



March 2019 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

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Chalice Construction Update February 25, 2019

Of course, this year it rains more than any in the last ten years and that's slowed down construction. But the "clear and grub" has started and the clear weather the last week of February allowed things to get moving! Mostly it's been clearing out vegetation and the grading has only just started but we expect that construction will move pretty quickly now that we seem to have dry weather ahead!

Dean Goddette
Renovations Committee Chair



Chalice Families

Felicita Park Meet up
Sunday, March 3 at 10:00 am in Area 6

Salvage Art Card Sale!

March 3rd after service, treat yourself to a gander at the cards that Barbe Harrison and Elle Carrell are selling as a fund raiser for Chalice. All are one of a kind art!

Sunday Service at 1:30 p.m.

March 3 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Spirit of Life" (UU Theologies #7)

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Today we consider pneumatology, the study of the spirit. This is the seventh 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.

March 10 Maria-Pia Duffy, Pulpit Guest "What's So Funny?"

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

How humor is important both on a personal level and for society as a whole in dealing with difficult times. Maria-Pia has been a Unitarian Universalist since 1996 and has been a member at Chalice since 2012. She is a song leader, storyteller and worship associate and is active in the choir.

[Daylight saving time begins.](#)



March 17 Rev. Sharon Wylie "Celebrating the Generations" All-Church Service

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

At every life stage, we have spiritual and emotional work to attend to. Today we reflect on the diversity of generations in our Chalice community, celebrating the blessings of the different stages of growth and living.

March 24 Rev. Sharon Wylie "About Purim"

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Purim is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar and begins Wednesday evening, March 20, ending the next evening. Today Rev. Sharon will reflect on the significance of the ancient Biblical story of how the Jewish girl Esther became Queen of Persia and saved her people.

March 31 Rev. Sharon Wylie "The Gender Binary and MORE!"

Temple Adat Shalom at 1:30 p.m.

Today is the International Transgender Day of Visibility (occurring annually on March 31), dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide. So let's celebrate and raise awareness!



Music Ministry for March

March 10: The **Chancel Choir** will present “Church of the Earth”, by Peter Mayer.

March 24: The **Chancel Choir** will present “The Path You Walk Upon” by Catherine Dalton, with guest musician Marcia Yee on violin.



Stuart Holmes
Interim Choir Director

Looking Ahead:

June 9: Spring Music Service

Celebrating UU Composers – Catherine Dalton!

Our March UU music composer is Catherine Dalton. Dalton specializes in vocal compositions that are inspired by classical, jazz, folk, world music and chant. Her choral works have been selected for National American Choral Directors and Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network Reading Sessions. Before giving in to her passion for music, Dalton majored in physics and computer science, and spent several years in science education.

On March 24, the Chancel Choir will present Dalton’s “The Path You Walk Upon”, a Celtic-style blessing which uses nature as a guide, combining timeless harmonies and melodies. Marcia Yee will be our guest violinist.



Catherine Dalton

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

Our next gathering will be on

Mar. 3, weather permitting.
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.

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 Dr. and walk into the park.





Chalice Board of Trustees Report, February Meeting for March Newsletter

The Chalice Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. The Board Goals for 2018-19 were reviewed. A preliminary schedule for the construction project was distributed to Board members with a finish date in late May or early June 2019. The Capital Funds status was also reviewed. It was reported that our UU Cluster Social Justice Team has chosen to support the Rapid Response Network Shelter for this year. The Chalice Social Justice Team is looking into participation in the Casas de Luz Home building Project in Tijuana. It was decided that the Mission Statement Development Task Force would investigate expansion to include the congregation in the review of not only the Mission Statement, but also the Vision Statement and the Chalice Covenant. The Board has approved the renewed participation in the UU Chalice Lighters Grant program. A Pledge Drive Task force is being formed for the annual spring Pledge Drive. It was reported that the Security Task Force is moving forward with ideas to make Chalice a safer more secure campus. The Board voted to approve the 2019 -20 Congregational One Year Goals. Board members were reminded to complete and turn in the Board Self-Assessment forms. The responsibility of the Board's involvement in budget planning and fund raising was also discussed.



INQUIRERS SERIES

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.

These conversations are scheduled for Sundays in March:

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)




Poetry Service - April 14

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 C *[not for public]*. 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 Patty a copy. Other questions? Feel free to call or email Patty.





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. Small donations accepted, but not required.
Yoga	Tuesdays, 7 pm Sunset Chiropractic Office at 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.
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. 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. 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.

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 person Carol B.
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 Phil C. Phil 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.
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
Prayer Circle	Third Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 pm Chapel if available	March 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, March 18 at 6:00 pm

Dine Out will meet on March 18th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Capri Blue located at 10436 Craftsman Way #120 in 4S Ranch.



