 5:00. Come early for a good seat. The suggested price is \$ 15.00. Don is a long-time Chalice member and an active player in the Poway Folk Music Circle. Each year, he brings his friends over to Chalice for a Folk Songs, Blue Grass, down home, friendly concert. This year, Don’s brother will be visiting from Canada and he will be singing some Canadian songs. Don says “While We’re Here, We Should Sing”.



### 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. This scholarship fund was established in 2007 by Paula Gonzales in memory of her mother, Gloria Angelo. Over the years many scholarships have been granted, leaving the fund nearly depleted. However, thanks to a generous donation from Daniel Gordon in memory of his parents, Edith and Barry Gordon, these scholarships are again available for lessons, workshops, summer camps, and other educational opportunities in the arts. 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](mailto:music@chaliceucongregation.org).



## 10th Annual Chalice Auction Camping Trip March 23-25

There is still room to join the 10<sup>th</sup> annual multigenerational camping trip in the Anza Borrego Desert on March 23-25 at Agua Caliente Regional Park. Enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, stargazing, exploring, eating s'mores and relaxing around the group campfire together. Contact Wendy Metzger at [not for public] if you are interested or for more information.



## Church Camp: June 1– 3: Save the Date!

Take a break from your busy life. Pause, breathe, and renew at our beautiful and relaxing de Benneville Pines camp in the San Bernardino Mountains.



The first weekend of June each year is the time for Chalice and First Church of San Diego to come together to commune with nature, worship, play, and bask in the warmth of a community of peers.

Registration will be coming in April, but put it on your calendar now!

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY for Pacific Western Region of UUA

UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. See the PWR website ([www.uua.org/pwr](http://www.uua.org/pwr)) for full details.



## “Bienvenido Aqui!”

“You Are Welcome Here”, our wonderful Gathering Song that we sing each Sunday morning, written by our very own, uber-talented John Schulz, has been translated into Spanish. Upon hearing the recording of “Bienvenido Aqui”, John commented: “The Spanish translation is so beautiful... I am so grateful because this is something I could have never done on my own.”

We first sang the Spanish lyrics as a congregation on February 11 and plan to incorporate it more regularly into our worship services. Rev. Tania Márquez, a native Spanish speaker and the current assistant minister at First Church, provided the translation.

The driving force behind translating the song into Spanish was Rev. Elizabeth Bukey, our assistant minister from 2014-2017. She had been the intern minister at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, where they routinely sing songs in both English and Spanish during services. As Rev. Elizabeth wrote about the translation, “I think in Escondido, where there is such hostility among some toward Spanish-speaking communities, for Chalice to sing in Spanish can be a statement against white/anglo cultural hegemony. [It shows] that we value our Spanish-speaking members and neighbors.”

Bienvenido aquí,  
Doquiera que vayas tú,  
Doquiera que vengas hoy,  
Bienvenido aquí. (repeat)



A este lugar de amor,  
De sueños e ilusión,  
A este lugar de amor,  
Bienvenido aquí.

Sí, es un lugar de amor,  
De sueños e ilusión,  
Es un lugar de amor,  
Bienvenido aquí.





## 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>[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 Packert 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, March 17 at 6 pm at homes of congregants RSVP by March 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. March 7 at <i>[not for public]</i> .





## Information for March Group Activities! You are Welcome Here!

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

Dine Out will be dining at 5:00 on MONDAY March 19th at Stir Fresh located at 17120 Bernardo Center Dr. (Adjacent to the Rancho Bernardo library).

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. Please contact Cindy Carter at [nanac1948@gmail.com](mailto:nanac1948@gmail.com).



### **Women's Book Group**

On Tuesday, March 20 at 7:15 pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room to discuss ***A Spool of Blue Thread*** by Anne Tyler.

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]*.

