

# June 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### **The Oak Tree Birth Tree for June**

“Green was the silence, wet was the light,  
the month of June trembled like a butterfly.”  
— Pablo Neruda, *100 Love Sonnets*

# SUNDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

## Sunday Service

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

June 4 – Rev. Joshua Berg, pulpit guest

“The Theology of Reproductive Justice”

One of the tentpole issues of both the right and left in this country is reproductive justice. The divide is great and the consequences critical and potentially terrifying. The right looks at the issue through their own theological lens which renders most, if not all logical arguments, moot. So, I believe the progressive left should also offer its own theological perspective as a counter argument.

Pastor Joshua Berg is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, currently working as a chaplain resident at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

June 11 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Are We Really Supposed to Love Our Enemies?”

The teaching to love our enemies feels like it gets harder every day. This is the final service in our 7-part series “UU Values and Covenant.”

June 18—Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Celebrating Our Diverse Community” Multigenerational Service

This morning’s annual flower ceremony was originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia as a celebration of diversity.

Please bring a flower to celebrate together and remember the story of Rev. Capek.

Our 9 a.m. service will also celebrate our youth congregants who are graduating high school and “bridging” from youth into young adulthood.

June 25—Rev. Katie Romano Griffin

“Shine On, Beautiful & Resilient People”

Chalice is a proud co-sponsor of this service, a festival of Black and Brown joy and resilience expressed through original works of music, preaching, and poetry. This recorded service comes to us from DRUUMM, a Unitarian Universalist People of Color Ministry and anti-racist collective.



## Minister's Message

*The following are excerpts from the sermon “It’s Not About the Lattes: And Other Things Millennial Parents Want UU Congregations to Know” offered on May 14, 2023, co-written by Rev. Bethany Russell-Lowe and Rev. Sharon Wylie.*

This past March, we attended a gathering of UU ministers, a time for us to rest together, to worship together, and to learn together. During a collegial discussion about the future of church in an increasingly secular world, the idea arose that the work for our congregations—not just those of us in the room, but the work for Unitarian Universalism as a whole—that the work for our UU congregations to ensure our survival is to make the transition from the leadership of the Baby Boomer generation (those who are around the ages of 60 to 80) to the Millennial generation (those who are between the ages of the late 20s to early 40s).

Why isn’t the work to transfer leadership to GenX (those who are in their 40s and 50s), the generation in between Baby Boomers and Millennials? Just in terms of numbers, GenX is much, much smaller than the generations that come before and after them. According to Pew Research, the population of Generation X is about 70% of the size of Baby Boomers. GenX CAN’T step into all the roles and positions that Baby Boomers have filled because there just aren’t enough of them.

On top of that, there are some BIG cultural differences between Baby Boomers and Millennials. We know this, right? Social media likes to exaggerate the so-called “fights” between Baby Boomers and Millennials. But the world HAS changed pretty dramatically in just a couple of generations, and the world that Millennials grew up in included the internet, email, and cell phones, along with the harsh realities of the climate crisis, economic volatility, and the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Their lives and how they see the world are very different from those of the generations that precede them.

For us to transition the leadership of our congregations to Millennial-age people, then first and foremost, we need to have Millennial-age people in our congregations. We don’t have data about



Rev. Sharon Wylie  
Minister



the ages of our congregants across all of Unitarian Universalism, but at Sharon's congregation, they estimate that just 6% of their congregants are Millennials, compared with almost HALF who are Baby Boomers, and 25% who are Generation X.

If congregations like this are to survive and thrive, we need to do much, much more to reach and serve people of the Millennial generation....

