



## February 2019 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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### Chalice Auction

The 2019 Chalice Auction  
February 9<sup>th</sup>  
at the  
Woman's Club of Escondido,  
751 N. Rose, Escondido 92027

Times: Social Hour 4:00  
Paddle Pick Up 4:30  
Auction Begins 5:00

This year the theme is **Harry Potter**; expect many surprises. Come early to find a seat in the Hogwarts House of your choice.

This is **Pot Luck**; please bring a finger food with you. Beverages will be provided.

The **Catalog** will be out very soon so watch for it online.

If you are unable to attend and see items you would like to bid on....a friend can proxy for you. Just give them the title, catalog number, and how much you are willing to spend. We will see they get your paddle and can bid for you.

**Payment** will not be on Auction night. Statements for purchases and donations will be e-mailed after Auction evening.

This year we haven't storage space for baskets and treasures. **Please bring donations to the Woman's Club between 2:00 and 4:00 on the 9<sup>th</sup>.** All winning bid items must be picked up at the end of the Auction.

See you there!



Chalice Families  
Felicitia Park Meet up  
Sunday, February 3  
10:00 am in Area 6



Barbe & Ellie's card sale  
after service February 24

### Sunday Service at 1:30 p.m.

**February 3** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"Imbolc Blessings" All-Church Service**  
Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.  
Imbolc is the Neo-Pagan celebration of the earliest signs of spring, an observance that lives on in our modern Groundhog Day. At this afternoon's service, we honor the goddess Brigid and celebrate her gifts of beauty and creativity. Today's service will include a Ceremony of Dedication for children.

**February 10** **Lay-led Service**  
**"The Church of What We Know"**  
Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.  
UU musician Peter Mayer suggests in a sermon that "perhaps what UUs are about lies not so much in WHAT WE DON'T KNOW but rather in WHAT WE DO KNOW." Chalice congregants Tom Carlstrom and Debi Streett-Idell will lead the service in considering how what we know to be true scientifically contributes to our UU religion.

**February 17** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"The Silencing of Values"**  
Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.  
The forces of advertising and entertainment work hard to make us feel terrible about ourselves. And then we buy things to try and make ourselves feel better. How do we resist the flood of messages that surround us? How do we create a life that honors our values? Today is our annual chocolate and berries service.

**February 24** **Rev. Sharon Wylie**  
**"God Talk"**  
Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.  
The idea of an omniscient and all-powerful God doesn't resonate for most UUs. What are the ideas of God that do interest us? This is the sixth in a 10-part series on UU theologies, informed by the book *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-First Century* by Buehrens and Parker.

Address for Temple Adat Shalom:  
15905 Pomerado Rd., Poway



## Seeking Nominations for the Board of Trustees

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

Open positions include:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Two trustee positions

Recommended qualifications vary depending on the position. If you wish to nominate anyone, including yourself, please contact Andi S. *[contact info not in public edition]*. Nominations will close on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

### What is a Bimah?

Now that we have been attending services at Temple Adat Shalom for several weeks, perhaps you have been wondering about the things you see at the front of the sanctuary. You are not alone!

The raised area (stage or platform) is called the bimah. On the wall is an enclosed space with doors where the Torah scrolls are kept. This storage area is called the Ark. The Ark is decorated with a biblical quote in Hebrew. The Torah scrolls are hand-written scrolls of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. They are wrapped in material denoting the garb of the ancients and are treated with utmost reverence and respect.

On the bimah is the lectern where the Torah is placed when it is read. You may notice that it is larger than the typical UU lectern, to accommodate the large Torah scroll. There are also chairs for the service participants or honored guests to sit during the service.

Hanging above the bimah and Ark is the ner tamid, or eternal light. As its name suggests, this light is never extinguished.

For more information about Judaism, the website [reformjudaism.org](http://reformjudaism.org) describes these things we see on Sunday afternoon and other aspects of a Shabbat Service as well.



