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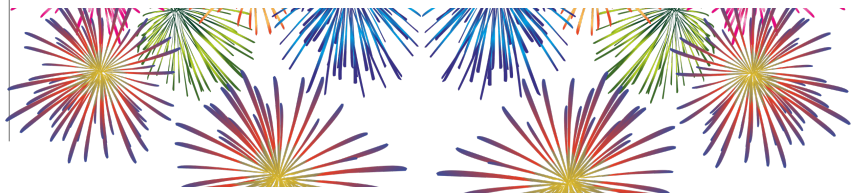
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## - Better New Year -

***“Find a mission that you can give yourself over to and then spend your days moving that mission forward. Man is made so that when anything fires his soul, the impossibilities vanish. The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.” - John Quincy Adams, 6th US President***

Welcome 2021! As the earth revolves, the tides turn and we, with it. We may not know what is to come, but we know how much we have overcome. The future holds innumerable possibilities.



# SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 10 AM

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 129 662

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

After-worship COFFEE HOUR

<https://zoom.us/j/118751781?pwd=S0EyQmZLdjJuNnBIV1ZlWW0yZVFhZz09>

January 3 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Mindfulness" (Spiritual Practice #1)**

This is the first service in a series on developing a regular spiritual practice.

January 10 - Rev. Darcy Baxter

## **"The Gift of Limitations"**

Rev. Darcy Baxter is in her seventh year of serving as the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Stanislaus County. She is a third generation Unitarian Universalist, a reproductive justice activist, and a committed novice dancer.

January 17 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Black Lives Matter"**

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, this morning's service will reflect on ideas from Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

January 24 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **Gut Feelings (Healing Trauma #5)**

This is the fifth in a 10-part series on healing racialized trauma inspired by the book "My Grandmother's Hands" by trauma specialist Resmaa Menakem.

January 31 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Imbolc Blessings"**

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.

# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**\*Until further notice, Chalice activities and events will be held virtually\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>4:30P</b> RE Classes MS/HS	<b>7P</b> Concert with Tom Carlstrom
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<b>9A</b> RE Classes for grades K - 5 <b>10A</b> "Mindfulness" Worship Service <b>11:10A</b> Coffee Hour <b>12P</b> Focus Group		<b>10A</b> Chair Yoga <b>12P</b> Zoom Lunch Bunch <b>6P</b> Yoga by Zoom <b>7P</b> Executive Board mtg	<b>9A</b> Cracker Barrel group <b>10A</b> Coordinating Team mtg <b>12P</b> Zoom Lunch Bunch <b>6:30P</b> Women's Support Group <b>7P</b> Family Ministries Team mtg	<b>10:30A</b> Women's Meditation & Study group <b>12P</b> Zoom Lunch Bunch <b>7P</b> Chancel Choir Meeting and Rehearsal	<b>4:30P</b> RE Classes MS/HS	
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Reverend Sharon

**To schedule an appointment with Rev. Sharon:**

- Online: <https://calendly.com/revsharonwylie/>
- Text or call: 619-871-9959
- Email: [SWylie@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:SWylie@ChaliceUUCongregation.org)

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As many of you already know, my mother died in early December. Her death was not COVID-related, but my family will always remember our distress at not being able to visit her in the hospital. We are grateful that my father was able to visit her for an hour the day before she died.

I am so grateful for all the words of love and support so many of you have shared with me. I often pray that people facing hard times will feel held by the interdependent web of love and support around them. I now feel blessed to feel that web of support myself.

Ending the year on such a personally sad note makes me all the more relieved to turn the calendar page to 2021. I know we have a long way to go before we can call this pandemic over, but I can't think of another January I've ever entered with so much hopefulness.

We are looking forward to inaugurating our new president on January 20. With that, we anticipate a return to serious governance and a commitment—finally—to working together to overcome the pandemic.

It will be our collective work to try and exercise patience as the vaccines are distributed. The population of the United States at the close of 2020 is almost 332 million people. It is estimated that 20 million people were vaccinated by the close of December, and another 20-25 million people will be vaccinated in January.

In California, cases are at an all time high. Fatigue after over nine months of restrictions combined with the lack of financial support from the government—people have received only \$1200 each all this time!—has pushed many people to take risks. People traveled and visited for Thanksgiving, which resulted in a surge, and we expect to see another rise in the weeks after

Christmas.

Concern now is whether there will be enough hospital staff, and available hospital and ICU beds, to treat all the people who need care.

