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Poppies: one of the two
flowers of August
Photo by Judy Winn
Walker Canyon Poppy Fields, Lake
Elsinore

"Today is the first of August. It is hot,
steamy, and wet. It is raining. I am
tempted to write a poem."

—Sylvia Plath.

SUNDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday Service at 10 am
Zoom Meeting ID: 832 129 662
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/832129662>

After-worship COFFEE HOUR
Stay in the same Zoom site as Sunday Service

August 7–Tim McKnight, Music Director

“Hymn Sing Sunday”

Singing together is a cherished part of our congregational life at Chalice. Come sing old favorites, new favorites, and just a couple of brand new hymns that will surely become your favorites very soon! Our in-person service will be held in our Chalice courtyard and will also be livestreamed.

August 14–Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister

“Black Unitarian Universalist Theology is for Everyone!”

In the fall of 2019, Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) held the first Harper-Jordan Symposium as a forum for exploring what Black Unitarian Universalist worship, theology, and spiritual practices look like in the 21st century. The result was an audiovisual archive of a groundwork for contemporary Black UU theologies. Come navigate what these emerging theologies can mean for people in all social locations in this service of spiritual discovery.

August 21–Rev. Dr. Gregory Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister

“On Conflict and Covenant”

Covenanting is the central practice of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Although covenants provide a roadmap for how to stay in relationship when times are great as well as when they are tough, we seldom address how covenants call us to conflict. Get ready to engage in conflict lovingly as we explore the contours of the promises we make.

August 28–Rev. Dr. Gregory Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister

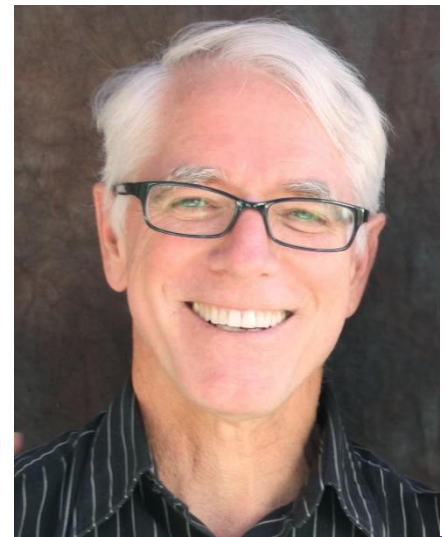
“Labor without Love”

In an audio clip that has now become memefied, mid-20th century scholar James Baldwin, offers “Darling, I have told you several times, I have no dream job, I do not dream of labor.” As we enter the week that precedes the hardwon observance of Labor Day, let us imagine a world without labor. Gather for a service of reflecting and creating a world so bold.



President's Column

I recently returned from a vacation including a family reunion, a trip through rural upstate New York, and visits with old childhood friends along the way. It is nice to connect with the past and reminisce, but mostly I delighted in seeing new grandchildren and discussing current issues and future possibilities. I felt how my past has formed a strong foundation upon which I can build for the future. I am feeling the same way about Chalice. Recently, we have had services by past Chalice ministers Elizabeth Bukey and David Miller. I remember when they were doing internships at Chalice. Now they are successful ministers at congregations of their own. It was so nice hearing from them again and seeing how they have grown and matured.



Tom Carlstrom
Board President

Our Chalice campus is slowly coming back to life. In-person and hybrid Sunday services are working well. I've been attending service in-person and it is so nice to hear live music and participate in congregational singing again. And there is no substitute for coffee hour on the patio. Other congregational meetings and programs are also starting to meet on site.

Chalice has received matching grants for the installation of solar panels and for technology hardware to help us with hybrid services. Fundraisers for these needed projects will be starting soon and I encourage everyone to find a little something to give.

We are in the midst of change, whether it be climate, political, cultural, or technological. Our Board of Trustees is exploring ways to keep Chalice relevant and effective in meeting the evolving needs of the congregation and community, and fulfilling our mission. We would love to hear from you.