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

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng ** Facilitator: Dani Comer

Tues., March 19 at 7:15 at a members home.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 PM in members' 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 *[not for public]*

April Book: **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** Author: Gail Honeyman

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

Our next dinner service is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6 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 *[not for public]*



Ladies Out to Lunch - Third Friday - March 15 at 11:30 am

The Ladies Out to Lunch group has not decided where they will meet on Friday, March 15 in time for this newsletter. Stay tuned to the E-Nuus and your friends, and you too can enjoy a pleasant lunch with people who like to have fun and good food.

This is a very friendly group of women who welcome newcomers.



Circle Suppers - Third Saturday, March 16 at 6:00 pm

Single adults, couples, new and old Chalice folks, join us for Circle Supper on Saturday, March 16 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 by Wed., March 6 or if you have any questions. *[not for public]*

Readers' Theater - Fourth Monday, March 25 at 6:45 pm

Our gathering this month will be on Monday, March 25 at 6:45 at Fred and Maureen L's home. We'll be reading aloud the powerful 2009 drama **The Good Negro**, by Tracey Scott Wilson.

The plot: Three emerging black leaders try to conquer their individual demons as the local KKK fights for its old way of life, and everyday black men and women must overcome their fears

— all under the ever-watchful eye of the FBI. **Please join us — newcomers and**

listeners are always welcome at our gatherings! Please contact Deb C. *[not for public]* so we'll know to expect you.



Chalice UU Congregation ** March 2019 ** Services, Meetings, Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00 am Family Meet @ Felicita Park 11:00 am Zen Meditation with Al 1:30 pm Worship Service: "Spirt of Life" Rev. Sharon Wylie 1:30 pm RE Classes 2:30 pm Barbe & Ellie Card Sale 2:45 pm Faith Forward	4	5 10:00 am Chair Yoga 7:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Exec. Board	6 9:00 am Cracker Barrel 11:30 am Activist Letter Writers 11:30 am Safety Task Force 6:10 pm Haven House	7 8:30 am Zen Meditation 10:30 am Women 's Study 1:00 pm Coord Team 3:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Handchimes 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
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Minister's Message for March

February 3rd was a beautiful day in the history of the congregation, as we blessed 15 children in our child dedication ceremony. I am in my seventh year of ministry at Chalice, and this

was my first child dedication! (Rev. Elizabeth Bukey dedicated two children while I was away on sabbatical in 2016.)

In the history of the congregation, child dedication ceremonies have so far been sporadic events. From what I can tell looking through old newsletters, our child dedication ceremonies have been as follows:

- January 23, 2005—one child
- May 14, 2006—five children (four families)
- May 2, 2010—one child
- September 11, 2016—two children (one family)
- February 3, 2019—fifteen children (nine families)

It is fully possible that there have been additional ceremonies unnoted in our monthly newsletter. If you know of additional dates and children, please let me know so I can update our church records.

I have been remiss in not offering a child dedication ceremony before now. Since it is not a ritual that we've offered regularly, I wasn't sure how much interest there might be. How lovely that so many of our families were interested in participating!

The key components of the ritual were these:

That the rite of dedication is performed in the presence of friends and extended family to declare that all of us – parents, friends, relatives, and all the congregation – all of us are responsible for the well-being, nurture and teaching of our children. Unlike many other traditions, we do not profess to dedicate our children to this community as much as we dedicate our community to our children.

That each child is given a rosebud, a symbol of beauty and unfolding life, promise and love.

We removed the thorns, symbolizing the gentler world we work toward giving our children. We also give roses to our new members when they join, and we give roses to our founding members on Founders Day.

Each child is blessed with these words and motions: May your thoughts be wise (thumb dipped in water on forehead), may your lips speak truth (rosebud dipped in water on lips), may your heart know love (rosebud dipped in water on heart), may your hands do good works all the days of your life (rosebud dipped in water on hands).

Then the congregation speaks these words:
We pledge these children our love and support,
A listening ear and a helping hand in times of trial.

We pledge them the sharing of our gifts,
Our offering of time, skills, and talents.

We pledge them a community of open mindedness;

A place where their beliefs, their doubts, and their questions

Are received with gentleness and respect.

We pledge them challenge, skepticism of the too-easy answer,

And a pointing to the ever-open road.

We pledge them roots: a tradition to pass on to their children, and theirs;

A place to come home.

Going forward, we will plan for the first Sunday in February—our annual Imbolc service—to include a child dedication ceremony. It's time we became intentional about including this ceremony in our liturgical year.

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



President's Message for March 2019 - Marshall Fogel

Mission Statement Impossible?

