



## February 2020 Chalice PrevUUs Calendar

Newsletter of the Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Escondido, California  
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### Chalice Auction

At Chalice

Theme: Somewhere Over the Rainbow  
Saturday, February 8 starting at 4 pm  
Bring food, collect bidding paddle, eat and  
socialize starting at 4.

Childcare in the Hub.

Finger food potluck

Beverages provided.

An evening that emphasizes the FUN in  
Fundraising! Bid on treasures, parties,  
services with friends. The Chalice teen  
drama group will entertain.



### Security Training at Chalice

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 12:30  
pm in the Chapel, our security consultant,  
Mr. Allen Owens, will provide a training  
session on how to respond should an armed  
intruder or disruptive person enter the  
Chapel during a Sunday service.

Mr. Owens is a retired Escondido police  
officer and during two visits to our campus  
has assured us that we are in a low risk  
area. Nonetheless, the Chalice Safety and  
Security Team feels that we need to  
understand what to do in the event the  
unthinkable should happen at Chalice.

All congregants are invited to attend this  
session to be aware of our ongoing security  
efforts.

Please RSVP to Callie L [contact info  
removed]. by Wed, February 12, 2020. Also,  
please indicate if you need childcare.

Thank you for making time for this very  
important event.



Chalice Green presentation between services on Sunday, February 16. More information on page 2.

Four New Groups are starting at Chalice! More information on page 5.  
Chalice is growing!



### Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

February 2020

#### February 2

Rev. Sharon Wylie

#### "Imbolc Blessings" All-Church Service

Imbolc is the Neo-Pagan celebration of the earliest  
signs of spring, an observance that lives on in our  
modern Groundhog Day. At this morning's service,  
we honor the goddess Brigid and celebrate her gifts  
of beauty and creativity.

#### February 9

Lay-Led Service

#### "From Homeless to Home"

Chalice's Social Justice and Service Team shares  
our October 2019 experience as 25 Chalice  
congregants built a home for a housing-challenged  
family in Tijuana through the Casas de Luz  
organization. From our place of privilege we take  
housing for granted. What does it mean to go from  
homeless to being a homeowner, and what did we  
learn from helping make that happen?

#### February 16

Rev. Sharon Wylie

#### "Jesus Was Single"

It's not easy being single in a world that assumes  
everyone is part of a couple (or wants to be). Our  
service today considers the surprising ways that  
expectations and assumptions of couplehood  
are conveyed. Today is our annual  
chocolate and berries service.



#### February 23

Rev. Sharon Wylie

#### "It's Okay To Be Happy"

Bad news abounds. Terrible things are happening  
all over the globe. There is much to worry about as  
we look ahead. How do we make room for joy and  
laughter? This is the sixth in a 10-part series on  
resiliency, informed by the book *The Artist's Way* by  
Julia Cameron.



## Family Ministry



Chris O'Connor,  
Director of Family  
Ministries

### Religious Education Informational Meeting

The Family Ministries Team will host a Religious Education Informational Meeting for parents, volunteers, and anyone in the congregation who is interested in learning more about the RE program. Communication is important and I want to extend this invitation to congregants who are curious about the Family Ministries Program and possibly not interested in helping at this time.

We are comfortable in our new surroundings, the classes are growing in size, and this would be a good time to share our program and give people the opportunity to ask questions and hear their ideas. We are mindful of all the changes on campus and how they impact our "multigenerational togetherness".

The meeting will be in the Rainbow Room on Sunday, March 1, at 10:10 until 11 am. Just come on over after the 9 am service—I will provide great snacks!



### Inquirers Series: February 9 at 10:15 am

Visitors, newcomers, and new members are invited to participate in a six-session program that offers an introduction to Chalice UU Congregation and to Unitarian Universalism in general. Classes do not require advance registration, and each class stands alone. You can take just the ones that interest you, or you can take all of them! Congregants who are considering Chalice membership are encouraged to take at least three of the six classes before deciding to join.



