



# CVUUF

# APRIL

## Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Our mission is to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.

### Upcoming Sunday Services

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#### April 3: "Following Our Blisters" —Reverend Anne Felton Hines

Joseph Campbell wrote about the importance of "following our bliss" -- discerning what it is that brings us meaning in life, and following that path. But sometimes it's not as easy as it sounds -- either for individuals, or for a congregation.

#### April 10: "A Congregation" —CVUUF Chalice Players

Based on the Tony Award winning musical "A Chorus Line" that was a hit on Broadway half a century ago, the five member ensemble will use the theme of "Who are you becoming?" to perform original monologues and songs.

#### April 17: "Mind the Gap" —Beverly Jordan, UU Ventura Membership Manager

Several times a minute commuters in the British Underground are reminded from an intercom system to "mind the gap" between the platform and the train. Today's sermon explores the theme of internal and external gaps and spaces in our life. What is our relationship with the liminal, with those in-between spaces? How do we mind the gaps?

#### April 24: "Preparing for the Journey" —Reverend Anne Felton Hines

Today is the second day of Passover, when Jews re-tell the story of their ancestors' long and treacherous journey from Egypt to the "Promised Land." If you were to embark on a journey from one way of life to another, what would you take with you, and what would you need to leave behind? And what can your congregation, during this time of transition, learn from the story?

**Reverend Hines will be out-of-town April 8-11, and then again for District Assembly and Ministry meetings April 27-30. She will be available by e-mail, but if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Fellowship office, or the Pastoral Care Committee ([pastoralcare@cvuuf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@cvuuf.org)).**

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# In the Meantime...

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I'm a winter person – actually, fall and winter. I love gray skies, leafless trees, rain, wind, thunder and lightening. Whenever I move into a new home, I wait in anticipation for the first rain, to hear how it sounds on the roof. And every year I look forward to the moment when I'm able once again to put flannel sheets on my bed and an extra comforter, looking forward to snuggling underneath all that warmth.

So you can imagine how eagerly I'd been awaiting the torrents of rain promised by El Niño this winter – and my disappointment at the appalling lack of it; it's never even remained cold long enough to bring out those flannel sheets and extra comforter! One morning as I drove down the street on which I live and saw rows of trees on either side bursting with lush white blossoms—a scene that would have brought most people a gasp of joy—I felt total despair; will I ever experience winter again?! I wondered.

And my despair isn't *only* about my preferences. I, like most of you, am very concerned about climate change, and the effects the drought is having on our earth, and on the lives of many in California. I had hoped El Niño would put a dent in that.

And yet... as I sat today on my balcony, gazing at the lushness of the trees, the early blossoms on the camellia bushes, the blueness of the sky, and knowing that just beyond my view were some incredibly beautiful hills...well, it was pretty sweet!

I am not generally a spring or summer person. But on a day like today, one of my favorite poems by e. e. cummings keeps wandering through my mind:

*i thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and for  
everything which is natural which is infinite  
which is yes*

*(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings: and of  
the gay great happening illimitably earth)*

*how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any--lifted from the no  
of all nothing--human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?*

*(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)*

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. I hope that no matter the temps, we can celebrate the beauty that surrounds us every day of the year – the natural, the infinite, the yes.

*Anne*

# President's Message

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As we explore how our congregation can best serve people in our community, an article by blogger Adam Copeland caught my eye. I'd love to hear your feedback. (His comments are edited for space.)

## **Reaching Out to Young Adults Will Screw Up Your Church** - by Adam Copeland (5.24.2012)

I have a theory about young adults and the church. Here it goes. Let me know what you think. *While many churches say "we want young people" they don't really. If young adults actually showed up and joined their church for good, the change they'd naturally bring with them would be stark, even off-putting. In fact, making a congregation welcoming for young adults necessarily means it will become less comfortable for the current members.*

It's just a theory, but here's why I'm suggesting it. A few stories...

