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Manual Duro - Kumeyaay - 1907

## We Are Neighbors

***“I salute the light within your eyes where the whole Universe dwells. For when you are at that center within you and I am that place within me, we shall be one.” - Crazy Horse, Oglala Lakota Sioux (circa 1840-1877)***

This month's edition of Chalice's newsletter brings you a potpourri of ancestral wisdom, Focus Group results, event activities, and so much more! Variety is the spice of life and Chalice is grateful for all of you! We are beings of love, and you are loved.



# 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=S0EyQmZLdjJuNnBIV1ZiWW0yZVFmZz09>

February 7 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Settle Down" (Healing Trauma #6)**

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

February 14 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Side with Love Sunday"**

What if to "side with love" meant making bold, faith-full choices? What if it were even a little bit scary? This worship service brings together worship leaders and musicians from across the country to offer hopeful, moving, challenging reminders about what we, as Unitarian Universalists, are called to do, and BE, in the world.

February 21 - 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.

February 28 - Rev. Sharon Wylie

## **"Meditation" (Spiritual Practice #2)**

Meditation is a spiritual practice many people have tried with minimal training or understanding. Let's learn more about this simple but powerful practice. This is the second service in a series on developing a regular spiritual practice.



# FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<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	<b>10A</b> Council of Chairs <b>7P</b> Concert with Tom Carlstrom
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>.....CHALICE AUCTION.....</b>						
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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

This past September, I added a component called "land acknowledgment" to our Sunday worship. The words I use have been evolving; these are the words I have used most recently:

*We begin our service by acknowledging that wherever each of us is watching, if we are in what is now called the United States, then we are on land stolen from indigenous peoples.*

*Our congregational home in what is now called Escondido is on land that is part of the traditional territories of the 12 bands of the Kumeyaay Nation and the 7 bands of the Payómkawichum, also called Luiseño.*

*Land that is sacred to us now was stolen from people for whom that land is also sacred.*

*In recognition that we are the beneficiaries of a history of colonialism, we have made financial donations in the past year to two local, indigenous-led organizations: California Indian Legal Services and the Kumeyaay Diegueno Land Conservancy. It is our hope at Chalice to find our way to right relationship with local tribes.*

Sometimes I lead the land acknowledgment, and sometimes it is one of our congregants who has written their own words to mark this moment of the service.

For many of us, the commitment to acknowledging land was strengthened after attending the UUA General Assembly last year, which had a particular focus on the justice issues facing indigenous peoples.

Several of you have thanked me for the addition of this acknowledgment, noting that it has got you thinking in some new ways. I was glad to hear that, as I had no expectations beyond wanting to offer the land acknowledgment as a thoughtful practice.

One of you recently shared on Facebook the discovery of a great page there called "Native North American Indian - Old Photos" (@NNAIOP). The page features photographs sorted into albums by tribe, and we found albums for both the Kumeyaay and Luiseño peoples. The photos are wonderful to view, but even better is reading the comments of people who recognize relatives and neighbors.

I encourage you to spend some time there looking at photos. It is one way to start to get to know our neighbors a bit better.

Bright blessings,  
Sharon



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Board President

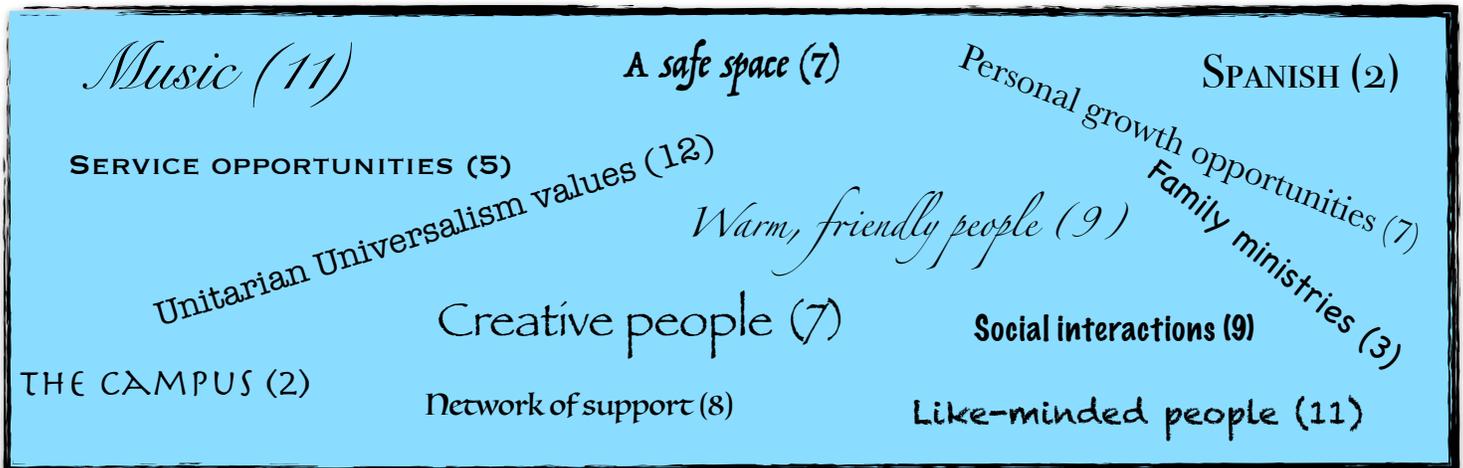
## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Community" has many different meanings. And these are all the ties that bind us together in these difficult times.

