



May 2018 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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Camp deBenneville Pines June 1-3

You are invited to join us at deBenneville Pines in the San Bernardino Mountains for All Church Camp 2018, hosted by Chalice UU Congregation and First UU Church of San Diego. This weekend away is open to all members of our communities of all ages and family structures, and gives us the opportunity to unplug and connect with each other and with nature.

All Church Camp is a place for those seeking solitude and those seeking community alike. Go for a swim, take a hike, have a conversation, spend time with family and friends, new and old, learn something new. There are workshops, crafts, special offerings just for kids, hikes for all ages and so much more. Spend a weekend in community with us - learning, creating, exploring, and connecting.

Registration fees, including all meals and accommodations:

Until 5/13: \$155/adults, \$115/ages 13-17 and \$95/ages 2-12.

After 5/13: \$160/adults, \$120/ages 13-17 and \$100/ages 2-12.

No cost for children under 2 if sharing a bed with paid adult.

Scholarships are available. Contact Kathleen Swift, dfm.chaliceuu@gmail.com, for scholarship information.

See Victoria Cagle on the patio at Chalice on Sundays or contact her at [not for public] for registration forms or more information.



Sunday Services

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

May 6

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Sharpening the Saw (Active Hope #9)"

As we work to build a new and better world, there will be times that our enthusiasm wanes. How do we keep going? This is the ninth sermon in a 10-part series inspired by the book *Active Hope* by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy.

May 13

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"It Takes a Village"

Whether you have children or not, each of us has a role and responsibility in helping nurture future generations. The interdependent web of all existence includes those who have come before us, and those who will come after. This Mother's Day, we consider the communal challenge of raising children.

May 20

Music Service

"Storytelling Through Music"

A famous songwriter once said, "My music will tell you more about me than I ever will." Join the talented musicians of Chalice as we explore the power of music to tell stories. From Prokofiev to Coldplay and everything in between, come with us on this storytelling adventure!

May 27

Rev. Sharon Wylie

"Land That I Love"

Personal identity is informed by many sources: country, religion, family, work. This morning we reflect on what it means to be an American, and how that identity is sometimes a source of pain more than pride.

Racial Justice Film Series

Organizational meeting, Sunday, May 20 at 12:30 in the sanctuary. Watch the documentary *Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the UUA 1967-1970*. A simple lunch will be provided so please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can have enough. Kindly respond to [not for public]



Music Ministry for May



Tim McKnight
Music Director

Sunday Worship Music May Highlights

May 6: Steve Withers will be our worship musician.

May 13: Justin Gray will be our worship musician.

May 20: The Spring Music Service. The Chancel Choir will present "One Tin Soldier" by Dennis Lambert and Brian Potter; "She Sings", by Amy F. Bernon; and "Corrido de Macario Romero", a Latin American Folk Song arranged by Bruce Trinkley. The Chancel Choir will be joined by several youth singers to perform "Viva La Vida", written and popularized by the band Coldplay. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

May 27: Steve Withers will be our worship musician.

Calendar of Upcoming Music Department Events

Interfaith National Day of Prayer

Chalice Hootenanny with Tom Carlstrom & Friends

Spring Music Service

Compassionate Music Planning Meeting

Chili, Brews, and Blues Concert

May 3

May 12 @ 7 pm

May 20 @ 9 & 11 am

May 27 @ 12:30 pm

June 23

May God hear the prayers of all God's people.

Interfaith National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grape Day Park (by City Hall) in
Escondido



Faith has Many Voices—Join us and Add Yours!

Sponsored by:
The Escondido Clergy Association
& Interfaith Community Services

Interfaith National Day of Prayer 2018 Thursday, May 3 from 6 to 7 pm At Grape Day Park (by City Hall) in Escondido

Join members of the Chalice Chancel Choir as they participate in the annual Interfaith National Day of Prayer to be held at Grape Day Park in Escondido from 6pm to 7pm on Thursday, May 3. The choir will sing "Spirit of Life".

Support Chalice and other Escondido faith communities as we participate in this annual event.