"Open hearts, open minds, open doors,
nurturing spirits and seeking justice within the
wider world"

One of our Board goals this year is to examine and energize our congregational Mission. After reviewing "Lasting Impact: Seven Powerful Conversations That Will Help Your Church Grow" by Carey Nieuwhof in 2018, the Board realized that our Mission Statement above may be a bit too generic and not provide the white-hot passion we need to fuel growth. Let's define **Mission** as a concise statement of what the congregation wants to be known for versus **Vision** as a carefully defined picture of where the congregation wants to be in five or more years. (Covenant is a statement of how members of the congregation will be with, and will behave toward, one another, as well as what is promised or vowed to one another and to the congregation as a whole.)

In 2008, our current beautiful Mission Statement was created by a Long Range Planning Transition Taskforce (Jim Idell, Colette Jones, Rob Molek, Michele Nelson, Greg Trigeiro). Future Focus groups were held between services and with input from 66 congregants and a new mission statement was born, purposely brief, inspirational and memorable with these components:

- ♦ Open hearts (a safe, loving, joyous, caring community)
- ♦ Open minds (accepting, inquisitive, thoughtful)
- ♦ Open doors (welcoming and outgoing)
- ♦ Nurturing spirits (guiding and encouraging our personal spiritual journey and growth – transforming ourselves)
- ♦ Seeking justice within the wider world (being visible and present in our wider community and the world at large, seeking to live out our Unitarian Universalist principles - doing our part to transform the world).



In a comprehensive 2005 UUA document, "Mission, Vision, and Covenant" reviewed and recommended by Board VP Alec Bergamini, it is noted that these statements should be revisited at least every five years because people enter and exit the congregation continually.

The current congregation needs to own the Mission Statement to keep it alive and vital. The document further states: "Why Undertake Vision, Mission, and Covenant Work? With its richness from the past, vision, mission, and covenant come to life today in the midst of people gathered in religious community. In fact, the genius—and the risk—of liberal religion is that each new generation must discover its own understanding of vision, mission, and covenant. There is some truth to the remark that "liberal religion is always only one generation removed from extinction," because without the valuable work in discovering and creating vision, mission, and covenant, the reasons why our congregations gather can be lost. Because we choose to allow (and to insist upon) individual determination of belief, we cannot fall back onto historical statements as the reasons why we exist. Rather, the members of each gathered community must determine for themselves the reasons why they continue to exist."

Board Members Alec Bergamini, Lara Brown, and Fred Lighthall are leading the Board in this important discussion. Please let any Board member know how you feel about our current Mission and whether it reflects our current congregation's work and ideals.

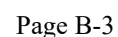
Marshall Fogel,
President of Chalice Board of Trustees



Marshall Fogel



Thanks to everyone, including our Chalice youth, who helped to make our Harry Potter themed auction so much fun.





Cluster Social Justice News

A reflection – by Angela Fujii, Cluster Social Justice Coordinator (adapted from pulpit remarks made at Summit UU Fellowship on Sunday, 2/17/19)

“It’s not the act of kindness you choose but your intention that matters.” – Tim Denning

I recently had the opportunity to reflect on kindness. Random acts of kindness are those things that we do without much thought, by chance, sometimes depending on our mood. What if, in addition to acting randomly, we acted intentionally? Intention is what transforms a random act into a radical one. As people who are committed to building a compassionate, just and sustainable world, we often respond to injustice by jumping into action and asking what we can DO, without checking in with or taking care of ourselves. This is the beauty of intentional, radical acts of kindness – they can be performed by, and for, both the self and others. If we made a practice of engaging in CRAK (Committing Radical Acts of Kindness) toward ourselves and others, each intentional act of love and kindness would move us closer to realizing beloved community.

On Valentine’s Day, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, posted the following on Facebook: “On a day dedicated to love, may we heed Universalist wisdom reminding us that no one – regardless of their country of origin, criminal conviction, religious practice, skin color, or gender expression – is outside the circle of love. If every love note we sent on this holiday were a voice lifted or an action taken in support of marginalized people, we might just glimpse the beloved community.” What do love and kindness mean to you? What is one radical act of kindness that you will commit to?



Interfaith Community Services, General Membership Meeting, February, 2019

Interfaith Community Services February General Membership Meeting Notes from Julia Fogel

Julia Fogel, Dorris Kingsbury and Suzanne Moses represented Chalice at the February General Membership Meeting. The topic was Homeless, Mental Health- Where do they intersect?

Several case histories were presented to illustrate that mental illness in a homeless person is bi-directional, that homelessness and mental illness interact one to the other, to create a cyclical relationship that is difficult to break out of. Barriers to accessing mental health care in such a situation include lack of access to care, difficulty maintaining appointments, lack of sleep, unsafe living situations, the inability to relax, and the likelihood that one’s phone and/or medication will be stolen. However, with appropriate support, these barriers can be overcome, as illustrated by the case histories.

Greg Anglea, the CEO of ICS, led a question and discussion period after the presentations. He noted that there is a tension between the delivery of people-based services and fulfilling the needs of the entity providing funds for the services.

For more information, Greg recommends listening to his podcast, Homeless in San Diego.