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Soul Symbol for June

Fish

Free and Instinctive

SUNDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday Service

In person at 10 AM. Online on Zoom 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

June 1 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“With Love at the Center” (UU Theologies #10)

Do Unitarian Universalists have a shared mission? This is the tenth in a 10-part series on UU theologies, informed by the book *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-First Century* by Buehrens and Parker.

June 8 – Music Service

“Better Together”

Chalice’s annual music service is a time when the congregation celebrates the power of music and honors the many talented singers and instrumentalists who enrich our congregational life. This year’s Music Service will explore how we can be stronger, more productive, safer and happier when we work together in communities of faith, families, teams, and yes, even committees! Chalice is a community, and we need each other more than ever! This service will feature the Chancel Choir, Handchime Ensemble, Unity Gruuve, and much more!

June 15 – 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.

June 22 – Rev. Sharon Wylie

“Cancel Culture or Healthy Boundaries?”

This morning we consider how to decide if and when to walk away from people or organizations who have caused harm.

June 29 – Watch Party at Chalice

“There Will Always Be Dancing”

Chalice is a proud co-sponsor of this service, a gathering to remind one another of our sources of courage, joy, and power. This service is led by the Rev. Joan Javier-Duval of Vermont, and Dr. Jolie Rocke, musical artist based in Texas. Rev. Christina Shu of California is the liturgist. This recorded service comes to us from DRUUMM, a Unitarian Universalist People of Color Ministry and anti-racist collective.



Minister's Message

My sermon on December 1, 2024 was titled “What Brings Us Together” and is part of my series this year on UU Theologies. As part of our time together, I asked the congregation, what brings you to Chalice on Sunday morning? Here are your answers, which I have organized into broad categories.



BEING WITH OTHER PEOPLE

Being with people with shared values
Deep need for community
Connections
To be surrounded by caring, loving people

LIFTS US UP

Good for mental health
Hope when hope is hard to find
Support when we're going through a hard time
Joy and fun to survive hard times

NEW IDEAS

To hear new ideas
To be challenged, to be inspired, to be nourished
Finding meaning

DIVERSITY

A religion that draws from multiple world religions
Acknowledgement of indigenous spirituality
Acceptance of diversity
Safe place for LGBTQ community

JUSTICE SEEKING

Deeds not creeds
Support social justice action
Joining together to care for others



LEARNING

Coming for children's learning, values

Love at the center

Helping us to be better people

MUSIC

Beautiful music

Choir

I told you that morning that the “seminary” answer to the question of what brings us together is “covenant.” My May 25 sermon goes a little deeper on the topic of covenant, but I wanted to use this space to remind us of our Chalice covenant:

Mindful of our diversity and our need for greater understanding, we promise to open our hearts and minds to foster a safe, inviting and loving community. We will treat one another genuinely and respectfully as together we share life's journey toward wholeness.

Blessings,

Sharon



President's Column

Greetings Chalice!

So I went through a low period recently. I was worn down by the state of our country, consumed by my job, sleep deprived, and didn't feel much like a human being. Yet there was some part of my brain that said, "This will pass." And it did. As I was coming out of my funk, our UU hymn "For All That Is Our Life" came to mind. I was in the car and asked Android Auto to play it.



Lara Brown
Board President

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

Tears came to my eyes as I listened to the beautiful lyrics. This seems to me a good way to be in the world: to be thankful for "all that is our life", even the difficult times; to use that life gift for the common good; to learn from our trials and tribulations; and to find joy.



I am thankful for my Unitarian Universalist faith and the way it has enriched my life. And I am particularly thankful for Chalice, for this wonderful community of loving and caring people trying to make the world a better place together. It has been an honor to serve you as your Board President.

