



CVUUF News

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December 6 — Don't Let the Light Go Out ~ Reverend Anne Felton Hines

This is the first of the eight days of Hanukkah, a minor holiday in the Jewish tradition, but one which may nevertheless hold some universal truths for us all. We will light the candles of the Menorah, and re-dedicate ourselves to those values we hold most dear.

December 13 — Advent: A Time to Wait, a Time to Hope ~ Reverend Anne Felton Hines

We are entering one of the most stressful seasons of the year -- and for some, the most depressing. As we make our plans for whatever traditions we celebrate -- feeling good sometimes if we can just "get through it all" -- what might we learn from the season of Advent about patience, anticipation and hope?

December 20 — The Angels in Our Lives ~ Reverend Anne Felton Hines

"Angels we have heard on high," we sing -- or hear sung -- during this holiday time. But of course, we UUs don't believe in angels, do we? Or perhaps we just don't recognize them. What might an angel look like? What might it have to say to us?

December 24, 7:00 p.m. — A Christmas Eve Intergenerational Candle-Lighting Service ~ Reverend Anne Felton Hines and Sam Dickerson

Amidst all the noise and commercialism of the season, how do we remain centered and return to the true meaning of Christmas? Please join us for an intergenerational service of stories, music, and the lighting of candles, as we recall the birth of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

We will also be collecting socks (including baby booties) for those in need in our local communities; and a special Offering for our Minister's Discretionary Fund, to be used for people facing financial hardship.

December 27, 10:30am — A Rose in the Wintertime

~ Francis Pardee, Thelma Williams and Friends

It is no coincidence that many religions have major celebrations around the time of the Winter Solstice. We all want to believe that we can combat the "dark" and find light and hope out of the darkness. Come join us for a service of music, readings, and meditation which, while honoring the dark, will also add some "light" to our lives to greet the new year.

January 3 — Cradle and Coffin Ceremony ~ Lorella Hess

The beginning of the New Year is a time to take stock of our lives. Many of us resolve to make our future different from our past. What will we bring into our lives in 2016? What will we leave behind?

This is a participatory service. Representations of things to be born anew and carried forward will be deposited in our cradle; representations of things to be buried and left behind will be deposited in our coffin. Paper & pencils will be provided, or bring something more concretely symbolic.

CVUUF Sundays on CD: Recordings of most Sunday services are available on audio CD. They may be purchased for a \$3 donation, made at time of order. All proceeds go to the Library Fund. Order yours at the Library bookcase in Social Hall and do remember to pick up the CDs you've ordered! Sunday recordings can also be heard at www.cvuuf.org/church-library. Some can be downloaded.

The mission of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.

CVUUF News, December 2015



In the Meantime...

Reverend Anne Felton Hines

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The Christmas Eve I remember the most vividly happened in 1998, as a six-month Sabbatical was drawing to an end. I had spent most of it on the East Coast, and was now celebrating Christmas with my younger sister and her family in Connecticut.

On the morning of Christmas Eve, I awoke early before the rest of the family (except for my brother-in-law, who was usually up even before I was). I looked out the window, and the first snow of the season had begun to fall during the night, leaving a thick layer of snow covering their vast lawn. Having lived all my life in California – and most of it in the southern half – this was a brand new experience for me, and I was ecstatic! I quickly put my coat and boots on over my pajamas and headed outdoors!

My brother-in-law was already outside. He was very excited because he'd just invented some combination of a broom and a rake which made shoveling the snow ever-so-much easier. (I asked him recently if he's still using his invention, and he said absolutely!) I simply wandered around in the snow; it took my breath away.

Later in the day some friends of the family came by. Greg showed off his invention; my sister Judith cooked her famous Christmas Chili, as home-made potpourri wafted through the house; and the children brought out their sleds and taught me how to ride down the hill. (I'm sure I once knew how to ride a sled, but it's way too long ago for me to remember!)

After the guests had gone home and we'd cleaned up from dinner, we all piled into the car and drove to the Episcopal church in Middletown for their midnight mass – which began at 11 p.m. It was a lovely service; the bell choir offered music that was stunning, their priest delivered a moving sermon, and we all lifted our voices in the traditional Carols that brought us back to childhood memories.

After the last prayer was uttered and the priest "dismissed" us, we slowly and quietly walked out into the night. It was midnight; the bells of the church were announcing the arrival of Christmas; and falling from the heavens was a gentle snow. I couldn't say a word, so filled with awe was I.

