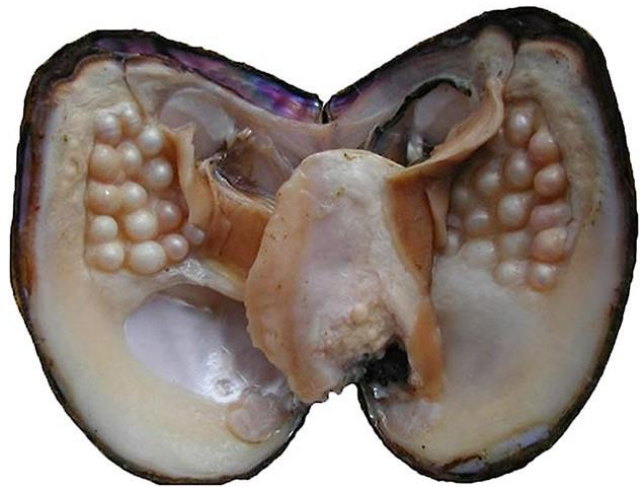




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## Pearl Birthstone for June

Success is liking yourself,  
liking what you do, and  
liking how you do it.

—Maya Angelou

# SUNDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday Service  
9 and 11 AM. Online on Zoom 9 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

June 2 – Lay-Led Service

“Urgency” (Liberation #10)

This is the tenth in an 11-part worship series reflecting on the characteristics of white supremacy culture as described by trainer and teacher Dr. Tema Okun on her website [www.whitesupremacyculture.info](http://www.whitesupremacyculture.info). This service is led by a group of Chalice congregants.

June 9 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“The Challenge of Unlearning” (Liberation #11)

This is the eleventh in an 11-part worship series reflecting on the characteristics of white supremacy culture as described by trainer and teacher Dr. Tema Okun on her website [www.whitesupremacyculture.info](http://www.whitesupremacyculture.info).

June 16 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Flower Ceremony” All-Church 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.

**Beginning June 23 through September 1, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings, live and on zoom**

June 23 – Watch Party

“Weaving Our Lives”

This morning we gather online to worship together with thousands of Unitarian Universalists across the country as part of our denomination’s annual General Assembly.

June 30 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“The Sermon after GA”

Now that the 63rd annual General Assembly (GA) of Unitarian Universalists Congregations has come to a close, Rev. Sharon will share her reflections on what happened.



# Minister's Message

As was emailed to the congregation on May 21:

The relationship between minister and congregants is a special one. It is my great privilege to be part of your lives. I am available to meet with you to provide pastoral counseling and care in times of distress, indecision, theological wondering, or just to get to know you.

We can talk on the phone, on zoom, meet at your home, or meet at Chalice.

Consider meeting with me when you or a loved one:

- Have been diagnosed or are living with a serious illness
- Are going into the hospital
- Have a relationship in trouble
- Are coping with a personal loss
- Have had a death in the family
- Want to discuss an addiction issue
- Are struggling with mental illness
- Want to talk about your spiritual journey
- Have vocational, ethical, or religious questions
- Want to plan your wedding
- Need to plan a memorial service
- Or just feel like it!

Blessings,  
Sharon



Rev. Sharon Wylie  
Minister



# President's Column

I hope to see you at our Annual Congregational meeting following the second service on Sunday, June 9. On May 22, everyone was emailed all the information from the meeting. As we have many votes this meeting, a summary is included below.

## Congregational Vote on New Vision Statement and Bylaws Changes

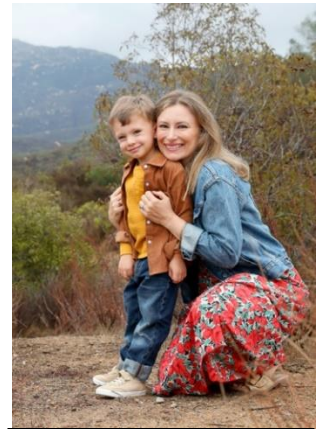
We are thrilled to announce that our dedicated Visioning Task Force has completed their work on a new vision statement for our congregation. This vision statement encapsulates our shared values, hopes, and aspirations, guiding us as we strive to create a more inclusive, loving, and just community.

