



APRIL IS CHALICE PLEDGE DRIVE MONTH!!

Check out our pledge drive website at
chalicepledgedrive.weebly.com.

Please pick up your pledge packet after worship on April 7 or April 14. Please make your pledge commitment before April 28 to be entered into a raffle drawing for exciting prizes!!

CHALICE CELEBRATION PICNIC !!!



We are celebrating Chalice on Sunday April 28, 10:30 - 1:00 at Kit Carson Park in Escondido.

Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. We will provide coffee, tea, plates, cups and utensils. There will be games and festivities including a raffle for UU themed prizes for those who have made their pledge by April 28. There are tables and benches partly under trees. Bring your own chair too.

Directions: exit I-15 at Via Rancho Pkwy and go East, it becomes Bear Valley Parkway. You will see Kit Carson Park on your left. Drive to the North end of the park to Las Palmas Ave. and turn left. Turn into the park right after the school. Across from the Girl Scout Center is El Arroyo Picnic Area. We are at Arroyo # 2. Hope to see you there! Questions, call Nancy B. [contact info not for public]

Sunday Service at 1:30 p.m.

April 7 Rev. Tom Owen-Towle, pulpit guest
"What Makes America a Good Country"

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

From our pulpit guest: "Frankly, I'm tired of all the rhetoric about 'America being great again' and would settle for us being a pretty good people and good enough nation. I will explore our core qualities."

The Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle has been a parish minister since 1967 and is minister emeritus at the First UU Church of San Diego. He is pleased to be returning to Chalice's pulpit again.

April 14 Lay-led Service
"Reflections on Home" Poetry Service

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Many famous poets have penned tributes to the places they call home. Anne Bronte wrote "... Though all around this mansion high/invites the foot to roam, /and though its halls are fair within --/oh, give me back my HOME!" Prepare for a touch of nostalgia and perhaps a surge of amazement as our Chalice poets share their own reflections on home.

The Chancel Choir will present "Sing Your Way Home", by Joseph M. Martin

April 21 Rev. Sharon Wylie
"Flower Communion" All-Church Service

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Please bring a flower for the altar as we mark the holiday and revel in the beauty of our diversity.

April 28 Rev. Sharon Wylie
"Why Me?" (UU Theologies #8)

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Today we consider theodicy, the study of why there is suffering. This is the eighth 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.

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



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT THE BORDER

UU's of San Diego have united to support the work of the San Diego Rapid Recovery Network (SDRRN). When asylum seekers leave the shelter, many travel on Greyhound for days to their sponsors all over the country. We will collect **new or gently used sturdy adult backpacks** for their journey. These were requested by the SDRRN and they will be delivered by the UU cluster. Cash donation for the shelter will be collected on our monthly social justice Sunday April 7.

Please bring backpacks to the Sunday services at TAS throughout April and leave them outside the front door under the special sign.

Thank you for helping to provide some dignity while these immigrants complete their journey.



Environmental action by Chalice: April 27 trail work to assist the San Dieguito River Park (SDRP)

With all of the rain we have had this year there has been tremendous growth throughout the park—which is great. But the grasses are quickly overwhelming the trails we love to use. On April 27 from 0900-1200 we are organizing Chalice trail work on the SDRP. The work is open for kids and adults and will clear a section of the Coast to Crest trail—raking, digging, scraping, etc. The SDRP will provide a ranger as well as all of the equipment necessary. If you and family are interested in joining please email me [contact info not for public] Paul C.

Chalice Families

Felicita Park Meet up
Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 am in Area 6

Join our new Facebook group!

We have created a new Facebook group called "Chalice UUC Social Group: Caring and Sharing (No Politics!)" for Chalice members and congregants who regularly attend or participate at Chalice.

The group is for fellowship among Chalice congregants. It is particularly created to help congregants share about non-Chalice social and arts events that may be of communal interest.

Political news and debates are not allowed; information about local marches and protests is permitted if the poster is attending and looking for others to join in.

You can find the group at www.facebook.com/groups/chalicesocial

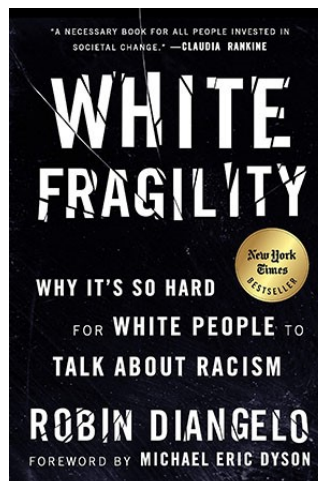
Chalice is now on Instagram!

Follow us at
@chaliceuuescondido.
Thanks!



Recommended Reading

Staff is currently reading and discussing this best selling book by Robin Diangelo, *White Fragility - Why It Is So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.