*To hear the ten things Millennial parents want our UU congregations to know, watch the full sermon on Chalice's YouTube channel. You can also read the text as a blog post at [www.sharonwylie.com](http://www.sharonwylie.com).*

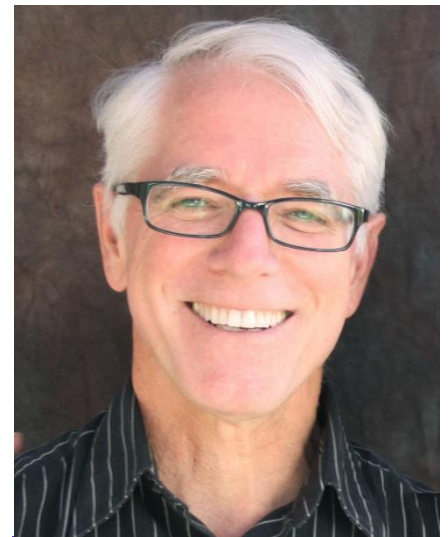
Blessings and love to you,  
Sharon





## President's Column

It seems like there is so much happening all at the same time and it can feel overwhelming. It was nice to take a break with the return of our annual music service and fill our hearts with singing and joy again. For me, that is a big part of having a community like Chalice, to be able to connect and share our joys and sorrows, our thoughts and concerns, our lives. And when I do it in person, it is all that much better.



Tom Carlstrom  
Board President

Our annual congregational meeting is coming up on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30pm after the second service. This is where we elect our officers and Board of Trustees and approve next year's budget. I encourage everyone to attend to find out a little more about how Chalice works and what is happening behind the scenes. The best part of that meeting for me is when we acknowledge and thank all our volunteers and staff for doing the countless tasks that are needed to allow our congregation to function.

As summer approaches, I wish all of you safe travels on your vacations and family visits. There are also a number of auction parties and concerts to attend, where you can get better acquainted with members of our community. Look for opportunities in the Enuus or elsewhere in this Newsletter.

This is my last Newsletter column as Board president. It has been a privilege to serve this congregation and I thank all my fellow Board members for their patience and service this year. As past president, I will still be active on the Board next year and hope to explore some new directions and opportunities.

Inspire, connect, act.

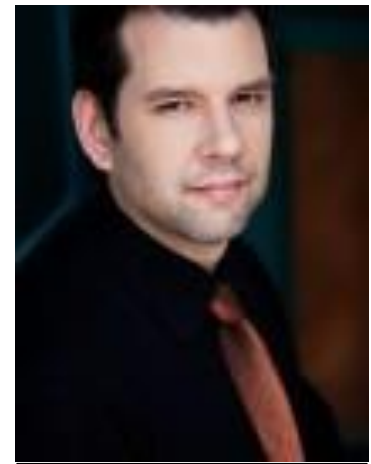
Blessings,  
Tom Carlstrom, Board President



# Music Program

## Chalice's Nuu Revuu Auction Event Saturday, June 24 @ 6:30p

Chalice UU is blessed with some amazingly talented vocalists and instrumentalists. Throw in a few corny jokes and interactive fun, and you'll want to attend **Chalice's Nuu Revuu!** A partial list of performers includes John Schulz, Dean Goddette, Patty Carlisle, Tom Carlstrom, Marie-Pia-Duffy Foltz, Tim McKnight, Deb Coon, Lena Wellman, Mary Best, Alice Dodd, Ethan & Lara Brown, Jodi & Joel Roney, and Grunion Run. If you did not purchase this event during our March Auction, no problem! You can pay at the door the day of the event: \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children under 14. All proceeds go to Chalice, so come on out and be ready to have a good time!



Tim McKnight  
Music Director

## Correction from May Newsletter

We would like to correctly identify the following photograph as our own Rip Peña singing with bandmate, Reggie Costa. They are singing an original song titled "Welcome Home", lyrics by Rip Peña, composition by Rip Peña and Reggie Costa. A lovely part of our Celebration Sunday on April 16!