The proposed vision statement reads as follows:

*Chalice UU Congregation is a place where we can be in community with others who share a thirst for justice in the world,  
our hearts and minds can be opened and transformed,  
we celebrate diversity, creativity, inspiration, joy, and hope, and  
we are encouraged and supported to develop and share our unique talents.*

In addition to the new vision statement, the Board of Trustees has recommended important changes to our bylaws to better reflect our evolving community and governance needs. These changes are designed to enhance our decision-making processes and ensure that our structure supports our mission effectively.

1. Reduce the number of the Board of Trustees from 9 to 7. This change would align the size of our Board to the recommended number by the UUA. A smaller Board would allow us to more effectively manage tasks and free up leaders of the congregation for other roles.



Kate Vereb  
Board President



2. Pro-forma amendments to the Bylaws. These include things like formatting, clarification, and other updates that are common sense for our Congregation. For example, someone has to be in good standing with the congregation in order to become a member.

On June 9, we kindly ask that you refrain from proposing any amendments to the wording of the vision statement or the bylaws changes. The Visioning Task Force, Bylaws Task Force and the Board of Trustees have worked diligently to craft these documents with great care and consideration, incorporating feedback from numerous discussions and consultations. We believe the proposed statements reflect the collective wisdom and aspirations of our community.

We encourage you to review the proposed vision statement and bylaws changes in detail before the meeting from the email sent on May 22. Contact the Office Administrator if you need a copy and please print your own from home to bring to the meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our congregation. It's been a pleasure to serve our community and I know that Lara Brown will be an amazing next Chalice President.

In love and service,  
Kate





# Music Program

## Keyboard Kaleidoscope 6 Concert Coming Up on June 15th !!!

If you don't have your tickets for the Keyboard Kaleidoscope 6 Concert, get them now! Keyboard Kaleidoscope 6 will feature more performers than ever, playing a mind-boggling array of music for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 hands! As always, you'll hear a huge variety of musical styles, plus we'll throw in delicious refreshments, a Piano Puzzlers audience contest with prizes, and more!



Tim McKnight  
Music Director



Join us on Saturday, June 15th @ 2:00pm in the Chapel. If you purchased a ticket for this concert back in the 2020 Chalice Auction, it will be honored for this performance. If not, you can reserve a seat for just \$20 by e-mailing [music@chaliceucongregation.org](mailto:music@chaliceucongregation.org).

## Summer Choir Looking for New Singers to Try Us Out!!!

Last summer saw the successful debut of the "Summer Choir" program, which turned out to be a fun and flexible singing experience. Some of our regular singers took advantage of the opportunity to keep singing during the summer, and some new singers joined the singing party just for the summer!



Whatever your singing background or experience is, Summer Choir needs your voice! You can sing with us for one or both of our performances, which will take place on August 11th and August 25th. For each performance, there will be 3 rehearsals on Thursday nights from 7-8pm. For more information, e-mail [music@chaliceucongregation.org](mailto:music@chaliceucongregation.org).



## June's Hymn of the Month

The Hymn of the Month for June is #1028 in the teal hymnal, "The Fire of Commitment." This is already one of our favorites at Chalice. It is a rousing, inspiring and invigorating hymn, with words by Mary Katherine Morn and music by UU Composer Jason Shelton.



This month I'm going to refer you to a short article written by Kimberley Debus which you can find on the "Notes from the Far Fringe" Website. Kimberley has some beautiful insights into this hymn, and I couldn't possibly have said it better! To read the article, go to:

<https://farfringe.com/2017/12/16/stj1028-the-fire-of-commitment>.