Blessings to you all,

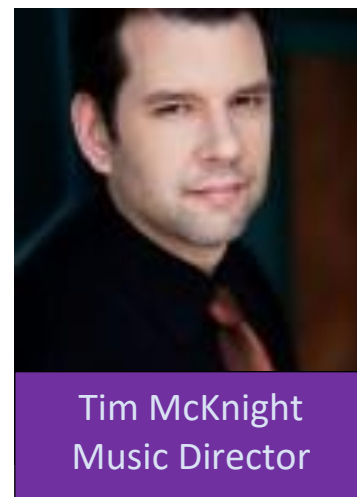
Lara Brown
President, Board of Trustees



Music Program

Spring Music Service – June 8th

Hopefully you're already planning to come to the Spring Music Service on June 8th @ 10:00am. There are going to be lots of special performances, some of which I can't even talk about because they are so secret!



Tim McKnight
Music Director

The theme is “**Better Together**” so we need as many people as we can get to make this theme resonate in a big way!!!

Summer Choir 2025 Is Here!

Summer is almost here, which means it's almost time for Summer Choir! Summer Choir is open to Chancel Choir members as well as anyone else who would like to participate! There is flexibility built into the schedule since I know that many people travel during the summer.

There are two modules, each of which consists of 3 Thursday night rehearsals and 1 Sunday morning performance. You can miss one of the three rehearsals for a module and still participate. Here are the details for the two modules:

MODULE #1 – “Come, Live with Pleasure” (G. F. Handel)

- 🎵 Rehearsal #1 – Thursday, June 19th @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 Rehearsal #2 – Thursday, June 26th @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 Rehearsal #3 – Thursday, July 10th @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 **Performance – Sunday, July 13th @ 10:00am worship service**

MODULE #2 – “The Rhythm of Life” (from Sweet Charity)

- 🎵 Rehearsal #1 – Thursday, July 31st @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 Rehearsal #2 – Thursday, August 7th @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 Rehearsal #3 – Thursday, August 14th @ 7:30-8:30pm
- 🎵 **Performance – Sunday, August 17th @ 10:00am worship service**

Tim McKnight will be providing practice tracks and pdfs of the sheet music in advance of the first rehearsal for you to work with, and then we will give you a hard copy of the sheet music for you at your first rehearsal.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Tim at tmcknight20@att.net or 619-507-2777. We hope to see you this summer!

Sunday Worship Music – June Highlights

June 1: John Schulz will be our worship musician.

June 8: Annual Music Service! The **Chancel Choir** will sing "Together, Wherever We Go" with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and music by Jule Styne, and "We are One" by Brian Tate. The **Handchime Ensemble** will present "We Gather Together", based on a Dutch hymn. **Unity Gruuve** will present "With A Little Help From My Friends", by Paul McCartney and John Lennon. And more! **Tim McKnight** will be our worship musician.

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Looking Ahead

Chancel Choir RehearsalsThursdays @ 7:30p in the Chapel
Handchime Ensemble RehearsalsThursdays @ 6:30p in the Hub
Spring Music Service Sunday, June 8 @ 10a in the Chapel
Auction Event: Sorrow, Comfort, Hope and Joy: Exploring the Power & Resilience of the Human Spirit through Music Saturday, September 27 @ 3p in the Chapel

Do you know someone who has never been to Chalice but who might enjoy the upcoming Music Service on June 8th? If so, invite them! The Music Service is a great time for visitors to experience the power of the Chalice community!

