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Santa Clarita's Unitarian Universalist Congregation

April, 2025



It's easy to get tricked,
taken for a ride,
convinced that joy
is a possession.

Something to be caught, contained and controlled
just by us.
As if it's a birthday present,
waiting for us to unwrap it
and keep forever and ever.

And who can blame us,
with pain seeming so powerfully prevalent, and permanent.
If sadness can stay for so long,
why can't joy?

But maybe it's elusive
for a reason.
Maybe it's slippery
in order to help us understand
that it was put here to fly.

Or better yet:
To be flung!
To be passed, not possessed.
To be spread
between you and me,
between the ones who receive its gift
and the ones that have been looking for its treasure
for a very long time.

Maybe it's a beautiful and elegant contagion,
over which we just might have more control than we think.
If only we share it.
If only we notice that joy is not ours to keep,
but ours to give.

Maybe joy is a gift that opens us
as much as we open to it.

Maybe that's the way light leaks into our weary world.

From Soul Matters

Sunday Services

April 6, 10:30 am
With Choir

The Joy of Giving

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook
Minister, UU of SCV



As UU of SCV begins its annual stewardship drive, we consider what it means to give freely to something we support. Whether it's our time, talent, or treasure, voluntary giving can be a joyful act, one that affirms the power we have to turn our attention to that which nourishes us.

Sunday services are held at:

Vibe Performing Arts Studio,

Valencia Plaza Shopping Center,
24460 1/4 Lyons Ave

And on Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZoomUUSCV>

Or via phone at: (669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 3098843973 (use for password also)

"#" for personal ID

April 13, 10:30 am
With Choir

The Joy That Finds Us

Rev. Elea Kemler Sermon
Read by Chris Hankla



**Rev. Elea Kemler from
First Parish Church of Groton, MA**

Chris Hankla will read a faith message by the Rev. Elea Kemler. Rev. Elea is the minister at First Parish Church of Groton, MA. She lives with her husband and two teen-age children and mostly loves being a small-town minister where she gets to bless just about everything, from chickens to the new postmaster. She says: "Joy is often accidental or at least unpredictable. I believe we miss a lot of joy because it does not look or feel or sound like what we thought it would." It is joy that finds us.

**April 20, 10:30 am
With Guest Musician**

Easter for the Earth

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook
Minister, UU of SCV



It's Spring again, and the ancient Pagan markers that influenced Easter are all around us. As we look toward Earth Day, we consider what it means to offer joyous renewal to our Earth home. Are there pieces of the Easter story that inspire us to be better stewards to our planet? Join us for this joyful celebration of Spring and the resurrection of hope.

**April 27, 10:30 am
Jazz Sunday**

How Do We Bring Joy to Life?

Rev. Jo Green
UU of SCV Affiliate Minister



What brings us joy? April has always seemed like a happy month, Spring is springing, Easter happens much of the time, we celebrate Earth Day to honor our planet. Can we look at life in a more cheerful and optimistic way? During the dark times, can we search for those practices or life experiences that bring us joy and gratitude? And does it really work to make us more joyful? Let us this Sunday explore the glass half full rather than the glass half empty.

Join Us for Jazz Ensemble Sunday



Minister's Column



Rev. Dr. Jason Cook

Dear UU of SCV members and friends,

You might have noticed that Unitarian Universalism has undergone a shift in the last couple of years. The seven principles, once regarded as the cornerstone of our faith, have evolved into an expression of values with love at the center. A fixed center was missing—perhaps deliberately—from the principles, so why are we now centering love in this way?

Nearly twenty-five years ago, feminist writer bell hooks observed a troubling trend in American culture. She wrote, “I feel our nation is turning away from love--moving into a wilderness of spirit so intense we may never find our way home again. I write of love to bear witness both to the danger in this movement and to call for a return to love.” Her words resonate even more deeply today. At this moment in our world, we can see escalating authoritarianism, attacks on marginalized communities, the erosion of democracy, and deepening divides among humanity. In times like these, love is not only a moral choice but a necessary act of resistance.