"Faith has many voices – join us and add yours!"



Hootenanny With Tom Carlstrom and Friends, Saturday, May 12!

Come sing along to your favorite folk songs, cowboy songs, songs of the sea, railroad songs, protest songs, and a few surprises. The event will be held at Chalice from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Children age 5 and under are free. With advance notice, childcare can be arranged at Chalice. This is an auction event that sold for \$10 a ticket. If you didn't sign up for this event at the auction, don't worry, there are still plenty of seats! Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting the Chalice office at ChaliceUUC@gmail.com.

POWER OF MATCHING UPDATE

Our Phase One Renovation matching pledge drive, ending on June 30, 2018, has received almost \$150,000 matched to \$300,000. Your generosity will bring us ever closer to the goal of



building a very functional and much-needed Multipurpose Building and improving parking and infrastructure without incurring additional debt.



Nominating Committee

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 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:

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.

Music Ministry continued

Spring Music Service on Sunday, May 20: “Storytelling through Music”

A famous songwriter once said “My music will tell you more about me than I ever will.” Indeed, music is sometimes the most effective way, the most impactful way, the most human way to tell a story. The text or lyrics of a song are what we most often rely on to tell the story, but even instrumental music can tell powerful stories, without a single lyric. For millennia, people have harnessed the power of music to help them tell their stories, stories of love and loss, joy and sadness, war and peace, life and death. Join the talented musicians of Chalice as we explore the power of music to tell stories. From Prokofiev to Coldplay and everything in between, come with us on this storytelling adventure!



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 27th, at 12:30 P.M., in the cottage. Won't you join us?





Monthly Prayer Circle

Wednesday, May 16
in the 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.





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, May 19 at 6 pm at homes of congregants RSVP by May 9	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. May 9 at <i>[not for public]</i> .



Information for March Group Activities! You are Welcome Here!

Chalice Dine-Out - Meets on the Third Monday at 6:00 pm

We will be dining on May 21st at 6:00. This month we will be going to The Barrel Room located at 16765 Bernardo Center Dr. in Rancho Bernardo. (located behind the Pegasus Restaurant).

Singles and couples, all are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted.

Just for May, RSVP to Susan Sklar at [not for public].



Women's Book Group - Third Tuesday at 7:15 pm

May' is Mystery Month. Join us on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:15 pm in the common room to discuss *The Dry* by Jane Harper. A small town in Australia hides big secrets in this atmospheric, page-turning mystery. Chris Toft will facilitate the discussion.

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 at [not for public].

June's Book: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee Facilitator: Debi Streett-Idell

Haven House Interfaith Community Dinners - Dates change each month

In May, our date to serve dinner is Friday, May 18. 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 group will meet on Friday, May 18 at Stir Fresh Mongolian Grill in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 17120 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego 92128. It is next to the RB library and Souplantation. We meet at 11:30 AM. 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, May 19 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 Comer by Wed. May 9 at [not for public].

Readers' Theater

Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day) at 6:45 p.m. in the common room. Newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings! This month we're reading aloud the comedy *Every Brilliant Thing*, by Duncan Macmillan. The plot: You're six years old. Mum's in hospital. Dad says she's "done something stupid." She finds it hard to be happy. So you start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world. Everything that's worth living for. ...You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. Soon, the list will take on a life of its own. A play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. "[A] heart-wrenching, hilarious play...One of the funniest plays you'll ever see about depression—and possibly one of the funniest plays you'll ever see, full stop...*The Guardian* (UK).



Newcomers are welcome!! Please contact Deb [not for public] in advance, so that we'll know to expect you.

Chalice UU Congregation ** May 2018 ** Services, Meetings, Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am Chair Yoga 1:00 pm Coord Team 7:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Executive Board	2 9:00 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter Writers 7:00 pm Bruno Groening Circle	3 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Handchime Reh 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 7:00 pm Food Addicts Anonymous	5 10:00 am Renovations Team
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Minister's Message

The following is an edited excerpt from Rev. Sharon Wylie's sermon "The Risk of Changing (Active Hope #7)" offered on March 18, 2018:

"It's the end of the world," says the caterpillar....

