



Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 7 at 11:10 am on Zoom

Slate for Board Trustees: Amaki Ayikpa, Kate Vereb, and Judy Winn have graciously agreed to be nominated as Trustees serving a two-year term. Susan Sklar has cordially agreed to another year as Board Secretary. Richard Korts has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee, serving a three-year term.

The budget for the next fiscal year will be voted on at this meeting. Minutes from last year will be presented for acceptance into the records. We need a quorum in attendance.

All members were e-mailed the materials for this Board Meeting on May 21, 2020. Subject line: Congregational Meeting June 7, 2020. The Zoom ID information is in the cover letter and in the agenda. Chalice Members who have requested paper correspondence were sent packets by mail. If you are a member and you did not receive your information, please contact the Office Administrator at ChaliceUUC@gmail.com and request a copy before 6:00 am Sunday, June 7.



A Question from the Green Team

Your input is important to us. We would like to know how things are going with you during the quarantine. Has your carbon footprint gotten smaller? When we finally come together again, do you have a vision for how Chalice could be greener? How has the pandemic enhanced your understanding of "the interdependent web of all existence"? E-mail your thoughts to: [no contact info in public edition]



June 2020 Sunday Services

Sunday Service at 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 129 662

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/832129662>

After Worship: Coffee Hour! (Bring Your Own Coffee)

Zoom Meeting ID: 118 751 781

<https://zoom.us/j/118751781>

Once worship has ended, you will leave the webinar and re-enter the "Coffee Hour" meeting, which allows us to see and hear each other. We will be sorted into small groups for casual conversation.

June 7 Rev. Sharon Wylie online service "The Age of Overwhelm"

This is the tenth in a 10-part series on cultivating resiliency in an age of overwhelm.

June 14 Rev. Sharon Wylie online service "The Elements of Evil"

For Unitarian Universalists, "evil" is not a supernatural force, but a human failing. With so much evil all around us, and tempting us, it is important to recognize and name what we are seeing.

June 21 Rev. Sharon Wylie online service "Summer Solstice"

June 28 Rev. Sharon Wylie online service "UU Worship Service"

This morning we gather online to worship together with thousands of Unitarian Universalists across the country.

The Chalice website: ChaliceUUCongregation.org has instructions for how to attend a Zoom meeting. There is no cost to download the Zoom app or to attend a Zoom meeting.



Family Ministry - June 2020



Chris O'Connor,
Director of Family
Ministries

Congregants probably miss seeing the children and youth at the Chalice campus on Sundays, but we have all been busy and connecting for Religious Education classes. We take time for check-in, often read a story, and have activities planned during the time together. Last Friday at class, one participant suggested everyone bring a snack to eat while they all have a fun time talking and being together after the RE class, just like they do when we are at the Chalice campus.

I have included two of the children's paintings to show some of the projects from our time together. Audrey Marsh's painting of a face is a beautiful example of abstract art which expresses emotions so well. Koji Stangler's painting was completed after a group discussion about feeling anger and the feelings of happiness.

The teens meet on Friday in the late afternoon. The check-in time feels the most valuable because it is the time when they share how they are doing and what is important in their lives. Check in is always optional, but we all enjoy hearing from anyone who wants to take part. It is also a way for each of us to send kindness and support to each other. Last week we talked about joy and the week before shared what they thought they would be good at explaining or teaching to each other. For a few weeks, Jodi Roney led the group in Zoom games and plays.

I will end this article with sharing the joys of working with the families. This situation has given all of us the opportunity to give immediate support to one another (we seem to be in touch with one another much more) and also find so much to smile and laugh about. I am grateful that families who live farther away are able to join in easier. I have met pets, learned about chickens, and watched children and youth jump on trampolines. The children walk me through computer and Zoom problems I wouldn't know how to solve on my own. It takes a village and our village is thriving!