Love is radical. Love challenges power. Love disrupts systems of oppression. When we center love, we stand against the cruelty and dehumanization that have become defining features of our political landscape. We don't have to look far to see people in power who have sought to demonize the most vulnerable among us—immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, people of color, the poor. The dismantling of rights and the normalization of hate speech are not simply political issues; they are

spiritual crises. And in the face of this, our faith calls us to love boldly, fiercely, and unapologetically.

Unitarian Universalism has long had an informal theological focus on love. Our last UUA president, Susan Frederick-Gray, once told a story about her young son gathering his stuffed animals into the shower. When she asked him what he was doing, he answered simply, “It’s shower church.” And when she asked what he was preaching about, he said, “Love, mommy. It’s always love.”

That child’s wisdom cuts to the heart of who we are. Love is our creed. Love is our call to action. Love is the answer when we are faced with policies designed to strip people of their dignity. Love is what drives us to protest, to vote, to demand justice, to refuse to be complicit in systems that harm.

Love, however, is not without its cost. When we take a stand, we risk backlash. We risk discomfort. We risk conflict, both within and outside our communities. But silence, neutrality, and complacency are not options. Love compels us to name injustices and to take action, even when it is difficult.

This shift in how we officially describe ourselves as UUs is not just a philosophical exercise; it is an imperative. To center love means to hold ourselves accountable to the world we want to create. It means resisting the urge to despair in the face of cruelty. It means recognizing that love is not passive—it is active, it is demanding, it is a force of transformation. Love requires us to take risks, to speak out, to challenge ourselves and others, to embrace change, and to fight for a future where all people are free to live and love without fear.

And while we may not know whether the world will ever fully center love, we know this: if we don't try, it certainly *never* will. And that is why this congregation continues to matter: it's a place where we remind ourselves to keep striving, to keep resisting, and most of all--to keep loving.

In faith--and love,

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook

Activities

SPECIAL EVENT

“A SPRING FLING!”

SOCIAL EVENT

(with a different kind of Silent Auction)

Plan to attend UU of SCV's Spring Fling! Invite a friend or two, as well.

Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00 – 8:30 pm

Home of Suzie Rizzo

You can expect good eats, fun games, and delightful camaraderie. Attendees can sign up to participate in fundraising opportunities. The menu includes **appetizers and desserts only**. Be sure to check with Chris Hankla who is coordinating the eats! Get more details and location directions by emailing her at info@uuofscv.org. Hope to see you there!

“Opportunity” Auction Items Needed for Spring Fling Fundraising

The items to be auctioned for this year's “Spring Fling!” **will not be physical objects**. Instead, the Board is looking for individuals to offer **opportunities** that come with a price. Think of what talents you might share. Let your imagination fly! Here are some ideas of what might be auctioned:

- a specific dining experience for six highest bidders
- an afternoon tea for four highest bidders

- an afternoon of crafts for eight at a set price
- a sermon suggestion for one Sunday to the highest bidder (*Rev. Jason has already committed to offering this, so start thinking about what you'd like, and bid on it*).
- a guided tour of a favorite location for six at a set price
- a guided hiking experience with snacks for four at a set price
- a bowling competition for eight at a set price
- an offer to wash windows at a person's home to the highest bidder
- a two-hour folk sing-a-long at a set price
- a day on the water for two highest bidders
- a two-hour tennis or golf lesson (or whatever you can teach) for one to the highest bidder
- instruction in dancing the two-step at a set price
- instruction in making pasta, flower arranging, kite construction, bicycle maintenance, tying flies for fishing, or ???

You decide the participant limit to your opportunity. You decide the minimum price or the set price. You decide whether to accept the highest bidder or a specific number of highest bidders. All auction proceeds will go into UU of SCV's general fund. Please contact Chris Hankla at info@uuofscv.org with your submissions by March 31.

NEWCOMERS WORKSHOP

Explorations: A Newcomers Workshop & Light Lunch

Sunday, May 4th, Noon - 2:00 pm

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook

Curious about Unitarian Universalism or looking to connect (or reconnect) with UU of SCV? Join us for *Explorations*, a welcoming workshop and light lunch after the worship service on May 4th. Whether you're new or seeking to refresh your connection to the congregation, we'll explore UU values, history, and what it means to be part of our congregation. All you need to bring is yourself—we'd love to get to know you better! For further details, reach out to our membership team at info@UUofSCV.org.