## Sunday Worship Music – June Highlights

**June 4:** Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

**June 11:** John Schulz will be our worship musician.

**June 18:** John Schulz will be our worship musician.

**June 25:** Tim McKnight will be our worship musician.

### Looking Ahead

Auction Event: Chalice's Nuu Revuu ..... June 24 @ 6:30p – 8:00p

Auction Event: Nightsongs and Lullabies ..... January 20, 2024 @ 7p

Chancel Choir Rehearsals ..... TBD Summer Schedule

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





# Family Ministries

## Emerging Adults Group is Cooking!

Congregants who came through the kitchen after 2nd service recently have been treated to the sights and smells of lunch cooking in the Chalice kitchen. When Chalice went to 2 services, it was difficult to find a time for the class to meet. Emma & Leah often provide child care during service, so we needed to meet after services were over. That means 12:00 noon - That's lunch time! The easiest solution was to start making lunch together.



Kathleen Swift  
Director of Family  
Ministries

This group needs additional adult leaders (over the age of 27). If you think this would be an interesting group to get to know - you are right!! This group is inspiring, thoughtful, intelligent, and fun!! If you are interested in working with this group, you are invited to come by for lunch. We take turns bringing food, or sometimes contributing money to the person who bought supplies.



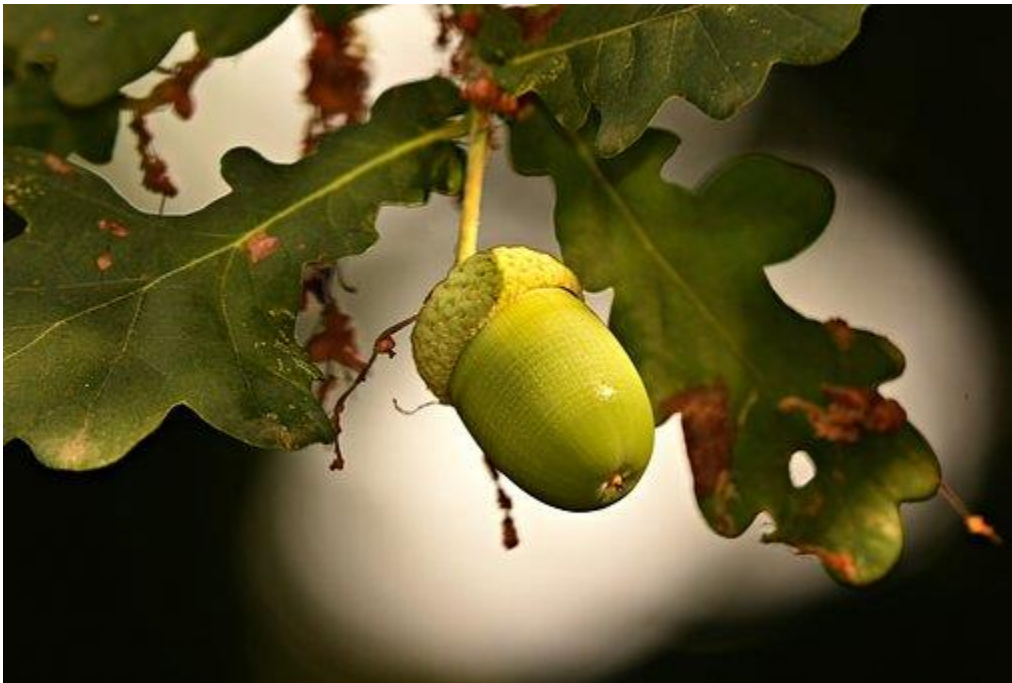


# New BIPOC Group

New Group: Chalice BIPOC Group

The Chalice BIPOC Group meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month using zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 1st, from 4:30 to 5:30PM. All who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color are invited to join. You are welcome even if "23 and Me" does not conclusively identify you as BIPOC but you feel you belong. If you have questions or would like the zoom information to attend, please contact Peter Armstrong at [pga1971@hotmail.com](mailto:pga1971@hotmail.com)

Join us for a heartwarming time.