### INQUIRERS SERIES

#### Faith Forward: From Visitor to Leader

Visitors, newcomers, and new members are invited to participate in an eight-session program that offers an introduction to Chalice UU Congregation and Unitarian Universalism in general. The group will meet after our Sunday service starting at 2:45pm in the library at Temple Adat Shalom. (The library is off the southwest corner of the courtyard.) The sessions are independent, so you are welcome to participate in as many or as few as you are able. Advanced signups are not needed.

The conversations are scheduled for Sundays in February and March:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| February 17 | Q&A with the Minister                                  |
| February 24 | Unitarian Universalist History, Principles and Sources |
| March 3     | Faith Development for Children and Adults              |
| March 10    | Worship and Liturgical Year                            |
| March 17    | Social Action and Community Service                    |
| March 24    | Pastoral Care and Small Groups                         |
| March 31    | Membership 101 and Congregational Life                 |
| TBD         | Campus Tour (after we return to Chalice)               |

#### Chalice Mission Statement

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



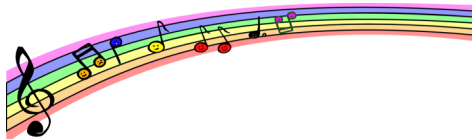


## Music Ministry for February

February 10: The **Chancel Choir**, with Ethan Brown on keyboard, will present “Church of the Earth”, by Peter Mayer.



**Stuart Holmes**  
Interim Choir Director



### Celebrating UU Composers - Peter Mayer One More Time!

Some composers have touched us so deeply we have to celebrate them more than once. Such is the case with Peter Mayer, one of our very favorite UU composers, who we also highlighted in the November newsletter. Mayer’s music is filled with reverence for Nature and the Holiness to be found everywhere we look. On February 10, the Chancel Choir, along with Ethan Brown on keyboard, will present Mayer’s “Church of the Earth”, a hymn of praise to the beautiful world we inhabit. “Heaven we know, here is this world, here in our holy Church of the Earth.”

We were lucky in 2017 to have Peter Mayer present a sermon at the UU Fellowship of San Dieguito, titled “The Church of What We Know” (<http://uufsd.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/The-Church-of-What-We-Know-Peter-Mayer-UUFSD-1-29-17.pdf>). Read this – it will make you feel good to be a UU!

## Family Ministry

### Felicita Park Meetups

The Family Ministries Team invites you to join us at Felicita Park on the first Sunday of each month at 10 am for connection and community while the construction at Chalice is being completed.

Our first gathering will be on Feb. 3. We will meet at 10 am at Area 6. Feel free to bring snacks to share. Playground, shade, restrooms and good company will be available.


Additional meetups are scheduled for Mar. 3 and Apr. 7. Felicita Park is located at 742 Clarence Lane in Escondido, about ½ mile south of Chalice. Parking is \$3. When you enter the park, keep to the right until you reach the parking area at the end of the road. You might also be able to park along Park Drive (at the north end of the park) and walk into the park.



