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Aster—one of September's Flowers

“Happily we bask in this warm
September sun, which
illuminates all creatures...”
— Henry David Thoreau

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

September 4— roddy bell-shelton biggs, pulpit guest (livestream)
“Labor of Faith and Love”

Much has changed since 1882, when the first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City. How are we to celebrate/honor Labor Day in an ever-dreaming consumeristic market? And how does our Unitarian Universalist Faith call upon us to engage and respond 140 years later with love and care?

roddy bell-shelton biggs (*they/them*) is a Queer, BIPOC, seminarian/aspiring Public Theologian, owning the Christian faith of their ancestors, called to lead radical love, care, and sanctuary movements, and disrupting patriarchy and systems of oppression plaguing our world.

September 11— Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister
“Welcome Back”

Multigenerational Service. All are welcome to our annual ingathering service celebrating returning to the rhythms of the congregational year and our water ritual. Please bring water from a place that holds great meaning or spiritual significance for you. Children and youth of all ages will help to get our congregational year off to a great start!

September 18—Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister
“Onward”

Sometimes, the world is just too much; there is just too much to do; and, everything is moving just too fast. In those times, we must decide how to keep moving onward toward the Beloved Community. Circle round for a service of plotting how to keep choosing connection when everything around us is just too hard.

September 25—Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, Sabbatical Minister
“Tashlikh”

Rosh HaShanah, the festival marking the beginning of the Jewish liturgical calendar, commences on September 25th this year. For faithful observers, the first afternoon often involves symbolically removing sin through the practice of casting stones or bread crumbs into flowing water called Tashlikh. Adaptations of this practice have made their way to many Unitarian Universalist congregations because of its simplicity and depth of meaning. Learn more about rituals of spiritual purification in the first of two Sundays exploring the Jewish source of our living tradition.



Minister's Message

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, our Sabbatical Minister, Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, was ordained by the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, PA. Ordination is special covenant between a congregation and a minister which bestows spiritual authority, the symbol of a full-length stole, and the ability to use the honorific “reverend” on a minister. Rev. Dr. Carrow-Boyd has previously served on the board of our Unitarian Universalist Association, most notably as a member of the Mod Squad facilitation team at General Assembly. Our congratulations go out to him at this time!

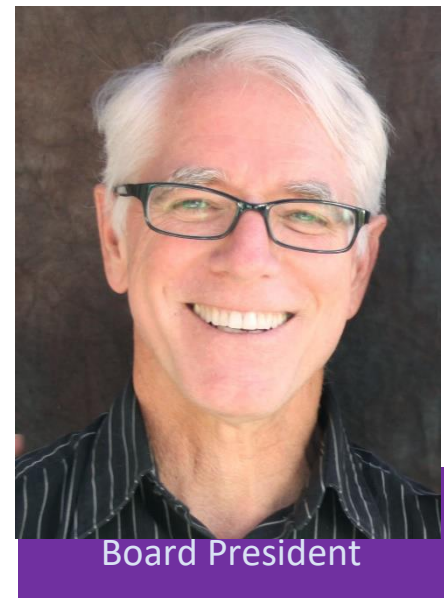


Rev. Dr. Gregory C.
Carrow-Boyd,
Sabbatical Minister



President's Column

Let me start by congratulating Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, our sabbatical minister, on the occasion of his ordination by the Harrisburg Unitarian Universalist Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on August 20, 2022. How fortunate we are to have Rev. Gregory as our sabbatical minister at such an important time in his career. I can feel his energy and enthusiasm and look forward to his sermons and guidance.



For Board development this year, we have chosen to read and discuss the book “Mistakes and Miracles, Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism” by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin. The book is also a “common read” selection by the Unitarian Universalist Association this year and is available on Amazon and the UUA bookstore. I encourage anyone who may be interested to pick up a copy so we may have a broad congregational discussion on this important topic.

In-person attendance at Sunday services is slowly increasing and our Chalice life is gradually coming back to campus. Choir and Hand Chimes are now back on Thursday evenings!

I hope you all had a wonderful (albeit hot) summer and I look forward to seeing you occasionally on campus this fall.

Blessings,
Tom, Board President



Family Ministries

During the summer, the morning and afternoon groups explored creativity through art activities and discussions. They experienced using continuum questions to lead positive conversations among friends having differing opinions. The children also decorated cloth bags using a chalice design, a symbol of our faith and painted rocks to set by the Peace Pole. We used symbols for peace as the theme for the activity. There is a trend! Read on!



