



# April 2018 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California  
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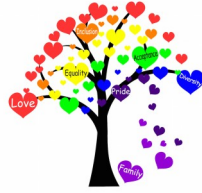
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## Pledge Drive

Our 2018 to 2019 pledge drive will conclude April 8. There are pledge materials and information on the patio each Sunday. These commitments allow us to budget for the programs and activities we enjoy at Chalice.

Additional information and a link to make a pledge online can be found at <https://chalicepledgedrive.weebly.com/>



## Sunday Services

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

**April 1** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
"Flower Communion" Multigenerational Service  
Please bring a flower for the altar as we mark the Easter holiday and revel in the beauty of our diversity.

**April 8** **Lay Led Service**  
"Hope is a thing with feathers..." Poetry Service  
In today's world, more than ever, Emily Dickinson's poem resonates. Hope perches in the heart and sings wordlessly and without pause, inspiring us onward. We hope you find such inspiration in our poetic offerings from Chalice poets and poetry fans.

**April 15** **Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube**  
"Not Your Grandmother's God"  
A reflection on the common misunderstandings of the Ground of Being.

Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube is minister emeritus at the First UU Church of San Diego. He has a ministry of spiritual direction and is Interim Director of Contextual Ministry at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

**April 22** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
"Strengthening the Web (Active Hope #8)"  
Doing the long haul work of changing the world means we must pay attention to how we sustain ourselves. This is the eighth sermon in a 10-part series inspired by the book *Active Hope* by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

**April 29** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
"Adoration Sunday" Multigenerational Service  
To adore is to love deeply and fully. But we can feel embarrassed to show our love openly and unabashedly. This May Day, we celebrate the beauty and blessings of loving with our whole hearts. We'll dance the maypole between services.

Please email up to three photos from the past year of those you adore (human and animal) before April 27 to [revsharonwylie@gmail.com](mailto:revsharonwylie@gmail.com) for inclusion in our service.

## Sunday, April 1 - Flower Communion & Easter Egg Hunt

Bring flowers to share April 1.

Children are invited to bring a bag or basket to gather eggs in the hunt, after 1st service.



## Council of Chairs Saturday, April 21

9:30 am in the Chapel

All groups and committees at Chalice are invited to send a representative to this quarterly meeting.



## Kathy Johnson

July 3, 1952 to March 20, 2018  
Celebration of Life:  
Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 pm





## Music Ministry



**Tim McKnight**  
Music Director

### Sunday Worship Music April Highlights

- April 1:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “Edelweiss”, from the musical *The Sound of Music* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. This particular arrangement is by Linda Spevacek. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- April 8:** **Steve Withers** will be our worship musician.
- April 15:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “Nāda Brahma (The World is Sound)”, by Brian Tate. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- April 22:** **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.
- April 29:** **Justin Gray** will be our worship musician.

### Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

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
Chili, Brews, and Blues Concert	June 23

### “Nāda Brahma”

On April 15, the Chancel choir will be performing “Nāda Brahma”, which is loosely translated as “The World is Sound.” But choir member Alec Bergamini did some research and found a slightly different translation. He shared the following words with the choir to help us prepare for this piece of music.

*Nāda = Sound*  
*Brahma = God*  
*Sound is God*

*Nāda is the basis of an ancient Indian system that is equally metaphysical, philosophical, and physiological. The system’s theoretical and practical aspects are based on the premise that the entire cosmos, and all that exists in the cosmos, consists of sound vibrations, called nāda.*

*The concept holds that it is sound energy in motion rather than matter which form the building blocks of the cosmos.*

*In Western philosophy, mentioned as far back as Pythagoras, is the idea of “Music of the Spheres” which incorporates the metaphysical principle that mathematical relationships found in nature are held in common from the smallest atom to the largest planetary and stellar objects. These are the same relationships found in the musical notes on which we base our scales.*

We hope you enjoy “Nāda Brahma” on April 15!



## Nominating Committee Announcement

Your nominating committee for this year (Deb Coon, Andi Stout, and Susan Spoto) is pleased to announce the slate of officers and trustees to be voted on at our Congregational Meeting on June 10th. Everyone we spoke to felt honored to be asked to join our leadership team, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve Chalice in this important way.