## Holly Near Concert – June 16th !!

Legendary singer/songwriter and activist Holly Near will be performing with Tammy Hall on piano, Jan Martinelli on bass and Sandy O and Pat Humphries on support vocals on Sunday, June 16th, 2024 @ 5:00pm at First UU Church of Hillcrest. 50 years into her globe-spanning career, Holly Near is still one of the most consistent and well-informed voices for change. Her work is loving, challenging, funny, thought-provoking, and remains rooted in the global community. As an outspoken singer and ambassador for peace, Holly brings a unique integration of world consciousness and self-evaluation, always growing and sharing experience humbly and boldly. Brought to you by Front Street Productions. Tickets are just \$10 for this amazing performance! For tickets, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holly-near-in-concert-tickets-848616042427?aff=oddtcreator>



## Sunday Worship Music – June Highlights

- **Jun 2: Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.
- **Jun 9: John Schulz** will be our worship musician.
- **Jun 16: John Schulz** will be our worship musician. **UUnity Groove**, our Chalice band, will perform.
- **Jun 23:** General Assembly (GA) worship watch party! No in-person worship musician.
- **Jun 30:** The **Chancel Choir** will present "One Song", with words and music by Alan Bergman, Marilyn Bergman, and Marvin Hamlisch, and arranged by Kirby Shaw. **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

### Looking Ahead

Keyboard Kaleidoscope Auction Event .....Saturday, June 15 @ 2p

Chancel Choir Rehearsals .....Will resume June 20 @ 7:30p (Chapel)

Handchime Ensemble ..... Will resume June 20 @ 6:30p (Hub)





# Family Ministries

## Nature Boxes!





# Unsung Heroes of Chalice

## Hope Campbell

If you have ever visited Rev. Sharon in her office, you will surely have noticed the beautiful quilt hanging there, made by Hope Campbell! Over the years she has contributed so much to Chalice. She was the Newsletter editor for years, and even now, serves (along with Callie Leef and Andi Stout) as a proofreader for the PrevUUs monthly Newsletter. She's our go-to person for making custom curtains for our odd-shaped windows, along with other projects too various to count. More recently, Hope is the person who made and installed the sheer curtains in the Chapel and the Fellowship Hall. These days, Hope volunteers as part of the Tech Team. Working with Dean Goddette, she enables those of us at home to experience an online version of the live service. Those in the Chapel see her working as an audio and visual technician. We see her getting the right slide to correctly display in the chapel, on-line or both, along with keeping the zoom link up. She's also being cross trained to run the sound board.

She never fails to bring a delicious homemade dish to all our Chalice potlucks. And through all this, she brings out her beautiful china for Circle Suppers. Hope, you are appreciated!



## Getting out the vote—and preserving our democracy

During the month of June, Chalice will be fund raising to cover Chalice's contribution (\$3,258) for our grant from the Spirit Level Foundation to encourage people to vote in the upcoming election. This is our third get-out-the-vote effort and, as a recent Time article noted, letter writing makes a difference.

We hope to have one member of the letter-writing group, now numbering about 40, give a one-minute promo at each service in June. We look forward to everyone's engagement.



## From the Spirit Booster Team

Join us for a  
Multigenerational Summer Solstice Celebration  
June 21, 2024  
5:30-8:30 pm



Chalice UU Congregation  
2324 Miller Ave  
Escondido, CA

You are invited to bring a dish to share.  
You are also invited to bring an object from nature to  
contribute to our Summer Solstice altar.





## COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

On our *Black Lives Matter* Flag

Sunday, June 23 at 11:30 a.m.

(following our one service at 10 a.m.)

In-person in the Rainbow Room and online using zoom

Is it time to return our Black Lives Matter flag to the Chalice flagpole? This community discussion, sponsored by Coordinating Team and facilitated by Anne McKeirnan, invites us to speak what's on our hearts and to hear what others are thinking.



### Save the Date - Chalice Auction 2024

Our annual Chalice Auction will be held online from Oct. 20-27, with the live auction on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024!

Please put these dates in your calendar.

And remember that it is never too early to start thinking about donations! More details to come later in the summer.





## A Final Farewell from the Green Sanctuary Team

The Chalice Green Sanctuary team has ceased functioning. As long as interest is high, a full moon drum circle that spun off from the team will continue every full moon from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Chalice.

The Green Sanctuary team operated for three years with a long-term goal of certifying Chalice as a Unitarian Universalist Association Green Sanctuary congregation. Although the goal was not realized, food waste recycling was initiated with the help of the hospitality team; the Hub roof was outfitted with solar panels; an Earth Day service was presented; numerous educational programs were presented, including your carbon footprint, the web of life, and EDCO recycling. Several California native plants were added to the gardens. There were regular posts in the Newsletter and Enuus on topics including the climate crisis and green living.