I've invited you to read with me this year a book called *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy* by Chris Johnstone and Joanna Macy. I'm doing a series of ten sermons on the book, one per month through June of this year. Today is the seventh sermon in that series.

The central premise of the book is that our global society is going through an enormous transition, which the authors call the Great Turning. The Great Turning is the transition away from an industrial society committed to economic growth and toward a life-sustaining society committed to the healing and recovery of our world.

I am aware, as are many of you, of what we are turning away from. What is disintegrating. What is not working. Newspapers are closing. Stores are closing. Movie theaters, symphony and opera organizations, theater troupes—all struggling to survive. How our political system works—if it works—is in turmoil. Banks are in turmoil. Churches are closing. Trust in all major institutions has eroded. And almost all business and industry is in disintegration. I would say it's in transition, but we don't know and can't see what we are transitioning to.

We are turning toward a life-sustaining society committed to the healing and recovery of our world, but we have no idea what that looks like. We have almost no idea of what we're doing, what we're moving toward.

Do you know what happens to caterpillars in their cocoons? They dissolve. They shrink. They

turn to mush. From the goo of their dis-integration come a few cells that reorganize to eventually become a butterfly.

Culturally, societally, I think we're disintegrating. We're dissolving, shrinking, turning to mush. We are in transition, turning away from all that has come before....

For many of us, whether we realize it or not, in our discomfort and dissatisfaction and unhappiness, with all this turmoil and disintegration, most of us yearn to take steps backward. Because we can't imagine a way forward. We can't imagine what's next.

We are turning toward a life-sustaining society committed to the healing and recovery of our world. And we have no idea what that looks like.

"The world is just beginning," says the butterfly.

This is our work now. To know that transformation is coming. To know that change is uncomfortable, stressful, that we fear it and don't like it, but not to let our fear and discomfort stop us from moving forward. It is okay that we don't know for sure what we're building. It's okay that the caterpillar doesn't know what it's like to be a butterfly. The caterpillar only knows to build the cocoon and to embrace the disintegration. The caterpillar has to let go of being a caterpillar before the butterfly can come into being.

This is transformation. We have to let go of the world as it is before we can embrace the world we are becoming.

Bright blessings,
Sharon



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Tuesday & Thursday, 1-5 pm, Wednesday, 2-5 pm

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Family Ministry



Kathleen Swift
Director of Family Ministry



Chalice Easter Egg Hunt Highlights



April Board Meeting Report

Members of the Board have spent the last month looking inward, a self assessment examining our accomplishments over the past year against our annual goals.

Coordinating Team Report for April Board Meeting

- Discussed training topic for Council of Chairs meeting April 21.
- A consultant hired by Richard Korts was contacted and helped Paula resolve the most pressing issues with the Wiki.
- Coord Team reviewed budget requests and prepared a draft of an aspirational budget for review by the Board.
- Completed CT Self Evaluation form for fiscal year 2017- 2018.



President's Message



Nancy Bowen
Congregation President

At last April's Board meeting we got to review Reports from all the "Programs" at Chalice. We also reviewed a list of all the "Ways and Means" activities. It impressed me how diverse our interests are and how energetic and dedicated we are. Names of the Programs and highlights are described here.