Chris O'Connor
Director of Family
Ministries



The Family Ministries Program has great plans for September! Read about the highlights:

September 11—Water Ceremony Sunday

Last year the families held their own water ceremony on the courtyard, but this year the morning RE will join the congregation for the service! The water ceremony is a symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Families will bring a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During



the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources. It is often then blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later boiled and used as the congregation's "holy water." (boiling it is something Chris should have done last year after collecting the combined water—afterwards we could have used it for a science experiment!)

The Magical Evening Auction Event happens at 5pm. I hope to see many families at Chalice for time to play, a picnic and magic show. Morning RE still happens at 10am, but the 4:30pm group will be cancelled so they can join everyone on the courtyard for the Magical Evening.

September 18—The children and youth will make their own shrines to take home as a quiet reminder of important values, people, and hopes in their lives.

September 25—This is a not-to-miss Sunday! After RE classes and the service, Family Ministries welcomes anyone interested in volunteering for Sunday RE to an informational meeting from 11:15 to 11:45. After the meeting we are holding a Vision Board Workshop for families and other congregants. A vision board is a collage of images, pictures, and affirmations of your dreams and desires, which are a source of inspiration and motivation for you. This is a great tool for families to explore these topics together. Lunch will be provided for participants.

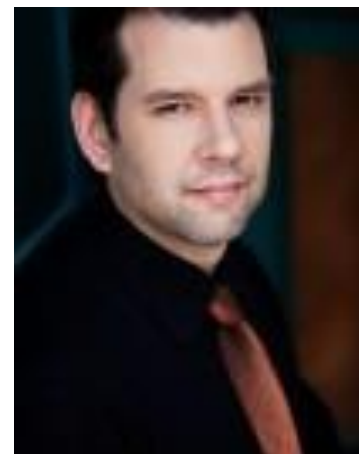
“The most important day of a person’s education is the first day of school, not Graduation Day.” – **Harry Wong, educator**



Music Program

Celebrating Chancel Choir Accompanist, Deborah Morton

Our beloved choir accompanist of nearly 20 years, Deborah Morton, is retiring. Over the years she has helped to make the choir sound amazing, banging out parts during choir rehearsals until we got it, and playing beautifully for choir presentations during worship services. Deborah was also a member of the Handchime Ensemble for several years, was part of the pit band for many Chalice Cabaret shows, and sang in the Chalice Chancel Choir for special events whenever she had the chance (and was not the accompanist). At the same time, Deborah is retiring from her position of epidemiologist/anthropologist and associate professor at Cal State San Marcos. We are so blessed to have worked and played and laughed with Deborah these many years and wish her a fun and fulfilling retirement!



Tim McKnight
Music Director



Chalice Music 10 years ago – “Sources”!

Digging into our archives, June 9, 2012, marked the date when Music Director, Tim McKnight, led a Cluster-wide choir and orchestra in the performance of Jason Shelton’s “Sources” Cantata. It was the culmination of a year-long project which brought together choir members from all the San Diego UU congregations. According to Tim, “The event was truly extraordinary in so many ways. We created and nurtured relationships with



each other which will forever change who we are as individuals and as a Cluster. We explored the Sources of our living tradition in profound and meaningful ways, which will inform and influence everything we do as Unitarian Universalists.” Performing for over 500 people at First Church in Hillcrest, we raised over \$2000 for the Music Program at San Diego Center for Children. This event still resonates as one of the most ambitious and meaningful musical experiences in which our choir has participated. For more information on our UU Sources, check out <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>.



Looking Ahead

Chancel Choir RehearsalsThursdays @ 7:30p in the chapel

Handchime Ensemble Rehearsals Thursdays @ 6:30p in the Hub

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.



Green Sanctuary Team



There is a subtle but real difference between these 2 photos. The left is an untended, weedy garden. The right is a well-tended specimen garden at the San Diego Safari Park in the San Pasqual Valley outside of Escondido. When we think of discrimination and prejudice, we think of people and social situations. Who would think that there is discrimination and prejudice against plants? That's the best way to describe some attitudes about California native plants. Some people associate them with weedy gardens. Maybe because some native plant gardeners think you must never trim, thin, or shape native plants. Not true! A well-tended native plant garden is as attractive as any other type of garden. The secret is the same as for any other garden-- good design and tender loving care. Our native chaparral hides a myriad of beautiful seasonal bloomers that are available in nurseries. If these are given their own space, and if displays vary in color and season of bloom, a beautiful flower garden can result. Using colors and layers, along with pruning and watering, when necessary, can have marvelous results. So, if you react negatively about planting natives, you've probably only seen helter-skelter, poorly tended gardens. A good place to see nice displays is the San Diego Botanic Gardens in Encinitas, also known as Quail Gardens. While there are natural chaparral areas on the margins, you will want to find the more centrally located, beautifully tended native plant display for ideas.