By Koji Stangler



By Audrey Marsh



Music Ministry for June 2020



Tim McKnight

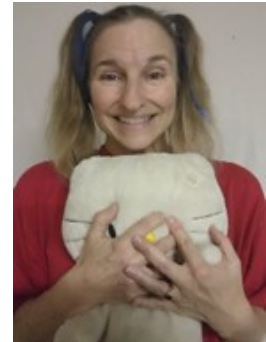
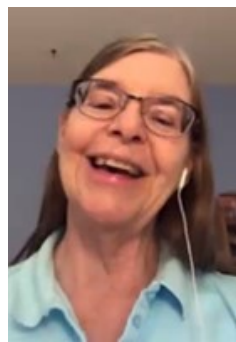
Music Highlights From Recent Online Worship Services

Each week Rev. Sharon Wylie, Tim McKnight, and Stuart Holmes prepare amazing and meaningful online worship experiences, with a special emphasis on music. Here are some highlights from recent services.

Worship musicians: Justin Gray and Tim McKnight (and Bubs!):



Song Leaders: Maria-Pia Duffy Foltz, Amy Throckmorton, Callie Leef, Lara Brown, Jennifer Savion, David Peale, and Tom Carlstrom.



Special music with Brandon and Amy Throckmorton and John Schulz:





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The Chalice Parents Neighborhood Group and Family Ministries Teams offer two helpful resources to families during the week:

A Parent's Support group on Zoom Saturdays at 4 pm. Please join us to exchange ideas, creative projects you can do with your children based on UU principles and give and receive support.

Topic: Parents Support Group *** Join Zoom Meeting
[no contact info in public edition]

Family Meditation - Becky Sangha hosts a Family Meditation This Thursday, June 4, and then moving to on Mondays starting June 8 at 4 pm. Becky uses her creative powers to walk us through short guided meditations intended to help connect our minds with our bodies. We end with a short Loving Kindness (also known as Metta) meditation. Our 7th UU principle is respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. We will dedicate our meditation time and send meditation blessings to all.

Family Meditation with Becky. [no contact info in public edition].



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Tom Carlstrom

Tom Carlstrom's "Concert At Home" on Saturday Nights

Join Tom Carlstrom via Zoom on Saturday evenings at 7pm for 40 minutes of song followed by visiting with fellow concert attendees. Every evening is a different theme and sometimes Tom has guest performers! One recent concert theme was

"Singer/Songwriters from Canada" in honor of Don Anderson, who is from the prairies of Saskatchewan. They performed songs from Anne Murray, Ian Tyson, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and Leonard Cohen, among others. For his Mother's Day inspired concert, Tom sang the hauntingly beautiful "Farewell But Whenever You Welcome the Hour" by Thomas Moore. Every week is something new, so tune in each Saturday! Watch the weekly ENUUS for Zoom connection details. Donations to Chalice are gratefully accepted.



Don Anderson

Looking Ahead:

Concert at home with Tom Carlstrom (Zoom)	Saturdays in June @ 7:00 pm
An Evening of Song with Tom Carlstrom full concert experience	TBA
Tim and Friends Concert	TBA
Keyboard Kaleidoscope #6 Concert	Saturday, September 12 @ 7:00 pm

There will not be a Spring Music Service this year.



Chalice Groups & Activities offered on Zoom

During normal times, Chalice offers an abundance of activities on our beautiful campus. However, at this time it would be irresponsible to encourage groups to meet in person. Fortunately, many groups are able to gather online. For now, this is the safe way to participate! It is easy—

Haven House: Our next dinner, scheduled for June 13, will be paid for by Chalice from our reimbursement fund. We're all disappointed that we can't safely provide one of our delicious meals prepared with love in the Haven House kitchen at this time. However, things are changing rapidly and there's hope for the future.

Gentle Yoga has a new start time: Tuesday evenings at 6:00. Zoom Meeting ID is 748 550 408, and the Password is 064171. We open the room at 5:45 pm for a few minutes of visiting and to deal with any technical difficulties.

Lunch with Chalice: Noon until 1:00 pm - Tuesday through Friday, Lunch with the Minister at Zoom Meeting
[no contact info in public edition]

Cracker Barrel: Each Wednesday at 9:00 am. - 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: *[no contact info in public edition]* for the Zoom contact information

Women's Support Group: First and Third Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. - Safe, supportive group to share friendship. Contact: *[no contact info in public edition]* to be put on the contact list for Zoom info.

Poetry Group: 2nd Monday, June 8, at 1:00 on Zoom Contact *[no contact info in public edition]* to be added to the email list for announcements and meeting info.

Women's Book Group: Third Tuesday at 7:15 pm on Zoom. Please contact *[no contact info in public edition]* to receive zoom notices.