Here in Southern California we probably won't experience the snow unless traveling to the mountains; but we can still be filled with awe. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or some other holy day this season, I hope for all of you many moments that leave you "breathless."

May such moments bring us back to the true meaning of the season, and renew our hopes for peace and wellbeing for all Earth's creatures.

Anne

Minister's Schedule

Reverend Hines will be on study leave December 26—January 2, available for pastoral emergencies only. minister@cvuuf.org
The Pastoral Care Committee (pastoralcare@cvuuf.org), may also be contacted for urgent pastoral matters.

President's Message

Willie Lubka
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We will include this letter of introduction in the "Congregational Packet" our Ministerial Search Committee is preparing for ministers.

Dear Minister in Search,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and our community of members, friends, and fellow travelers, thank you for your interest in our congregation!

As the son of a Unitarian Universalist Minister and a long-time UU, I also want to thank you for responding to the call to ministry and dedicating yourself to professional leadership in our great faith tradition.

I believe this congregation represents an amazing opportunity for a new settled minister. Our congregation is filled with dynamic, energetic people who are committed to spiritual development, social justice, the environment, music and art, learning and curiosity, caring and compassion. Our congregation is infused with a spirit of love for each other and for our church, a desire to share UU values and the wonderful experience we enjoy here with others, a yearning to grow, and a devotion to service and transforming the world.

Our membership is comprised of a marvelous blending of longtime members as well as relative newcomers. On Sunday mornings, the church is a beehive of activity before, during, and after our services. During the rest of the week, the calendar is full as members come together for programs, activities, and events, and to conduct the business of the church.

My family and I joined this congregation in 2001. We've seen profound changes during the 15 years from then to now. In 2001, the congregation met on Sundays in a rented space and folded up our tent every week after service ended. We witnessed the congregation pull together to obtain and move into its own home, which happened in 2008 – a triumph of love, courage, and hard work.

Our Board of Trustees has clarified its role as encompassing six areas: mission, policy, strategic planning, financial/fiduciary oversight, assessment, and faith development; this means that a tenet of service, along with the "church business," is the spiritual development and maturation of each Trustee. We've adopted the practice of study readings and discussion as a standard part of board meetings.

Last year brought a painful moment when our relatively new and much-loved Minister, Rev Lora Brandis, announced she would be leaving due to family needs. At the same time we learned that Justine Fisher, our Director of Religious Education of 14 years, would also be leaving. I am gratified to be able to tell you that the congregation has handled these big transitions well, with faith and a spirit of unity.

Our current Interim Minister, Rev Anne Hines, is helping us thrive forward as our Ministerial Search Committee does its job. We've been fortunate to welcome a new Director of Religious Education, Samantha Dickerson, who the congregation has known and loved for more than 10 years as a child care worker.

We are a joyful work-in-progress, a challenge that calls for boldness, the capacity to listen and lead, and a sturdy reservoir of inner serenity. I believe we need and desire a minister who will seek to understand and embrace our history and who at the same time will push us forward toward an ever more resilient future, help us continue deepening our maturity, appeal to new members and families, and grow our transformative influence in people's lives. If you are interested in CVUUF, I encourage you to submit your application to our Ministerial Search Committee.

With gratitude and respect,
Willie Lubka, President, Board of Trustees

Willie



Religious Education News

Samantha Dickerson, Director of Religious Education (DRE)
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It's December!

I hope your holiday season has started with good cheer! It is a wonderful time of year for many of us, isn't it? Family and friends, decorations and celebrations. I know I am ready for the festivities to begin!

This month, I would love to introduce you to our fantastic teachers of the Lower Elementary class—LeeAnne Cristensen, Liza Diniakos, Sioe Han, and Brian Pletcher. Our young ones have boundless amounts of energy, and these lovely teachers keep up with a smile on their face and laughter in their hearts. They welcome our children with love, patience, and gentle guidance. I couldn't ask for a better team to work and play with our prechoolers, kindergarteners, and first graders. Thank you for being such loving souls!

Happy birthday to any and all who celebrate this month!

All my best to you and yours during this joyous Hanukkah/Winter Solstice/Christmas/Kwanzaa!!