April Book: *Orhan's Inheritance* by Aline Ohanesian

Facilitator: Victoria Cagle

The complete reading list for 2018 was recently revised. That is available on the Chalice website: [ChaliceUUCongregation.org](http://ChaliceUUCongregation.org)

### **Ladies Out to Lunch**

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on Friday, March 16 at Phil's BBQ restaurant at 17051 W. Bernardo Drive in Rancho Bernardo. It is near the intersection of West Bernardo Drive & Rancho Bernardo Road, next to the I-15 exit. We are a small, chatty group and welcome newcomers, so come and join us! Please RSVP for reservations to Carol Simpson at *[not for public]*.



### **Readers' Theater**

Our March meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. **We love newcomers at our gatherings!** This month we'll be reading aloud the drama *A Particle of Dread* (Oedipus Variations) by Sam Shepard. The Greek tale of Oedipus reimagined as a modern thriller. A murder is committed. Who is the victim? Who is responsible? What are the consequences for generations to come? There are many versions of the crime in this intriguing tale. People are hiding from the truth, even when it stares them in the face. "A noir thriller... with a sprinkling of surreal humor." --The New York Post.



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

### **Haven House Interfaith Community Dinners**

In March, our date to serve dinner is Wednesday, March 21. Each month, volunteers from Chalice cook and serve a meal to the people who are staying at the local shelter. There are coordinators for each month, and Julia & Marshall Fogel keep the mailing lists and facilitate our participation in this community service project. If you would like to participate, contact Marshall *[not for public]*.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>4</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:                      Rev. Sharon Wylie                      Multigenerational                      "Celebrating Aging"  <b>Pledge Drive Begins</b>                      10:30 am Spirit of Chalice                      3:30 pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>7 pm</b> Auction Follow Up</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      10 am Chair Yoga                      1 pm Coord Team                      7 pm Yoga                      7:00 pm Executive Board</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      9 am Cracker Barrel                      11:30 am Activist Letter</p>	<p><b>1</b>                      8:30 am Zen Meditation                      10:30 am Women's Study                      6:30 pm Handchime Reh                      7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>                      11:00 am Meeting</p>
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## Minister's Message

The following is an excerpt from Rev. Sharon Wylie's sermon "Visioning Something New (Active Hope #6)" offered on February 11, 2018:

We had a teach-in here two weeks ago on White Supremacy Culture. For most of us, that was our first exposure to those ideas, that white supremacy culture has these characteristics—I'm going to name them, and please recognize that these are the characteristics of the dominant culture in the United States. These are the characteristics of an industrial society committed to economic growth. These are the characteristics that we are turning away from:

Perfectionism, sense of urgency, defensiveness, quantity over quality, worship of the written word, paternalism, either / or thinking, power hoarding, fear of open conflict, individualism, progress is bigger, more; the illusion of objectivity, and the right to be comfortable.

We felt uncomfortable that Sunday two weeks ago, many of us. Most of us aren't used to talking about race so explicitly. We haven't had those cultural characteristics identified before. We aren't sure what's being asked of us.

But I notice that as we've adjusted to our discomfort, we've become interested in learning more. We want to talk more. We want to read more and listen more and do more. In many ways, it's a relief to have something to do, something to work on. Let's get to work! Let's commit our energy to promoting, supporting, and hastening the Great Turning.

This work takes our imagination. The world we are building is a world we have only dreamed about. It's not a return or a re-creation of anything we've ever done or known before. It needs our creativity and our vision to bring it into being. Everything is falling apart, and everything is possible.

What will this life-sustaining society look like? What will its characteristics be?

It is part of our work as activists, as people of values and principles, it is part of work to make room in our lives for daydreaming. For imagination. For inspiration. We need to make room in our lives to envision this new world we are building. What will it be like?

Instead of a culture of perfectionism, a culture of appreciation. A culture of gratitude.

Instead of a sense of urgency, there will be a sense of expansiveness, a commitment to taking the time necessary to honor relationships and to work in realistic time frames.