"Grief & Caregivers" Check-In Group

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook



The Grief & Caregivers check-in group, designed for those navigating the complex terrain of grief and caregiving, will continue every month on the third Thursday of each month at noon on Zoom. The intention is to create a safe, nurturing space for individuals who are processing loss or supporting loved ones through challenging times.

This month, the group will be held on Thursday,
April 17, 12:00 noon.

Questions? Email Rev. Jason at
minister@uuofscv.org

Movie Night

Suzie Rizzo

SEJ is having movie night. Documentaries, biographies, novels, and more will be shown at the home of Suzie Rizzo on the second Friday of each month. Please join us at **6:00 for conversation and food. The film will start at 7:00 pm.** Please bring finger foods to share, vegan and vegetarian preferred. You may contact Suzie at movies@uuofscv.org if you have any questions.

"The Guernica Children" will be shown **April 11.** In the wake of the bombing of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War, four thousand Basque refugee children were evacuated to Britain. Seventy years on, we hear their extraordinary story and of the conflict between humanitarian need and political convenience that ensued.



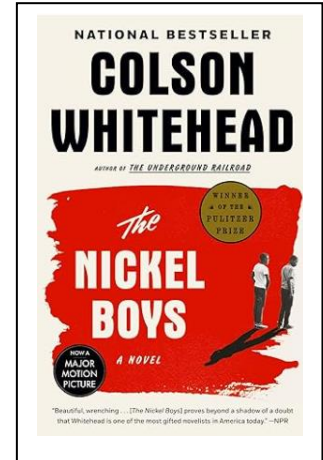
May's film will be, "Buy Now."

Book Club

Ingrid Van Dorn and Marianne Bakic
(Article from Suzie Rizzo)

This is a welcoming and joyful group of readers who love to share their thoughts on the selections chosen.

Everyone's presence is encouraged. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet at **6:00 pm** at the home of Lois Linnert. Please bring a dish to share (vegan and vegetarian preferred) and a beverage of your choice, as well as your thoughts and your critique. UUSCV's Covid Policy is followed.



On **Wednesday, April 9**, we will be discussing Colton Whitehead's book, "The Nickel Boys." This is a story of the conditions of a racist reform school that openly existed in the 1950's. The Club will be reading "Anxious People," in May.

Contact Ingrid Van Dorn or Marianne Bakic at books@uuofscv.org if you have any questions.

Bend the Arc Discussion Group

Bend the Arc Fellowship Collective



Bend the Arc, a political discussion group under the auspices of the Social and Environmental Justice Team, will meet again on the third Wednesday of the month, **April 16**, at our usual time, **6:00 for pot luck and chatting, and 6:30 for serious discussion**, at the home of Suzie Rizzo. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Suzie Rizzo at thearc@uuofscv.org.

Open Topics Discussion Group

Lois Linnert & Beth Jenkins

In this group, we sit in a room with each other and discuss various topics, the topic being different each month. Future Topics may include "What was the most frightening or exhilarating time in your life?", "Tell a funny story or a few jokes", and "What is the meaning of friendship to you, and what is the difference between casual friendship and deep friendship?"

We would love for you to join us. Each month we meet on the 4th Monday (**April 28**) at the home of Lois Linnert at **6:00 pm**. We bring food to share, so we can socialize before the discussion begins.

The topics for April (28th) will be: What drives you crazy about a friend, colleague, or family member? How do you deal with it?

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Lois Linnert or contact opentopics@uuofscv.org.

Animal Ministry

Ingrid Van Dorn, animals@uuofscv.org

Our next meeting of the Animal Ministry of UU of SCV will be held on Sunday, **April 27**. We meet on the 4th Sunday of the month at **12:00 noon** at Vibe, in person and on Zoom.

One way we can help animals is to eat fewer animal products. You don't have to go vegan, (not yet!) but with the egg shortage, maybe it's time for a change. There are many substitutes for eggs, just google vegan egg substitutes. You can help your health, the environment and definitely help chickens!