Save The Date! Midyear Meeting January 24, 2016

Camp de Benneville Pines



**Elementary/Family
Winter Camps**

[Click here to Register!](#)



**we are
filling
the
pulpit** 

Ministerial Search Committee

'The CVUUF packet will give a more in depth view of us: our history, our community, who we are, what we do, what we believe and what we are looking for in a minister.'

Have you been watching our timeline that is displayed on the lectern in the foyer of the sanctuary? If so you will have noticed that the Congregational Record was live on December 1! This means that during the month of December, ministers in search will be able to view our record to help them decide if we are a congregation that they would be interested in serving.

On about January 2 the committee will be given the list of ministers that have expressed an interest in us. The MSC will then be able to view the records of those ministers.

The next step for the committee will then be to review this "long" list and choose those ministers that we want to know more about. With this "medium" list we will exchange packets. The CVUUF packet will give a more in depth view of us: our history, our community, who we are, what we do, what we believe and what we are looking for in a minister. Similarly, the ministers' packets will give the committee a deeper view of them.

Following the round of packet exchanges, the committee will arrive at a short list of candidates that they will arrange to meet with and observe in a neutral pulpit. It is from this prioritized list that in April the committee will choose a minister to ask to be the candidate for CVUUF.

After negotiating an agreement with the candidate, arrangements will be made to have the minister preach on two consecutive Sundays in May. During this "candidating week" the congregation will have an opportunity to meet and hear the candidate in our pulpit. Following the service on the second Sunday of that week a special meeting of the membership will be called to vote on calling the minister to be the full time minister for CVUUF.

The activities of the Ministerial Search Committee described above will be confidential to the six members of the committee. For that reason, you will not be receiving communications on the progress of the committee's efforts until the announcement of the candidate and the candidating week in May. Watch the "filling the pulpit" timeline in the foyer.

Keep an eye on our progress. "Filling the Pulpit" is being tracked on the timeline that is maintained and displayed in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

Christine Blasman, Arlene Bloom, Casey Dake, Sloane Powers, Tim Snowber and David Barker, Chairperson of the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC)

CVUUF still receives quarterly checks from your Ralphs' grocery store purchases.

There are papers in the fellowship hall with a barcode on them. Take the paper with you to the market and ask the cashier to swipe it along with your club card and we will receive some funds from the store based on your purchases.

Escrip still gives a 5% return to us if you dine at certain restaurants like these in T.O. :

Brendan's Irish Pub, Buca di Beppo, Spumoni, Alamo, Billy D'z BBQ and others.

To sign up or renew, go to <http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/> and click Join Now. When filling in the information, the ID of our group is 136559809.

Board Covenant Created at Retreat October 17, 2015

In committing ourselves to the welfare of the congregation which has vested in us certain leadership responsibilities, we – the Board of Trustees of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – do covenant together to...

- ♦ Treat one another with appreciation, compassion, respect, kindness, and fairness;
- ♦ Listen deeply to one another, being respectful of each other's opinions and feelings;
- ♦ Speak with honesty, while being mindful of possible effects of our words;
- ♦ Be trustworthy, following through on commitments in a timely manner, and/or asking for help when needed;
- ♦ Share responsibility for the process, being respectful and mindful of time;
- ♦ Be sensitive to boundaries and confidentiality when personal stories are shared, and when staff issues are discussed;
- ♦ Approach difficult topics with courage, sensitivity, empathy and humor;
- ♦ Trust the collective wisdom of the Board by supporting decisions reached, even when we might not agree with them;
- ♦ Strive to keep discussions concise, but also thorough and deliberate, with every perspective given time to be heard;
- ♦ Strive to reach consensus, but rely on the democratic process as well;
- ♦ Be cognizant of Board's role as overseeing budget and developing Policy;
- ♦ Always be aware of how our decisions affect the Fellowship;
- ♦ Include lots of celebration and gratitude.

News From Our Outreach Director

Pamela Lopez
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We've got another busy month ahead of us, so mark your calendars.

Tuesday, December 1st will be our monthly contribution to Feeding Hands at Calvary Church. Cooks, servers and greeters are always welcome to come and join and we provide a wonderful meal and welcome each month to over 100 of our neighbors.

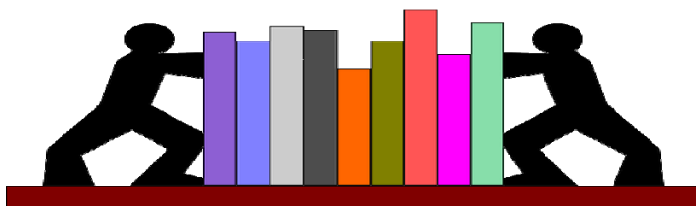
The monthly meeting of Citizens Climate Lobby will be in the Board Room on Sunday, December 6 at 12:30.

