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Marigold—one of the flowers of October

"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." — Oscar Wilde

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

October 2—Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, CRE–ML, Sabbatical Minister "(A)mending"

The Jewish High Holy Days continue this Sunday as we spotlight Yom Kippur, which begins on October 4th. The holiest day of the Jewish liturgical year, Yom Kippur invites faithful observers to atone and repent for behavior that broke relationship with one another and the divine throughout the previous year. In so doing, the holiday helps humans mend the bonds that connect each to all. Experience making and mending community in the second of two Sundays exploring the Jewish source of our living tradition.

October 9- Indigenous-Led Service of Celebration: Indigenous Peoples Day Location: Felicita Park

Co-Worship with Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Indigenous People's Day Celebration, Sponsored by Chalice's Transformation Team, led by Sam Beltram from PUUF **Multigenerational Service**

October 16-Lay-led: Patty Carlisle

Poetry Service

Humans read and write poetry to articulate their thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and love for each other. Poems express powerful emotions that last as long as we hear a poem, and then continue to play in our minds as we encounter joys or troubles in life. A recent example from King Charles III who, following the death of his mother, spoke these words from Shakespeare's Hamlet: "... flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Please join us on October 16 to hear original poems, favorite poems, and poetry set to music when our Chalice poets yet again offer up their gifts.

October 23—Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, CRE–ML, Sabbatical Minister Association Sunday

While the central practice of our faith is individuals joining together to make promises to one another, the power of our faith is those communities working together to ensure no one is left on the margins. The living manifestation of this power is our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). From our meeting of congregations annually at General Assembly to our nonprofit organization headquartered in Boston, our UUA guides and supports the work we do locally. Gather as we celebrate community!

October 30—Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, CRE–ML, Sabbatical Minister "Leaving Well"

On our final Sunday with our Sabbatical Minister, we revisit some of the wisdom we shared with one another and what our shared Unitarian Universalist theology has to offer about leavetaking. Come for the celebration and stay for the service. See you at church!



Minister's Message

It has been a lovely two months with you so far. I have enjoyed getting to meet so many of you who attend the congregation. As always, if you would like to talk one-on-one, please feel free to email me at <u>gccboyd@chaliceuucongregation.org</u>. I am available by appointment Tuesday–Thursday.

In our last month of ministry together, I would like to focus on deepening our relationship to this congregation and to greater Unitarian Universalism. The beginning of a congregational year is a great time to center collective priorities for moving forward. This time also invites us to consider the individual commitments or changes we need to make for these priorities to be successful.



Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, CRE–ML, Sabbatical Minister

The Board

The board of your congregation meets monthly, and they are actively engaged in narrowing down the goals for the year ahead. You are also nearing the end of your current 5-year plan. Because markers for success in this plan have been greatly impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is possible this brings about a mix of emotions.

Whatever your blend of emotions around the end of this plan, which takes us through June 30, 2023, it is time to begin imagining what work the congregation will be doing in the world by June 2028. Who will be here? How will you help one another and the surrounding community? How much money and time and how many other resources will you devote to your plans? These are the questions your board might guide you through over the next several months.

The Coordinating Team

Your congregation has a unique leadership structure wherein the board sets policies and ethical limitations for your staff and the Coordinating Team to execute on a day-to-day basis. The Coordinating Team also holds the resources and authority of any non-functioning or former congregational committees. This team meets at least twice a month and has been dedicated to helping us navigate guidance around multiple pandemics and congregational safety.

It was at the recommendation of this committee that we were recently able to increase seating capacity in the chapel due to decreasing Covid and Monkeypox case rates. The rest of the committee and I are eager to continue following science and



our Unitarian Universalist values and ethics to provide wise counsel to the congregation on in-person safety.

To this end, I want to remind everyone that it remains our policy that everyone who works with children and youth or enters the chapel needs to be fully vaccinated and wear a mask. The new bivalent COVID-19 boosters, which protect against initial strains of Covid and the more contagious Omicron strains, have changed the definition of fully vaccinated. An adult is fully vaccinated if they have received the full series of initial vaccination (2 shots for Moderna or Pfizer, and 1 shot for Johnson & Johnson) and 1 bivalent booster of Moderna or Pfizer. There are differences based on age. With current CDC guidelines, children under 12 are not eligible for boosters.