Should anyone be interested in taking up the work of Green Sanctuary, there are 3 binders in the archives in the Chalice Office. Two are from 2020 to 2024 and one is from a previous group.

Thanks go out to everyone who participated in the direct and indirect work of the Green Sanctuary team. You know who you are.

Note from the Coordinating Team: A special and heartfelt thanks to Victoria Tenbrink, who led this team for several years.



## Sad News from Rev. Sharon:

We've learned recently of the deaths of two of our eldest members. Julius Schwartz died this past January at the age of 97. Lorraine Carter died in April at the age of 93.



## Note From the Board Concerning the Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, 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 as it gets closer, 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 absentee 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: As a congregation, we commit to supporting families, in all their incarnations, with emphasis on families with children and youth in RE and on intergenerational relationships by creating, maintaining, and strengthening appropriate programs.

- The next “Parents’ Night Out” will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Goal: Facing challenging financial times after the building of the Hub followed by the pandemic, it is necessary that all Chalice congregants deeply understand and participate in creating a sustainable and generous financial environment.

- Our Pledge drive is wrapped up and we have raised \$317,000.
- We sponsored a Celebration Sunday for the end of the pledge Drive.

Goal: Our commitment is to support our anti-racist work and the building of a beloved multicultural community. We will use existing and additional resources to encourage the reconciliation and expansion of involvement among all groups and congregants.

- The BLM flag discussion will take place June 23 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Oversight of Chalice programs and committees:

- Council of Chairs meeting where we discussed recruiting and welcoming new members.
- Budd Leef took a Congregational Photo on Celebration Sunday.
- Callie Leef and Kathleen Swift had a meeting with Church Mutual about wildlife prevention and other insurance issues. We have about 10 months to tackle a list that they have given us.
- The *UU the Vote* grant request is being sent in.

## Board Report

The Board of Trustees has had a busy month pulling together the various documents to be included on the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held on June 9, 2024 in the Chapel at 12:30 pm. In order to attend this meeting, one must be a Voting Member. The Bylaws have been reviewed and amendments will be voted upon. The Vision Task Force will also present the proposed Vision Statement which will be up for adoption by the Congregation.

The Board will send a packet of materials to each Voting Member with supporting documents that expand the various motions that members will be asked to accept or reject. For those of you who are not voting members, the information will be available upon request to the Board secretary.





# Group Announcements

## Women's Book Discussion Group

On June 18 at 6:30 pm the Chalice Women's Book Discussion Group will meet in the Hub or via Zoom to discuss Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. If you are interested, please contact Mary for the Zoom information. Non-binary and trans women are warmly invited

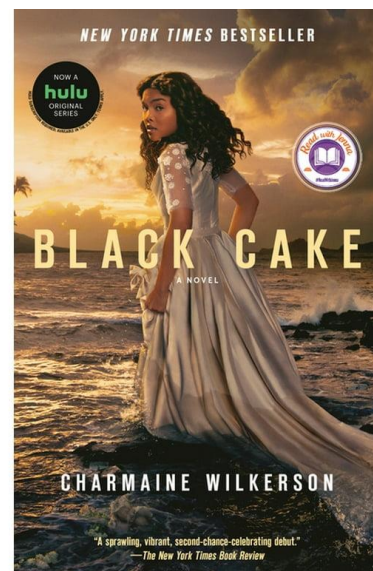
### Excerpt from Washington Post review:

Eleanor Bennett has a complicated history. As the novel begins, she has just died in Southern California, leaving her daughter, Benny, and son, Byron, with an audio recording full of long-buried secrets. The estranged adult siblings are also given a note: "B and B, there's a small black cake in the freezer for you. I want you to sit down and share the cake when the time is right. You'll know when."

Before Eleanor's death, Benny and Byron thought they knew who they were. They were Californians, the children of orphaned Caribbean immigrants. Their lives were not perfect — they were subjected to discrimination and racial profiling, even violence. Still, they understood their place in American society. But as they listen to the story of Eleanor's convoluted life, a journey of discovery unravels their identities, setting in motion a novel about inheritance and the complications of multicultural family legacies.