The advice to all of us is the same as it has been for many months: wear a mask, wash your hands, don't touch your face, keep your physical distance from people outside your household. Stay at home, if you can.

If you get dispirited (and we all do), remember this: We have made it over nine months already! We are doing an amazing job, working hard to try and keep each other safe. We just need to keep it up. And now the days are getting longer, and we can start to look forward to spring, and more daylight for getting outdoors (outdoor physical activity is considered mostly safe, provided you don't come into contact with people outside your household).

With the vaccines now coming out, we are in the home stretch of this thing, even though the "home stretch" will be more months than we would like. Hang in there! Chin up! We can do it!

Bright blessings,  
Sharon



Dean Goddette

**Board President**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### *Welcome to the New Year!*

I want to thank everyone who participated in one of the Open-Question focus groups. All-together, we had eleven focus groups with about 60 people participating. I found the process to be enjoyable and it was great hearing people talk about their thoughts and hopes for Chalice. Currently, we are collating all the input from the focus groups and preparing a report for the Board by the end of January. We will send out a report to the congregation sometime in February.

How do we use this information? The Open-Question process is part of a process for goal setting where the Board solicits the opinions of the congregation. The information gathered at the focus groups is used to set the Board goals and Congregational Goals. The Board and the Coordinating Team (CT) meet at the end of January to set the Board and Congregational goals for the next year.

If you are unfamiliar, Chalice is under policy governance where the Coordinating Team (CT) focuses on the day-to-day activities of the congregation and the Board focuses on long term planning and monitors the Coordinating Team.

In other news, the lots next to and across Hamilton from Chalice are in escrow with an unknown buyer. There has been some activity clearing scrub from the lots. We are investigating to see what has been submitted to the city. Additionally, in our research on the properties, we learned that work on the homes across the street has been halted for the time being.

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## News for Newcomers

**Welcome to Chalice!** We are glad you are here. All are welcome at Chalice, especially in this time of separation and uncertainty. We strive to be a beacon of liberal religion in North Inland San Diego County.

Even during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are vibrant & thriving in many ways. Although we cannot meet in person, we have numerous activities, starting of course with our Sunday Services at 10 AM on Zoom (<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/832129662>).

But there is MUCH more. We believe the best way to become more knowledgeable about our congregation & our community is to get involved in one or more of our activities. Here are some that might be of interest you:

Check out:

[Chalice's Youtube Channel](#)

**Men's Breakfast Group** – Chalice's men's breakfast group, called Cracker Barrel, meets Wednesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM via Zoom now, back to in person meetings as soon as we can. Typically 12 to 14 men gather to share stories on an unlimited range of topics, often covering current events, literature, science, art, religion & of course politics. Cracker Barrel welcomes all male Chalice congregants especially newcomers. For more info, contact Richard K. (XXX). The current link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85198345164>

**Men's Support Group** – The men's support group provides a safe and supportive environment for men to share their personal concerns in a strictly confidential setting. The discussions of our group are formatted around guidelines created by the Unitarian Universalist Mens' Network which emphasizes conversation that engenders connection between men. Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom from 6:30 PM to 8PM. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, please contact Ron P. (who arranges the Zoom meetings) at XXX, or Barry H. at: XXX.

**Religious Education** – Religious Education at Chalice is thriving via Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We provide children and youth an opportunity to explore, reflect, and learn in a nurturing spiritual community. Unitarian Universalist religious education programs offer all ages, inspiring:

- Ethical growth – internalizing enduring values like justice, equity, and compassion, and gaining tools to act on them in everyday life.
- Social growth – connecting with peers and people of all ages on a deeper level. Finding acceptance among people who see beyond the superficial.
- Spiritual growth – feeling a connection with the sacred within, among, and beyond us.

Zoom links and information for all of Chalice's activities and events are available in our weekly email, the E-nuus. You will be invited to join our email list once you have attended a Sunday worship service.

Many other activities can be found on the Chalice website, [www.chaliceuucongregation.org](http://www.chaliceuucongregation.org).

On behalf of the Chalice Greeters Team,

Richard K.





Chris O'Connor

Director of Family  
Ministries

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### *Coming Up..... Stuffie Sleepover At Chalice*



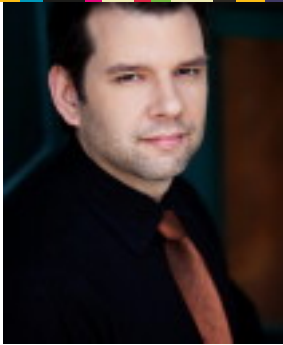
Although humans can't be together at Chalice right now, stuffed animals still can! A sleepover for stuffies is planned for **Saturday, January 16th** at Chalice.