President's Column

We are now 3 months into Rev. Sharon's 4-month sabbatical and I wish to thank Rev. Dr. Gregory for his excellent services and guidance while Rev. Sharon is away. Also, I am very grateful to the Coordinating Team and the Worship Associates who have done an outstanding job of keeping things going and providing outstanding services during Rev. Sharon's absence.

I am delighted to see our campus is getting busier and busier, and in-person attendance at Sunday services is on the rise. Although pandemic



Tom Carlstrom Board President

restrictions are still in effect, it is starting to feel like we are finally leaving the pandemic behind. It was a delight to hear the choir sing at Sunday service for the first time in over two years!

As presented at the June Congregational meeting, Chalice has received matching grants for the installation of solar panels and for technology hardware to help us with hybrid services. Fundraisers for these much needed projects are now underway and I encourage everyone to give generously.

The Chalice Board of Trustees has begun the planning process for determining our five year goals. This may take most of the year to complete and we hope to hear from many of you during the process. Our culture and environment are rapidly changing, and we must re-examine the role of religion and Chalice going forward.

Inspire, connect, act.

Blessings,

Tom Carlstrom, Board President



Family Ministries

There will be a multigenerational Service on October 9th at Felicita Park hosted by the Transformation Team. The service has been planned with children in mind, so I hope many families plan to attend at 10am. This is a joint service with Palomar UU Fellowship. There will be no morning or afternoon RE on October 9th.

The Second Annual Pumpkin Carving for Chalice Youth is on October 16th at 4:30pm. I will provide the pumpkins, carving tools, patterns, and snacks. On October 16th, the morning RE group will once again be making Halloween treat bags for the children at Interfaith. This year we plan to include treat bags for dogs—helping the clients at Interfaith includes helping their canine companions!



Chris O'Connor Director of Family Ministries

One Sunday last month the morning RE group contributed to coffee hour by bringing snacks. The children baked cookies, muffins, banana bread, and brownies just for the congregation. On October 23rd, the group will be working together to provide Halloween themed snacks for everyone!

Please enjoy the photos of recent activities from Family Ministries! The children have been exploring rituals and symbolism and finished up the study by making shrines to take home. On September 25th, Family Ministries hosted a Vision Board Workshop for congregants led by Jodi Roney. The participants enjoyed an hour of creativity and time to look inward. Joining together with caring community in a safe space is what Chalice is all about!















Music Program

October Music Spotlight: Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd

The Music Spotlight is an occasional series showcasing individuals in our congregation, and this month we shine the Spotlight on our Sabbatical Minister, Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd, or "Rev. Dr. Gregory."

Brief Biography: Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Carrow-Boyd is a Master Credentialed Religious Educator. He holds degrees in education from Boston University (BS '10) and Penn



Tim McKnight Music Director

State (MEd '11) and organizational change and leadership from USC (EdD '22). Rev. Dr. Greg is also a culinary school graduate from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Academy of Culinary Arts (Cert. '07). He enjoys cooking and baking. In his free time, Rev. Dr. Greg loves to dance and to spend time with the special young people in his life.

What does music mean in your life? Music has always been central to my life because I was trained in the ballet, jazz, and tap dance forms and then, later, I also studied folk and jazz piano. While I sing occasionally, music feeds me most when I'm dancing. Some years ago, I used to dance/play capoeira and the synergy of martial art, dance, and song was powerful for me.

What is your favorite UU Hymn? I have several that have meant different things to me over the course of my life. In my adolescence, #396 "I Know This Rose Will Open" held special meaning because we sang it frequently during worship at UU youth gatherings. It is still a song I sing when I need reassurance or feel nervous. As I moved into young adulthood, #1009 "Meditation on Breathing" similarly stirred my soul. My friend Sarah Dan Jones wrote it as a response to the September 11th attacks and that knowledge helps the song bring me to center when I feel out of balance. Nowadays, #1028 "Fire of Commitment" holds my heart: it feels like everything I understand about our shared theology of covenant in a single song. I often have to fight the urge to use it in a service because I'd use it most Sundays, if I could.