INQUIRERS SERIES

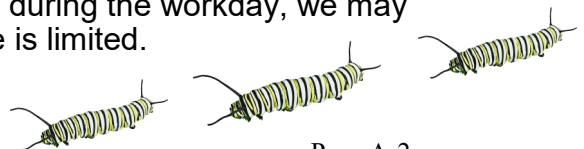
### A Class about Trash!! Your questions will be answered.

Guest Speaker Laura Robinson of the Escondido Recycling and Solid Waste Division will be speaking at the Sunday, February 16 program by Chalice Green. She will present information and answer all your questions. The theme is "**REDUCE**, REUSE, recycle." The bold caps reflect the importance of the first part of the three approaches to material goods.. Meet in the Rainbow Room of the Hub between services, Sunday, February 16th from 10:15 -10:45.

### Chalice Green has organized a docent led tour of the California Center for the Arts exhibit, **Endangered: Exploring California's Changing Ecosystems.**

The tour will be Friday, February 28th at 10 a.m. and will last about 50 min. This includes a look at the side gallery, which features an exhibit on Hellhole Canyon. Admission is \$12 adult, \$6 seniors and students, free for military and children. Since the tour is during the workday, we may be able to arrange a Saturday tour if there is interest. Space is limited.

To sign up, contact Victoria T [contact info removed].





## Music Ministry for February 2020



Tim McKnight

**Feb 2:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “Regalando Belleza” by Jim Papoulis.

**Feb 16:** The **Chancel Choir** will present “The Voice Within” by Christina Aguilera and Glenn Ballard, arranged by Mac Huff.

### Looking Ahead:

**Tim and Friends Auction Event**  
**Spring Music Service**  
**Keyboard Kaleidoscope #6**

**Sunday, April 5**  
**Sunday, June 14**  
**Saturday, September 12**

## A Closer Look: *Regalando Belleza* [Give Beauty]

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chancel Choir will be presenting the song *Regalando Belleza* by composer Jim Papoulis. Papoulis is the co-founder of The Foundation for Small Voices (FSV) which is a non-profit organization “dedicated to using music to cross cultural, generational, and ideological boundaries to raise awareness and funds for national and international programs for children.”

Papoulis is known for his distinctive musical style, combining contemporary sounds with the sounds of musical traditions from around the globe. He achieves this particular sound by immersing himself in various musical cultures, working with local artists in those cultures, and gaining a true appreciation and understanding of the music. This allows him to create uniquely honest, respectful, and authentic soundscapes from various cultures around the world.

*Regalando Belleza* can be translated as “Give beauty.” According to the composer, the song “celebrates beauty – beauty in our hearts, in music, in moments. Where we let it in, it will find a voice. It is important; it is vital; it is what makes us human.”

Although the song has some English lyrics, the true essence of the song can be summed up in the six simple but profound Spanish lyrics, sung many times throughout the song:

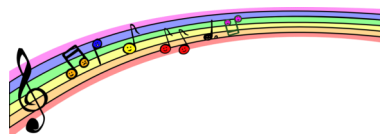
“Regalando belleza. Regalando alegria. Regalando esperanza.”

“Give beauty. Give joy. Give hope.”



## In Search of a New *Spirit Of Chalice* Director!

*Spirit of Chalice* (SOC) is our children’s choir for ages K – 5 and has been on hiatus for several months. Chalice is interested in reviving SOC, but we need a director! Are you passionate about music and kids? This paid support staff position could be just right for you! The complete job description is available through a link on the Chalice Website: <https://ChaliceUUcongregation.org/2019/12/26/job-opening-childrens-choir-director>. Contact [music@chaliceuucongregation.org](mailto:music@chaliceuucongregation.org) for more information.





## Scams Against Seniors

A series of classes offered by the Escondido Police Department  
**Mondays in February from 10-11 a.m. in Chalice's Rainbow Room**

Designed for seniors to reduce financial crimes

*February 3: Telephone Scams*

\*\*\* *February 10: Identity Theft Prevention*

*February 17: Scams and Personal Safety*

\*\*\* *February 24: Common Local Scams*

These classes are free and open to the general public. Bring a friend!