<https://sdbg.org>

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



Coordinating Team Report

Anti-racism Goal:

- Nothing to report at this time

Transitioning back to face-to-face interactions:

- At this time, there is no guidance in the Building Use Policy regarding sound for non-worship events. Coordinating Team has decided that for non-worship events, the sound engineer will be paid their hourly wage.

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- Nothing to report at this time

Board Report

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

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

- Acceptance of gift from Michele Nelson to benefit the Memorial Wall fund and Legacy fund.
- Reviewed possible Board goals that include:
 - action on the 8th Principal
 - financial health of Chalice
 - outreach – especially to younger members
- Reviewed support of the Outreach team's wish to increase visibility and encourage membership growth.



Morning glory—another flower of September



Group Announcements

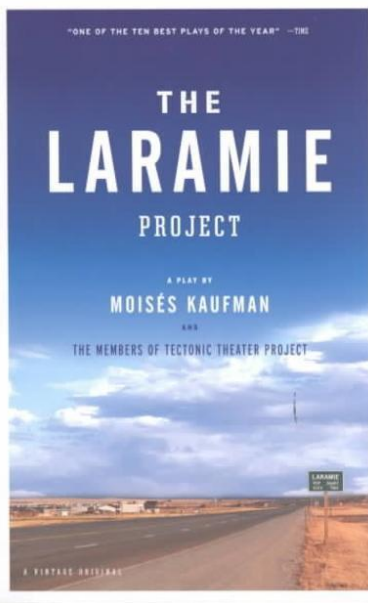
Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

On Friday, September 16 the Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet in Escondido at Huckleberry's Restaurant, located at 1260 Auto Park Way. We meet at 11:30 AM and we welcome newcomers! Please RSVP to Carol.



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 is on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be reading aloud the drama, *The Laramie Project*, by Moisés Kaufmann.

The play is based on the true story of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming, who died after being kidnapped, beaten, and tied to a fence near Laramie, Wyoming in October, 1998. Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project constructed a deeply moving theatrical experience based on interviews with Laramie residents. The play explores the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights of compassion of which we are capable. **Note:** Chalice members enacted this play onstage many years ago to raise money for the Matthew Shepard Foundation. It was deeply moving for cast members and audience alike.



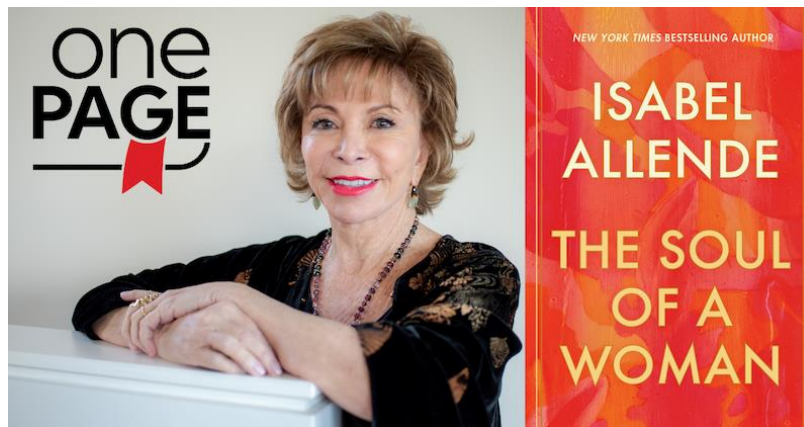
Women's Discussion Group

On September 20 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 Soul of a Woman* by Isabel Allende. If you are interested, please contact Mary for the Zoom information. Non-binary and trans women are warmly invited.

"When I say that I was a feminist in kindergarten, I am not exaggerating," begins Isabel Allende. As a child, she watched her mother, abandoned by her husband, provide for her three small children without "resources or voice." Isabel became a fierce and defiant little girl, determined to fight for the life her mother couldn't have.

As a young woman coming of age in the late 1960s, she rode the first wave of feminism. Among a tribe of like-minded female journalists, she for the first time felt comfortable in her own skin, as they wrote "with a knife between their teeth" about women's issues. She has seen what has been accomplished by the movement in the course of her lifetime. And over the course of three passionate marriages, she has learned how to grow as a woman while having a partner, when to step away, and the rewards of embracing one's sexuality.

So what do women want? To be safe, to be valued, to live in peace, to have their own resources, to be connected, to have control over their bodies and lives, and above all, to be loved. On all these fronts, there is much work to be done, and this book, Allende hopes, will "light the torch of our daughters and granddaughters with mine. They will have to live for us, as we lived for our mothers, and carry on with the work still left to be finished."



From the Chalice Memoir Writers:

Dear Chalice Friends,

What would you like your adult kids and grandchildren to know about you? Help bridge the generation gap by writing short memoirs as part of your legacy for them. **The Chalice Memoir Writing group** has been meeting once a month for the past five or so years – even before the Hub was built and before Covid helped us learn to use Zoom!