Wilkerson questions the very essence of tradition that is known to many people of Caribbean heritage. "Is it really Caribbean?" one character asks about black cake. "Cane sugar didn't even originate in that part of the world. It arrived from Africa, which in turn got it from Asia. So, you tell me, whose cake is it?" Eleanor's own multicultural background is likewise difficult to tease apart; how to decipher where one thread begins and another ends?

Once Eleanor dies, it falls to her children to make sense of her past. The cake plays a central role in helping the siblings discover their history, reexamine their identities and bring together family members whose existence had been kept secret.





## Dine Out Group

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Dine Out Group will meet at Pizza Nova, 141 Twin Oaks Valley Rd. San Marcos at 6:00 pm on June 25th.

Please RSVP to Cindy before May 21st so she may make reservations.

Singles and couples are welcome for conversation, catching up and getting acquainted. This is an open group that enjoys breaking bread together.



## Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Writing Group currently meets via Zoom on the fourth Friday of the month at 10 AM. The meetings last 1 ½ hours. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Emily.

As always, you are free to write about any topic you choose, but if you can't think of anything, here are a couple suggestions:

- Write about a time when someone comforted you.

OR

- What were the "IN" fashions of your youth?



## Ladies Out to Lunch

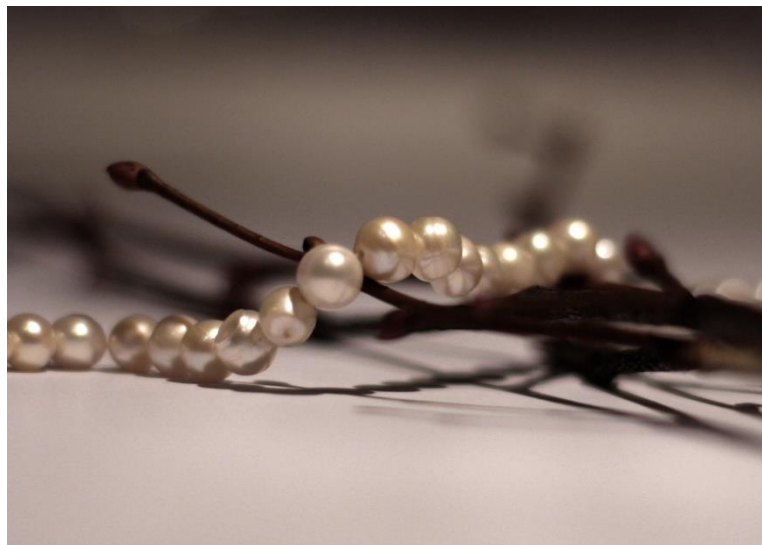
The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet at Chins Szechwan Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. The address is 15721 Bernardo Heights Pkwy. We meet at 11:30 AM and love to welcome newcomers to our group. Please rsvp to Carol. The meeting will be Friday, June 21.



## Circle Suppers

Each month a group of Chalice members and friends gather in their homes to share a meal and spend time in an informal setting. The suppers are scheduled for the third Saturday evening every month. This month they will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The process is simple. One group member offers their home and prepares the main course. The other people attending bring other parts of the meal. It's that simple.

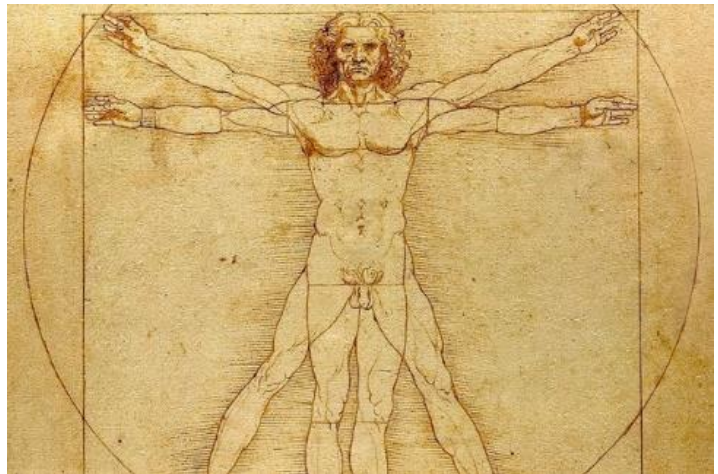
It is our hope that we can expand the membership of this group. The way you can join is to contact Emily for further information.