A culture of curiosity. A culture that values process and emotions and connection. A culture that values many modes of communication. A culture where some messiness is okay, where people have power over their own lives, where conflict is understood as a sign of healthy diversity, and where the needs of the community are at least as important as the needs of individuals....

This is a lot of what we strive to be about here at Chalice. Making this a place for creating the world we long for outside these walls....

I'm sure we fall short, but we will fall short outside these walls as well. What matters is that we keep trying. That we stay in relationship, stay committed to co-creating this world we dream of, and remind ourselves that it's not easy.

Blessings,  
Rev. Sharon Wylie



### Monthly Prayer Circle

Wednesday, March 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

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## Family Ministry

### Fire Safety in RE

On Sunday, February 25th, all the religious education classes and nursery children participated in a planned fire drill. It was part of a fire safety Sunday that included discussion and practice. Pictured are some of the younger classes holding on knotted rope to facilitate a calm, orderly practice.



**Kathleen Swift**  
Director of Family Ministry



### CT Report for February 2018 Board Meeting

- Fire drill for chapel & child care was held February 25
- Council of Chairs met January 27
- Discussed goals for 2018 – 2019
- Budget request forms were distributed
- Respect and Protect Campaign was announced by email, and in the newsletter
- Future CT reports will be included with the Minister's Report
- New garlands and wreaths were purchased to replace current winter holiday decorations.
- Bookkeeper reported \$ 1,290,360.00 is in the bank for the phase one of construction. Thank you donors!
- Chalice T-shirts were purchased and distributed. Many were worn to the Women's March.

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







## President's Message



**Nancy Bowen**  
Congregation President

A personal Goal for me at Chalice is to learn to be a better person and to strengthen my spiritual framework that underlies this quest. There are so many people at Chalice who are inspiring to me in how they live their lives and interact with others. Rev. Sharon has said Chalice is where we are trying to build the community we would like to see out in the world. Our covenant says this well:

“Mindful of our diversity and our need for greater understanding,  
we promise to open our hearts and minds to foster a safe, inviting and loving community.  
We will treat one another genuinely and respectfully  
as together we share life's journey toward wholeness.”

The first part of Chalice's Congregational Policies (found on the Wiki, the part of our web site for members) describes how we can build that ideal community, even when there are disagreements. These Policies are “Care for Congregants”, including:

“The well-being, strength, and reputation of our church depend on a sense of fellowship...that thrives in an atmosphere of trust, respect and cooperation. Within such an atmosphere, differences of opinion and their resolution through compromise or consensus can enhance a sense of community. However, differences or misunderstandings that go unresolved and descend into prolonged conflict can threaten the social fabric of our congregation.”

These Policies include practices that we pledge to follow if we find ourselves in

disagreement. There is reference to the Good Relations Committee. Its work ranges from giving one-on-one advice, to attending an informal meeting, to formally structuring a confidential meeting. The Chair of our Good Relations Committee is Judy Winn; the members are Marilyn Alberts and Alec Bergamini. The practices say we will:

Approach our resolution of differences, not with preconceived outcomes or specific demands, but with open minds and open hearts.

Talk directly with the person with whom there are concerns, and not to seek to involve others in “gossip” or “alliance building”.

Make a sincere commitment to listen to one another, to try to understand the other person's point of view.

Communicate face-to-face (best) or over the phone (if necessary), and not through email when there is a conflict or concern.

Follow our congregation's Conflict Resolution Policy, if we cannot resolve conflict on our own.

Strive to preserve our congregation's health by meeting with the Good Relations Committee if requested to do so.

The community we aspire to at Chalice, depends on this.

Nancy Bowen, Congregation President

## Board of Trustees Meeting February 13, 2018 Report

We welcome our newest member Jim Brown.

Our Special Congregational meeting was held February 14th. After a spirited discussion those present voted to reject reducing the number of trustees on the board leaving them at 5. Bob Nelson gave an update on the new Multipurpose/RE building. Everything is now a go, drawings underway with the architect, contracts to go out for bid all with the hope to break ground by early summer. VP Marshall Fogel then provided a status report on the Power of Match fund drive. We are so close. As Marshall *enthusiastically* explained Chalice is within reach of our goal, with just \$60,000 to go. We can do it!!