The stuffies asked Chris to be the chaperone for this event and she will post photos of all their activities to the Chalice Facebook Group. The stuffed animals will do fun things all day, watch movies in the Blue Room and spend the night in the Rainbow Room. The next morning, they will attend a service in the Sanctuary. They are looking forward to the story and singing hymns.

**NO RE K-5 Family  
Morning class on  
January 17, 2021**

Would your stuffie enjoy getting to know new Chalice friends? Children of all ages, people who sometimes act like children, and the young at heart are all invited to let their stuffies take part. Please contact Chris O'Connor at [COconnor@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:COconnor@ChaliceUUCongregation.org) if you or your child is interested. Drop off will be in the driveway at her house at an assigned time.

Be sure to send a stuffie who won't mind being away from you for a couple days!

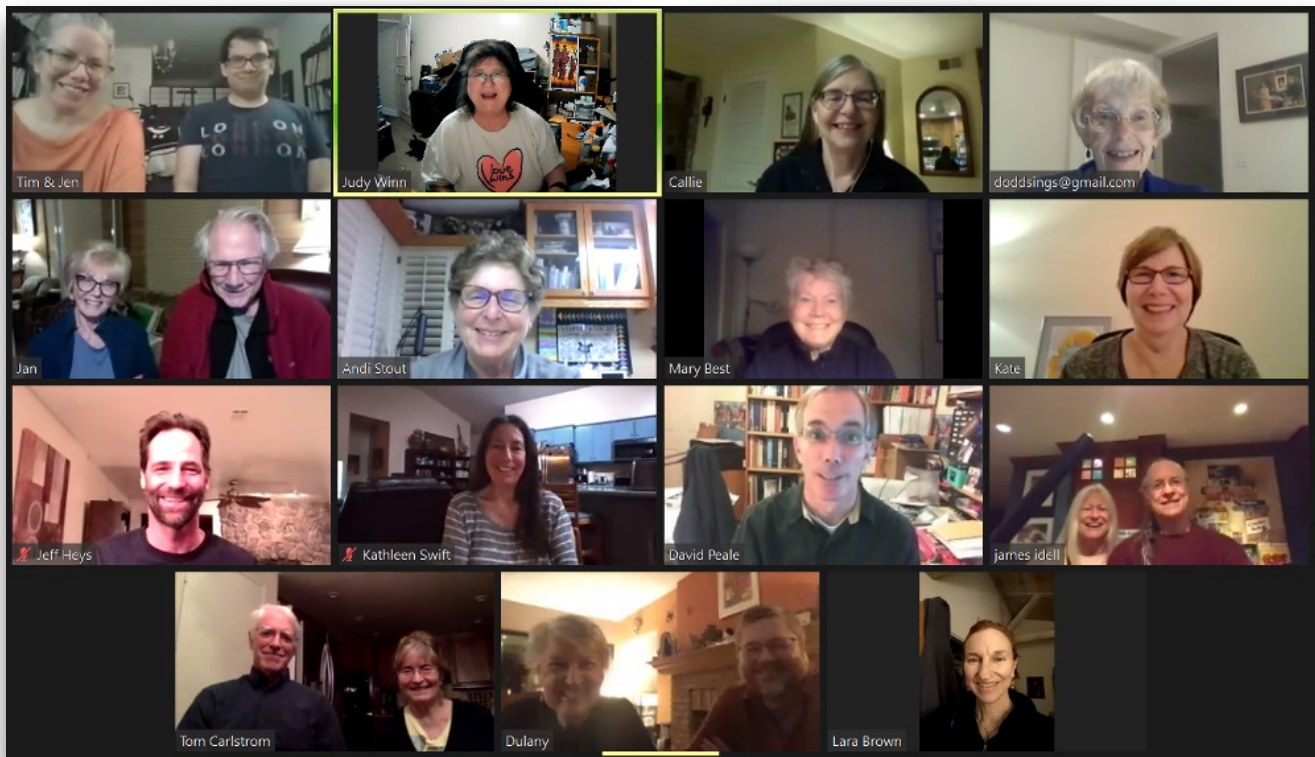


Tim McKnight

**Music Director**

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Chancel Choir has been meeting twice a month since the summer, but in January, the choir will begin meeting weekly from 7p to 8p on Thursday evenings over Zoom. This is a time to discuss anthems for worship and other choral projects, as well as enjoy fellowship with each other. It is difficult to actually sing together over Zoom, so vocal rehearsing and recording of music is done outside of the meeting. Now is a great time to join the Chancel Choir!