The first question at the recent round of focus groups in the beginning of December was, "Imagine you are talking to someone close to you about the ways Chalice is most meaningful to you. Describe what you would say."

A common theme was that people came to Chalice because of "community". The focus group format allowed us to drill down to understand what community means to different people.

Below is a list of the high-level reasons why people come to Chalice. The number following shows the number responses that were grouped into that specific category.



Unitarian Universalist values are important to our congregants. One person said (all quotes are paraphrased for confidentiality) that they come to Chalice for the "freedom of religion, and freedom of thought. I consider it the United Nations of Religions in that it is inclusive, and everyone has a place at the table". For some, Chalice provides, "a spiritual grounding that connects us" with "simple guidelines to promote harmonious relationships with my fellow man".

For others, the Chalice community provides a network of support in difficult times. For others, they focused on Chalice as "an inclusive place of accepting people".

Social interactions are also very important. The ability to interact with like-minded people outside of work, coffee hour, social events, and other activities help develop personal connections between us.



## 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](#)

### Poetry Group

The Poetry Group meets on Zoom on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 PM, usually running until about 2:30 PM. We meet to share our enjoyment of poetry by reading aloud and discussing both the original work of participants and published works, from obscure to well-known. To participate, contact Bonnie P. (XXX) for Zoom information.

### Women's Meditation and Buddhism Study Group

The Women's Meditation group meets on Zoom every Thursday, 10:30 AM to 12 noon. We share our lives and our practice through check-in, then we read aloud from our current book and discuss what we have read. Some remain in Zoom for a 30-minute silent meditation period. Contact Bonnie P. (XXX) for Zoom information and guidance for participants. A video about our group is on the Chalice YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f25y624MkVA>.

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. and Bonnie P.



Chris O'Connor

Director of Family Ministries

# FAMILY MINISTRIES

## FIRST EVER CHALICE STUFFIE SLEEPOVER!



Everyone agreed to the covenant.

Middle School class now on every THIRD Sunday from 9 AM- 10 AM.



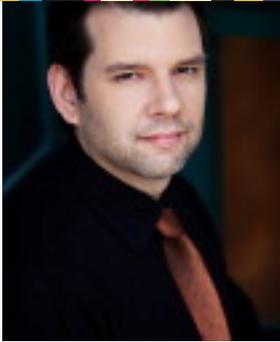
What a mess!



Road trip!



The stuffies enjoyed the service and later talked about being kind to each other.



Tim McKnight

Music Director

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Musical Chalice Auction Offering: An Evening With Tim and Jennifer!

It is Auction Season, and Tim McKnight and Jennifer S. are teaming up to bring you, "An Evening with Tim and Jennifer: A Virtual Concert". This special auction event will be live streamed over Zoom on April 24th @ 7 p.m. The evening of music will include singing, piano solos, duets, and more! Maybe Bubs, the cat, will join them to form a trio! This event is a bargain at \$20 per person – bid online at <http://CharityAuction.bid/chaliceuu> from February 7th – February 14th.



### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Just a reminder that the Chancel Choir currently meets online every Thursday from 7p – 8p. 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. Contact Music Director, Tim McKnight, at [Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:Music@ChaliceUUCongregation.org) for zoom information.



**Tom Carlstrom’s “Concert At Home” on Saturday, February 6th @ 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 PM  
Concert At Home With Tom Carlstrom (Zoom!) ..... First Saturday of the Month @ 7 PM  
An Evening with Tim and Jennifer: A Virtual Concert ..... April 24th @ 7 PM

# BOARD REPORT

The Chalice Board of Trustees met for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7 PM on Zoom. A Board development video was presented concerning the partnership between the ministry and governance of a church organization. The Board heard a brief report on the status of the two small pieces of property that are for sale on Hamilton Lane and are currently under contract. It was announced that the Board and Coordinating Team joint planning meeting did take place over two days on Saturday, January 30 in the morning and on Sunday, January 31 in the afternoon by Zoom. The Open Question Task Force presented a report on the information gathered at the Focus Groups held in December 2020. They further reported that the final version of the Focus Group information will be presented at the joint planning meeting at the end of January. The Board was again reminded to read the fall Monitoring Reports before the joint planning meeting.