Last month we introduced members of the greater community to our spectacular OWL program. This month's meeting of the Reproductive Justice group will be Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be joined by a representative of Planned Parenthood to discuss ways that we can be of support to this vital organization. The meeting is a potluck, and your presence (and food contribution) are most welcome.

We had a productive meeting with the Humanist Group of Ventura County as we explore what it looks like to start our own HUUMANIST group at CVUUF. Stand by for more details.

Thank you to all who have signed the petition to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hr. This is one of the important issues being addressed by the Escalating Inequality group. Want to learn more? Attend one of their monthly meetings.

For information on any of the activities mentioned above, please contact me at outreachdirector@cvuuf.org.



New Additions to CVUUF Library

- ♦ *Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson (the 2015-2016 UUA Common Read)
- ♦ *A House for Hope, the Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* by John Buehrens, and Rebecca Ann Parker,
- ♦ *How to Survive Change...You Didn't Ask For* by M. J. Ryan,
- ♦ *Black Prophetic Fire* by Cornel West

Books on religious humanism have been donated by Pamela Lopez in light of our new humanist group among them *American Religious Humanism* by Mason Olds. Look for a list of recent additions at our website. A catalog accessible by keyword, subject, title and author is also there.



PACIFIC SOUTHWEST District News

BREAK SILENCE

Sunday, January 17, 2015
4th Annual UU MLK Choral Music Festival
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
7304 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park

CHALICE LIGHTERS FUNDING REQUEST

PSWD Chalice Lighters will assist Throop Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena, in their building revitalization efforts for their historic church building. The building has suffered from years of delayed maintenance, which is being turned around by the generous donation of time and effort by church staff and members but it needs help from the Chalice Lighters too.

The Chalice Lighters funds will be focused on upgrading the three ground-floor restrooms so they are clean and visually appealing to newcomers, young families and potential outsider user groups. One restroom will be turned into a Family Restroom that will include a changing table and seat for nursing in the outer area.

For further information about the PSWD Chalice Lighters program and to learn more about renovations to Throop, visit pswduua.org.

Save the Date!

PSWD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

April 29 – 30, 2016

Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara
1535 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

The Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association supports 50 congregations in Arizona, southern California, and southern Nevada. This and six other districts comprise the Pacific Western Region of the UUA. Find out more, pswduua.org.



GETTING TO KNOW

Jill Lewis

Meet Jill Lewis, our new editor of the CVUUF News. Liza Diniakos is turning over the job to Jill who has extensive experience editing newsletters for business and nonprofit organizations. Thank you, Liza, for your seven years of service in this role. CVUUF appreciates your talent and dedication!

Jill joined the fellowship this past August and has jumped into service right away. Aside from newsletter editor, she is volunteering as a substitute teacher in our Religious Education middle school level classes, and she has joined a Chalice Circle. She first attended the Conejo Valley fellowship when it was located at the Goebel Center in Thousand Oaks. Her daughters were barely school age. She remembers it as a small but very lively congregation, especially appreciating our Easter flower communions and the drum circles.

When her daughters Amy and Nikki became students at Banyan Elementary School, she became involved in volunteer activities at the school and in the community, initiating and implementing chorus and drama after school programs at Banyan.

Jill was a member of the Thousand Oaks Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and became heavily involved in the Women's History Project, serving as director for a few years. She wrote and edited some of the scripts about notable women who were then presented at the elementary schools either by parent volunteers or by the students themselves. The Thousand Oaks AAUW also put together a collection of scripts and published the first edition of Profiles of Women, Past and Present, with credit to Jill as editor.

She has served as managing editor of several newsletters, including two at Blue Cross of California (now Anthem Blue) and The Oaktwig, the monthly publication for the Thousand Oaks branch of AAUW.

After her husband Michael had a massive stroke in 2011, she became an active caregiver for him. Her daughter Amy is in grad school at CLU working on her MFT and Nikki will be attaining her BS in business and economics this December from CSU Channel Islands.

Her interests include reading, attending jazz dance classes at the Goebel Center, and her two fluffy family members: Coco, a Maltipoo, and Maggie, a Shihpoo. She looks forward to getting to know CVUUF members better.