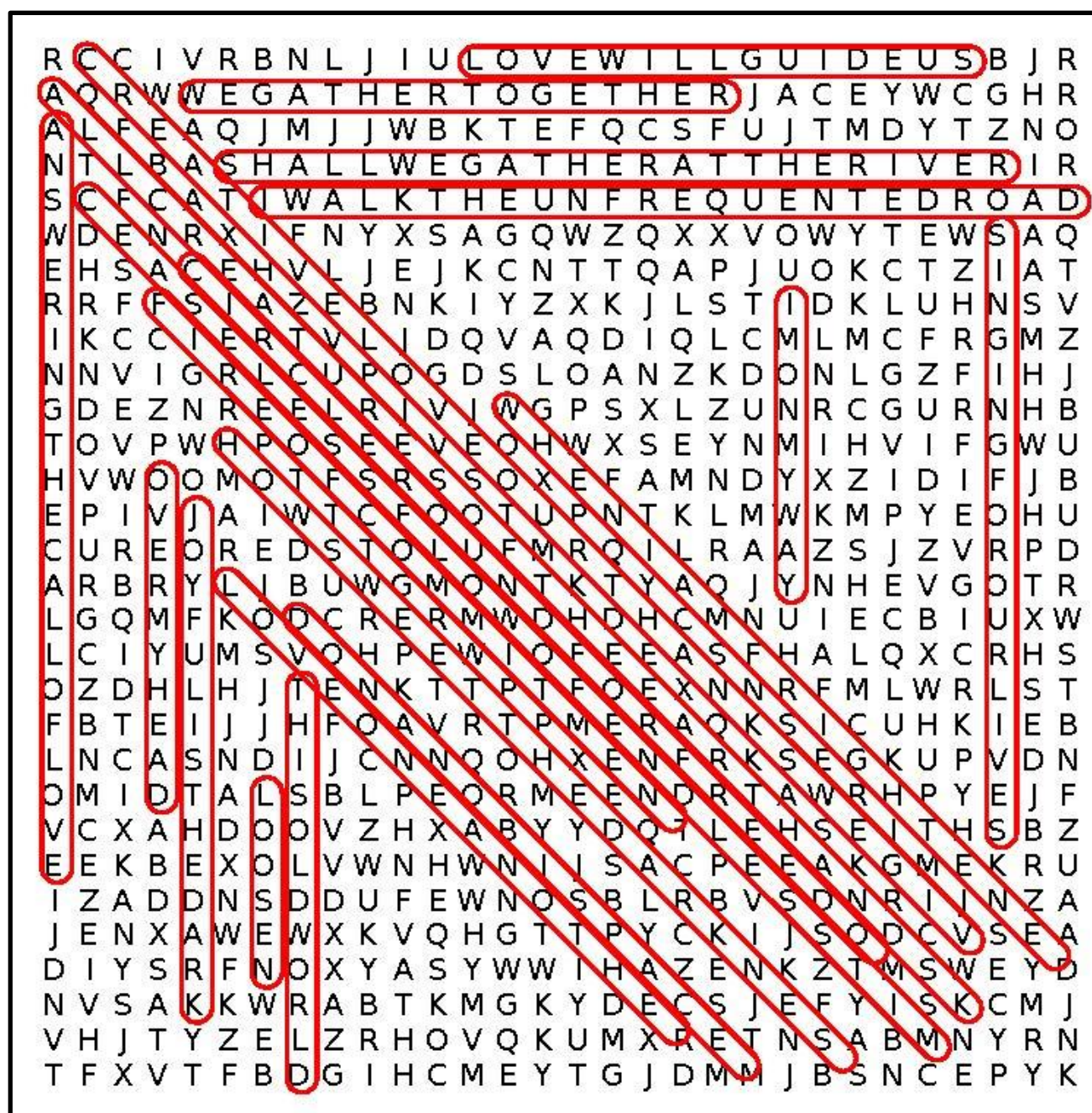
Hymn of the Month Word Search Puzzle

Last month, we gave you a fun word search puzzle to enjoy! If you missed it, stop reading right now and go to the May Newsletter so you can do the puzzle. I'll wait..... it's not as easy as it?!?! Below you'll find the answer key!



CHALICE HYMN OF THE MONTH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ANSWER KEY



Family Ministries

Why volunteer in our Religious Education (RE) program? Volunteering offers numerous personal and community benefits. It can provide a sense of purpose and allows you to contribute to important causes and make a difference in our community.

Personal Benefits:

- **Sense of Purpose and Fulfillment:**

Volunteering can help you feel like you are making a positive impact and contributing to something bigger than yourself.

- **Increased Self-Esteem and Confidence:**

Taking on volunteer roles and completing tasks can lead to a greater sense of accomplishment and self-worth.

- **Skill Development:**

Many volunteer opportunities offer the chance to learn new skills, gain practical experience, and develop existing abilities. If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, teaching RE only strengthens your UU identity.

Community Benefits:

- **Supporting Important Causes:**

Volunteering allows you to contribute to Chalice in a way that makes a positive difference in our community.

- **Strengthening Community Ties:**

Volunteering fosters a sense of belonging and connection to our Chalice community.