## Remember that Trail Work Day in January?

Over 200 indigenous plants now nestle in holes dug into the steep Bernardo Mountain hillside above Lake Hodges. All of that is thanks to a Chalice team of 12 people who showed up on Saturday morning 11 January to wield posthole diggers, shovels, and pickaxes—yep, we needed pickaxes in some areas due to the rock. No one rolled down the slope, no ticks were found, but muscles were sore afterwards. It was a beautiful day and everyone dug into the work with glee (ok, a bit of hyperbole...). Thanks to everyone for the hard work. We'll try to arrange another "work party" in the Fall.

Paul Courtright






## New Groups at Chalice - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why you want to participate
Green Sanctuary Team	First Monday 5 pm Blue Room	We are still expanding the planning team, so we invite you to see what we're up to and decide if you would like to take a more active role. Contact: Victoria Tenbrink <a href="mailto:sage.yarns@yahoo.com">sage.yarns@yahoo.com</a>
Mah Jongg	First & Third Thursdays 1 to 4 pm Green Room	Mah Jongg Beginners welcome, Starting Feb, 6. Contact: Margaret Spear at 760 533 5696 (text) or email <a href="mailto:Spearsthree@att.net">Spearsthree@att.net</a>
Women's Support Group	First & Third Wednesdays 6:30 pm Green Room	A safe, loving environment to share feelings, life and laughter. Contact: Kaye Campbell at <a href="mailto:mmmgood30@gmail.com">mmmgood30@gmail.com</a>
Poetry Group	Second Mondays 1 to 3:00 pm Yellow room	Participants bring poems to read aloud, with all welcome to join in discussion of the works and the thoughts they inspire. Share beloved classics or new discoveries or original work of your own or loved ones. Contact Bonnie Packert, <a href="mailto:bp888@willowgrace.net">bp888@willowgrace.net</a>

## Chalice Groups & Activities - You are welcome here!

What	When, Where	Who & Why you want to participate
Chair Yoga 10 am class	Tuesday mornings at 10:00 Chalice—Rainbow Room	Patty C teaches two Tuesday morning chair yoga classes 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, not required. Contact: Patty C [ <i>contact info removed</i> ].
Chair Yoga 11:15 am class	Tuesday mornings at 11:15 Chalice—Rainbow Room	Patty C teaches two Tuesday morning chair yoga classes. See description above.
Yoga	Tuesday evenings at 7:00 Chalice—Rainbow Room	This gentle yoga class is perfect for seniors, beginning yoga students, or for those with lots of experience who enjoy a good, relaxing stretch with friends. Wear comfortable clothes. Bring a mat, or borrow one at Chalice. Contact: Kathy Z [ <i>contact info removed</i> ].
Cracker Barrel 	Wednesdays, 9 am for breakfast, 9:30 for discussion at Denny's in Escondido.	Liberal thinkers & friendly, supportive men. New friends are welcome. Open to all men of Chalice to meet life-long friends with a sense of humor. Contact: Marty S [ <i>contact info removed</i> ].
Zen Meditation	Thursdays, 8:30 am and Sundays, 3:30 pm Yellow Room.	Chalice Friend Dr. Al Zolnyas offers instruction and Meditation practice. This group welcomes both seasoned meditators and those new to the practice. Website: <a href="http://freewayzen.org">freewayzen.org</a>
Women's Meditation & Study	Thursdays, 10:30 am In the chapel at Chalice	Women's Buddhist Meditation. Mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Contact: Carol B [ <i>contact info removed</i> ].