First story: the ministry I lead hosts a book group that meets in a back room at a local coffee shop. We read books related to religion in a very open-minded atmosphere. Few of our book group members attend church. Some don't believe in God. Most are highly suspicious of organized religion. Well, at a book group discussion recently conversation turned to why people don't go to church and one of the members exclaimed, "Wait a second...this, this book group — it's sort of like church! I mean, I'd never go to church, but this community reminds me a lot of one. Wow." He was floored.

As many have noted about young adults today, we tend to seek belonging first; believing comes later. To welcome young adults churches need to make places where we can belong and then believe. Belonging takes time and often happens best outside the church's walls. For churches to do this means, for many of them, major change in where, how, and for whom they program.

Second story (or stories, really). Several of my young adult pastor friends tell about a time when one of them is hanging out around town, meeting new people, just being his cool/nerdy self when someone finds out he's a pastor. And this person thinks the pastor is pretty hip so she asks, "Hey, can I come to your church." The pastor sighs and says, "Yes, but you've got to know: I'm really different at church."

These pastor friends, to survive in their parishes, have taken the edge off their preaching, their politics, their big ideas, even their theology. Though the pastors know young adults are drawn to their edgy honest selves, they also know their more established members — with the power and the checkbooks — have other ideas. A lot would need to change for the pastor to be able to respond to his friend saying, "Yes! Please, come to my church. You'd love it!" And, if that gal at the bar would truly love it, what would the church's choir members think?

To welcome young adults these days churches need to welcome the atheist, the single mom, the tattooed, the unemployed, and yes (of course!) the same-sex couple.

Those are my stories. And that's my theory: **for most congregations to truly become welcoming for young adults they will necessarily need to unsettle current members.** Discuss. (The full article is at: <http://www.adamcopeland.com/2012/05/24/reaching-out-to-young-adults-will-screw-up-your-church/>)

See you on Sunday!

**Willie**



# Religious Education News

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Hellllooooo Spring!

This season just makes me smile. Sunny skies, with the occasional shower. Flowers and trees in bloom. The giddiness of summer vacation just around the corner. I can't help but think of rebirth and new beginnings, especially with all the baby animals, chicks hatching, and butterflies opening their wings. Of course, that can only lead to the discussion of the birds and the bees! And if I know UUs, I'm willing to bet you just thought of OWL!

Our Whole Lives is amazing. It really is. We are beyond blessed to have access to this program. This year we have had two classes offered, for 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders, and a high school group. The youth have been enjoying themselves, in big part to our amazing teachers—Liza Diniakos, Robin Lindsey, Tom Smith, and Tom Stough. These individuals make it possible for the youth to discuss awkward and uncomfortable topics in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Thank you! And a very special thanks to Robin for organizing our OWL program. Thank you for making this happen!

Can't forget our April birthdays! Lucas Cho Miller, Grant Schlaus, Adriana Stough, Draven Lopez—have a wonderful celebration!



**We are inviting our young ones to light the chalice during first service.** We now have sign-ups for our families to commit to coming in on a particular Sunday of choice and take a small but important part in the service. This will allow us to stop the last minute rush in finding a chalice lighter and, as an exciting bonus, add the child's name to the Order of Service.

If your young one is interested in assisting at a service, please contact Sam Dickerson at [dre@cvuuf.org](mailto:dre@cvuuf.org). We look forward to seeing you and your young one at service.

# News From Our Outreach Director



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Here's what's new this month.

We have great news in from Planned Parenthood. The anti-abortion groups who had been pushing to get yet another parental notification initiative on the ballot for the fall election have failed. It is a relief to not have to do the work to oppose it. CVUUF will be hosting the monthly meeting of the Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network (of which we are members) on **Tuesday, April 12**. This is their first time meeting in the East County and we are pleased to be opening up our doors to this fine group. Following the VCRRN meeting at 7:00, we will have a meeting for our own Reproductive Justice Team. I am anticipating a visit from a representative of Planned Parenthood at that meeting for a legislative update.

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00PM will be a Community Forum – Islam and Muslims in America. Dr. Amir Hussain will discuss - in its concern over religious extremism- is America in danger of falling prey to hatred and Islamophobia – the irrational fear of all things Islamic and all Muslims? He is an expert in the study of Islam, and contemporary Muslim societies in North America and will look at the important role of Islam in American society and how the belief and practice of the vast majority of Muslims differ from that of violent extremists.