Members of the Chancel Choir – a friendly bunch!

In addition, our Music Director, Tim McKnight, will be offering a Music Theory class over Zoom on Thursday evenings (time is still being worked out). If you are interested in participating in the choir or in the Music Theory class, please contact Tim for Zoom information at [Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org).





### Tom Carlstrom's "Concert At Home" on Saturday, January 2 @ 7 p.m.

Join Tom Carlstrom via Zoom on the **first Saturday of each month at 7pm** for 40 minutes of song followed by visiting with fellow concert attendees. Every month is something new! Watch the weekly ENUUS prior to the first Saturday of the month for Zoom connection details. Donations to Chalice are gratefully accepted.



### Hymnals for Worship Services

Several congregants have expressed interest in using hymnals during our online Sunday morning worship services. If you would like to borrow hymnals from Chalice, please send an email to

[Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org)

with your name, email, and phone number, and you will be contacted to arrange for pickup or delivery.

If you prefer to purchase hymnals, they may be purchased from the UUA bookstore,

[www.uuabookstore.org](http://www.uuabookstore.org), or from

Amazon, [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



#### Looking Ahead:

Choir Rehearsal via Zoom .....	Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
Concert At Home With Tom Carlstrom (Zoom!) .....	First Saturday of the Month @ 7 p.m.
An Evening Of Song With Tom Carlstrom - full concert experience .....	TBA
Tim and Friends Concert .....	TBA
Keyboard Kaleidoscope #6 Concert .....	TBA



## COORDINATING TEAM REPORT

**Goal: Strengthen the ways in which congregants offer care and support to each other.**

- Conducted the Winter Solstice Party in collaboration with Family Ministries and Music Ministries.

**Goal: Increase financial support for Chalice's operating budget, including pledging, congregation-wide fun(d)raising activities, and funding from outside the congregation.**

- Collaborated with the Auction Team to market and advertise for the up-coming annual Chalice auction.
- Discussed auction bidding options to help generate more activity with fairness.
- Reviewed FY21 financial report.

**Oversight of Chalice programs and committees.**

- Formed a volunteer weeding team, with Paul Courtright as leader, for the upper lot.
- Worked with the Green Team and other congregants to schedule collections for local charities.

## BOARD REPORT

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for the regularly scheduled meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 on Zoom. The Board voted unanimously to elect nominee Anne M. to fill the vacant position of Board Vice President for 2020-2021. For the monthly Board Development, President Dean Goddette shared slides from "Seven Practices of Board Leadership" from a webinar on Board Basics by Mid-America of UUA. Covered in these slides were strategies for long range planning and Board responsibilities. Board members were encouraged to investigate the new website, [chaliceleaderboard.weebly.com](http://chaliceleaderboard.weebly.com), set up by the Coordinating Team. It was reported that there was good response from the congregation for participation in the eleven Focus Group discussions scheduled for early December. Final planning for the board facilitators and recorders for the Focus Groups was discussed. It was reported that the Board/Coordinating Team joint retreat would be held the weekend of January 30, 2021. The Board was again encouraged to read the COIC report published by the UUA and to participate in the various upcoming Chalice fundraising events.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## The Board Wants YOU and Your Leadership Skills!

It has been an unforgettable year, unlike any other we have lived, and through it all, your Chalice community has been there for you. Rev. Sharon, our fantastic staff, and the Coordinating Team have done an exceptional job keeping us together through the pandemic and uncertain political times.

And behind the scenes, the Board of Trustees continues its critical work of envisioning Chalice's future. Many of Chalice's long-time Members have previously dedicated their time and talents toward serving on the Board, and now is the time for fresh ideas. Maybe it's time you contribute your talent and unique life skills to moving us toward an even stronger future!

### Open positions include:

Vice-President

Treasurer

Two Trustee positions



Chalice's Nominating Committee (Kathy Z., Marshall F., and Richard K.) is seeking nominations for open positions on the Board of Trustees for the 2021-2022 congregational year beginning July 1, 2021. Open positions include Treasurer and two Trustee positions.



Recommended qualifications vary depending on the position, and are available in the Chalice Wiki, in the Policy Book at Chapter 5, page 31, available at this [link](#). (You don't have access to the Chalice Wiki? Our Congregational Administrator, Marie Kim, can set you up; email her at [Office@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:Office@ChaliceUUCongregation.org).)