# Do You Know... #2

## Do You Know...

### What the Coordinating Team (CT) does and who is on it?

The CT was formed to free up the Board of Trustees from managing day to day tasks and issues so it could focus on Chalice goals and values. The CT manages things such as hiring a gardener, planning special events like the Spirit Booster events and creating the budget for Board and congregation approval among many other activities. The current members of the CT include Rev Sharon Wylie, Callie Leef (Lead), Dean Goddette, and our office administrator Kathleen Swift. Susan Spoto will join the group on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

CT sees their role as helping the leaders of Chalice's groups and teams (and other congregants with ideas) have the information and resources they need to get things done, living into our Chalice mission to inspire, connect, and act.

If you have a question or concern for the CT you can email them at [CoordinatingTeam@chaliceuucongregation.org](mailto:CoordinatingTeam@chaliceuucongregation.org)

### How to Join the Choir

We all enjoyed the Music Service on May 21st. Maybe you thought during the service that the choir looks like a lot of fun and that you should join. It is! And you should! The Chancel Choir is open to everyone. You don't have to have previous singing experience. Choir practice is every Thursday at 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Chalice. They perform once or twice a month. You can join anytime during the year but now is a good time since the choir just wrapped up the Music Service and will be starting new material.

If you'd like to join you can contact Tim McKnight at [tmcknight20@att.net](mailto:tmcknight20@att.net).

Also—in the May Newsletter:

- How to make a Sunday service announcement
- How to reserve a room for a meeting

See May newsletter [link](#):



# Green Sanctuary Team



TREES are one of our hopes. Trees are one of the best ways to address climate change. Trees cool the air, shading misting under the canopy. Trees soak up carbon dioxide and hold it for decades. On Arbor Day some of us planted trees in Escondido in partnership with SDG&E. If you don't know how to plant a tree, SDG&E will advise you. They will even do a site survey to place trees . The contact for SDG&E FREE trees is: Jimmie Webb, Vegetation Management Team Lead, 858 654-8651, [Jwebb@semprautilities.com](mailto:Jwebb@semprautilities.com)

Join us in working toward a carbon neutrality at Chalice and in our community.

[chaliceuucgreen@gmail.com](mailto:chaliceuucgreen@gmail.com)





# From the Board

## Annual Congregational Meeting

On June 11, 2023, Chalice UU Congregation will hold our annual meeting. We will be voting on our annual budget, electing new members to the Board, and perhaps other motions. Details about the meeting will be announced this month but we want to give everyone notice about our bylaws rules for voting eligibility.

Voting members need to be in attendance or arrange for absentee voting material. Our Bylaws state: "A Voting member shall be at least thirteen years of age. Shall have been a member for sixty (60) days, shall be a participant in congregational life, and shall have pledged or given fair share support in the current fiscal year (or obtained a waiver)."

Voting rules are as follows: "All votes at Congregational meetings shall be cast in person, either face to face and/or live online, or by absentee ballot but not by proxy. A Voting Member who is unable to attend a Congregational meeting either face to face and/or live online may obtain an absent ballot by applying in writing, by email, by phone or in person to the Secretary. All absentee ballots must be turned in to the Secretary before the meeting begins."

If you have any questions please contact the office administrator at: [office@ChaliceUUCongregation.org](mailto:office@ChaliceUUCongregation.org).



# Coordinating Team Report

Goal: To more fully live our UU values in our journey toward wholeness, we commit to explore ways within our congregation to become a greater source of nourishment for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC). At a minimum we want our white congregants not to marginalize our BIPOC congregants. More purposeful work may focus on encouraging internal congregation dialogue and self-reflection on issues such as structural racism, white supremacy practices and anti-oppression work.

- The group of BIPOC members that has been meeting with Rev. Sharon has decided to continue meeting and to broaden the invitation to the group to all BIPOC congregants, not just members.

Goal: As we transition back to face-to-face gatherings, our goal is to continue to provide online accessibility of our worship, meetings, events and activities while also embracing the power and comfort of being physically present in community.