- **Improving Lives:**

Volunteering can help improve the lives of others through direct service, advocacy, or other forms of support.

- **Addressing Social Issues:**

Volunteering can be a way to address important social issues and create a more just and equitable society.

To learn more about how you can help build and strengthen our Chalice RE program, contact Kathleen Swift: dfm@chaliceuucongregation.org.



Kathleen Swift
Director of Family
Ministries



New group! Afternoon Book Club

This new Chalice book discussion group welcomes readers of all backgrounds who enjoy diving into fiction and nonfiction that inspire deep, thought-provoking discussions. Each month, we will read a book suggested by our members—whether it's a novel that sheds light on the human condition or a nonfiction work that challenges our perspectives. This is a space for open-minded dialogue, where diverse viewpoints are encouraged and connections are made through shared insights.

Afternoon Book Club meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month from 2-3:30 pm in the Yellow room in the Hub, beginning in June. At our first meeting on June 19, we will discuss the book “Lovely One” by Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Description of “Lovely One” from the publisher:

“With this unflinching account, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson invites readers into her life and world, tracing her family’s ascent from segregation to her confirmation on America’s highest court within the span of one generation.

Named “Ketanji Onyika,” meaning “Lovely One,” based on a suggestion from her aunt, a Peace Corps worker stationed in West Africa, Justice Jackson learned from her educator parents to take pride in her heritage since birth. She describes her resolve as a young girl to honor this legacy and realize her dreams: from hearing stories of her grandparents and parents breaking barriers in the segregated South, to honing her voice in high school as an oratory champion and student body president, to graduating *magna cum laude* from Harvard, where she performed in musical theater and improv and participated in pivotal student organizations.

Here, Justice Jackson pulls back the curtain, marrying the public record of her life with what is less known. She reveals what it takes to advance in the legal profession when most people in power don’t look like you, and to reconcile a demanding career with the joys and sacrifices of marriage and motherhood.

Through trials and triumphs, Justice Jackson’s journey will resonate with dreamers everywhere, especially those who nourish outsized ambitions and refuse to be turned aside. This moving, openhearted tale will spread hope for a more just world, for generations to come.”

Please contact the office (office@chaliceuucongregation.org) if you have any questions or to get on the Afternoon Book Club contact list.



Board News

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 8 after Music Service

Chalice Members are invited to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8 @ 12pm following our Annual Music Service. Members will vote on our budget for the upcoming year as well as new Board of Trustee positions including Vice-President and Treasurer. We need a quorum, so please plan to attend! Childcare will be provided.

May Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on May 13, 2025 and accomplished a number of things:

Budget Approval - The Board received the proposed budget from the Coordinating Team and voted to approve the budget after making some amendments.

Monthly Reports—The Board reviewed the President's Report, Vice President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Minister's Report and Coordinating Team Report.

TASK FORCES:

- The **Policy Task Force** (Victoria Cagle, Julia Fogel, Jeff Hunter) has made a number of recommendations that will be voted on at the June meeting.
- The **Engagement Task Force** (June Bailey, Jessica Schulz, Marianna Benedict-Bacilla, Lara Brown) enjoyed a successful “Meet the Board” event after services on May 11.
- The **Pledge Drive Task Force** (Reverend Sharon Wylie, Lara Brown, Victoria Cagle, Callie Leef, Bonnie Packert, Susan Spoto) reported a very successful pledge drive.