Quotes of the Month: Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry

"The day may come when the rest of animal creation *may* acquire those rights which never could have been withheld from them but by the hand of tyranny ... **The question is not, Can they reason? nor Can they talk? but, Can they suffer?**"

~Jeremy Bentham,
The Principles of Morals and Legislation

"Animals suffer as much as we do...It is our duty to make the whole world recognize it. Until we extend our circle of compassion to all living things, humanity will not find peace."

~Albert Schweitzer, Unitarian

Game Nights

hosted by Beth Jenkins

ZOOM Game Night – ZOOM Game Night will be **April 5**. The fun begins at **6:00 pm** (this new start time is a permanent change) Join us for a wild Pictionary type game and possible Scattagories and/or Boggle -- ALL on your computer / laptop! It is easy to join -- just use the same UU of SCV ZOOM room link that is listed in our weekly announcements and our monthly newsletter to join. This is a great evening, enjoyed from the comfort of your home. No need to stay for the whole evening (we usually go until 8:30-9:00 PM). No drawing skills needed; just a good sense of humor.

IN-PERSON Game Night -- Come join us for our monthly IN-PERSON Game Night at the home of Beth Jenkins, now happening on the third Friday of each month. This month the date will be **Friday, April 18, at the usual 6:30 pm time**. Please RSVP to Beth Jenkins at: games@uuofscv.org. And please include what potluck item you will be bringing, so we don't all bring desserts! (BYOB for drinks). This is a very fun and lively evening of good food, great conversation, lots of laughs, and (not very competitive) table games (mostly word games).

Note: as with all of our affinity groups, you do not need to be a member of UU of SCV to attend any of our regular monthly activities, and you are encouraged to invite friends, including to the ZOOM game night.

Drum Circle

Beth Jenkins

Drum Circle is changing to the fourth Friday of each month, so this month, it will be on **April 25 at 7:00 pm**.

For any questions, concerns, or directions, as well as to RSVP (which is MUCH appreciated so that we know how many chairs to put out), contact drums@uuofscv.org.

No experience is needed, and you can bring your own drum (or other percussion instrument) or use one of the many supplied by our expert Drum Circle leader Burl Bolerjack. Bring a friend or family member(s) ages 8 and up (must be able to sit for 1.5 hours and focus on the leader's and others' drumbeats, to fit their own unique beat into the group sound).

Donations are much appreciated to pay for Burl's travel and other expenses (usual amount is \$10, but if you bring children, please do not feel obligated to donate for them). Burl generously shares half the donation amount to UU of SCV, and it has accumulated to be several hundred dollars per year!

Friday Meditations on Zoom

Barbara Wampole



"It is indeed a radical act of love just to sit down and be quiet for a time by yourself" – Jon Kabat Zinn

Please feel free to just drop in. No experience is necessary. It's simple. If you'd like to join us to share simple sitting meditation and mindfulness

practices, we continue to have a unique opportunity to use Zoom since we began sheltering at home.

Every Friday from 11 am to Noon. If you'd like to join us, please contact Barbara Wampole at meditation@uuofscv.org

[Connect with the UU of SCV Zoom](#)

Announcements

Seeking Delegates to Represent UU of SCV at the 2025 UUA General Assembly The Board

Your UU of SCV Board is seeking two individuals to serve the congregation as delegates to the 2025 UUA General Assembly (GA). GA will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 18-22 at the Baltimore Convention Center and participants may also join online using the Whova app. Adult Multiplatform (online or in person) costs \$410. However, Business-Only registration for \$150 provides access to the GA Delegate Platform for discussion and voting during General Sessions. GA General Sessions are where UUA policy is addressed and determined. Business-Only registrants may use the promo code OPTOUT2025 to reduce the registration cost to \$0. Business-Only registrants will have access to delegate discussion spaces but will not have access to GA programming, the GA app, networking opportunities, or the exhibit hall.

You must have a delegate credential and be registered for GA to access the delegate platform

Registering for GA is at:

<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>, and contact Rick Kamlet, president@uuofscv.org to be a UU of SCV delegate.