Fun Fact: I am fluent in Spanish and French and I can read Russian and Ancient Greek. I cannot speak modern or Demotic Greek: it's a different language.



Chancel Choir Welcomes New Members

The Chancel Choir is thrilled to be singing in worship service again. If you've ever thought about singing in the choir, now is a great time to join. We still practice and

sing in service fully masked, and covid vaccination is required. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:30p to 9:00p in the Chapel. Making music together is a beautiful gift and we'd love to share it with you!





Sunday Worship Music – October Highlights

Oct 2: Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

Oct 9: Music will be provided by local indigenous musicians at the service in Felicita Park.

Oct 16: The **Chancel Choir** presents "In Time of Silver Rain", the beautiful poem by Langston Hughes with music composed by Sarah Quartel. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

Oct 23: Justin Gray will be our worship musician.

Oct 30: The **Chancel Choir** presents "You've Got A Friend In Me", from the Disney movie, *Toy Story*. Lyrics and music were composed by Randy Newman. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

Looking Ahead

Chancel Choir Rehearsals	Thursdays @ 7:30p in the chapel
Handchime Ensemble Rehearsals	Thursdays @ 6:30p in the Hub
Winter Party	Saturday, Dec 3 @ 5:30p



Special Service



Indigenous-Led Service of Celebration: Indigenous Peoples Day Joint Service with Palomar UU Fellowship Sunday October 9 – Location: Felicita Park

Multigenerational Service: All are welcome to join this special celebration to honor the cultures and perseverance of the Original Peoples of this land. We continue Moving on the Side of Love by uniting in celebration with our local Tribal Communities, as well as with interfaith and community groups nationwide, in this social justice movement for racial equity. This celebration will be led by Sam Beltram (Ute Nation), featuring local Tribal speakers Chris Devers (Luiseño / Pauma Band of Mission Indians), Jimmy Igo (Ajachemen/Kumeyaay/Tongva Nations), Diania Caudell (member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians) and Mel Vernon (member of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians).

A cash offering will be accepted during the service and donated equally between the Kumeyaay Community College and the Pauma After School programs. Alternatively, donations can be made by texting to (760) 280-9599, enter the dollar amount, add a space and type "Justice" and your donation will be shared equally between these organizations.

Felicita County Park is in Escondido at 742 Clarence Lane. The park entrance is located on Felicita Road, where Clarence Lane ends. Volunteers will be at the park entrance to give you a voucher to cover parking. Carpooling is encouraged.

Driving Directions in the Park

After entering the park, go to the left at the fork. Follow the road around a bend to the right and then park; for disabled parking continue to the lower level next to the grass. We will be in Picnic Area 4 (map attached).

You are welcome to bring specific seating to meet your needs. Chairs and benches will be available. There are areas with uneven ground and support will be provided as needed.

Potluck Meal & Virtual Coffee Hour -You're invited

After the service, we invite you to continue the celebration as we share a communal meal together in the park; online participants are gathering at Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom. If you are willing and able, please bring food to share for the potluck. To assist our guests with allergies and special diets, please consider labeling your dish with ingredients.



Zoom meeting links for online participants

10 AM Zoom Webinar meeting link:

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 129 662 https://uuma.zoom.us/j/832129662

Virtual Coffee Hour (After Service):

Zoom Meeting ID: 962 2853 6741 Passcode: 499160

https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96228536741?pwd=by9xc29HUmxvcEZFdHZHQkJDdTZMdz09

** Special instructions: Once our webinar has ended, please click the "Coffee Hour" link to join the Zoom meeting where we can chat with each other while enjoying our favorite drink!