Music Ministry for April

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Stuart Holmes
Interim Choir Director

Looking Ahead:

June 9: Spring Music Service

Celebrating UU Composers – Holly Near!

In April we celebrate Holly Near as our UU composer of the month. Near has been singing and writing for a more equitable world for well over 50 creative years. Born in Ukiah, CA in 1949, she began singing in high school, and even appeared in several 70's shows like *Mod Squad*, and the *Partridge Family*. Her career was interrupted, however, when she became “distracted by the world.” She began to work against militarism, for women, and for gay and lesbian rights. Holly Near is perhaps best known to UUs as the composer of “We Are A Gentle, Angry People” from our grey hymnal, Singing the Living Tradition.



Holly Near

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.



Kathleen Swift
Director of Family Ministry

Chalice at Play





Chalice Board of Trustees Report, March Meeting for April Newsletter

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The Board reviewed and discussed the Chalice finances for the remainder of the 2018-19 fiscal year. The Board recommended that after the Annual Pledge Drive in April, there would be only one short fund drive to raise needed funds to finish the new building, including furnishings and a new playground area. It was announced that an additional Spirit Foundation Grant to help fund the finish of the new building is being sought and if it is approved it will be matched. An update on the construction project was presented and discussed. The naming of the new building was discussed and a recommendation was made to the Coordinating Team. Board members were encouraged to attend the District Assembly in April and the General Assembly in June.

Caring Community Announcement:

Judy Winn has agreed to serve in a new position called "Care Coordinator."

Should you have a hospitalization or crisis that is not confidential that you would like to share with your Chalice community, you can call and talk with Judy. (Confidential information should be shared directly with Rev. Sharon.)

Judy Winn, Care Coordinator

[contact info not for public]

Our updated Caring Community pamphlet, with more information about our support groups and other programs, will be provided to members and friends in your pledge packets, which will be distributed in April.



Judy Winn



The front of Chalice

Chalice Construction Update

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.




An Iris in the cactus garden - beauty & hope amid the chaos.



The back of Chalice



Groups & Activities - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays, 10 am At Temple Adat Shalom	Patty C. 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 for public]</i> . Donations accepted, but not required.
Yoga	Tuesdays, 7 pm Sunset Chiropractic Office at 1900 Sunset Dr., Escondido	Kathy Z., Alec B., or Chris O. 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 for public]</i>
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. <i>[contact info not for public]</i> . Open to all men of Chalice to meet life-long friends with a sense of humor.
Activist Letter Writers	First & third Wednesdays, 11 am. Meet at member homes during construction.	Join us for lively discussion and post card writing, with action as an outcome. New activists welcome. Contact Kaye C <i>[contact info not for public]</i> if you have questions.
Zen Meditation	Thursdays, 8:30 am and Sundays, 11:00 am Sunset Wellness Center at 1900 Sunset Dr., Escondido	Chalice Friend Dr. Al Zolnyas offers instruction and Meditation practice. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice. Website: freewayzen.org
Women's Meditation & Study	Thursdays, 10:30 am Sunset Wellness Center at 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 for public]</i>

Board Games	Second Wednesday 1:00 pm 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 for public]</i>
Men's Support Group	Second Wednesday 6:30 pm 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 Barry H. <i>[contact info not for public]</i> . Barry can tell you more about the group, including the location.
Memoir Writing	Second Thursday 10:00 am at member homes contact Alice for location	Alice D. leads this group in writing personal memoirs. Contact Alice at <i>[contact info not for public]</i>
Fiber Arts & Crafts	Third Wed., March 20 1:30 to 3:30 pm 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 for public]</i>
Prayer Circle	Third Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 pm Chapel if available	April 17 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, April 15 at 6:00 pm

The Dine Out Group will meet at the Fish House Vera Cruz at 6:00 pm on Monday April 15th. The location is 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos. Singles and couples are all welcome for conversation, catching up, and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together. Please respond to Cindy C. *[contact info not for public]* before April 13th.



Chalice Women's Book Group - Third Tuesday, April 16 at 7:15 pm

April Book: **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** * Author: Gail Honeyman
Facilitator: Lena W. ** Tues., April 16, 7:15 at a member's home.

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 C. *[contact info not for public]*

May Book: **The Buccaneers** by Edith Wharton & Marion Mainwaring

Haven House Interfaith Community Dinner - April 18 at 6:00 pm (dates change each month)

Our next dinner service is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm**. Each month, volunteers from Chalice cook and serve a meal to the people who are staying at ICS, a 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 for public]*



Ladies Out to Lunch - Third Friday - April 19 at 11:30 am

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet at Chicken Charlie's Table on Friday, April 19 at 11:30 AM. The address is 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, San Diego 92128 and is located in the Albertson's shopping center at the corner of Pomerado and Rancho Bernardo Roads. Please RSVP to Carol S. at *[contact info not for public]*
Come & join us!