Prayer Circle: Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Join Rev. Sharon for a Unitarian Universalist prayer circle. Please come prepared to request prayer and to offer prayer to others. All are welcome. Contact: Rev Sharon Wylie at RevSharonWylie@gmail.com.

Green Sanctuary Team: Fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm on Zoom. Upholding the 7th UU Principle: Interdependent Web of Life. Contact: *[no contact info in public edition]*.

Women's Meditation & Study: Every Thursday morning at 10:30 am on Zoom. Women's Buddhist Meditation. Mutual support and the practical implementation of Buddhism in order to enrich our daily lives. Contact: *[no contact info in public edition]*

Family Meditation: Every Thursday at 4:00 pm on zoom. A meditation class for all. Becky's Zoom connection: *[no contact info in public edition]*

Memoir Writers: Second Thursday of each month at 10:00 am on zoom. Alice Dodd leads this group in writing personal memoirs. Contact Alice at *[no contact info in public edition]* to receive the Zoom information.

Readers' Theater: Our gathering this month will be on Monday, June 22th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We'll be reading aloud the comedy *The Sisters Rosensweig*, by Wendy Wasserstein. Winner of the 1993 Outer Critics Circle award for Best Broadway Play, this is billed as a captivating portrait of three disparate sisters reuniting after a lengthy separation and coming to terms with their differences, respect and love for one another. The *NY Times* wrote: "Funny. Observant. A play with wit as well as acumen...In dealing with social and cultural paradoxes, Ms. Wasserstein is, as always, the most astute of commentators." **Please join us — newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!** Please contact Deb Coon at *[no contact info in public edition]* so she can send you an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

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Minister's Message for June

Sent to the congregation via email on May 30.

The public and horrifying death of George Floyd while in police custody this week has prompted protests around the country. If you are paying attention, and I hope you are, there is much to read, see, hear, learn, and think about.

Some of the protests have included acts of destruction and violence. It is not clear or obvious that protestors are the perpetrators of these acts. It appears likely that, at least in some cases, white supremacist terrorists are taking advantage of this moment to do harm.

The systemic failures of the police are on full display as militarized police forces do little to calm these situations.

As a white woman raised in a white supremacist country, I know that my response to the protests is supposed to be that I am "afraid" or "concerned." When faced with violent protest, white people are supposed to assert that only peaceful protest is allowed, and that the harm caused by protestors overshadows any harm they are protesting against.

But when I search my heart, I don't find fear or worry. Honestly, it seems right to me that there are protests across the country when a man has died needlessly and senselessly. We should be taking to the streets every day when such egregious injustice has occurred.

To our congregants who identify as people of color, much love and hugs to you. I know the burdens and worries you are carrying are heavy. Please remember, if you need reminding, that you are part of a community that is here to support you and that fights for justice with you.

To our Black congregants in particular, please know that I am here if you want to talk, or if there is any other way that I can support you right now. Please also remember that the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) has a Facebook group for Black UUs to congregate together, support each other, and to discuss issues at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BLUUClosedGroup/>.

As we look forward to changes we might like to advocate for in our own communities, there are two particular issues to keep an eye on:

The creation and implementation of Citizen Review Boards (CRBs) to conduct independent investigations into complaints of police misconduct. The failure—real or perceived—of police departments to adequately oversee their own misconduct has eroded the trust of the public.

In particular, there is a coalition called "San Diegans for Justice" that plans to put a measure on the November 2020 ballot to replace the current Community Review Board on Police Practices with an independent Commission on Police Practices.

Although many Chalice congregants do not live in the City of San Diego, as the largest city in our region, what San Diego does becomes a bellwether for smaller cities.

The budget. How much does your city spend to fund the police compared to funding for libraries, housing, and other services that support the community?

It is fortuitous or ironic or magickal or "just one of those things" that our worship service tomorrow morning is called "Taking a Breath." I hope you will be there to join in grieving and sharing together.