## Interfaith Community Services February General Membership Meeting Report

~ by Julia Fogel

The February General Membership Meeting of Interfaith was held on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Julia Fogel and Dorris Kingsbury attended, representing Chalice.

The Rev. Meg Decker, Chair Interfaith's board of directors, welcomed the participants and made introductions. An Invocation was given by Vaughn North, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Participants then had small group discussions to answer the question, "What do you think is the difference between helping and enabling?"

Following the discussion, Margery Pierce, the Neighborhood Services Director for the City of Oceanside, spoke about the success of the city's Homeless Outreach Team. She credits the strong relationship with Interfaith and other agencies for this success, especially the police outreach, housing program, and post-housing social services.

Next to speak was Bill Wolfe, Deputy City Manager for the city of Escondido. His first assignment in his new position was to manage the hepatitis A outbreak. He reported 3-4 cases in Escondido were identified and the spread of the virus has abated. He now is working on homelessness. His approach is to humanize all homeless people. He visits the Grape Day Park residents on a daily basis to get to know them better and develop a relationship. He has identified three groups within the homeless population.

The first group are the mentally ill, the most challenging group to work with because there are not enough services available. Most in this group are not compliant in taking their medications. He hopes to find solutions for this group, but the lack of mental health services is a barrier.

The second group is the rebellious young drug user. These folks usually refuse offers of assistance. This group he leaves to the police to handle, with the caveat that help is available when they are ready.

In the last group are those folks who have fallen on hard times and want help. These folks can often be reunited with families. The police assist with locating family, arranging reunification, and will go to court to ask a judge to drop any outstanding warrants (usually minor), when family members agree to take them in. This group is the easiest to serve because they are seeking help.

Mr. Wolf also cautioned against bringing clothing, sleeping gear, backpacks, food, etc. to distribute directly to the homeless. He reports that these things are usually trashed or sold, and not used in the way the donor anticipates. It is better to work through an

agency like Interfaith that can provide services along with help.

Greg Anglea, Chief Executive Officer of Interfaith, then gave us some updates.

The breakfast program continues to serve over 100 people each day. A clinical social worker does relationship building, but can only reach out to a few each time.

The housing program is on its way to the goal of 1,000 people housed. So far, 494 have been housed. In January, over 100 found homes, which is quite impressive! Sadly, a deal to purchase an apartment building has fallen through due to the condition of the building. Interfaith is looking for more opportunities to purchase housing or work with a developer to build.

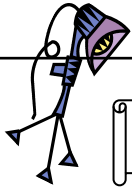
In addition to finding housing for clients, many more are helped with aid that prevents homelessness in the first place.

The drug treatment program is proceeding with gradual implementation, and is taking applicants from Escondido. Eventually there will be a total of 54 beds, including detox beds. The detox program will open in April or May, a delay because of a requirement to have separate housing for men and women.

Rev. Decker then talked about the Offering Hope in Housing fund raising event, which be held from Feb. 16- March 25. She asks that we ask our congregations to take up a collection to prevent homelessness and keep folks in their apartments. Mary Ferro will be happy to speak to your congregation about this.

Mary Ferro then shared some events that might be of interest. These are listed below. For more information, look for flyers on the social justice table on Sunday!

- Futures 5k- Proceeds go to local charities such as Interfaith. March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ADL's first annual Walk Against Hate plus Diversity Expo, April 15.
- Active shooter presentation at your church: Cary Brooks from Homeland Security.
- Helping Clergy Thrive national initiative.
- Churches against Trafficking Meeting- April 19.
- Escondido Bike Walk Cmte meeting tba



## Volunteer Spotlight on Leslie Aguilar



Coordinating Team would like to thank and recognize Leslie Aguilar for her work on the Outreach Team and for increasing Chalice's media presence.