Blessings,
Tom Carlstrom, Board President



Family Ministries



Chris O'Connor
Director of Family
Ministries

This is the mission of the Family Ministries program at Chalice:

- Provide children and youth with a strong UU identity.
- Affirm the importance of families in the larger Chalice community.
- Support families in their effort to promote UU principles and values in the home and the community.
- Teach our children and youth the roots of our faith.

Next month, the Religious Education classes will begin the new school year with our Chalice children and youth enjoying the opportunity to explore these ideals in their lives.

Our Religious Education program is open to children pre-school to 12th grade. Because of this wide span in ages, the program would benefit from volunteers helping in the Sunday RE classes. Our Family Ministries Team welcomes anyone who is interested in becoming part of the important volunteer group at Chalice. A commitment to help at the 10am to 11am Sunday classes could be one time or on a regular basis. Many congregants have talents that the children and youth would enjoy exploring as part of the class.

If you are concerned about co-leading a class, I can help you! Being part of the group and observing during the hour is a good way to ease into working with the children. We have many experienced volunteers that can be of assistance and guide you. The UUA has many exciting programs for children and youth that we use as well as tapping into the interests of each group. You are welcome to share a special interest or follow plans that have been prepared.

Please contact me if you are interested and I will be happy to get you started in this worthwhile (and it's lots of fun!) volunteer opportunity!

Chris O'Connor



Music Program

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Tim McKnight
Music Director

Hymn Sing on August 7

Tim McKnight and John Schulz are planning a joyful Sunday morning Hymn Sing worship service on August 7 at 10am. The Hymn Sing will be held on the courtyard, so masks will be optional. Our band of instrumentalists and our song leaders Tom Carlstrom, Alice Dodd, and Callie Leef will accompany us. Because this is an outdoor service, we can accommodate more participants than we can for indoor worship.

While you are welcome to sign up for the service on our [Chalice Service Reservation page](#), this is optional. And, as always, this will be a hybrid service so you can join in worship from home or watch the recorded service on our [YouTube channel](#).

Join the Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir is Chalice’s adult choir, open to anyone who enjoys singing. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:30–9:00pm in the Chapel beginning on Thursday, August 18. Chancel Choir serves two primary purposes. First, it is a place where people who love to sing can sing with each other in a community within the larger Chalice community. Second, Chancel Choir prepares music to sing for Sunday worship, in order to enhance the worship and share their musical gifts with the larger congregation. Chancel Choir sings a wide variety of musical styles, including Broadway, sacred, country, pop, classical, folk, and everything in between.

Each member of the choir is provided a folder with sheet music, as well as access to practice files so that they can learn the music at home. This makes rehearsal time more enjoyable and productive.

Current safety requirements include being fully vaccinated and wearing a mask during rehearsals in the Chapel.

For more information contact Tim McKnight

Looking Ahead

Hymn Sing Sunday, August 7 @ 10:00 am on the Courtyard
Chancel Choir Rehearsals..... Thursdays @ 7:30p in the chapel, starting August 18
Handchime Ensemble..... Thursdays @ 6:30p in the Hub, starting August 18



Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund

The Chalice Music Program is pleased to announce the availability of visual and performing arts scholarships through the Gloria Angelo Arts Education Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund was established in 2007 by Paula Gonzales in memory of her mother, Gloria Angelo. Scholarships are available for lessons, workshops, summer camps, and other educational opportunities in the arts. Drama, dance, music, voice, painting, and drawing are among the arts that would be supported by this fund.

For more information and applications, email music@chaliceuucongregation.org.



Gladiolus—the other flower of August





It's Curtains for Chalice!

Have you noticed the doors to the Fireside Lounge?

For the past several months we have not had sheer curtains on the doors, but that has changed! Callie knows that Hope has some sewing machines and sewing skills. As a member of the Coordinating Team, she asked Hope to make some sheers for the doors. They are finally completed and installed.