**Kathleen Swift**



## Groups & Activities - You are welcome here!

| What   | When, Where  | Who & Why   |
|--|--|---|
| Chair Yoga   | Tuesdays, 10 am<br>At Temple Adat Shalom   | Patty Carlisle leads this weekly yoga class to share the healing aspects of yoga. Individuals exercise and strengthen their bodies. In this class, you will be surrounded by positive, caring people. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> . Small donations accepted, but not required. |
| Yoga   | Tuesdays, 7 pm<br>Sunset Chiropractic Office at<br>1900 Sunset Dr., Escondido                    | Kathy Zapata-Bergamini, Alec Bergamini, or Chris O'Connor lead the class on Tuesday evenings. Every class is different, but you will always be glad you came. Newcomers are welcome. \$5 donation suggested. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i>  |
| Cracker Barrel  | Each Wednesday, 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. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> . Open to all men of Chalice to meet life-long friends with a sense of humor.  |
| Activist Letter Writers  | Meeting the first & third Wednesday each month. Contact Kaye for location.                       | Join us for lively discussion and post card writing, with action as an outcome. New activists welcome. Contact Kaye C. at <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> if you have questions.  |
| Zen Meditation   | Location: Sunset Chiropractic Office<br>Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 am and Sundays, 3:00 to 5:00 pm | Chalice Friend Dr. Al Zolnyas offers instruction and Meditation practice. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice.<br>Off-site location: Sunset Chiropractic Office at 1900 Sunset Dr., Escondido  |
| Women's Meditation & Study   | Thursdays, 10:30 am<br>Sunset Chiropractic Office at<br>1900 Sunset Dr., Escondido               | Women's Buddhist Meditation. Mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Contact person Carol B. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i>  |
| Board Games  | Second Wed., February 13<br>1:00 pm<br>Carol B's home.   | A lively group meets to play games: Mexican dominoes, Rummikub, or any fun game. Newcomers happily welcomed! Contact Carol B. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i>   |
| Men's Support Group  | Second Wednesday<br>6:30 pm<br>Escondido location & a group hike                                 | 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. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> Phil can tell you more about the group, including the location.                                    |
| Memoir Writing   | Second Thursday<br>10:00 am at member homes<br>contact Alice for location                        | Alice D. leads this group in writing personal memoirs. Contact Alice at <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> .   |
| Fiber Arts & Crafts  | Third Wed., February 20<br>1:30 to 3:30 pm<br>At member homes                                    | We chat and work, primarily needle-crafts like knitting, or embroidery, but any portable crafts are welcome. Contact person is Bonnie P. <i>[contact info not in public edition]</i> .  |
| Prayer Circle  | Third Wednesday<br>7:00 to 8:00 pm<br>Chapel if available  | February 20 join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others. All are welcome. RevSharonWylie@gmail.com  |





### **Chalice Dine-Out - Third Monday, February 18 at 6:00 pm**

Dine Out will be meeting Monday at 6:00 pm on February 18th. NOTICE the time change. We will be dining at Vintana Wine and Dine located at 1205 Auto Park Way, Escondido. For those who have not been there, the restaurant is located over the Lexus dealership. You can valet park or go around to the back ramp to upper parking.



### **Chalice Women's Book Group - Third Tuesday, February 19 at 7:15 pm**

**The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn \*\* Facilitator: Ann Cunningham

Join us on Tues., Feb. 19 at 7:15 to discuss **The Alice Network**. A female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947 — are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 PM in member's homes. Please come and join us for a stimulating and fun evening. Newcomers are welcome. For meeting place or other questions, please contact Dani [contact info not in public edition].

\*\*\* March Book: **Everything I Never Told You** by Celeste Ng

### **Haven House Interfaith Community Dinner - February 26 at 6:00 pm (dates change each month)**

Our next dinner service is scheduled for **Tuesday, February, 26 at 6:00 pm**. 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 F. keep the mailing lists and facilitate our participation in this community service project. If you would like to participate, contact Marshall at [contact info not in public edition].



### **Ladies Out to Lunch - Third Friday - February 15 at 11:30 am**

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet at the Pegasus Cafe in Rancho Bernardo on Friday, February 15. The address is 16719 Bernardo Center Drive. We meet at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Carol S. [contact info not in public edition]. This is a friendly group of women who welcome newcomers.



### **Circle Suppers - Third Saturday, February 16 at 6:00 pm**

It's a great way to begin 2019. Join us for Circle Supper on Saturday, February 16, 2019 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. This is a great way to get to know each other better and further our sense of community. Newcomers are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Dani C by Wed., Feb. 6 or if you have any questions: [contact info not in public edition].

### **Readers' Theater - Fourth Monday, February 25 at 6:45 pm**

Our gathering this month will be on Monday, February 25 at 6:45 at Kaye and Bruce Campbell's house. We'll be reading aloud the classic comedy by Oliver Goldsmith, ***She Stoops to Conquer***, which has been delighting audiences for almost 250 years! This charming comedy, first performed in 1773, concerns Kate Hardcastle, a young lady who poses as a servant girl to win the heart of a young gentleman too shy to court ladies of his own class. Along the way, there is an abundance of merry mix-ups, racy dialogue and sly satire of the sentimental comedies of Goldsmith's day. **Please join us — newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!** Please contact Deb C. [contact info not in public edition] so we'll know to expect you.