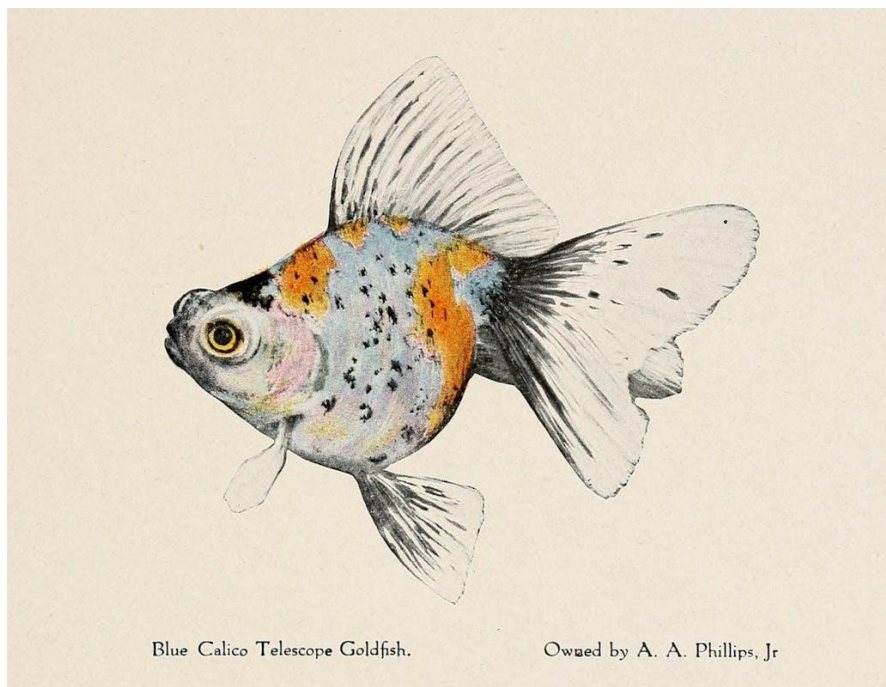


New Business

- Disposition of undesignated bequest—The Board discussed possible uses for the donation received from Alice Dodd's estate. The Board voted to use nearly half of it toward the mortgage on the property and the remainder to go to the general reserve fund.
- Solar Panel Refund -- The Board discussed the refundable tax credit from the IRS for the solar electricity generating system.
- Preparations were made for the Congregational Meeting on June 8

News from Coordinating Team:

- Four congregants and Rev. Sharon participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 5k walk on April 26. Chalice collected and donated \$1000 for our local NAMI chapter.
- Our pledge drive concluded on April 13, Celebration Sunday.
 - Our fundraising goals were met
 - A proposed budget for the next congregational year was finalized and presented to the Board
 - A message summarizing the pledge drive results will be sent to members and friends before the congregational meeting



Group Announcements

Women's Book Discussion Group

On June 17th at 6:30 pm the Chalice Women's Book Discussion Group will meet in the Hub or via Zoom to discuss Search by Michelle Huneven. If you are interested, please contact the office (office@chaliceuucongregation.org) for the Zoom information. Non-binary and trans women are warmly invited.

New York Times Review Excerpt (Edited):

Written in the form of a memoir, "Search" is told from the point of view of Dana Potowski, a famous restaurant critic and memoirist, who is invited to join the search committee for the Arroyo Unitarian Universalist Community Church (referred to by its members as "Awk") new minister. Despite being a member of the church for 24 years, Dana is somewhat surprised to be offered a committee spot because she hasn't attended services lately. Instead, she prefers leisurely Sunday mornings at home with her coffee, enjoying her newly renovated kitchen. Joining the search committee would mean a commitment of several hundred hours over the course of a year. When she does reluctantly sign on, it's not because she's moved to be of service to her church, but because she's just come home from a successful book tour and happens to be casting around for a new idea. The search, she realizes, might fit the bill.

The committee, made up of eight members, is a perfectly diverse group in areas of race, age and gender. Dana, a white, straight woman in her mid-50s went to seminary school in her 30s and almost became a minister, so she's fluent in the language of liturgical life. The main conflict in the book is between the old guard and the younger generation within the committee. The older group wants the new minister to have experience above all and the younger generation lobbies for a fresh perspective.

The search is meant to be about the lifting of souls, but Jennie, the youngest and most annoying of the committee members, objects to all of Dana's favorite candidates and campaigns to get her fellow young people on her side. She describes one of Dana's favorites as a "wussy bread baker with an all-face beard who wears black dress socks with his Birkenstocks."

The only criterion the committee eventually agrees upon: The new minister must have "two X chromosomes." Because Dana is closer to the older generation, and it's her memoir we're reading, we're signaled to root for the older group. But because Huneven is a wise storyteller, and Dana is not the reliable narrator she seems to be at first, we eventually come to understand that everyone on this committee is an equally stubborn ego-driven pain in a body part one wouldn't mention in church.