- Alec Bergamini — Vice President (replacing Marshall Fogel, who becomes President)
- Susan Sklar — Secretary 2018-2020 (replacing Michele Nelson)
- Dean Goddette — Trustee 2018-2020
- Susan Lewallen – Trustee 2018-2020
- Fred Lighthall – Trustee 2018-2020
- Kathy Zapata – Nominating Committee (replacing Deb Coon)

Current Board members continuing next year are:

- Marshall Fogel – President, 2018-2019
- Rita Hill – Treasurer, 2017-2019
- Ralph Peters – Trustee, 2017-2019
- Lara Brown – Trustee, 2017-2019
- Nancy Bowen – Past President, 2018-2019 (non-voting member)

Per our Bylaws, nominations may also be made by petition, which must be signed by at least ten Voting Members and submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting. No nominations will be accepted after May 11, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Deb Coon, Andi Stout, or Susan Spoto.



## 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.

## Compassionate Music Calling

Compassionate music, that is, music to provide care and comfort to individuals in need, is truly a gift from the heart. The music committee, with the encouragement of several of our beloved congregants, would like to explore making this gift available from the heart of Chalice.

If you play an instrument or enjoy singing, and would like to share your gifts with those in need, please come to a planning meeting to help make it a reality. We will meet on: Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 P.M., in the cottage. Won't you join us?



## Church Camp, June 1-3

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 starting in late April; estimated costs are \$160/adults, \$120/ages 13-17 and \$100/ages 2-12. Scholarships are available. Contact Kathleen Swift [not for public] for scholarship information..





## **Speed of Sound Concert is April 28 at Mari & Mark's house**

Chalice's own Mark Bacilla and his band, Speed of Sound, will present a backyard concert at Mark & Marianna's house in Poway on Saturday, April 28. This is a family friendly event. Snacks & non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. BYOB Suggested price \$15.00. This was an auction event, but some tickets are available. Contact Chalice Office at ChaliceUUC@gmail.com

## **Don Anderson & Friends Concert**

Chalice friends were treated to comforting, good folk music to warm a soul on Sunday, March 25.



## **Learn to Register Voters!!**

There are many groups (NCITF, InspireUS, League of Women Voters, People Power, and Indivisible) involved in voter registration efforts in north San Diego County. We have yet to have a coordination meeting to chart out who is doing what, where, and when, determine any voter registration gaps, and to figure out how Chalice members can most effectively engage in voter registration efforts. That said, the lack of coordination should not stop any of us from volunteering with any of these groups. There has been considerable interest expressed by Chalice members to support voter registration efforts in the high schools. There is a national group, InspireUS (<https://www.inspire-usa.org/>) dedicated to working with high schools and I had a call with them on Wed, 28 Mar and have outlined, at the bottom of this message, how we can work with them.

**I have a request to Chalice members: if you have connections with high schools in the area and would be willing to help us initiate contact with them, please let me know.**

As part of our efforts to create opportunities for Chalice members to mobilize voter registration we are preparing a "kit" which will be available for Chalice members to use to set up a voter registration table at venues (e.g., Farmers markets, specific events, local fairs). Included in the kit will be items like a folding table, a couple of folding chairs, clipboards, voter registration cards, banners, pens, etc. We will set up a system whereby Chalice members can "check out" the kit. Stay tuned.



There have been a number of (additional) people who have requested training in voter registration. I can conduct the training on April 29 at 12:30. Anyone interested in training should please let me know. And....of course...get out and VOTE!

InspireUS will be sending me a lot of the material they have used for early voter registration with high school students and we are welcome to use it. RB High School is the only school in north SD County they have engaged with and they have no plans for expanding their reach. Sounds like there is no shortage of work to be done....

Paul Courtright *[not for public]*.



## 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 S 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 B 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 B <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 C 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 P <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, April 21 at 6 pm at homes of congregants RSVP by April 11	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 C by Wed. April 11 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**

Chalice Dine Out will be meeting at Fish House Vera Cruz located at 360 Via Vera Cruz in San Marcos on Monday April 16th at 6:00 pm.