- Nothing new to report

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- The Council of Chairs meeting was held on April 8. Leaders asked questions of the CT, resulting in good discussions.
- We are moving Chalice's annual auction to October to come earlier in the church year.
- We created a "Chalice Minutes" folder in the Committees section of Sharepoint as a place to put CT meeting minutes so congregants who are interested can find them without needing access to all CT Sharepoint files. This might also be a place for the Board to eventually share minutes.
- CT completed a campus cleanup on April 13. Items removed included old hoses and drip irrigation tubing, the very beat up canopy cover from behind the Cottage, the frames of two old courtyard shade canopies, the old canopy that was attached to the Fellowship Building and covered the coffee area outside the main kitchen, old support poles for the trees that were removed from the courtyard, the sand bags that were used to hold the old shade canopies down, and old Rubbermaid shed that was next to the Music Shed but fell apart when we tried to move it, and a plastic children's picnic table that was broken.
- The CT will have a retreat on May 30.

Memorial Wall Task Force:

- Nothing new to report



#### Shade Sail Courtyard Cover:

- We are letting the contractor know there were problems after installation and are pursuing a resolution.
- The gas, water, and sewer lines have been repaired.

#### Powering into the Future Project:

- We are “in the queue” for installation of the solar panels.

## Board Report

While May has been a very busy month, most of the activities of the board swirl around the Annual Meeting that will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Attending our Annual Meeting is informative as well as important as the budget will be discussed and passed for the coming year.

Our congregation needs 3 to 4 delegates for the UUA General Assembly to be held on June 21 – 25, 2023. It is possible to attend via Zoom. If you are interested in attending and maybe being one of our delegates, please contact Rev. Sharon immediately. There is also a need for delegates for the UUA Regional and General Assemblies.





# Group Announcements

## Women's Book Discussion Group

On June 20th at 6:30 pm the Chalice Women's Book Discussion Group will meet in the Hub or via Zoom to discuss *South to America* by Imani Perry. If you are interested, please contact Mary for the Zoom information. Non-binary and trans women are warmly invited.

**South to America** travels through fraught landscapes in the American South. Perry, professor of African American studies at Princeton, melds memoir, travel narrative, and history in an intimate, penetrating journey through the South, from the Mason-Dixon Line to Florida, West Virginia, and the Bahamas.

"Paying attention to the South," she asserts, "allows us to understand much more about our nation, and about how our people, land, and commerce work in relation to one another, often cruelly, and about how our tastes and ways flow from our habits." At Harpers Ferry in West Virginia, she met a Confederate reenactor—playacting she derides. Yet she found him endearing, empathizing with his yearning "to live inside history, to know its nooks and crannies, to imagine the everyday."

A native Alabaman, Perry is the daughter of civil rights activists, a White Jewish father who left the North to teach at a historically Black college and a Black mother whose family had migrated to Birmingham. Although the author has lived in Cambridge, Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia, to her, home is "deep" within the "red earth" of Alabama. She reflects on her own experiences of racism as a biracial woman and explores ways that Blacks have adapted historically, and she engagingly chronicles her visits to communities that embody the term "broken oasis," efforts of Black Americans to embrace the nation's politics and culture while remaining independent. They were destroyed, she notes, "by the habits of White Supremacy."

In progressive cities and rural towns, the author finds plenty of evidence of "the plantation South, with its Black vernacular, its insurgency, and also its brutal masculinity, its worship of Whiteness, its expulsion and its massacres, its self-defeating stinginess and unapologetic pride"—in short, the essence of America. The South, she notes, is "conservative in the sense of conservation. But what that means is not in fact easily described in political terms."

A graceful, finely crafted examination of America's racial, cultural, and political identity.



## Ladies Out to Lunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Applebee's for lunch on Friday, June 16 at 11:30 AM. The address is 1216 Auto Park Way, Escondido. We are a small group and encourage newcomers to the group. Come join us! Please rsvp to Carol.