Dine Out Group

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Dine Out Group will meet on Tuesday June 24th at Burma Place located at 16719 Bernardo Center Dr #A in Rancho Bernardo.

Please RSVP to Cindy Carter before June 17th so I 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! Please contact the office if you are interested: office@chaliceuucongregation.org.



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 the office: office@chaliceuucongregation.org.

In his compact novel, The Very Long, Very Strange Life of Isaac Dahl, author Bart Yates, has his 96-year-old journalist/historian protagonist write a memoir based on twelve significant days in his life. Isaac writes "Each day is a story, whether or not that story makes any damned sense or is worth telling to anyone else." I enjoyed the novel's fusion of the historical and the personal, but, even more intriguing to me, was the concept of choosing twelve days that represent one's life. Since I finished the book, I've been wondering which twelve days I would choose from my life, why would I choose them, and what story would they tell. Which days from your life would you choose?

You are invited to join us when we meet again on the fourth Friday of June.



Ladies Out to Lunch

The Ladies Out to Lunch group will meet on Friday, June 20 at 11:30 AM. We will meet at Charlie's Family Restaurant at 210 North Ivy Street in Escondido. We are a small group and encourage newcomers to join us! Please rsvp to Carol Simpson by June 18.

Note: Please contact the office if you are interested:
office@chaliceuucongregation.org.



Circle Suppers

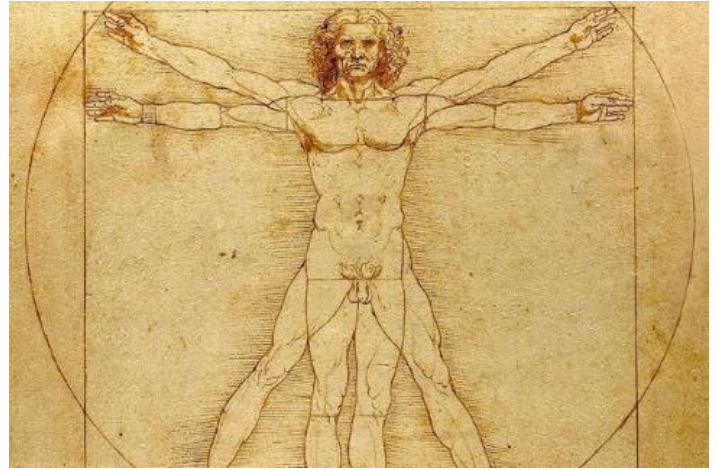
Each month, Chalice members gather in homes to share a meal. This is a time when we have a chance to get to know each individual in an informal setting. Circle Suppers are held on the third Saturday evening of every month. The time is usually 6 pm. The host provides the main course for dinner and the other participants provide additional dishes to complete the meal.

If you find this interesting and would like to participate, please contact the office: office@chaliceuucongregation.org.



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 started in September 2023 and meets the third Wednesday evening of the month from 7 to 9 pm in the Blue room at Chalice and on zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/91092760972>). We invite everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs, to participate in these enlightening conversations.

In addition to open discussions, we have been discussing books suggested by our participants. Some recent books include:

1. "The God Delusion" by Richard Dawkins
2. "God is not Great" by Christopher Hitchens
3. "The God Part of the Brain" by Matthew Alper

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 and articles to discuss such as:

1. "The Shock of Faith" by David Brooks, NYT article
2. "The Believing Brain: Evolution, Neuroscience, and the Spiritual Instinct," https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0_-7FmrDq8
3. "I don't believe in free will. This is why." Sabine Hossenfelder, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI5FMj5D9zU>
4. "Why Smart People Believe Stupid Things", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Peima-Uw7w>

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.