It is quite a task to work with such lengths of slippery fabric. Each window has different measurements for the curtains. No, the glass is not different. Where the rods are positioned makes each curtain a unique measurement.

Please do not remove the sheers. Because of their unique measurements, it will be difficult-to-impossible to return them to the window for which

they were designed.

Hopefully, these sheer curtains will last for years to come.

All of Chalice joins the Coordinating Team with gratitude to Hope.



Green Sanctuary Team

Want to have less indoor pollution, generate less plastic waste, and save money?? Save household cleaner bottles and refill them with home-made cleaners. There are many ingredients in household cleaners that are toxic when inhaled or touched. Children and pets can be more sensitive to some chemicals than adults are. Give one or more of these a try instead.

Vinegar & Water all purpose cleaner

Pour in a spray bottle 1:1 **Vinegar & Water**
Optional: 5-10 drops of Essential Oils (Tea Tree, Eucalyptus, Lavender)
**Not suited for granite or marble

Castile Soap & Water cleaner

Pour in a spray bottle 2 TBSP to 1/4 cup **Liquid Castile Soap** (such as Dr. Bronner's)
Add 2 **Cups Water**
Optional: add 5-10 drops of Essential Oils (Tea Tree, Eucalyptus, Lavender)

Castile & Baking Soda cleaner

Mix 2 tsp **Baking Soda** in 1 cup **water**
Add 1 tsp **Liquid Castile Soap**
Top up bottle with up to 1/2 cup additional **water**.

Leather Cleaner (note, softens in the short run. Do not overuse)

1/2 cup **White Vinegar**
1/4 cup **Olive Oil**
1 cup **cooled boiled water**
5-10 drops each of **Eucalyptus & Lemon Essential Oil**

Granite & Marble Cleaner

1/4 Cup **Rubbing Alcohol**
2 drops **Castile Soap**
2 **Cups Water**

Glass Cleaner

1:1 **Apple Cider Vinegar & Water**
Bit of dish soap

Chalice Green Sanctuary meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. We hold a monthly, full moon drumming circle on the Chalice campus. Contact us at Chaliceuugreen@gmail.com



Coordinating Team Report

Anti-racism Goal:

- Nothing to report at this time

Transitioning back to face-to-face interactions:

- Organized Opening and Closing teams

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- We will continue to not accept cash during services
- The Neighborhood groups have been reorganized and information has been sent to all congregants.
- We have asked the cleaning company to clean under the outside tables and chairs twice a month
- Signs indicating “Security Cameras in Use” have been installed on the campus.
- The position of Bookkeeper has been delegated to a part-time bookkeeper, the Finance committee, and the Office Administrator. This is the culmination of a two-year process.
- A new part-time bookkeeper has been hired.

Board Report

The Board Meeting held on July 12, was led by Kate, in the absence of Tom.

While many topics were discussed, no action was actually enacted. Information of importance:

- Acceptance of gift from Michele to benefit the Memorial Wall fund and Legacy fund.

Board Goals: Discussion of expanding goals to encompass an expanded music program, putting the 8th principal into action, outreach programs aimed at younger people, and review process of "Open Questions."



2022 Annual Congregational Meeting Report

Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 11:30 AM

President Anne McKeirnan called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. Board Secretary confirmed quorum. Hybrid meeting held in person and on-line.

President's Report

The Board was excited to work on anti-racism, including working on the Eighth Principle; and tackled the creation of a new Mission Statement. The Finance team was restructured last year. The Board created a Sabbatical task force to prepare for Rev. Sharon's planned sabbatical in 2022.

Election of Board Members and Officers

Marshall Fogel, Chair of the Nominating Committee introduced the Slate of Candidates for the next term:

- Vice President – Kate (to become President July 1, 2023)
- Secretary – Emily (two-year term)
- Trustee – Sarah (two-year term)
- Trustee – Carol (two-year term)
- Trustee – Alice (two-year term)

Marshall reviewed the Officers and Trustees continuing to serve in 2022-2023

- President – Tom
- Treasurer – Victoria
- Trustee – Jeff
- Trustee – Jeff

Motion passed to approve the entire slate of candidates.