COVID Safety Precautions

We are masking and keeping a safe distance during the service. During our potluck, we are also keeping safe distance while unmasked. We have color coded stickers available to wear if you wish to communicate your physical contact comfort level:





Green Sanctuary Team



Does the Match Love the Wick By Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson

Does the match love the wick? Does the wick love the wax or the air it consumes? "Yes, without question." To melt together, To burn together, To change together, The pieces of the candle must love each other. Though not necessarily wisely, and not necessarily well.

Unitarian poet Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson captures age-old wisdom in her mysterious words. What is loving if not losing separation? Unitarian and other loving communities form a united windbreak against destructive forces we ourselves have unleashed through our unskilled, unknowing separateness. One action we all can take today is to respond to the "Powering into the Future" appeal to, among other things, put solar panels on the roof of the Hub. Any amount will be a personal act of love for our Chalice Community, our world-wide human community, and the entire web of life.

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 <u>Chaliceuucgreen@gmail.com</u>



Coordinating Team Report

Anti racism Goal:

• Nothing to report at this time

Transitioning back to face-to-face interactions:

• We will increase the capacity of Sunday worship

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- An irrigation timer has been installed on the cactus garden
- The updated paperwork for the shade structure was submitted Aug 26, 2022, to Escondido City for our construction permit. We should hear back in several weeks.
- The tree trimming was completed.

Board Report

- The Board will be reading <u>Mistakes and Miracles</u>: <u>Congregations on the Road</u> <u>to Multiculturalism</u> by Nancy Palmer Stone and Karin Lin.
- The Coordinating Team reported that they are working on the contracts to obtain permits for the installation of the Shade Sails.
- The Board is in the process of developing Goals for the organizational year.



Cosmos-another of October's flowers





From the Coordinating Team

Our next Council of Chairs is Saturday, October 8th 10 a.m. to noon In-person in the Blue Room or Meeting zoom ID: 994 4732 5040 <u>https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99447325040</u>

- Dean Goddette will lead us in some training in Chalice technology.
- Monitoring Reports due that day

If you know someone else at Chalice who would like to be added to the Chalice Leaders Email List, invite them to <u>sign themselves up here.</u>

Please also remember that <u>the Leaderboard website</u> is one of your best resources for information.

Thanks very much!

Yours in the faith we share, Coordinating Team Callie Leef, Susan Spoto, Kathleen Swift, and Dean Goddette



Group Announcements



Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet on Friday, October 21 at 11:30 AM. We will meet at Urge Gastropub in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 16761 Bernardo Center Drive, located behind the Barrel Room in "The Plaza" shopping center. Please RSVP to Carol.

Readers' Theater

We meet monthly to sight-read plays for our own education and enjoyment. We draw roles at random so we can read a variety of plays that interest us and rarely fit our exact number and demographics. 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, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, when we'll be reading the comedy *Lost in Yonkers*, by Neil Simon. Winner of a

coveted Tony award, this play is set in 1942 Brooklyn, New York. The plot: Evelyn Kurnitz has just died following a lengthy illness. Her husband, Eddie Kurnitz, needs to take a job as a traveling salesman to pay off the medical bills incurred, and decides to ask his stern and straight-talking mother if his two early-teen sons, Jay and Arty, can live with her and their Aunt Bella Kurnitz in Yonkers. Into their collective lives returns one of Eddie and Bella's other siblings, Louie Kurnitz, a henchman for some gangsters. Mayhem ensues.... This was the play that earned Simon a Pulitzer!





Women's Discussion Group

On October 18th 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 Sentence by Louise Erdich. If you are interested, please contact Mary for the Zoom information. Nonbinary and trans women are warmly invited.

Louise Erdrich's novel, <u>The Sentence</u>, asks what we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book. A small independent bookstore in Minneapolis is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by the store's most annoying customer. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Tookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration that she survived by reading "with murderous attention," must solve the mystery of this haunting while at the same time trying to understand all that occurs in Minneapolis during a year of grief, astonishment, isolation, and furious reckoning.

<u>The Sentence</u> begins on All Souls' Day 2019 and ends on All Souls' Day 2020. Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one year propel a narrative as rich, emotional, and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.





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 <u>office@chaliceuucongregation.org</u>.



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



Calendar for September 2022