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

Outreach Team

### WHEN DID YOU START COMING TO CHALICE?

I started coming to Chalice in September of 2013.

### WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO VOLUNTEER?

Chalice has given my family and me so much, and I felt strongly that I wanted to give back. The Outreach Team sounded like a good fit for me because I believe there may be many people in the North County Inland area seeking a loving, liberal spiritual community, but may not know about Unitarian Universalism, or that such a place exists right in their backyard.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

I enjoy working with the people on the Outreach Team. It is a group of people who are passionate about seeing Chalice grow, and I love being around that kind of energy.

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

I currently do not volunteer with other organizations outside of Chalice, but I do work as a substitute teacher for RE during the school year. During the summer, I volunteer more with RE when I am on school break.

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

I feel more connected to Chalice and the Chalice community when I come to Sunday services because of my volunteer work. It makes me feel like I am actively participating in making the congregation a better place, and that gives me a sense of purpose that is extremely fulfilling for me.

### ABOUT YOU

#### WHERE WERE YOU BORN/RAISED?

I was born and raised in Sacramento. I made my way down south when I started school at Scripps College in Claremont, CA. Shortly after graduating, I moved to San Diego in 2000.

### FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY?

I have many great childhood memories, but most of my favorites include family vacations. For many years in a row, my family and I spent a week at the beach in the Santa Cruz area, and a week camping in Yosemite. Every few years there would be a special vacation to Hawaii, which I still remember in great detail. Those were all precious family times.

### WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO SAN DIEGO?

I moved to San Diego for the weather, the culture, and... to be near my college boyfriend. Embarrassing, but true. We broke up shortly thereafter, but I stayed here, started my career, and eventually met my future husband.

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

I teach middle school English and social studies.

### MARRIED/FAMILY/CHILDREN?

Carlos and I have been married for 11 years. We have two daughters, Madeline "Maddie," age 6, and Annabel, age 7.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

I have many favorite movies, but the first one that popped into my head was A Fish Called Wanda. It never fails to cheer me up when I'm feeling blue.

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

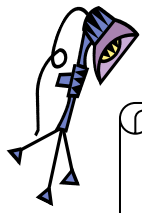
My current favorite taco shop is Yesenia's in Carmel Mountain Ranch. The bean and cheese burritos do not disappoint.

### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM?

I love a good Padres game and wear my fan gear proudly.

### COFFEE OR TEA?

I am a former die-hard coffee drinker. It took me years to get off caffeine for health purposes, so now I primarily drink decaf. or herbal tea.



*Music Spotlight on  
Jim Idell*



**Brief Biography**

Like many baby boomers, I remember exactly where I was when I heard that JFK was shot – in 7th period chorus class in Wellesley Junior High. My music teacher’s tears alerted me to what would change my view of the outside world forever. Music would always mark important events in my life, cement memories and generally provide a soundtrack for my travels.

Growing up, Leonard Bernstein’s Young Peoples Concerts on TV in the 50’s were a family event. We all sang robustly at our Congregational Church, and as the youngest of 3 kids, I sang out believing everybody did. My first date was to see “West Side Story.” I sang in chorus and a cappella groups throughout school. I was in the barbershop quartet for our high school’s production of “The Music Man.” Somehow, I stopped singing in college and didn’t pick it up again until joining Chalice in 2002. The choir, voice lessons and the opportunity to sing in 5 Cabaret performances reconnected me to an activity that I so loved growing up.

I also played piano for 7 years as a kid. Somehow I never quite met my own expectations and quit as sports, dating and adolescent unease kept me from truly enjoying my efforts. I’m thankful to Chalice and Tim for drawing me back to the piano for five years before our travels blunted my commitment.

**Fun Fact**

My first instrumental experience was with the trombone in 3rd grade. It was big and shiny, could be played loudly and had a cool mechanical design. It defeated me in less than 3 months.



**PARKING REMINDER**

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