## Humanism Discussion Group



Humanism is a philosophy that places humans and their well-being at the center of attention. It emphasizes the significance of reason, ethics, and compassion in guiding our lives, rather than relying on supernatural beliefs. Humanism acknowledges the potential for humans to create positive change and emphasizes the importance of social justice, equality, and the pursuit of knowledge. We seek to understand this universe in which we find ourselves and discover what is and what things matter.



The Humanism Discussion Group meets every third Wednesday evening of the month from 7 to 9 pm in the Blue room at Chalice and on zoom. We invite everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs, to participate in these enlightening conversations.

We have been discussing books suggested by our participants. So far, we have discussed:

- “The Sacred Depths of Nature” by Ursula Goodenough
- “The Tau of Pooch and The Te of Piglet” by Benjamin Hoff
- “21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” by Yuval Noah Harari
- “The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion” by Jonathan Haidt
- We are currently discussing “The Meaning of Human Existence” by Edward O. Wilson

In addition to book discussions, we also discuss a variety of topics such as “how Humanists handle the holidays” and “the role of culture in forming our morals and ethics”. I also find interesting short science videos to discuss.

If you are interested in Humanism or just curious what it is about, please consider joining us for our next discussion group. There are also many resources on the web including the American Humanist Association and the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

Contact Tom for comments or questions.



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





# Calendar for June 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1  
8A WW  
9A Karate  
10A Music  
Committee

2  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10A & 12P  
Coffee Hour  
10:30 Parent  
Lounge

3

4  
9A Indie Sol  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
7P Exec.  
Board

5  
8A W.W.  
9A Men's  
BF  
9A I. Sol  
4P C.T.  
5P Karate  
7P Finance

6  
9A Indie Sol  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation  
5:30P  
BIPOC

7

8  
8A W.W.  
9A Karate  
9A Music  
Rehearsal  
5P Turk  
Dinner

9  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10A & 12P  
Coffee Hour  
12 P Annual  
Meeting

10  
6:30P Tim  
Rehearsal

11  
9A Indie Sol  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
7P Board of  
Trustees

12  
8A W.W.  
9A Men's  
BF  
9A Indie Sol  
4P CT  
5P Karate  
6:30 Men's  
Support

13  
9A Indie Sol  
10:30A  
Women's  
Meditation

14  
12P Elder's  
Lunch  
6P Tim  
Rehearsal

15  
8A W.W.  
9A Karate  
10A Worship  
2P Keyboard  
Kaleidoscope

16  
9 & 11 A  
Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10A & 12P  
Coffee Hour  
12 P EA Group

17

18  
9A Indie Sol  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
6:30 Book  
Club

19  
8A W.W.  
9A Men's  
Breakfast  
9A Indie Sol  
5P Karate

20  
9A Indie Sol  
10:30A  
Meditation  
6:30 Drum  
6:30 Chimes  
7:30P Choir

21  
11:30 Ladies  
Out to  
Lunch  
5P Solstice  
Celebration  
6:30 Drum  
Circle

22  
8A W.W.  
9A Karate

23  
19 A Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10A & 12P  
Coffee Hour

24  
6:30P Readers  
Theater

25  
9A Indie Sol  
12P Zoom  
Lunch  
6P Dine Out  
6P Online  
Presence

26  
8A W.W.  
9A Men's  
Breakfast  
9A Indie Sol  
5P Karate  
7P Prayer  
Circle

27  
9A Indie Sol  
10:30A  
Meditation  
6:30P Hand  
Chimes  
7:30P Choir

28  
10A Memoir  
Writing

29  
8A W.W.  
9A Karate  
5P Indie Sol

30  
10 A Worship  
9A K-9 RE  
10A & 12P  
Coffee Hour