## Groups & Activities - that meet once or twice a month

What	When, Where	Who & Why you want to participate
Board Games	Second & Fourth Wednesdays 1 pm. Blue Room	A lively group meets to play games: Mexican dominoes, Rummikub, or any fun game. Newcomers happily welcomed! Contact Carol B <i>[contact info removed]</i> .
Activist Letter Writers	First & third Wednesdays, 11 am in the Chalice Blue Room	Join us for lively discussion and post card writing, with action as an outcome. New activists welcome. Contact: Kaye C <i>[contact info removed]</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 removed]</i> . Barry can tell you more about the group, including the meeting location.
Memoir Writers Group	Second Thursday 10 am Blue Room	Alice Dodd leads this group in writing personal memoirs. Meets once a month. This is a great way of getting your thoughts and memories on paper. Contact Alice D <i>[contact info removed]</i> .
Elders Lunch with Rev. Sharon	Second Friday 12:30 pm Blue Room	Congregants ages 80 and over are invited to join Rev. Sharon for conversation. Bring your own lunch. Contact Rev. Sharon with any questions: revsharonwylie@gmail.com
Chalice Green Sanctuary Team	First Monday, February 3 5:00 pm Meeting schedule varies as needed	An initiative of the Unitarian Universalist Association provides a structure for Chalice to engage with environmental and climate issues and move through awareness to action. Team coordinator is Victoria T. Contact her at <i>[contact info removed]</i> .
Fiber Arts & Crafts	Third Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm Blue Room	We chat and work, primarily needle-crafts like knitting, or embroidery, but any portable crafts are welcome. Contact: Bonnie P <i>[contact info removed]</i> .
Prayer Circle	Third Wednesday 7 pm Chapel	Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle in the Chalice chapel. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others. All are welcome. Contact: RevSharonWylie@gmail.com
Newcomers Coffee	Fourth Sunday 10:10 - between services Courtyard, at the table with the yellow tablecloth	If you are a newcomer to Chalice, feel like one, or are a recent or returning visitor, we would love to share a cup of coffee and all things UU with you. Join us for Newcomer Coffee.



### ***Inquirer's Series - Second Sunday, February 9 at 10:15 am Green Room***

Adult religious education class that meets once a month, between services. Each class covers a different topic exploring Unitarian Universalism. February topic is UU History, Principles and Sources.

### ***Circle Suppers - Third Saturday, February 15 at 6:00 pm***

This month our theme is Hearts and Flowers. Think up a fun pot luck dish to share with a group. Singles, couples, all are welcome to participate in a Circle supper. If you would like to be on the active email list, please contact Emily Troxell by email, or look for a sign-up sheet available on the Connections Table. To participate this month, please contact Emily [contact info removed] by February 10.



### ***Chalice Dine-Out - Third Monday, February 17 at 6:00 pm***

In February, we will meet at 6:00pm at Vintana's.

Please RSVP to Cindy C [contact info removed].

before February 14th. Singles and couples are welcome for conversation, catching up, and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.



### ***Women's Book Group - Third Tuesday, February 18 at 7:15 pm in the Blue Room***

Please come and join us for a stimulating and fun evening. Newcomers are welcome.

For any questions, please contact: Mary B [contact info removed].

For our February meeting will be discussing The Witch Elm by Tana French.

### ***Ladies Out to Lunch - Third Friday, February 21 at 11:30 am***

On February 21 the Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet in Escondido at BAPS! Restaurant, formerly the Center City Cafe. The address is 2680 S. Escondido Blvd. We meet at 11:30 AM and welcome new faces! For further information or to rsvp, call Carol S [contact info removed].



### ***Readers' Theater - Fourth Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm - Blue Room***

NOTE the new time! We'll be reading aloud the witty drama *Sense and Sensibility*, by Kate Hamill. This is called a "playful adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel," and follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of the Dashwood sisters after their father's sudden death leaves them financially destitute and socially vulnerable. **Please join us —**

**newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!** Please contact Deb C [contact info removed] so we'll know to expect you.



### ***Haven House Interfaith Community Dinner - Tuesday, February 25 at 6:10 pm (dates change each month)***

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 Fogel keep the mailing lists and facilitate our participation in this community service project. If you would like to participate, contact Marshall at [contact info removed].