Blessings and love to each of you,
Sharon



Rev. Sharon Wylie

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 June 2020 - Alec Bergamini

May has been an incredibly busy month at Chalice and for me personally. We continue to wrestle with the strangeness of the times. It seems like all congregational activities require a fresh look and serious consideration. For now, we have settled into a pattern of attending Sunday worship services online followed by socializing at the virtual coffee hour. Auction dinners have been partially replaced by Tom Carlstrom's wildly popular Saturday night Zoom concerts. Cracker Barrel continues to meet on Zoom every Wednesday, and you can lunch with Rev. Sharon at noon most days. We do yoga in the cloud and we recently enjoyed our annual Poetry Service Zoom-style. Our choir comes to us via the wonders of easy to use technology and our services and sermons likewise. The world has changed, and we are changing right along.

Over the last few weeks, several of us have participated in the Online Support Task Force which was formed to contact congregants who have been absent from Chalice online events and if necessary, help them connect. The initiative is ongoing, and we have had great success getting people set up and comfortable with Zoom. If you or someone you know is having problem connecting please call or email me *[no contact info in public edition]* and I'll put you in touch with one of our techs. We get great satisfaction from helping you get re-connected to your Chalice community, so please call, or write.

For Chalice members who live alone, these are especially trying times. While online video and audio is not the same as in-person contact, it still provides connection, camaraderie and even help. I've been

particularly impressed with how much problem-solving goes on during the various social Zoom gatherings like our coffee hour, Cracker Barrel, and lunch with Rev. Sharon.

The pledge drive was short, sweet, and successful. The Coordinating Team and the Board worked out a budget which will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 7th right after the service. You should have received your invite by now. Of course, it will be over Zoom. Please plan to attend this important meeting! We need a quorum to elect the new Board and nominating committee members for next year and to approve the budget.

June marks the end of the congregational year and the end of my term as your Board President. I have been deeply honored and privileged to serve as President and want to thank Rev. Sharon, the other Board members, committees, staff, and the many members and friends of Chalice who have encouraged and supported me throughout the year. I now have a much better appreciation for what it takes to keep Chalice going and growing. We have challenges ahead, but we are building something wonderful together.



Alec Bergamini

Stay Safe,
Alec Bergamini
Chalice Board President



Chalice sermons are on YouTube

To watch (or re-watch) recent Chalice sermons:

On the Chalice Website: ChaliceUUCongregation.org, click on the drop down menu labeled "Worship" and then "Worship Recordings". Toward the bottom of the page, there are links to video recordings of Rev. Sharon Wylie's recent sermons on our Chalice YouTube channel.



Chalice Board of Trustees Report for June Newsletter

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7 pm. on Zoom. Rev. Sharon announced that the one week Pledge Drive in April had been effective. She reported that pledges were up by fifteen percent. The Board was informed that there is an Online Meeting Support Task Force available to work with Chalice members who need help learning to use the Zoom meeting platform. The Board reviewed the "Status Quo" proposed budget prepared by the Coordinating Team for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting in June. After discussion the Board voted to approve the proposed budget with a couple of small Board recommended changes. Led by President Alec Bergamini, the Board took up the discussion and planning of the June 7th Annual Meeting using the Zoom meeting platform. It was decided there would need to be one or two practice sessions before the actual meeting date. The Board voted to approve Susan Spoto for an additional two year term on the Coordinating Team.

Coordinating Team (CT) Report for May Board meeting

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

- § No significant updates to this goal.
- § Discussed how to address absence of irrigation system in the upper lot.

Goal: Investigate additional fundraising sources and activities

- § Many thanks to Dean Goddette, Chris O'Connor, and Tom Carlstrom for offering events/activities that raise funds for Chalice.
- § Thanks to Ed Hall, Kathy Zapata, Jim Idell, and Judy Cavallo for offering video testimonials for our pledge drive.
- § Thanks to Alec Bergamini for working with congregants on their pledge drive videos.
- § Created a plan to follow up on outstanding pledges after the close of the pledge drive, involving emails and phone calls.

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- § Reviewed and approved Q3 (third quarter) expenditures.
- § Reviewed and approved draft budget for FY21 (fiscal year end Junr 2021) to send to the Board.
- § Created a list of congregants we don't feel like we've "seen" online recently for possible followup.

Unitarian Universalist General Assembly will be held on-line on June 24-28 as a 100% virtual event. This decision alleviates the anxiety and concern shared by many about how GA might proceed given the impact of COVID-19. The Association is planning a robust and rewarding virtual experience. Additional information available at uua.org.

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