**April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>** – This year's annual Pacific Southwest District Assembly and Annual meeting "Draw the Circle Wider: The Prophethood of All Believers" will be held at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. Friday's keynote address will be given by Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry. Her speech will be titled "What's in the wind?" Workshops and district business continue on Saturday. For more information about the District Assembly, go to <http://www.pswduua.org/events/district-assembly/>

FINALLY, some **help is wanted**... Seeking two or three (or so) people passionate about documentaries who would like to champion presenting an ongoing documentary series. Just in the past two weeks I've had three excellent documentaries pitched to me as events we should present. If you're interested in being part of that group, please let me know. Coaching is available on presenting these events.

If you have any questions on any of the activities mentioned above, please contact me at [outreachdirector@cvuuf.org](mailto:outreachdirector@cvuuf.org).

## ~Calendar of Outreach Activities~

- Tuesday, April 5 – Feeding Hands. 2:30 – Food Prep, 6:00 Serving at Calvary Church
- Wednesday, April 6 & April 20 – Racism Study Group – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, April 7 (and continuing weekly) – Survivor After Suicide Support Group – 5:30PM – Adult RE
- Sunday, April 10 – 12:30PM Monthly meeting of Citizens Climate Lobby – Board Rm
- Tuesday, April 12 – 6:00PM – Meeting of Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network – Fellowship Hall – Followed by CVUUF Reproductive Justice Team mtg. at 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 16 – 7:00PM – Community Forum – Islam & Muslims in America – Dr. Amir Hussain
- Sunday, April 17 – 12:15PM Humanist Meeting – Middle School classroom
- Monday, April 25 – 7:00PM Fellowship Hall – Escalating Inequality Meeting
- Friday & Saturday, April 29 – 30 – Pacific Southwest District Assembly and Annual Meeting – Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara



## All Member Vote April 3—CVUUF Endorsement of the Farmworkers Bill of Rights

On April 3, after the second service, CVUUF will hold an all member meeting to vote on whether to endorse a local effort to establish a Farmworker Bill of Rights here in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. This is a historical effort to improve working conditions for those people who help bring us the food we put on our tables. CVUUF has an opportunity to support this effort and speak out for the human dignity of, and compassion for, the farmworkers in our community.

For the last 200 years farmworker jobs have been filled by newly arrived ethnic groups and waves of migration. Land owners and farm managers sought after this ever-shifting migratory labor force that was economically desperate, afraid to organize and left to bear the harsh conditions of the fields. As working conditions improved for most of the labor force, farmworkers were left behind by legislators and farm owners who exploited their powerless position and the racism often directed at these ethnicities.

### VENTURA COUNTY FARMWORKERS BILL OF RIGHTS

**Adequate earned sick time** by employers providing 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked, until a maximum of 7 sick days (56 hours) per year.

**Protect pregnant women from pesticide exposure** by providing pregnancy leave with job status and seniority protected when the worker returns.

**Require real rest breaks** with at least 10 minutes of rest time starting when a worker reaches a break area that has water, shade and bathrooms.



#### **Crack Down on Wage Theft**

**Increase local resources for investigation of wage theft** such as paying below the minimum wage, not providing paid breaks, or requiring work before or after hours.

**Create meaningful penalties for wage theft** including holding farm labor contractors and growers jointly liable for wage theft fines and back pay to workers.

**Protect workers from retaliation** including establishing an anonymous tip hotline to informally report a problem workplace.

#### **Protect Health and Safety**

**Health and safety education for farm workers** by funding nonprofits to educate workers about the necessary health and safety precautions that should be taken, or are required by law, in agricultural work.

**Provide adequate safety equipment** by requiring all agricultural employers to provide all workers with gloves, face masks and boots for certain jobs.

**Protect workers from pesticide exposure** by holding growers responsible if they apply pesticides while workers are in the field or have workers in the field during the unsafe period after pesticide exposure



## CVUUF AUCTION RECAP

We raised \$17,000 so far!