Dining for Dollars Fundraising

Chris Hankla



Your UU of SCV Board is looking for volunteers to offer "Dining for Dollars" opportunities. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve gourmet meals for up to eight people who sign up to pay for the privilege of attending. All proceeds go to UU of SCV and will be applied as fundraising income which has been anticipated in the approved 2024-25 budget.

Perhaps you would enjoy generously hosting a wine tasting, a specialty tea experience, or another creative opportunity for a small group of people.

Please contact Tommie O'Sullivan.

Passages

In Memory of Barbara McCoy

From the message that was sent to the congregation
by Rev. Dr. Jason Cook



I am writing to inform you of the sad news that after an on-going health battle, Barbara McCoy died last night. She was a long-time member of UU of SCV. During these last days, Barbara was receiving hospice care while surrounded by friends and family.

Barbara was a valued part of our community where she contributed in multiple ways to congregational life over the years. In the days and weeks ahead, I

encourage you to share stories of Barbara's life and legacy. When I visited with Barbara a few weeks ago, I spent time with a person more concerned about her family, friends, and church community than she was about her own health issues. She expressed contentment with her life--and even though it had not always been a "perfect" life, she expressed that it had absolutely been a "good" one. She was at peace with this knowledge and aware that her remaining time was likely short.

Barbara expressed that even though her world had understandably gotten smaller in recent months, it was nonetheless still filled with warmth and meaning. The care from family and friends (including members of this congregation) was profoundly moving to her; over and over, she spoke in quiet awe of it.

She will be remembered quite fondly by this congregation and those whose lives she touched over the years. I am grateful to have known Barbara (albeit briefly) and I know many others share that sentiment. We will light a candle for her this Sunday and share a moment of silence during the service in her memory. I hope you will be with me for that.

In the meantime, please keep Barbara's family and loved ones in your thoughts, respecting the space and time they might need to process this transition and make any future plans. This is also a time when members of our congregation can look to one another for support as we grieve and remember.

Again, my deepest condolences to all for this loss. Let us remember Barbara with the love and appreciation she so deserves.

In care,

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook

Social & Environmental Justice

Still Collecting Wildfire Donations -- through April 19

The Third Sunday collection for March into April is Wildfire Relief for UU congregants affected by the Eaton Wildfire. Both Throop UU Church and Neighborhood UU Church will benefit.

You may contribute by 1) putting a check made out to UU of SCV with Wildfire Relief in the memo in the collection basket; 2) sending a check made out similarly to the church P.O. Box address; or 3) donating on the UU of SCV website at uuofscv.org and selecting "3rd Sunday Collection" in the drop-down menu.

How to donate through our website:

- Go to UUofSCV.org
- Click on DONATE in the upper right-hand corner of the page.
- Click on the yellow Donate button
- Select "Use this donation for: 3rd Sunday Collection."

All proceeds collected before April 19 will be pooled and divided evenly between the two Pasadena churches. Please give generously!

Social & Environmental Justice (SEJ) Team News

Louise Klatt & Glenda Nowakowski



Our Social & Environmental Team members engage with our community by attending local events and participating in local non-profit groups. Below are just some of the things we do.

On March 1st our minister Rev. Dr. Jason Cook, Rev. Jo Green and members of the SEJ Team attended the Interfaith "March for Dignity" in Downtown LA. (see photos)





SCV Food Pantry – Ingrid Van Dorn is a regular volunteer at the food pantry. She informs us of the needs which include non-perishable food items, pet food, personal care items, and empty egg cartons that they fill with donated eggs from the markets. There is also a need for monetary donations for helping to pay for operating costs. The Food Pantry is currently serving over 7000 people per month.

Postcard Writing – Postcard writing is on the second Sunday of the month after the service in the annex of Vibe Performing Arts. Materials, postage, and fact sheets will be provided. Stop by and let your elected officials know what is on your mind!