Circle Suppers - Third Saturday, April 20 at 6:00 pm

Single adults, couples, new and old Chalice folks, join us for Circle Supper on Saturday, April 20 at 6pm. 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 interested in attending please contact Dani C *[contact info not for public]* by Wed., April 10. Dani is looking for a new leader for this activity.

Readers' Theater - Fourth Monday, April 22 at 6:45 pm

Our April gathering will be at Kaye and Bruce C's home *[info not for public]*. We'll be reading aloud the comedy **Private Lives**, by Noel Coward. The plot: A recently divorced couple find themselves in adjoining hotel rooms while on honeymoon with their new – and wholly unsuitable – spouses. Giddy, elegant, and unflappably serene in its appreciation of human vice and folly. **Please join us — newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!** Please contact Deb C. *[contact info not for public]* so we'll know to expect you.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 am Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Exec. Board	3 9:00 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter Writers	4 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 11:00 am Safety 6:30 pm Handchimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
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14 11:00 am Zen Meditation with Al 1:30 pm Worship Service: "Reflections On Home" Poetry Service 1:30 pm RE Classes	15 6 pm Dine-Out Circle	16 10:00 am Chair Yoga 2:00 pm Coord Team 7:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Women's Book	17 9:00 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Writers 1:30 pm Fiber Arts 7:00 pm Monthly Prayer Group	18 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:10 pm Haven House 6:30 pm Handchimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30 am Ladies-Out-To-Lunch	20 10:00 am Worship Team 6:00 pm Circle Suppers
21 11:00 am Zen Meditation with Al 1:30 pm Worship Service: "Flower Communion" All-Church Service Rev. Sharon Wylie	22 6:45 pm Readers' Theater	23 10:00 am Chair Yoga 3:00 pm Coord Team 7:00 pm Yoga	24 9:00 am Cracker Barrel * Newsletter Deadline *	25 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 6:30 pm Handchimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27 9:00 am Trail work day!
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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 April

Topic #1: I miss our Sunday mornings at Miller Avenue.

As lovely as is the space at Temple Adat Shalom, and as grateful as I am for us to gather anywhere and any time, I miss the comfort and familiarity of the physical place where we have worshipped together for years and years now. I know many of you feel the same.

That feeling is heightened by the photographs from the Miller property showing the removal of trees and part of the cactus garden, and the changes underway in the parking lot. We have worked for years to make this project happen, but it is okay to feel a little—what's the right word?—surprised, ambivalent, taken aback, dismayed even...to see it finally underway.

Chalice is a very special place to us. It is okay to feel discombobulated to have our worship place and time disrupted, and to see our physical campus in disarray. This note is to invite you to be aware if you are feeling discombobulated, and to be gentle with yourself. It is no easy thing to have our spiritual home unsettled.

To schedule an appointment with Rev. Sharon:
Online: <https://calendly.com/revsharonwylie/>
Text or call: 619.871.9959
Email: revsharonwylie@gmail.com

Topic #2: I was recently approached by someone from outside our Chalice community and asked to give money to help them due to personal crisis. I said no, which is my policy as your minister (it is also my personal policy). I would have said no regardless of the particulars, but there were also several red flags in the story the person shared. And although I have no way of knowing what's true and what isn't, I subsequently learned that this person regularly asks churches all over the county for money, and has done so for quite a while.

One of the reasons I am comfortable saying no to requests for cash is that I am perfectly clear that I am not a social service provider. Organizations like Interfaith Community Services (ICS) are much better situated to help assess what people need and to offer appropriate help. (Of course, the help that ICS offers is not always the help that people want, especially since ICS does not offer cash, which is often what people are hoping for.) Our congregation partners with ICS in multiple ways, including raising money for them, and I know many of us also make regular donations to ICS directly.

I'm sharing about this here because I think we are going to hear more and more about people in crisis and need in months to come. And sometimes people in crisis and need resort to unethical behavior. I don't want to encourage cynicism. I do want you to trust any sense of unease you feel if and when you are asked for money by someone you don't know well. Or if it seems like you are being approached by someone you DO know well asking for money, especially via email or even telephone.

Even generous and loving people say no sometimes.

Bright blessings,
Sharon





President's Message for April 2019 - Marshall Fogel

Unitarians, Universalists, and UUs

Throughout history a surprising number of brilliant and notable people identified with UU beliefs. How would they approach today's challenges of climate change, White Supremacy, Women's Rights, the concentration of wealth, poverty, access to health care, and increasing authoritarianism in the world? Here's a list of these remarkable people with their dates of death and a few historical comments.