Please contact the office if you are interested:
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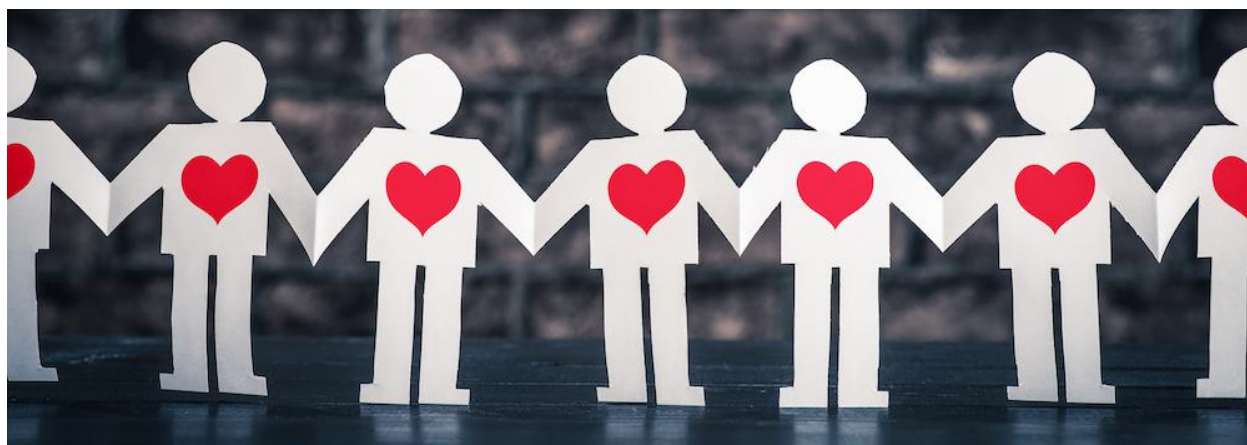


Information

MEMBERSHIP

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

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



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



Calendar for June 2025

Sun

1
10A Worship
10A K-9 RE
11:15A
Coffee Hour
12P Emerging
Adults

Mon

2
7:30P Unity
Gruuve

Tue

3
9:45 Indie
Sol
12P Zoom
Lunch
6P Finance

Wed

4
8A W.W.
9A Men's
Breakfast
9:45 Indie
Sol
4P C.T.
5P Karate

Thu

5
9:45 Indie
Sol
10:30A
Women's
Meditation
6:30P
Chimes
7:30P Choir

Fri

6

Sat

7
8A WW
9A Karate
10A Music
Service
Dress
Rehearsal

8

10A Worship
10A K-9 RE
11:15A
Coffee Hour
12P
Congregational
Meeting
12P Emerging
Adults

9

7:30P Unity
Gruuve

10

9:45 Indie
Sol
12P Zoom
Lunch
7P Board of
Trustees
7:30P Drum
Circle

11

8A W.W.
9A Men's
Breakfast
9:45 Indie
Sol
5P Karate
6:30 Men's
Support

12

1 Indie Sol
10:30A
Women's
Meditation

13

12P Elder's
Lunch

14

8A W.W.
9A Karate
3P Sol
Intentions
5P Turk
Dinner

15

10A Worship
11:15A
Coffee Hour
12P Emerging
Adults

16

7:30P Unity
Gruuve

17

9:45 Indie
Sol
12P Zoom
Lunch
6:30P
Woman's
Book Disc.

18

8A W.W.
9ABreakfast
9:45 Indie
Sol
1P Fiber Art
4P CT
5P Karate
7P
Humanism

19

9:45 Indie
Sol
10:30A
Women's
Meditation
2P Book
Club
6:30P
Chimes
7:30P Choir

20

11:30 Ladies
Out to
Lunch

21

8A W.W.
9A Karate
10A Worship
6P Circle
Supper

22

10A Worship
10A K-9 RE
11:15A
Coffee Hour
12P Emerging
Adults
12P Social
Justice

23

6:30P Readers'
Theater
7:30P Unity
Gruuve

24

9:45 Indie
Sol
12P Zoom
Lunch
6P Dine Out
6P Online
Presence

25

8A W.W.
9A Men's
Breakfast
9:45 Indie
Sol
5P Karate

26

9:45 Indie
Sol
10:30A
Meditation
6:30P
Handchimes
7:30P Choir

27 Memoir
Writing

28

8A W.W.
9A Karate

29

10A Worship
10A K-9 RE
11:15A
Coffee Hour
12P E.A.
12P Comedy
Improv

30

7:30P Unity
Gruuve