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



### **Women's Book Group—Third Tuesday at 7:15 pm**

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

On Tuesday, April 17 at 7:15pm, the Chalice Women's Book Group will meet in the Common Room. Victoria Cagle will lead the discussion. Moving back and forth in time, between the last years of the Ottoman Empire and the 1990s, *Orhan's Inheritance* is a story of passionate love, incredible resilience, and the hidden stories that can haunt a family for generations.

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 C [not for public].

May's Book: *The Dry* by Jane Harper Facilitator: Chris Toft

### **Haven House Interfaith Community Dinners - Dates change each month**

In April, our date to serve dinner is Thursday, April 19. Maria-Pia Duffy is the coordinator. 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 at [not for public].

### **Ladies Out to Lunch— Third Friday at 11:30 am**

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on April 20 at Jalapeno Grill & Cantina in Escondido, located at 503 W. Grand Avenue. The restaurant is a short block west of Centre City Parkway. We meet at 11:30 AM every third Friday of the month and welcome newcomers. Please RSVP to Carol Simpson at [not for public].



### **Circle Suppers - Third Saturday at 6 pm**

Single adults, couples, new and old Chalice folks, join us for Circle Supper on: Saturday, April 21 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. There is no obligation to host a dinner. This is a great way to get to know each other better and further our sense of community.

Newcomers are welcome. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, please contact Dani C by Wed. April 11 at [not for public].

### **Readers' Theater**

Our April gathering will be held on Monday, April 23rd at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. **Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings.** This month we'll be reading aloud David Mamet's comedy, *Romance*, described as "an uproarious, take-no-prisoners courtroom comedy that gleefully lampoons everyone from lawyers and judges, to Arabs and Jews, to gays and chiropractors. David Mamet creates a world in micro-cosm in which shameless fawning, petty prejudices and sheer caprice hold sway, and the noble apparatus of law and order degenerates into riotous profanity." PG-13: Contains "frequent laughs, clever puns and an earful of four-letter words and over-the-top insults." --New York Times.



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



Chalice UU Congregation \*\* April 2018 \*\* Services, Meetings, Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 - Easter Sunday</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:            Rev. Sharon Wylie            Multigenerational            "Flower Communion"  <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Egg Hunt  <i>No Zen Meditation today</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga  <b>1 pm</b> Coord Team  <b>7 pm</b> Yoga  <b>7:00 pm</b> Executive Board</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>9 am</b> Cracker Barrel  <b>11:30 am</b> Activist Letter Writers</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation  <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchime Reh  <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>11:00 am</b> Neighborhood            Connection Group</p>
<p><b>8</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:            Lay-Led, Poetry Service            "Hope is a thing with feathers"  <b>10:30 am</b> Spirit of Chalice  <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>10 am</b> Chair Yoga  <b>7 pm</b> Yoga  <b>7:00 pm</b> Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>9 am</b> Cracker Barrel  <b>1 pm</b> Board Games  <b>6:30 pm</b> Chalice Men's Group  <b>6:30 pm</b> Family Ministries  <b>7:00 pm</b> Bruno Groening Circle</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation  <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchime Reh  <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>11:00 am</b> Private Support            Group</p>
<p><b>15</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:            Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube            "Not Your Grandmother's God"  <b>10:30 am</b> Spirit of Chalice  <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>5 pm</b> Dine Out Circle</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>10 am</b> Chair Yoga  <b>1 pm</b> Coord Team  <b>7 pm</b> Yoga  <b>7:15 pm</b> Women's Book            Group</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>9 am</b> Cracker Barrel  <b>11:30 am</b> Activist Letter Writers  <b>1:30 pm</b> Fiber Arts  <b>7:00 pm</b> Monthly Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation  <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchime Reh  <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>11:30 am</b> Ladies Out To            Lunch</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>9:30 am</b> Council of Chairs  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship Team  <b>6:00 pm</b> Circle Suppers</p>
<p><b>22</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:            Rev. Sharon Wylie            "Strengthening the Web            (Active Hope #8)"  <b>10:30 am</b> Spirit of Chalice  <b>2:00 pm</b> Kathy Johnson Mem  <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>6:45 pm</b> Reader's Theater</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>10 am</b> Chair Yoga  <b>7 pm</b> Yoga  <b>8:00 pm</b> May Newsletter            Deadline</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>9 am</b> Cracker Barrel  <b>7 pm</b> Private Recording            Session</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation  <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study  <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchime Reh  <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>11:00 am</b> Private Support            Group            Speed of Sound Concert            time to be announced            .....            : UUA Pacific Western Regional Assembly            : .....            : 4/27 to 29, Portland OR            : .....</p>
<p><b>29</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service:            Rev. Sharon Wylie            "Adoration Sunday"            Multigenerational Service  <b>10:30 am</b> Spirit of Chalice  <b>12:30 pm</b> Voter Reg Training  <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>					<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>