A topic will be suggested to help you focus – or chose your own topic. Write a few pages and be prepared to share your words with the group when we meet once a month. This is a great way of getting your thoughts and memories on paper. The time commitment isn't burdensome and the gentle discipline of having a theme and deadline is just what you might need to chip away at the process of getting some of your stories on the page.

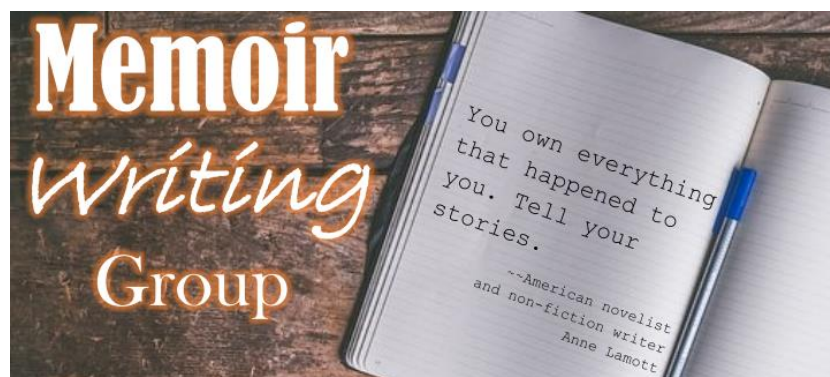
Many say that they find the process pleasing to their spirit. The second bonus is *listening to the stories of the other participants, which can be richly poignant or insightful, allowing us to know each other at a more meaningful level.* We all pledge to treat what we hear as personal and private which allows us to be more confident about sharing.

Current participants are Marilyn Alberts, Amaki Ayikpa, Jim Brown, Bruce and Kaye Campbell, Alice Dodd, Vickie Hoey, Richard Korts, Steve Schlesinger and Emily Troxell.

When: The 2nd Thursday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 on Zoom. **The next one will be Thursday, Sept. 8th.** We'd like to expand our ranks by three or four more Chalice folks. Feel free to contact me with your interest or questions.

Warmest wishes,

Alice.

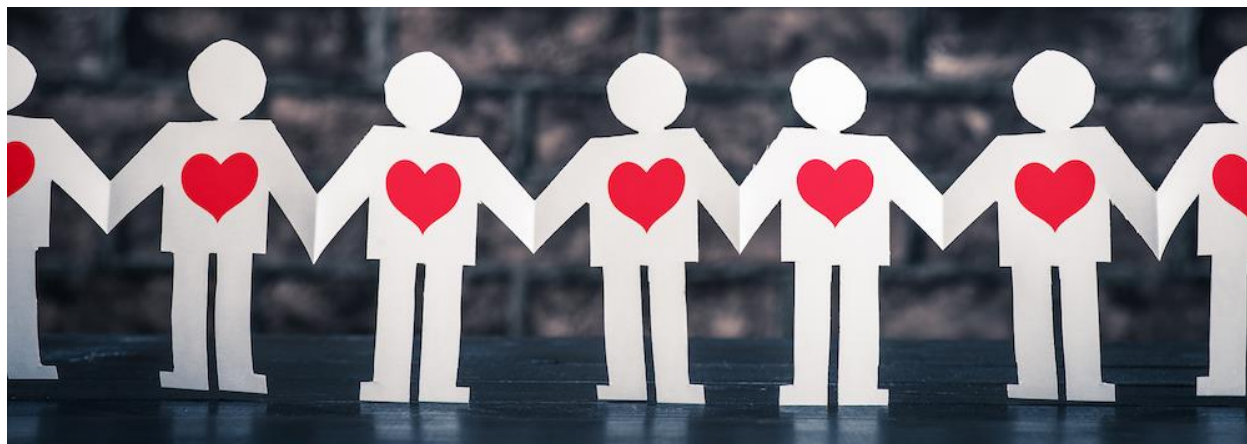


Information

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
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Hope Campbell, Callie Leef, and Andi Stout.



Calendar for September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30A Women's Meditation 6:30P Hand Chimes 7:30P Choir	2	3 2P Tech Rehearsal 6P Game Show Auction Event
4 10A. K-6 RE 10A Worship 11:10A Coffee Hour 4:30P Youth Group	5	6 10A Chair Yoga 10A CT 12P Zoom Lunch 5:30P Yoga 7P Exec. Board	7 9A Men's Breakfast 1P Games 6:30 Men's Support	8 10:30A Women's Meditation	9 12:30P Elder's Lunch	10 6P Game Show (Auction event)
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