# Chalice UU Congregation \*\* February 2019 \*\* Services, Meetings, Events



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                   |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>3</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Family Meet @ Felicita Park<br><b>1:30 pm</b> Worship Service:<br>"Imbolic Blessings"<br>Rev. Sharon Wylie<br>All-Church Service, Child Dedication<br><b>2:40 pm</b> Sandwich Making<br>At Temple Adat Shalom<br><b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation - off-site | <b>4</b>                                     | <b>5</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga<br><b>11:30 am</b> Coord Team<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Exec. Board         | <b>6</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel<br><b>11:30 am</b> Activist Letter Writers   | <b>7</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation<br><b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study<br><b>11:30 am</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>                              |
| <b>10</b><br><b>1:30 pm</b> Worship Service:<br>"The Church of What We Know" Lay-Led<br>At Temple Adat Shalom<br><b>1:30 pm</b> RE Classes<br><b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation - off-site  | <b>11</b>                                    | <b>12</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Board  | <b>13</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel<br><b>1:00 pm</b> Board Games<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Men's Group<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Family Ministries         | <b>14</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation<br><b>10:00 am</b> Memoir Writers<br><b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal | <b>15</b><br><b>11:30 am</b> Ladies-Out-To-Lunch | <b>16</b>                             |
| <b>17</b><br><b>1:30 pm</b> Worship Service:<br>"The Silencing of Values"<br>Rev. Sharon Wylie<br><b>1:30 pm</b> RE Classes<br>At Temple Adat Shalom<br><b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation - off-site  | <b>18</b><br><b>6 pm</b> Dine-Out            | <b>19</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga<br><b>11:30 am</b> Coord Team<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga<br><b>7:15 pm</b> Women's Book Group | <b>20</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel<br><b>11:30 am</b> Activist Writers<br><b>1:30 pm</b> Fiber Arts<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Monthly Prayer Group | <b>21</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation<br><b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>                             |
| <b>24</b><br><b>1:30 pm</b> Worship Service:<br>"God Talk"<br>Rev. Sharon Wylie<br><b>1:30 pm</b> RE Classes<br><b>2:30 pm</b> Barbe & Ellie Card Sale<br>At Temple Adat Shalom<br><b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation - off-site   | <b>25</b><br><b>6:45 pm</b> Readers' Theater | <b>26</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga<br><b>6:10 pm</b> Haven House<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga                                      | <b>27</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel   | <b>28</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation<br><b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes<br><b>7:30 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal                                   |  | <b>Chalice Auction Starts at 4 pm</b> |

**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. While there is construction at Chalice, most meetings will be moved off campus. The on-line calendar will have the most accurate information.



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### *Minister's Message for February*

Minister's Message –  
February  
From Rev. Sharon Wylie

*The following is an excerpt from Rev. Sharon Wylie's sermon "What Brings Us Together" offered on January 13, 2019:*

There are many reasons that people are anxious to come to Sunday worship for the first time. Many people who might find Unitarian Universalism to be a good fit have been hurt by religious leaders or by religious teachings or both. There is much evil in the world done in the name of religion. Racism, sexism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, transphobia, violence...all these things occur with blessings from religious leaders and religious institutions.

And people who have not necessarily experienced hurt still experience suspicion. Isn't religious community just a place where people try to indoctrinate you into thinking and acting a certain way? Or isn't religious community just a place where people judge each other? Isn't religious community just a place to find shame and oppression, not liberation?

I remember someone being so intimidated about coming on Sunday morning that they instead came to a Saturday event we were having—a community fair—to check us out that way. I heard a story yesterday about someone sitting in their car for 15 minutes in the church parking lot debating whether or not to go in. We who come all the time forget what a leap of courage it is to come to church for the first time.