TERRORISM - The world is echoing from terrorist attacks from Paris to Baghdad, from Bamako to Beirut. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged the Security Council to take steps to establish peace, through political engagement, UN peace operations, and strengthened partnerships. The Security Council just adopted a resolution calling for all Member States to focus energy on combating ISIL which poses "a global and unprecedented threat to international peace and security."

HIV - A new United Nations report titled 'Focus on location and population: on the Fast-Track to end AIDS by 2030' revealed that more countries are adopting the Fast-Track Strategy developed by UNAIDS. The strategy uses country data to determine the best approach and treatment methods for each community to prevent the contraction and spread of HIV, and it will be an important tool to achieve the '90-90-90 treatment target,' getting the world closer to eradicating HIV/AIDS.

COP21 PARIS - The 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) international climate conference in Paris will begin on November 30th in Paris, France. This year, countries will submit their own INDCs (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions) to outline their post-2020 plan to mitigate climate change. The overall goal of this conference is to create an ambitious, hopefully legally binding international climate agreement to limit global temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius.

MYANMAR - Myanmar's first openly contested election in 25 years just took place recently and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi won the presidency. This win marks the first time since 1962 that the military has not had complete control over the government. Congratulating her on this historic victory and the formation of a democratic government, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon still stressed that the Rohingya and other minority communities are still facing human rights violations and were barred from voting. He spoke to the people of Myanmar saying that, even after this peaceful election, there is still much work that needs to be done.

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Citizens' Climate Lobby
Citizens' Climate Education



2016 'El Nino' Regional Conference

SAVE THE DATE!!

The second-annual conference for SoCal CCLers is coming. Don't miss this opportunity for education, inspiration, networking and strategizing for success....

WHEN **Saturday, January 23 (9am to 8pm)**
 and Sunday, January 24 (9am to 1pm)

WHERE **LA City College Campus**
 855 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles
 ...Rail Accessible (1/2 block from Metro Red-Line station)

CONTENT **As we experienced last year in Brea, plenty of conference content is planned to grow our knowledge and effectiveness in accomplishing the CCL mission:**

- **Group Start workshop, conducted by Mark Reynolds**
- **10+ Breakout session choices**
- **Special guest, Dr. Danny Richter (CCL Legislative & Science Director)**
- **Panel discussion with climate experts**
- **Keynote address by Rex Parris, Mayor of Lancaster**

Rex is a dynamic champion of climate-change solutions, including leading his city to net-zero status within 5 years.

He was famously quoted regarding climate change:

"I may be a Republican, but I'm not an idiot." NY Times, 2013

COST **Estimated conference fee \$75-\$100 (including Saturday lunch & dinner, and light breakfast both mornings)**

LOGISTICS **Final details are now in development. Look for the upcoming announcement on conference enrollment procedures, including room reservations for those needing overnight accommodations. (Note: local Red-Line convenient hotels will offer CCL group blocks from about \$80 - \$130 per night)**

Stay tuned, and....

SAVE THE DATE!!

CVUUF Women's Retreat 2016

Register Now!

The CVUUF Women's Retreat is scheduled for **April 22 - 24, 2016**, and now is the time to register. The weekend is a great opportunity to renew your spirit and deepen connections with women in the congregation. Camp de Benneville Pines is a beautiful UU mountain retreat located in the San Bernardino Mountains. The group will gather for fellowship and themed discussions. There will be music, creative expression through art and personal time for hiking or other recreation.

To sign up simply fill out a registration card and drop your name into the box labeled **Women's Retreat**, available in the Fellowship Hall from **November 7 until December 6 at 12:15pm**. A lottery will be held if interest exceeds available space. Last year we were able to accommodate everybody who wanted to attend, in spite of an initial waiting list. The cost to participate in the retreat is \$160, which includes meals and study materials.

Andy Pletcher (andypletcher@gmail.com, 805- 551-0456) will be the registrar and is available for any questions or additional information.

Join in a modern Pagan Druid style ritual celebration of Midwinter, presented jointly by CVUUF Rabbit in the Moon and Raven's Cry Grove, ADF. We take inspiration from our Ancestors and what they did at this season.

The ritual will be the fourth year together for a seasonal gathering. No experience is necessary, and curious newcomers are definitely welcome.

There will be a potluck feast to end the evening.

If you have questions, please send an email to info@conejomoon.org.