# COORDINATING TEAM REPORT

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

- Brainstormed different ways and group ideas to encourage cultivating our leaders and developing leadership qualities.
- Rev. Sharon is working with a congregant to launch a “get to know you” program for congregants to get to know each other better.

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

- The Board of Trustees and the Coordinating Team met for their annual joint meeting to discuss and set the new year’s congregational goals.
  - Monitoring Reports and Focus Group results were used to help guide the goal setting.
- “Bingo and Beer” event, which is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, to help raise funds for the congregation and provide a safe and fun experience for our attendees.
- Stewardship team members are attending UUA series of stewardship webinars.

**Oversight of Chalice programs and committees.**

- Examined and deliberated different possible areas for the memorial wall.
- Various building and grounds repairs and maintenance are occurring while campus is empty.
- Due to pandemic, Aiden M. has revised his Eagle Scout project. Instead of building a gaga court, CT approved his proposal to create sanitizer and facemask stations.

# 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 XXX.

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

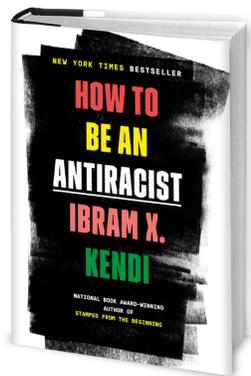


## Women's Book Discussion

The Women's Book Discussion Club will be reviewing, *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett on February 16th at 7 pm via Zoom. *The Dutch House* tells the story of a brother and sister over the course of five decades. The novel was a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Email Mary B. at XXX for Zoom log in if interested in joining the discussion.

## HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST – Let's Discuss It

In our first session discussing Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an*



*Antiracist*, we learned that claiming to be “not a racist” does not substitute for understanding and changing the race-conscious policies and laws of our country. Only being “anti-racist”—recognizing, identifying, and working against those policies—puts us on the correct moral path. Please join the Transformation Team as we continue to talk about Kendi's impactful and enlightening book. The discussions will take place weekly for four more weeks. It's not too late to join in!

There are two sessions to choose from:  
4:00 PM on Thursdays or 7:00 PM on Fridays.

If you would like to borrow a book, Debi S. has a supply to loan. Please contact her at XXX. To receive your Zoom invitation to the sessions, please [register here](#).



## Readers' Theater Club Group

Our February gathering will be on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We'll be reading aloud the comedy/drama, *Looking for Normal*, by Jane Anderson. The play explores the complexities of marriage and family in our time, including whether marriage bonds can transcend gender transition. “Jane Anderson’s bittersweet transgender domestic comedy-drama...is thoughtful and touching and full of wit and wisdom. A real audience pleaser.” —Hollywood Reporter. **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.

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## Green Sanctuary Team



You saved 21 pairs from the landfill that will go to Nike for upcycling into new products.



Interfaith Community Services was happy to receive 36 pairs of very serviceable shoes. They lack storage so they don't currently accept used shoes from individuals.

However, they appreciated our donation drive so much that they would like Chalice to help them with gently used **bath towels**. Here's another great opportunity to simplify our "stuff" lives. To help, dig into the back of your linen closets and come up with hardly-ever-used beach towels and good bath towels? You know, the ones that got shoved to the back to make room for new towels. With the Green Team's on-going attention to consumption, cleaning out the closet provides a window to our purchasing habits and time to reflect on how we want to move forward. Leave your bath and beach towels in the box on the Chalice patio by **February 28**. Thank you.



## Auction Team

# CHALICE 2021



# ONLINE AUCTION

## THE CHALICE AUCTION IS HERE!!!!!!!!!!

RUNNING FROM FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup> THROUGH FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>

ADVENTURES

GIFT BASKETS

FOOD AND

SERVICES

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

ARTS AND CRAFTS

TREASURES

OPPORTUNITY

JEWELRY



**PROXY** - If you would like to participate as a bidder in the auction but are unable to do so, find a Chalice friend to act as your proxy. They will need your contact information, the item and number, and how much you are willing to bid. You should be registered on the <https://charityauction.bid/chaliceUU> website to bid.



**REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE** - [https://youtu.be/sjaFO\\_Oong4](https://youtu.be/sjaFO_Oong4)



**BUYERS AND DONORS REPORTS** - Reports will be sent following the auction, as in the past. Payment is required before the end of Chalice's fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.



**KICKOFF** - After the Sunday service on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, please email: [chaliceauction@gmail.com](mailto:chaliceauction@gmail.com).

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