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## Minister's Message

*The following is an edited excerpt from Rev. Sharon Wylie's sermon "Intersections and Microaggressions" offered on March 25, 2018:*

The Poor People's Campaign was originally launched and led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. He had just started this work a year before he was assassinated, and the campaign never reached its full fruition after his death. Now, a modern Poor People's Campaign is continuing under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. William Barber. This campaign is supported by multiple religious denominations, including our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

The campaign will formally begin on Mother's Day, May 13. There will be six weeks of nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience across at least 25 states and the District of Columbia, leading up to a mass mobilization at the United States Capitol on June 23. You will be reading and hearing about these actions in the news.

The campaign names these as the challenges we must overcome: systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and America's distorted national morality.

Now, our distorted national morality needs its whole own sermon, but as an example from a very smart sign at yesterday's March for Our

Lives: why is it that we think gun ownership is a human right, but healthcare is a privilege for those who can afford it. THAT is an example of our distorted morality. So listen for those intersecting forces: the Poor People's Campaign fights systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and America's distorted national morality. All of those need addressing if we are to alleviate suffering.

I encourage you to go to the website [poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org). You can sign yourself up to receive notices, and you can read more about the campaign. Remember it's starting on Mother's Day in May, and the first wave of action will be six weeks of nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience culminating in a gathering at the Capitol on June 23. Signing up is how you will stay informed about what's happening.

Bright blessings,  
Sharon



### Monthly Prayer Circle

Wednesday, April 18

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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Rev. Sharon will be on vacation from April 2 to April 16





## Family Ministry



**Kathleen Swift**  
Director of Family Ministry

### What's Happening in RE



#### Popcorn Theology

Popcorn Theology is a middle school curriculum that uses movie excerpts to highlight a values lesson. On this Sunday, our youth watched an excerpt from *Back to the Future* to examine how the choices we make affect our lives and the lives of others. In this picture a youth is playing the game of Jenga as a way to experience how choice can be significant.

### Sunday RE needs you!

Our Religious Education classes need two teachers each Sunday, one leader and one assistant. In order to continue offering RE classes for our youth, we need more adult volunteers! Please contact Kathleen Swift, [dfm.chaliceuu@gmail.com](mailto:dfm.chaliceuu@gmail.com), if you can help or have any questions.



### Highlights from the March Board Meeting

- Good Relations Committee chair Judy Winn reported on the efforts of the committee. Lively discussion.
- Trustees reviewed program Monitoring Reports collected by the Coordinating Team.
- Discussed the possibility of hiring more staff, or increasing hours of existing staff. Would need pledges to increase for this to happen.
- Began planning Board Retreat.

Once Board Minutes are approved, they are published on the Chalice Members Site.

### Coordinating Team Report for March Board Meeting

- Reviewed CT Goals from the past year to assess progress.
- CT developed a system to report to the Board on staff-led, or mission-critical groups and programs. We will report on programs at the March meeting. CT will also give a snapshot report on other committees and teams.
- Discussed pledge drive and inspirational budget items that will encourage people to increase their engagement in this congregation.
- Team finalized wording for budget brochure.
- Reviewed Monitoring Reports from programs.
- Fire extinguishers and emergency exit signs were given annual check up.
- Candidates for the CT position that will open in the fall were brainstormed.
- A consultant was hired to help us with the Chalice Members section of the website, the Wiki.



## President's Message



**Nancy Bowen**  
Congregation President

At the Feb. 18 Congregational Meeting a question was posed by a congregational member: "What does the Board of Trustees do?" It's a legitimate question, because unless you read about such things on Chalice's website or have served on the Board, you may not be aware of what the Board does.