And even if there were no fear or anxiety about coming to worship for the first time, there

would still be the daunting truth that what we offer here is, in fact, healing and transformation, and no matter how deep the yearning for change and comfort and community and challenge, it is still scary.

It is scary to seek to change your life. It is scary to concede to having your life changed.

Now, those of us who are regular church attendees don't think of coming here as having our lives changed. But I invite you to know that what has happened is that you have grown accustomed to being unsettled. You have grown accustomed to living with your heart open. You have grown accustomed to self-reflection and the tenderness that comes with self-awareness.

Do you know that most Sundays there is someone at worship who is crying? I don't mean that it's the same person—we take turns!—but this space, this hour, it is where we come to be vulnerable together. I love that people cry during worship. It's what we're here for, spaces like the car or the bathroom, where it's okay to fall apart a little bit.

It is important that we are here by choice and in commitment to our shared covenant, but you need to know that it is also so much more than that.

I love that you want your friends and neighbors to come here. I love that you want to share what you have found. What I'm reminding you today is that coming here is scarier than you remember. There is a reason people hesitate. There are reasons people are afraid. No matter how much they're hurting and how much they're yearning, it's no easy thing to jump off a cliff. Even if someone is offering to hold your hand while you do it.

Bright blessings,  
Sharon

To schedule an appointment with Rev. Sharon:

Online: <https://calendly.com/revsharonwylie/>

Text or call: 619.871.9959 \*\* Email: [revsharonwylie@gmail.com](mailto:revsharonwylie@gmail.com)



## *President's Message for February 2019 - Marshall Fogel*

The By-laws of Chalice state: "The Board is responsible for the Senior Minister's evaluation which shall be conducted every 3-5 years...." Reverend Sharon Wylie was last evaluated on June 19, 2015. A Board of Trustees Task Force for Ministerial Evaluation was appointed consisting of Nancy Bowen, Deb Coon, and Marshall Fogel and their report was delivered to the Board in Executive Session on January 8, 2019.

A customized evaluation form was created after searching the literature consisting of 8 categories of ministerial responsibility and within these there were 44 tasks. Eighteen congregants were asked to complete the form and 16 did so. Most were signed and included ample space for comments - many of which were shared with Rev. Sharon without identifying the authors. Evaluators were chosen by the Task Force, not Reverend Sharon, and included Board officers, paid staff, chairs of key committees, longtime volunteers and additional congregants of varied backgrounds. The Task Force chose congregants who either had first-hand experience working with Reverend Sharon or who were longstanding congregants. Rev. Sharon also carefully and thoughtfully completed a self-evaluation.

Overall, Rev. Sharon was rated as Proficient (Performance that is expected of an

established minister) or Expert/Exceptional (Performance demonstrates exemplary Ministry; the Minister may be considered a role model to other Ministers) in virtually every category. Rev. Sharon was especially pleased to receive high ratings in the categories of 'Works in a confidential manner' and 'Sets healthy boundaries for herself' as these are hallmark items of an ethical ministry. Like any good professional appraisal, the evaluation tool identified several areas for improvement. With humility and grace, Rev. Sharon plans to address them assisted by the Ministerial Support Team as needed.

The Ministerial Evaluation process was thorough and in keeping with our Board covenant. The Task Force for Ministerial Evaluation was pleased to confirm that our settled minister is doing an excellent job.

Marshall Fogel  
Chalice UU Congregation President



Marshall Fogel

### **Chalice Board of Trustees Report**

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 pm. Plans were made for the construction Ground Breaking Ceremony to take place on Saturday, January 12 at 12:30 pm at Chalice. It was announced that the issuing of the building permit for construction was imminent. The Board agreed that the first service at our temporary home, Adat Shalom, was a success in spite of a few adjustments to a new space. Board members were tasked with answering the questions on the work sheet that was handed out pertaining to creating a new Chalice mission statement. Input for nominees to the Board, for members who are rotating off, was requested for the nominating committee. The beginning of planning for the Annual Pledge Drive to be held in April 2019 was discussed. Board members were again encouraged to attend the UU District Assembly in Long Beach in April and/or the UUA General Assembly in Spokane, WA in June.