Movie Night – Documentaries are hosted at the home of Suzie Rizzo on the second Friday of each month. (see separate article for April's movie)

SCOPE/Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Lynne Plambeck member of our SEJ team and founder of SCOPE, reports that Even though the Chiquita Canyon landfill has closed, the problems are not over. The reaction that has been causing the toxic fumes is still happening. The SEJ Team encourages

people to learn how to reduce the amount of trash that they generate. <http://scope.org/about/>

Citizen's Climate Lobby - Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy climate change organization focused on national policies to address the national and global climate crisis. CCL meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10 am via Zoom. Our team member Suzie Rizzo attends the meetings and keeps us informed. She also is the person who leads the postcard writing on the 2nd Sunday of the month by providing the information and supplies.

[Environmental Volunteer Opportunities | Citizens' Climate Lobby](#)

NAACP- Members of our team -- Suzie Rizzo and Ingrid Van Dorn -- attend the monthly meetings of the local chapter and keep us informed of what is happening. We also attend NAACP events. [NAACP Santa Clarita](#)

PFLAG is an organization for parents, families, friends, and allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their sexual orientation. Glenda Nowakowski keeps us informed on what is happening by attending the local meetings. We also support the local LBGTQ+ center and participate in the annual Pride Picnic. [Home | PFLAG SCV](#)

Fifth Sunday Forum -- Months when we have a 5th Sunday our team hosts an informational session after the service 12 pm-1 pm to help educate and inform our congregation. On March 30th our congregation completed the 6th session of the "Transforming Hearts Collective" to help us learn more about how we can better serve the transgender community as a "Welcoming congregation"

The next time we have a 5th Sunday will be June 29th. Our Animal ministry team led by Ingrid Van Dorn will be doing a presentation for us.

Third Sunday Charitable Collection -- On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we donate our collection to a local non-profit organization. On April 20th the collection will be for KQRU our local public Radio.

Mental Health – Save the Date! The annual “Stop the Stigma” event will be held on May 10th from 10 am to 2 pm at Henry Mayo Hospital. This event is held in order to remove the stigma associated with seeking help for mental illness. Our SEJ team member Barbara Wilson is the person who makes this event happen. She tells us that mental health problems are increasing as students fear that their immigrant parents will be deported and that there is an increase in the number of transgender people attempting suicide. Both are the result of government policies that further marginalize people in these groups. Barbara also founded the non-profit group “Mental Health Hook-up.”

The next SEJ Team meeting will be on April 13 at noon at Vibe Performing Arts and via Zoom. Postcard writing will be held that day between the end of the service and noon in the Vibe Annex. If you have any questions, contact sej@uufscv.org.

Camp de Benneville Pines

Louise Klatt



Come up to Camp de Bennville Pines this spring!

Here are some upcoming weekends you may enjoy

- Men's Retreat on Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, 2025
- 2025 UU Women's Retreat Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th, 2025
- Yoga Camp for Adults! Friday, May 16 to Sunday, May 18, 2025

Camp de Benneville Pines Spring 2025

UU Men's Fellowship Spring Renewal Brotherhood and Friendship April 11-13		
UU Women's Spring Retreat Come As You Are May 2-4	COME AS YOU ARE	
Yoga Camp for Adults Breathe into the Fullness May 16-18		

Scan the QR Codes to Learn More and Register

For more information on Camp de Benneville Pines and upcoming camps and events go to the website <https://www.uucamp.org/> you may also call the camp office (909)654-4769 or email registrar@uucamp.org

2025 PSWSA Assembly

(Sponsored by Camp de Benneville Pines)
Louise Klatt



Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27
First UU San Diego
Unitarian Universalism:
Now More Than Ever

Come join Unitarian Universalists and other like-minded individuals as we gather together this April in San Diego to explore how we can better cultivate a culture of love and put these beliefs into action. It's going to be a weekend full of amazing keynote speakers, informative workshops, great music and food and most of all, having time to connect with old friends and make some new ones!

The Assembly starts on Friday (4/25) afternoon with the Leaders Luncheon event. The luncheon and gathering is hosted by Camp board president, Pat Gordon with special guest Rev Sarah Gibb Millspaugh, member of the Pacific Western Region's Congregational Life staff and serves on the UUA Mosaic Team. This year's discussion topic parallels the Assembly theme: *Unitarian Universalism: Now More Than Ever*, focusing on how does that relate to YOUR congregation. If you're a serving or past minister, DRE, program director, or member of an congregational board — you're invited! Come share ideas and take new inspiration

back to your congregations. Sign up when you register!