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service: "Imbolic Blessings" Rev. Sharon Wylie All-church Service. <b>12:00 pm</b> Auction Rehearsal <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Scams Against Seniors #1 <b>5:00 pm</b> Green Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>11:15 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00 pm</b> Exec. Board</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel <b>11:30 am</b> Activist Letter Writing <b>6:30 pm</b> Women's Support Group <b>7:00 pm</b> Family Ministries</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Buddhist Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Beginning MahJong <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes <b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>2:00 pm</b> Rehearsal in chapel <b>4:00 pm</b> Chalice Annual Auction</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service: "From Homeless to Home" Lay-Led Service <b>9 am</b> RE Classes <b>10:10 am</b> Inquirers Series <b>1:00 pm</b> LGBTQ Children Play Group <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Scams Against Seniors #2 <b>1:00 pm</b> Poetry</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>11:15 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>2:00 pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00 pm</b> Board</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel <b>12 noon</b> Ministers' Mtg <b>1:00 pm</b> Board Games <b>6:30 pm</b> Chalice Men's Support Group <b>7:30 pm</b> Peaceful Path</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation <b>10:00 am</b> Memoir Writers <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes <b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> Safety &amp; Security Task Force <b>12:00</b> Group <b>12:30</b> Elders Lunch</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service: "Jesus Was Single" Rev. Sharon Wylie <b>9 am</b> RE Classes <b>10:15 am</b> Green Presentation <b>12:15 pm</b> Safety Training <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Scams Against Seniors #3 <b>6:00 pm</b> Dine Out Circle</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>11:15 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>2:00 pm</b> Coord Team <b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga <b>7:15 pm</b> Women's Book Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel <b>11:30 am</b> Activist Letter <b>1:30 pm</b> Fiber Arts <b>6:30 pm</b> Women's Support Group <b>6:30 pm</b> Sierra Exec <b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Circle</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Buddhist Study <b>12:00 pm</b> Beginning MahJong <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes <b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Ladies- Out-To-Lunch</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship Team <b>6:00 pm</b> Circle Suppers</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>9 &amp; 11 am</b> Worship Service: "It's OK To Be Happy" Rev. Sharon Wylie <b>9 am</b> RE Classes <b>10:10 am</b> Newcomers Coffee <b>12:15 pm</b> Outreach Committee <b>12:30 pm</b> ICS sack lunch <b>3:30 pm</b> Zen Meditation</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Scams Against Seniors #4 <b>6:30 pm</b> Readers' Theater Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>11:15 am</b> Chair Yoga <b>6:10 pm</b> Haven House <b>7:00 pm</b> Yoga <b>7:00 pm</b> Environmental Education with Sierra Club</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Cracker Barrel <b>1:00 pm</b> Board Games <b>7:30 pm</b> Peaceful Path Meditation</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Zen Meditation <b>10:30 am</b> Women's Study <b>6:30 pm</b> Handchimes <b>7:30 pm</b> Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> Tentative plan</p>

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### Minister's Message for February

In our January 19 service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the reading before the sermon was from Ibram X. Kendi, author of the book *How to be an Antiracist*. After the service, one of our congregants told me about reading Kendi's book in a book club of mostly white women, and some of the women in the group complained that Kendi (who is African American) sounded "too angry" and didn't like his book.

My immediate suggestion was that they should next read the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Race* by Robin DiAngelo. She is a consultant and trainer on issues of racial and social justice, and her book has been on the New York Times Bestseller List for 76 weeks (and counting!). It is the fastest selling book in the history of its publisher, Beacon Press (one of our two UU publishing houses).

I've mentioned it from the pulpit a few times, but let me say it here clearly: I highly recommend reading this book!

Before the book was published in 2018, many of its central ideas were found in DiAngelo's paper on white fragility, published in 2011 in *The International Journal of Critical Pedagogy*.