Thank you to all who helped with the Auction. Everyone stepped up to make this successful event happen in a short amount of time. The Luck of the UUs is that we can do lots of good things because of this community!

If you haven't received your statement for what you purchased/sold, let Liza Diniakos know.

What's Next?

Year-round fundraising is a great idea. You haven't seen the last of Yapsody! The details will be shared soon for how year-round fundraising will look.



~~~~Announcing the April 10 Presentation of ~~~~~

**"A CONGREGATION"**

**Performed by The Chalice Players**

In the 70's musical, dancers are auditioning to be members of a chorus line by talking to an omnipotent director. In the Chalice Players version, the actors are interfacing with a ministerial candidate, to persuade her to join this congregation. Song lyrics are changed so that instead of "I need this job" as the opening number, it has become "You need this job."



Actors in the ensemble represent a cross-section of UUs: Jewish-Buddhist (Norman Greenberg), Theist (Lorella Hess) Atheist, (Mark Surby), Agnostic (Denyse Dunn), and Humanist (LeAnn Walters).

The production crew includes Director Mary Ellen Bruskotter, Associate Director Randall Edwards, Musician Frances Pardee, Percussionist Deb Snyder, Technician Sioe Hiang, and Worship Associate Thelma Williams .

## FROM THE THREAT OF DEPORTATION TO THE PROMISE OF CITIZENSHIP



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday May 14, 1-3pm  
UCC Simi Valley  
370 Royal Avenue**

Beginning nearly nine years ago, volunteers from CVUUF and other churches provided support for Liliana Sanchez de Saldivar when she was given sanctuary from deportation at the Simi Valley United Church of Christ. Her long struggle to remain with her family in the U.S. finally resulted in 'Green card' permanent resident status.

The May 14 event commemorates a courageous Oxnard mother who, with faith and strength, resisted while over two and a half million people were deported. It also celebrates the power of volunteers who with faith and perseverance helped Liliana reach her path to citizenship.

For more information contact: Liza Diniakos ([ldiniakos@yahoo.com](mailto:ldiniakos@yahoo.com)) Gordon Clint or Barbara Leighton.

*A Celebration of the Life of  
SHERMAN GAULEY*

*Saturday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.*

*Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*

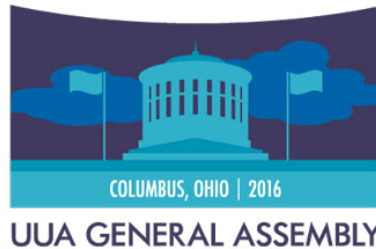
*Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall*

*For more information, please contact Rev. Anne Hines*

## CARING COMMUNITY

If you are in need of pastoral care, a listening ear, a ride to church, or care while you are ill, our pastoral care team and neighborhood networks are here to help. For more information, call the office: 805-498-9548, email: [pastoralcare@cvuuf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@cvuuf.org), or find out who your neighborhood leader is at [neighborhood@cvuuf.org](mailto:neighborhood@cvuuf.org).





**UUA General Assembly —Columbus, Ohio**

**June 22-26, 2016**

**REGISTRATION AND HOUSING OPEN MARCH 1**

GA [Registration](#) and the GA [Housing Reservation System](#) open at 9 a.m. EST

**HEART LAND: WHERE FAITHS CONNECT**

The faith world is increasingly multifaith. People are crossing borders of religion and spiritual practice to create wholeness in their lives. General Assembly 2016 will assemble leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future for all.

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) will hold its 2016 Intergenerational Spring Conference from **April 7 through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. UU youth and adults will gather in New York City to dig deeply into the issue of **income inequality** and racial discrimination around the world. Together, we will consider UU engagement with issues like:

- Rich versus poor disparities within countries and worldwide
- Globalization's impact on income inequality
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - Poverty alleviation
  - Inclusion of women, LGBTQ individuals, indigenous people, and other vulnerable groups in economic activity
  - Political instability caused by income inequality
  - Structural discrimination based on race



For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uua.org/international/events/seminar>

## What Happened at the UU-UNO Spring Seminar?

You don't have to wonder much longer. **UU-UNO is hosting a workshop at the Pacific Southwest District Assembly on April 30, 2016: "The Color of Inequality: Costs and Consequences."**



CVUUF's own, Allison Hess, will lead the workshop which focuses on the theme of inequality experienced by our global citizens.