CVUUF Financials Workshop

The congregation is invited to a one-hour workshop to review the financial status of the church at **11am on Saturday, January 9, 2016**.

WE are on the Side of Love

The national Standing on the Side of Love organization is "a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world."

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

"...We must not face terrorism with fear; love is the only thing that I know that can truly conquer hate. I call on our elected officials to lead on the side of love for refugees."

—Rev. Peter Morales, President
Unitarian Universalist Association

"... We can be our best selves, offering relief and resettlement to Syrian refugees who are survivors of the terrorism that killed the victims who lie dead in Beirut and Paris. Or we can close our borders and leave millions of refugees literally out in the cold this winter."

—Bill Schulz, President & CEO
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

RACIAL JUSTICE

Break Silence

Sunday, January 17, 2015
4th Annual UU MLK Choral Music Festival
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church
7304 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Chipping away at ROE v. WADE

In November, the Supreme Court announced that it will hear its first abortion case in nine years.

Whole Woman's Health v. Cole, is focused on two new restrictions in the Texas law: doctors who perform abortions must have the right to send patients to a full-scale hospital no further than thirty miles from the clinic, and each clinic must have the same facilities as a surgical center. The clinics and doctors argue that neither is necessary, and both will narrow access to abortion services by forcing clinics to close.

The earliest the Court will begin hearing the case is February 2016. Follow this case at www.supremecourt.gov.



December 2015



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9:15am>Worship Service with Religious Education for children; 10:15>Children's Choir Rehearsals; 11:00am>Worship Service with Childcare for younger children— High School RE; 12:15pm>Membership Committee; 12:30pm>Citizens Climate Lobby; 1:00pm>Gaming Afternoon; 5:00pm>Newcomer AA Meeting	6:30pm>Finance Committee 7:15pm>Opal Covenant Group 7:30pm>MSC meeting	9:45am>Gardenia Group 7:00pm>2nd Tuesday Chalice Circle 7:00pm>CVUUF Board of Trustees meeting	9:00am> CVUUF Office Administrator hours 10:00am>Facilitator Training 12:30pm>Daytime Book Club and Potluck 7:30pm>Meditation Group	7:00pm>Sapphire Covenant Group 7:30pm>Choir Rehearsal	9:00am> CVUUF Office Administrator hours	9:00am>Sai Baba Holiday Service 7:00pm>Movie group
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Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In order to assist us in fulfilling our mission to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion, we the members and friends of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- Opening our hearts and minds to those who have traveled journeys unlike ours and whose strengths and challenges may be different from ours.
- A welcoming space for all to speak their truth respectfully.
- The importance of deep listening and respect for each other.
- Relationships with others of all ages, and the gifts that each generation brings to our community.
- The democratic process, through which we give voice to concerns and offer our time and energy to arrive at solutions.

In the wider community, we honor our responsibilities for upholding spiritual ideals, engaging in civil discourse with those of other religious traditions, and promoting our UU values.

In my interactions with others in this congregation, I will:

- Speak honestly and directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern, using thoughtful, compassionate language.
- Forgive the errors and shortcomings of myself and others as we contribute to our shared ministry and express gratitude for the many gifts we bring.
- Assume good intentions in those with whom I disagree and examine my own part in the disagreement.
- Listen deeply to, and actively seek resolution with those concerned before engaging the Conflict Resolution Committee, Committee on Ministry, the Council or the Board of Trustees in conflict mediation.
- Expect divergent beliefs and opinions and persist in respectful dialogue—especially in times of uncertainty—remaining open to new understandings while doing my part to sustain this Covenant.
- Respect the minister and staff's professionalism, time and privacy.
- Assume responsibility for understanding the church structure and governance model.
- Assume responsibility for keeping informed of church business.

Through this Covenant of Good Relations, it is our intention to foster healthy and productive relations within our church community as we work together to achieve our mission.



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additional UU resource links:

[Unitarian Universalist Association \(UUA\)](#)

The UUA serves 1,000+ congregations in the US and the world.

[Pacific Southwest District \(PSWD\)](#)

PSWD serves 50 Pacific Southwest congregations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

*Sunday Service is held at 9:15 & 11:00 am, with Coffee Hour following each service.
Children's Religious Education is held during the 9:15am service. Childcare is provided and YRUU (our high school RE program) meets during the 11:00am service.*

Visitors are always welcome!