## *Family Ministry*

### **Families enjoying social hour after service at Temple Adat Shalom**



**Kathleen Swift**  
Director of Family Ministry



### **Coordinating Team Report for Jan. Board meeting**

Reviewed Borrowing Procedure, and updated the forms.  
Discussed topic for Council of Chairs meeting on January 12, 2019.  
Plan to send text messages about construction was discussed.  
Began review of comprehensive Monitoring Report from November.  
Reviewed expense reports for Sharon and for Kathleen.

### **Poetry Service**

April 14, 2019 is the date of the annual Chalice Poetry service, when Chalice poets share their musings with the congregation and help us see life from a different perspective. The theme this year is "Reflections On Home." If you have already penned such a poem or want to write one, please contact Patty Carlisle at [PattyCar@san.rr.com](mailto:PattyCar@san.rr.com). Your poem should be 1 – 2 minutes long when read aloud. If you have a favorite poem on that subject written by someone else, please send me a copy. Other questions? Feel free to call or email Patty.



## Cluster Social Justice News

Some thoughts from Angela Fujii, Cluster Social Justice Coordinator, as we enter the new year:

At First Church, we just finished our rotation of the Interfaith Shelter Network's winter homeless shelter. To wrap up the experience, I asked our congregational coordinator if he thought we should hold a debrief and reflection session for volunteers, which got me thinking...I acknowledge the need for, and utility of, making and holding space for processing and providing feedback but I also had a realization that made me pause. In the two years that I've been involved in this effort, I had not thought to ask our guests to weigh in. For me, this is indicative of a broader outlook and oversight on my part that extends to all of the justice work that I do.

In UU spaces, I often hear about "directly-impacted" people and following their lead, supporting existing, ongoing efforts and understanding that those folks have intimate, lived knowledge. I try to practice and incorporate these teachings and yet, there I was, asking the wrong person the wrong question. My thoughts snowballed and went down a bit of a rabbit hole from that point but in the end, I realized that while I may have missed this opportunity, I am now poised to recognize the next one and that "justice work" is both internal and external – a lesson that I thought I knew but appreciate and need to be reminded.

Angela Fujii



### Interfaith Community Services, General Membership Meeting, January 16, 2019

Julia Fogel attended, representing Chalice. Highlights from the meeting include a report from Greg Anglea. He shared that the government shutdown may affect Cal-Fresh and food stamp recipients after February when funds may become unavailable. It has also delayed the tax preparation service offered by Interfaith, because they are unable to obtain the IRS software update necessary to continue.

On the brighter side, several new programs were described, including the opening of a new Neighborhood Health Clinic in the main office. The clinic will provide medical services to Haven House residents and anyone else who needs them. In conjunction with this, a program is starting to assist folks with a disability to obtain disability benefits more expeditiously. Another new project is third party research to measure the long-term success of housing the homeless.

The Housing 2019 program hopes to end and prevent homelessness for 2,019 individuals by December 31, 2019. In support of this goal, Interfaith is encouraging member congregations to participate in March to Housing, a drive to raise both money and household necessities. If approval is granted, Chalice may participate by having a March to Housing, Chalice Lights the Way drive, collecting lamps and a \$5 donation. In addition, individuals may make monetary contributions directly to Interfaith, or donations of household necessities by contacting Robert Adams to arrange for pick-up or drop-off. He can be reached at (760) 489-6380, ext. 206, or [radams@interfaithservices.org](mailto:radams@interfaithservices.org).

Lastly, it was announced that there will be a count of the homeless population on January 25, from 4-8 A.M. If you would like to participate, visit [rtfh.volunteerhub.com](http://rtfh.volunteerhub.com) to sign up for training.