Election of Nominating Committee (three-year term)

Marshall presented the Nominating Committee for 2022 - 23: Richard (chair) and Alec.

Motion passed to approve Patty as the third member of the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Victoria, Board Treasurer. Victoria gave a summary of this fiscal year that will end June 30, 2022, and presented the Proposed budget for FY 2022-2023. She answered questions from congregants.

Motion passed to approve the budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 as presented.

Delynn is retiring as volunteer Bookkeeper. Rev. Sharon thanked Delynn for her many years of service and presented her with a plaque and a wooden abacus.



Eighth Principle Vote

Wendy Metzger gave a presentation on the Eighth Principle.

Motion passed to adopt the Eighth Principle. More than 80% of the votes cast were in favor.

Mission Statement Vote

Kate gave a presentation.

Motion passed to adopt the new Mission Statement presented:

*With love at the center, the mission of this congregation is to...
INSPIRE, CONNECT, and ACT.*

INSPIRE individual and communal spiritual growth,

CONNECT through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries, and

ACT to promote UU principles in ourselves and in the wider world.

The gavel was passed from Anne to Tom.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 PM

“The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color. Often at night there is lightning, but it quivers all alone.”

– Natalie Babbitt



Group Announcements

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

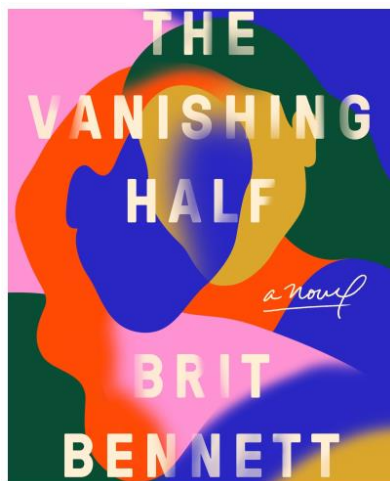
The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet at Karl Strauss Brewing Company on Friday, August 19. We meet at 11:30 AM & welcome newcomers! The address is 10448 Reserve Drive, San Diego, CA 92127 (4S Ranch area). Please RSVP to Carol.



Women's Discussion Group

August 16 at 7:00 pm the Chalice Women's Book Discussion Group will meet in the Blue Room in the Hub and also via Zoom to discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. If you are interested, please contact Mary for the Zoom information. Non-binary and trans women are warmly invited.

Synopsis: The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities.



Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will

happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?



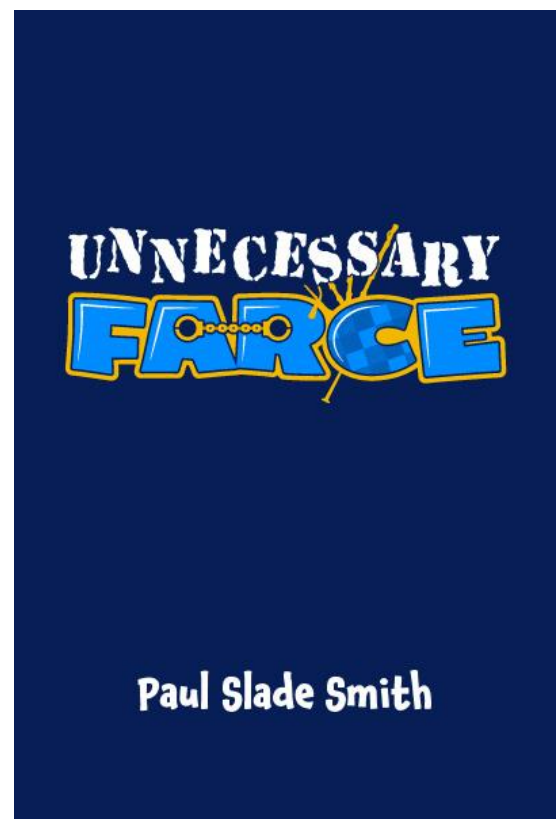
Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.