If you wish to serve Chalice as a member of the Board, or to suggest another congregational Member, or have any questions about serving, please contact Kathy Z. at XXX or (858) 231-7095.

Nominations must close by **Wednesday, March 10, 2021**; but of course, the sooner we can put together a solid slate of candidates, the better!



## Women's Book Discussion Club

The Women's Book Discussion Club meets the third Tuesday of every month via Zoom.

This month they will choose the books they will be reading for 2021.

Contact Mary B. at XXX for Zoom information if interested in attending.



## Readers' Theater Group

Our January gathering will be on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We'll be reading aloud the comedy/drama, ***Fifth of July***, by Lanford Wilson. The plot: Old college friends who share an activist past meet up at a sprawling farmhouse. Their talk is sharp and funny, revealing lost hopes and dreams and the bitterness that must be fought back if one is to perceive the good that life can offer. **Please join us (virtually) — newcomers and listeners are always welcome at our gatherings!**

Please contact Deb C. at XXX or XXX so she can send you an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

## Green Sanctuary Team



### Solar Survey

A carbon neutral life means a large and rapid shift to renewable energy. With that in mind, our next survey will be a solar survey, so be on the lookout for it. Your Chalice Green Team's goal is to document and celebrate our progress toward sustainability and to plan our renewable energy campaign.

Bright wishes for the New Year from your Green Sanctuary Team!

Going solar is a commitment. One way to go about it is to do some homework. Here is a website that gives some guidance. There is a link near the bottom to each state's "special wrinkles".

<https://www.solarpowerauthority.com/choose-solar-company-step-step-guide/>

Another hot tip-- If **clean water** is your passion, don't miss the webinar by the I Love a Clean San Diego organization on Sat., **Jan 9** at 10:30 a.m. Register here:

<https://love.cleansd.org/event/keep-it-clean-how-our-pollutants-travel/e316556>

\*Our shoe drive ends January 15. Please place athletic shoes in any condition in the box on the Chalice patio. Thank you!



## Auction Team



**AUCTION DATES** February 7<sup>th</sup> Noon through February 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 pm

**DONATIONS** The auction site is now open for you to Register, Add Donated Items/ Experiences, Purchase Opportunity Drawings, or Donate \$\$\$.

### DONATION CATEGORIES AND SUGGESTIONS

**FOOD AND DRINK** - homemade specialty items, virtual wine tasting, dinners - catered meals (delivered or pick-up). When social distancing ends, boxed meals can be changed to in-person events.

**SERVICES** - assistance of any kind (virtual or agreed in-person).

**ONLINE ACTIVITIES** - discussions, classes, concerts.

**TREASURES** - paintings, photography, sculptures.

**GIFT BASKETS** - games night, tea-time, wine and cheese.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS** - homemade items, custom masks.

**ADVENTURES** - sailing, tours, etc.

**JEWELRY** - something lovely that is no longer worn.

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING** - donate for chances : Each entry is \$5.00. You may purchase unlimited entries! At the close of the auction, using a computerized randomizing program, one winner will be drawn and they will receive 50% of the money collected in the drawing, with the remaining 50% going to Chalice.

**VIRTUAL EVENTS** - If donors without a Zoom account wish to hold a virtual event, please contact the Auction Team at [ChaliceAuction@gmail.com](mailto:ChaliceAuction@gmail.com) for assistance.

**DONATION PHOTOS AND DONOR FORM** - If you have an item/experience to donate, please go to [CharityAuction.Bid/chaliceUU](https://CharityAuction.Bid/chaliceUU).

- Click on the "Donate Items/Experiences" button at the top and fill out the form completely. You will need the following information and a photo of your item.

Donor Name  
 Address (city, state and zip)  
 Phone  
 Email  
 Item/Experience Title  
 Description (short paragraph)  
 Value  
 Additional Information

**BUYERS AND DONORS REPORTS** – Reports will be sent following the auction, as in the past. They will require payment before the end of Chalice's fiscal year June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**PROXY** - If you would like to participate as a bidder in the auction but for some reason are unable to do so, find a friend willing to serve as your proxy. Remember they will need your contact information, the item and number, and how much you want to bid.

If you need assistance or have questions please contact the Auction Team by email at [ChaliceAuction@gmail.com](mailto:ChaliceAuction@gmail.com) or call Judy W. at XXX. We are here to help.

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