## Dine Out Group

Dine Out will meet on TUESDAY June 27th at 6:00. We will meet at Cork & Craft Abnormal located at 16990 Via Tazon, Rancho Bernardo. If you wish to review the menu, search [thecorkandcraft.com](http://thecorkandcraft.com).

Please RSVP to Cindy before June 22 so I may make reservations.

Singles and couples are welcome to participate in good conversation, good food, and catching up and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.

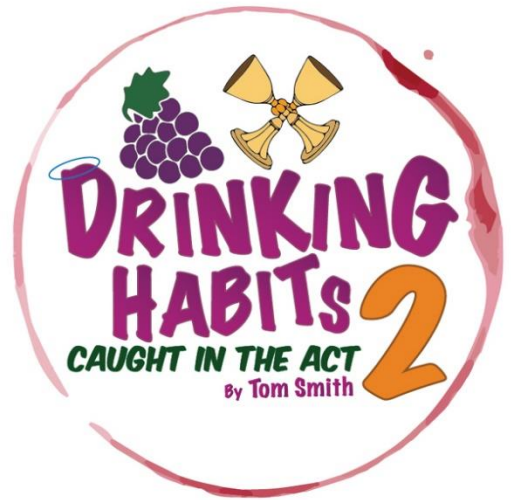


## Readers' Theater

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 love theater, you're 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 on Monday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We'll be reading the comedy *Drinking Habits 2: Caught in the Act*, by Tom Smith.

This is a sequel to the play, *Drinking Habits*, which has been a Readers' Theater favorite over the years. This time the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing come to the rescue of an orphanage that is trying to put on a play to raise money to save the orphanage.



Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you  
wanna move your dancing feet.  
– Bob Marley





# 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](mailto:office@chaliceuucongregation.org).



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**Submit articles by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month to:** [Office@chaliceuucongregation.org](mailto:Office@chaliceuucongregation.org)

**With much gratitude to our Editorial Team:  
Hope Campbell, Callie Leef, and Andi Stout.**



# Calendar for June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes

2

3  
8A Private  
Event

4  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10:10A  
Coffee Hour  
12 P Teen Group  
3 P Freeway Zen  
7:30P Drum  
Circle

5

6  
10:30  
Ensemble  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
1P CT  
7P Exec.  
Board

7  
8A Private  
Event  
9A Men's  
Breakfast

8  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes

9  
12P Elder's  
Lunch

10  
8A Private  
Event

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9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10:10A  
Coffee Hour  
12 P Teen Group  
12:30  
Congregational  
Meeting  
3 P Freeway Zen

12

13  
10:30  
Ensemble  
Book Disc.  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
7P Board of  
Trustees

14  
8A Private  
Event  
9A Men's  
Breakfast  
1:30 Games  
6:30 Men's  
Support

15  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
1P Finance  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes

16  
11:30A  
Ladies  
Lunch

17  
8A Private  
Event  
10 A  
Worship  
Team  
11A Board  
Retreat  
Circle Supp.

18  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10:10A  
Coffee Hour  
12 P Teen Group  
3 P Freeway Zen

19

20  
10:30  
Ensemble  
Rehearsal  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
1P CT  
6:30P  
Women's  
Book Disc.

21  
8A Private  
Event  
9A Men's  
Breakfast  
1P Fiber  
Arts

22  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes  
7:30P Choir

23  
6:30P Nu  
RevUU  
rehearsal

24  
8A Private  
Event  
6:30P Nu  
RevUU  
Auction  
Event

25  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10:10A  
Coffee Hour  
12 P Teen Group  
3 P Freeway Zen

26  
6:30P Readers  
Theater

27  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
6P Online  
Presence  
6P Dine Out  
6:30P Green  
Team

28  
8A Private  
Event  
9A Men's  
Breakfast  
7:15P  
Prayer  
Circle

29  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes

30