There is no way to write about this without sounding a bit "wonky". Legally, Chalice is a religious non-profit corporation and the law requires we have Bylaws. The law also requires that the governing body of the corporation, the Board of Directors, be described in the Bylaws. Ours is called the Board of Trustees and the members include 5 officers, 5 Trustees and the Minister. Under governing law, the Bylaws are required to describe membership, voting rights and procedures and how the Bylaws are changed.

The Board responsibilities are spelled out in the Bylaws. Essentially the Board is in charge of the property of the congregation and the conduct of its business affairs. The Board focuses on the vision of the congregation, the goals that will help achieve this vision, and the creation of policies to ensure that staff and other congregational leadership have appropriate guidelines. To do the foregoing, it leads the development and assessment of achievement of Chalice's goals. It also monitors to make sure the Bylaws and Policies are being adhered to. The minutes of all Board meetings are available on Chalice's web site in the Wiki section.

Among other duties spelled out in the Bylaws, the Board evaluates the Minister every 3-5 years. Through mutual consent, it revises the Letter of Agreement (i.e., terms of employment) with the Minister annually. The Board approves the budget that is presented to the Congregation to vote on each year. Board officers sign financial instruments (e.g., checks, contracts in keeping with actions approved by the Congregation, etc.). The Board may

propose amendments to the Bylaws, and Members can also petition for amendments. The Bylaws also lay out rules for how the Board's monthly meetings are conducted.

The Board Officers all have specific and defined functions. The most involved are those of the Treasurer who: receives and safely keeps all money and other financial assets of the church; makes disbursements; provides financial statements; keeps the accounts of the church; and prepares tax reports. (Some functions may be delegated.) The Board has three Standing Committees – the Nominating Committee, the Good Relations Committee, and the Legacy Committee. Presently, it also has two Task Forces – the Renovation and the Capital Campaign. The Board selects the members of the Coordinating Team, which oversees the day-to-day operations of the church besides Worship, Caring Community, Music and Family Ministry activities. If needed someday, the Board would select the members of the Ministerial Search Committee.

Despite the work of the Board, Members of the Congregation have the most important responsibilities at Chalice. The Bylaws require Congregational votes on who to "call" (hire) as Minister, the annual budget, the purchase of land and buildings or major construction, the content of the Bylaws and the members of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may also choose to have the Congregation vote on other important matters, which it did, for example, before adopting Chalice's Vision and Long Range Goals.

Nancy Bowen  
Congregation President

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## Interfaith Community Services March General Membership Meeting Report

~ by Julia Fogel

The meeting began with a welcome by Rev. Meg Decker, chair of the Interfaith Board of Directors and an Invocation by Clay Hoffman of the San Rafael Church. This was followed by a table discussion of the question **“What does a senior need to thrive today?”**

The first focus of the meeting was the Gary and Mary West Foundation, a philanthropic organization working with Interfaith on providing services to seniors. The first speaker was Vyan Nguyn, MD, the Foundation’s Program Officer.

Ms. Nguyn first shared some facts. 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 each day, and by 2030, they will make up 20% of the population. Less than 2% of giving in the U.S. goes to programs helping seniors. Furthermore, our health care system is not structured to meet the needs of senior citizens.

Gary and Mary West, the founders of the Foundation, are successful entrepreneurs and pioneering philanthropists who are passionate about seniors and successful aging. Their mission is to enable seniors to successfully age in place. To accomplish this, they have established three entities. The Foundation offers outcome-based philanthropy, the Health Institute supports applied medical research, and the Health Policy Center does policy research and advocacy. Examples of their work include developing acute and chronic care models for seniors, and long-term services and support.

The Foundation has provided a Community Services Grant to Interfaith to hire a care coordinator and a dedicated, seniors only, social worker.

Next up was Charles Birmingham, Consultant to the Foundation and social worker. He described the Foundation’s PACE Program. Pace stands for Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. Under this program, multidisciplinary and comprehensive care centers are set up, in partnership with Medicare and MediCal (in California). There are centers in 31 states. Such a center is being set up in San Marcos to serve the North Country. This will be a full service medical and adult day health center, offering services such as medical care, care coordination, drug, laboratory, meals, social, recreational, transportation, personal care, dental, vision, podiatry, and hearing. Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists will also be involved with client care. The program hopes to serve 250-500 seniors. To be eligible, one must be over 55, meet criteria for nursing facility care, and live in the PACE service area.