The abstract of that paper is as follows: "White people in North America live in a social environment that protects and insulates them from race-based stress. This insulated environment of racial protection builds white expectations for racial comfort while at the same time lowering the ability to tolerate racial stress, leading to what I refer to as White Fragility. White Fragility is a state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress

becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves. These moves include the outward display of emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and behaviors such as argumentation, silence, and leaving the stress-inducing situation."

I think DiAngelo's book has gotten so much attention because so many of us immediately recognize the dynamic she names. I have absolutely been in conversations and situations when a white person blows up because they can't bear any discussion of racism or racial identities. And the white person's tantrum effectively stops the conversation from continuing or progressing, which is a very effective way to stop antiracism work from evolving.

The response to DiAngelo's work tends to be, "Oh, so THAT'S what it's called!" It is indeed powerful to now have a name (and such an accurate one) for a dynamic many of us have seen but didn't know what to call.

So if you haven't heard of this book, check it out! And if you've been meaning to get to it, I hope my recommendation gives you a nudge.

Bright blessings,  
Sharon



Rev. Sharon Wylie



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



## *President's Message for February 2020 - Alec Bergamini*

In 1971 D.J. Les Crane recorded these beautiful words inscribed on the wall of Saint Paul's Church in Baltimore in 1692. The recording peaked at #8 on the Billboard chart in 1972.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You

are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

### **Fake News You Can Use**

If you don't know, Les Crane's purported history of the text is nonsense concocted to add gravitas. In fact, it was written and copyrighted by American writer Max Ehmann in 1927 (finally coming out of copyright in July 2019).

When the recording came out, we were in the worst phase of the Vietnam war and these apolitical words somehow provided a balm to our distressed souls. I remember, I was there.

In many ways, the current battle to keep truth and justice a part of the American way weighs as heavily on me as it did during Vietnam. So much is based on fake news, lies and a complete disregard for truth and justice.

Wouldn't it be great if someone came up with some similar apolitical text about the value of truth, recorded it on YouTube and it went viral?

We should do it.



Alec Bergamini



## **Chalice Board of Trustees Report for February Newsletter**

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7 pm in the Blue Room of the Hub. The Board heard a report on the few remaining issues of the construction project that are currently being addressed. It was announced that a contract has been signed for a new playground for Chalice. The Board was asked to think about and consider policies for the use of the Hub by outside groups. A presentation was given on Policy Governance structure as it relates to preparation for the Board/Coordinating Team planning retreat to be held Sunday, January 26, 2020.

## **Coordinating Team (CT) Report for January Board meeting**

### **Goal: Create well-designed, attractive and welcoming classroom and meeting spaces and outdoor play spaces**

Approved the playground contract submitted by the Finish and Furnish Task Force, had president sign.

Decided how to track expenses that are being paid for from the Finish and Furnish Task Force.

Dean Goddette has agreed to chair the Courtyard Cover Task Force.

The total amount spent on improving the chapel this summer was \$7250.

### **Goal: Investigate additional fundraising sources and activities**

Brainstormed a list of fundraising ideas.

Began implementing two actionable ideas.

Sent a single subject email to the congregation with fundraising ideas, asking for volunteers.

### **Oversight of Chalice programs, committees, and physical campus**

Created an agenda for the January 11 Council of Chairs meeting.

Approved upgrading Chalice's internet service with input from Technology Committee.

Approved request from Green Team for a plan to encourage reusing containers.

Reviewed the financial report. Learned that some bills are still expected on the new building.

## **Unitarian Universalist Events:**

"The Climate of Justice" is the theme of the 2020 PSW District Assembly scheduled April 24-26, 2020, at Unitarian Universalists San Luis Obispo, California. More information at: [pswduua.org](http://pswduua.org)

UUA General Assembly on June 24-28, 2020 in Providence, RI. Experience amazing opportunities to enhance your faith and connect with other Unitarian Universalists. General Assembly offers workshops, programs and lectures customized and created for spiritual growth and development. More information at [uua.org](http://uua.org)

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