- Worship (Spirit Study, Worship Associates, Ushers): 75% of our membership and 46% of our total congregation attend on Sundays. These percentages are considered healthy (less than 25% would be a symptom of a church in decline).
- Family Ministries (Family Ministries Team, RE Teachers and Assistants, Childcare Providers, RE Classes): 26 families with 40 children and youth are involved in RE classes; it's thriving but there are challenges with the facilities and finding volunteers.
- Music (Chancel Choir, Concerts, Hand Chimes, Spirit of Chalice children's choir): 50-60 participants, including special performances and groups; it's thriving and they sound beautiful!
- Caring Community (Pastoral Care; Memorials; Support Groups- Grief Group, Men's Support Group, Widows' Group; Cards and flowers; Lay Chaplains): care can be provided to all those requesting help. Challenge- changing from a Pastoral Size to Program Size congregation and, therefore, it may not be known if someone is in need.
- Social Justice and Service Team & Projects: (Immigration Action Team, Haven House meals for the homeless, Letter Writer's Group and other activities): Challenge- loss of Rev. Bukey who staffed this, but it has a new structure and renewed energy.
- Pathways Team (Greeters, Newcomers Orientation): Challenge- loss of Rev. Bukey who staffed this, "Greeting" is reenergized but other aspects need to be increased and this would require more volunteers
- Neighborhood Connections- new this year, 8 groups, average size is 26
- Spiritual Deepening (Yoga, Prayer Circle, Women's Meditation and Buddhist Study Group, Chair Yoga, Zen Meditation)
- Fellowship Groups -weekday daytime (Board games, Cracker Barrel- men's group, Fiber Arts, Ladies Out to Lunch)
- Fellowship Groups -evening or weekend (Chalice Readers- book club, Circle Suppers, Dining Out Circle, Readers' Theater, Women's Book Club)

Reports for the Ways and Means activities will also be done next year. The ones overseen by the Coordinating Team are: Building and Grounds, Facelift Task Force, Sunday Welcome - coffee and refreshments, Stewardship Team - pledge drive and auction, Technology Committee, Leadership Development, Outreach Team and Communications Task Force. Also, there are ones overseen by the Board - Good Relations Team, Nominating Committee, Legacy Committee, Capital Campaign and Renovations Task Force.

It takes all this to make the community we call Chalice.

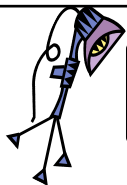
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Music Spotlight on Jim Brown

Brief Biography

As a kid, there was no “singing in the shower” because I grew up during the Depression in the “country” with an outhouse and an outdoor hand pump for water which was heated on the stove for our weekly bath in a metal tub on the kitchen floor. In 9th Grade, I experienced my first group showers in PE (no singing there) and it was about this time that Mom “got religion” and we all attended the fundamentalist church services where I could sing in the choir with my yet unchanged soprano voice. Dating the church girls often involved attending Hymn Sings at participating churches in the evening.

As the first Brown to ever attend college, I opted to study for the ministry both to satisfy my need to find God and to please Mom. Neither happened during my 5 year Theological training although I did again get to sing in the choir (a baritone by now). Having personally denied ordination in the church because I could not preach their message, I went on to pre-med school and then settled into a teaching career for three years. At the encouragement of our school counselor, I applied for and received one of 30 National Defense Education Act invites to get my Master’s Degree in Counselor Education at San Diego State College. The next year, 1964, I accepted a counselor position in the Poway Unified School District.

No singing during my 13 year hiatus in the schools (except the shower). A career change occurred as I bought an existing real estate franchise and I have been a practicing broker for the ensuing 44 years. It was during this time that a chance flyer announcing a talk by Margaret Mead in San Diego (First UU) introduced me to

the UU’s and a call from Andi Stout a couple years later to research land for building a church in North County led to my joining UUINCF. While there I sang in the choir and occasionally delivered a “sermon”.

In the 90’s, I relocated to the Palm Springs area, practiced my real estate as a property manager and broker, joined UUCOD, again singing in the choir and speaking once in a while. I remarried, retired and moved back to San Diego while my wife and I traveled the world. We were members of both the Coronado UU and First UU in San Diego.

When my wife passed away in 2014, I opted to spend my few remaining years in Kauai but soon found that I was outliving my retirement savings and returned to the comfort and familiarity of San Diego County, settling in Escondido, joining Chalice UU and happy to be “above the sod” at 84.

What Music Means To Me

Music quiets emotional turmoil and provides an outlet for joy. It is why Sundays would be so dry without it.

Fun Fact

I have had three holes-in-one and am now trying to shoot my age, 84. I still do not sing in the shower.