Abigail Adams (1818) who said in March 1776 in a letter to husband John and the Continental Congress, "Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion..."

James Luther Adams (1994), John Adams (1826), John Quincy Adams (1818), Louisa May Alcott (1888), John Bardeen (1991)- physicist and Nobel Laureate 1956 and 1972, Bela Bartok (1945), Clara Barton (1916), Ray Bradbury (2012), T Berry Brazelton (2018)- pediatrician and author, Louise Whitfield Carnegie (1946)- wife of Andrew and philanthropist, EE Cummings (1962), Charles Darwin (1882), Georges de Benneville (1793)- physician and preacher, Charles Dickens (1870), Paul Douglas (1976)- US Senator, Stanley Ann Dunham (1995)- Barack's Mom, Ralph Waldo Emerson (1882), Millard Fillmore (1853), Buckminster Fuller (1983), Horace Greeley (1892), Oliver Wendell Holmes (1935), Thomas Jefferson (1826), Thomas Starr King (1864)- Unitarian and Universalist minister, influential in California during the Civil War, Herman Melville (1891), Judith Sargent Murray (1820)- held Universalist preacher's license, advocate for women's rights, Isaac Newton (1726), Paul Newman (2008), Joseph Priestly (1804), Sylvia Plath (1963), Beatrix Potter (1963), James Reeb (1965)- civil rights martyr, Christopher Reeve (2004), Paul Revere (1818), Arthur Schlesinger (2007), Albert Schweitzer (1965), Pete Seeger (2014), Rod Serling (1978)- creator of The Twilight Zone, Martha Sharp (1999)- honored at Yad Vashem with husband Waitstill (1983) as "righteous among nations", Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1902)- women's rights leader, Adlai Stevenson (1965), William Howard Taft (1930), Kurt Vonnegut (2007), Daniel Webster (1852), William Carlos Williams (1963), Frank Lloyd Wright (1959) and lastly, John Sigismund Zapolya (1570)- King of Hungary and first Prince of Transylvania, a Unitarian and supporter of religious freedom who said, "Faith is a gift from God and conscience cannot be constrained".

So, what does it mean to be a UU today? How will we be remembered?



Marshall Fogel



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Social Justice through Interfaith Community Services

Interfaith Community Services March General Membership Meeting

The March meeting was preceded by a question and answer session with Escondido Mayor Paul McNamara. Topics of interest included potholes, transportation, increasing youth involvement in city government, job development, fire safety, and water management. The mayor was interested in how the group felt about the sale of cannabis in Escondido. When polled, about half the group was pro, and the other half con. This was the most controversial of all the issues raised.

After the Mayor's visit, Rev. Meg Decker, Chair of the Board of Directors, welcomed participants to the March meeting. Participating from Chalice were Julia Fogel and Suzanne Moses. This month, we learned that Jewish Family Services has been running a Safe Parking Program for homeless families and seniors in San Diego. Using two lots, 120 guests can be accommodated each night, starting at 6 P.M. Gates close at 9:30 P.M., and guests may stay until 7 A.M. on weekdays and 8 A.M. on weekends. Pets are welcome. Guests must enroll in the program. Guests are offered assistance in finding housing and meeting other needs. Volunteers serve meals, and evening activities are available.

This program has proven to be a successful model for providing a secure place for those living in cars, and research suggests that if folks can stay in a car and off the street, they can recover from homelessness faster. Because of this, Jewish Family Services is partnering with a church here in the North County to create a similar program.

Greg Anglea, Interfaith CEO, shared two bits of good news. First, a social worker from Interfaith will be assigned to all the Neighborhood Health Centers in the area, including the one soon to open in the main office building on Washington and Quince. Second, 884 people have been housed in 2019 so far, so keep the donations and lamps coming in! Your donations are making this possible!

Coordinating Team Report for March Board meeting

- ♦ Met with Pete Bussett, project architect to review finishes chosen for the new building
- ♦ Reviewed budget for construction. Considered ideas for raising more funds.
- ♦ Pledge drive task force met.
- ♦ Discussed the possibility of inviting congregants to paint the chapel and other rooms, and having a painting party.
- ♦ Reviewed and gratefully approved Caring Community pamphlet created by Rev. Sharon.
- ♦ The next Council of Chairs meeting will be on April 13.
- ♦ Visioning together about room usage in the new building.

If you are thinking of visiting Chalice - There is a lot of street work in front of Chalice, and the parking lot has large trucks tearing up concrete and moving dirt. If you come after 3 pm, the contractors have usually left by then. You can park on Miller on the other side of Hamilton. Sometimes there is space in the upper lot. Our contractor asks that any visitors walk straight in through the gate area, to the building and avoid the construction zone. Please call ahead to be sure someone is there.