Readers' Theater

We are a play-reading group that meets monthly to sight-read a play for our own education and entertainment. In order to read the range of plays that interest us and rarely fit our exact number and demographics, we draw roles at random. If you are comfortable sight-reading aloud and willing to step into roles and situations that may be out of your comfort zone, you might want to give us a try! If interested, please contact Deb to get on the group's monthly mailing list.

Our next gathering will be held on Monday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, when we'll be reading the comedy *Unnecessary Farce*, by Paul Slade Smith. The plot:

In a cheap motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant, while in the room next-door, two undercover cops wait to catch the meeting on videotape. But there is confusion as to who is in what room, who's taken the money, who's hired the hit man and why the accountant keeps taking off her clothes.

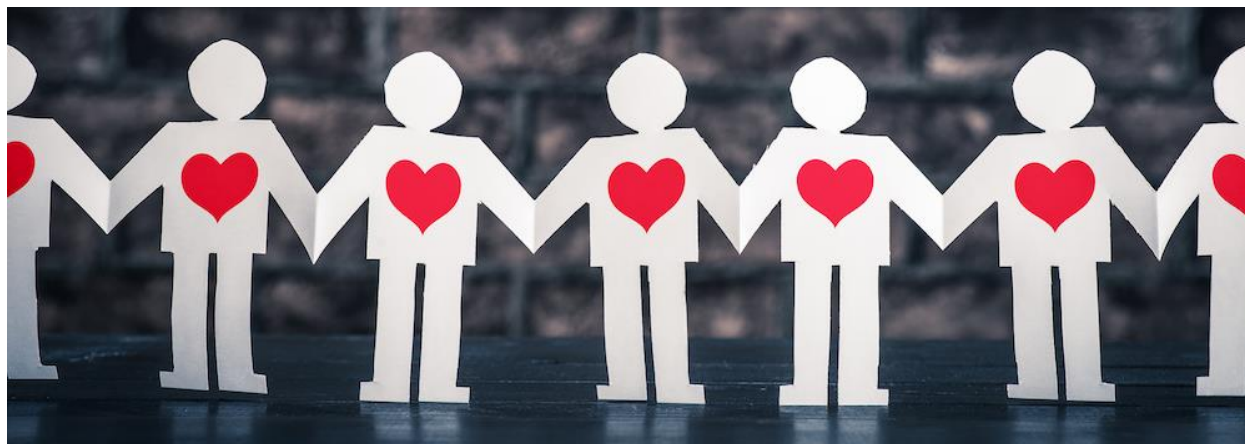


Information

MEMBERSHIP

Official membership is not required for participation in most Chalice activities, but there may come a time when you hear a voice inside saying, “This is my religious home. I want to support it.” If so, it may be time to think about making the commitment of membership.

To learn more about membership, contact Kathleen Swift, our Office Administrator, by email at office@chaliceuucongregation.org.



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Submit articles by the 24th of each month to: Office@chaliceuucongregation.org
With much gratitude to our Editorial Team:
Hope Campbell, Callie Leef, and Andi Stout.



Calendar for August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10A Chair Yoga 10A CT 12P Zoom Lunch 5:30P Yoga 7P Exec. Board	3 9A Men's Breakfast	4 10:30A Women's Meditation 2P Letter writing— Get Out the Vote	5	6 2P Tech Rehearsal
7 10A. K-6 RE 10A Worship Service 11:10A Coffee Hour 4:30P Youth Group	8 1P Poetry Group	9 10A Chair Yoga 12P Zoom Lunch 5:30P Yoga 7P Board of Trustees	10 9A Men's Breakfast 1P Games 6:30 Men's Support	11 10:30A Women's Meditation	12 12:30P Elder's Lunch	13 6P Ghanian Dinner (Auction event)
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