Next, Janetta Nartey, Director of Supportive Services, and her staff, described Interfaith’s senior services. These include managing the needs of the elderly through assessment, planning, and referring, so

that seniors can safely remain in their homes. Help is also available for communicating with health care funding agencies, and there is a Senior Emergency Account donated by the Gary and Mary West Foundation for those in need.

For those living in San Marcos, Vista and Oceanside, there is the Senior Connections Lunch Program, which operates at 5 locations out of food trucks. A meal can be purchased for \$4, and is made fresh to order. A raffle and speakers to educate and entertain are part of the program, which has served over 1700 seniors through the end of 2016. Interfaith would like to expand this program to other areas.

Lastly, seniors may be eligible for the minor home repair program, if they meet the low-income requirement. Examples of free services include grab bars, screens, door locks, lighting, light plumbing, stair and ramp repairs. Not included are services requiring a contractor’s license, cosmetic repairs or yard work.

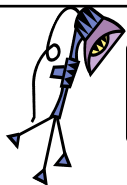
How you can help: Serve meals, check in callers, deliver meals on Monday and Tuesday (two positions open, info on Social Justice Table), pass on the word about services, refer seniors in need and donate items for the lunch program raffle.

Although time constraints prevented Rev. Meg Decker from speaking about the Offering Hope in Housing Campaign, Greg Anglea, Chief Executive Officer, shared that as of the end of February, 635 people have been helped to find a home. Donations are still being accepted to help reach the goal of 1000 people helped.

Mr. Anglea also reported that the warehouse area is now being renovated for the Recovery and Wellness Program for Substance Abuse. He reminded the group that there will be no charge for this program.

Mary Ferro reviewed some of the flyers available describing community events (see the Social Justice Table for these), and announced that there will be no meeting in April because of the Honoring the Spirit of Giving & Volunteerism 2018 Appreciation Event. This will be held Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Orfila Vineyards and Winery, 13455 San Pasqual Rd. in Escondido. If you are a volunteer and would like to attend, RSVP to Kiana Quarles by Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Her contact information is: [rsvp@interfaithservices.org](mailto:rsvp@interfaithservices.org) or 760-489-6380, ext. 260. For further information, see the flyer on the Social Justice Table.

The meeting closed with a benediction by Diana Augsperger from the First Congregational Church in Escondido.



## Music Spotlight on Vickie Hoey

### **Brief Biography**

I was born and raised in the Hollywood Hills, to a Jewish family, first generation Russian/Romanian heritage. My parents built the house I was brought up in, and they lived there for 52 years. It was a great, diverse neighborhood! My father was an electrical engineer, a profession he loved. He worked at the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) and was Project Manager for the Viking and Mariner projects. Because of his job, we got to live in Florida twice while he was getting ready for these shoots, and it was very exciting, even for a little kid. My mother loves art and has been a travel agent and docent at the LA County Art Museum for over 50 years, so I got a full experience: technology, art, travel. What a great childhood.



Regarding music, I love singing. In school, I sang in choirs from elementary school through college. I made amazing friends and sang some incredible music. After college at UC Riverside (psychology), I did get into some musical theater and commercial acting in Los Angeles, while working daytime Administrative Assistant jobs. I have some stories about that, mostly amusing!

### **What Music Means To Me**

To me, music is a gift. It's a place where I can let go of the troubles of the world and just enjoy being in a group creating. I am thrilled that I can join with others in song. I quit singing when I got married, and I feel grateful that I can participate again. I look forward to being a part of the Chalice Choir for the long term.



### **PARKING REMINDER**

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

We have an agreement with the city not to park in front of Chalice. Our section of Miller Avenue is too narrow for a fire truck to make a turn, if there are cars parked on the street.



Our respect and protect campaign suggests that the lower parking lot be reserved for people who would benefit from a close parking space. Specifically, people over 80, families with young children, newcomers, and anyone with a medical issue should be able to find a parking space in the lower lot. If you have a lot to carry, use the lower lot. Everyone else, please use the upper lot, or park on Hamilton, or on Miller by the fields.

Thank you for your cooperation.