This program will address institutionalized inequalities and discrimination faced by individuals around the world, emphasizing racism against people of African descent. Explore practical ways to combat this force through your congregation's social justice activism and Escalating Inequality groups. Participants will gain a greater understanding of economic inequalities in the world, whether caused by globalization, discrimination, exploitation, or political structures. You will have the opportunity to commit to acting collaboratively to accomplish the UN's Sustainable Development Goal Number 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.



## Draw the Circle Wider: The Prophethood of All Believers

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

**Friday April 29th & Saturday April 30th**

**Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara**

1535 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, CA

The list of workshops at the Pacific Southwest District Assembly on **Saturday, April 30** is strong. There are two on Black Lives Matters; two on economic inequality; two on immigration issues; and that is just six workshops out of fourteen! (See *information about the UU-UNO workshop above.*)

Santa Barbara is so close...it's easy to attend at least on **Friday April 29** and hear Keynote Speaker Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry. Registration information can be found at <http://www.pswduua.org/events/district-assembly>.



## Honoring Earth Day ...

We have an excellent opportunity to volunteer on **Saturday April 9** at the Wildlife Conservation Cleanup, from **7:30AM - 10:30AM**. Wildlife & Environmental Conservation Inc. (11952 Broad Road, Moorpark) is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of protected and endangered wildlife species and their habitats. Most of the animals they care for are non-releasable individuals that have sustained permanent injuries as a result of various environmental challenges. W&EC houses raptors and big cats. During this special opportunity, volunteers (ages 12 & over) will be smoothing pathways, clearing brush, weeds and removing sticker weeds from a new set of expanded wild cat enclosures. We'll also be planting new shade trees and bushes to give the animals privacy and cool shade while they are being rehabilitated. Bring hats, sturdy shoes, gloves, shovels, rakes, hoes, sunscreen and a smile!

For more information please go to [Wildlife Conservation Cleanup April 9th!](#)



In observance of Earth Day **April 22**, why not participate in some Earth Day Gratitude. From **7:30 - 8:30PM**, everyone is encouraged to power up the gratitude and power down your energy consumption, getting as close to personal net zero as possible. Illuminate by moonlight, candle lights or LEDs. (It will be a full moon.) Count your blessings. Focus on energy efficiency. Observe the fresh insights that flood your own awareness and the world consciousness. Be epic.

### UUA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UPDATE SUSAN FREDERICK-GRAY ENTERS THE RACE BY PETITION

After one of the original nominees for UUA president withdrew earlier this year, there was only one candidate for the presidency. To assure a discernable vote and open election, UUA Moderator Jim Key announced that a second candidate would enter the race by petition.

Delegates to the UUA's 2017 General Assembly in New Orleans will elect a new UUA president to a six-year term to succeed the Rev. Peter Morales. UUA bylaws allow candidates to enter the presidential race by petition through February 1, 2017.

**Susan Frederick-Gray** has now entered the race by petition. CVUUF has supported her nomination by way of the governing Board of our congregation.

Learn more about UUA Presidential candidate Susan Frederick-Gray at <http://susanfrederickgray.com>



**Saturday April 30, 2016  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Program Begins at 10:00 am**

**Ventura Beach Promenade  
450 E. Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA 93001  
(where California St. meets the beach)  
Walk starts at the bottom of the Ventura Pier**

The NAMI Walk in Ventura is a fun occasion to join positive energy with others in a stroll or run along the beautiful Ventura coast – all while you increase public awareness of mental illness, fight stigma, and raise funds to support NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Ventura County. Anahí Quiroz has joined the Mighty Oaks team. If you are able to walk with her or support her fundraising effort, call 805-358-5844. To learn more or register to walk visit: <http://namiventura.org> and click on the NAMI Walk event.







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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!