There will be two powerful keynote speakers during the Assembly. Friday evening's is, Peter Bolland a Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at Southwestern College, as well as department chair. His popular Seven Stone Path teaching parallels UU values. Peter's keynote theme will be "**Liberalism and Faith: Rekindling the Flame of Religious Freedom.**"

Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Rev. Meg Riley, co-moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The theme is titled "**UU Faith Moving Forward.**" Rev. Meg served as a religious professional for 38 years and retired in 2020.

Registration is online <https://www.uucamp.org/>

Church Workings

Board of Trustees

Glenda Nowakowski, Secretary

Key topics from the March 16 meeting of the UU of SCV Board of Trustees:

- The Board is ready to submit an application for an ORI number. This is an important step in restarting our Religious Exploration (RE) program.
- The Board is writing an application for a Spirit Level grant to fund hiring an RE coordinator and expenses related to the RE program.
- The yearly Congregational Business meeting has been scheduled for June 22, 2025.
- The Communications Team will have its first meeting on March 29, 2025.

Rev. Jason Contact Information

Rev. Dr. Jason Cook

Email: minister@uuofscv.org

Phone: 661-237-8873

To Schedule a Zoom Appointment:

<https://calendly.com/rev-jasoncook/1-on-1-with-rev-jason-cook>

To Schedule an In Person Appointment (for after a Sunday service):

<https://calendly.com/minister-uuofscv>

Please note: Rev. Jason primarily answers emails/texts Tuesday-Friday in the mornings and early afternoon.

Board Officers

Two Board members will be rotating off the Board after this church year – Secretary (Glenda Nowakowski is moving into the Vice President’s role) and an At-Large position. **Please contact the Nominating Committee – Lucy Bates and Kevin Corcoran -- if you would like to fill one of these roles.**

Serving on our church's Board of Trustees is a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our congregation and community. **As a trustee, you'll help guide our church's mission, oversee vital programs, and ensure our resources are used effectively to serve others.** This role allows you to collaborate with fellow members, share your insights, and grow in your faith journey. Join us in shaping the future of our church and extending our reach to those in need.

President – Rick Kamlet

Vice President - Rev. Dr. Ken Brown *(to rotate off the Board after this church year and be replaced by Glenda)*

Co-Treasurer - Eric Klatt

Co-Treasurer – Chris Hankla

Secretary - Glenda Nowakowski *(moving into VP)*

Member-at-Large - Gordon Uppman

Member-at-Large – Carmela Camp

Member-at-Large – Louise Klatt

Pastoral Care

Your UU of SCV Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team serves those in our congregation needing support. Team members are Lucy Bates, Diane Lin, and Ingrid Van Dorn (email addresses and phone numbers for each of them are in the Directory). If you are interested in joining us, we can always use the help. Or maybe you could be one of our “helping hands people” for those occasions when we need extra help.

Pastoral care is offered with strict confidentiality. It is available to those experiencing illness, injury, grief, loneliness, or an emergency.

Team members may provide help with meals, transportation, phone calls, visits, and errands.

Remember we are here to help should you need it. pastoralcare@uuofscv.org, or contact one of the members listed above. Or feel free to contact the minister directly minister@uuofscv.org, 661-237-8873.

Membership

Membership Team

Membership Anniversaries

Ingrid Van Dorn	04/20/2003
Sally Thompson	04/1/2012

Birthdays

Suzie Rizzo	04/04
Louise Klatt	04/14

CALENDAR

Events and activities may change. Check the Friday weekly announcement emails for updates.

Meditation – Every Friday 11 am to noon, Zoom
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ZOOM Game Night, 6 pm (*new time*)

Sunday

6 Sunday Service, 10:30 am
The Joy of Giving
Rev. Dr. Jason Cook, *UU of SCV Minister,*
Service with Choir

Memorial Service for Bruce Glad,
Vibe and regular UU of SCV Zoom, after service

9 Book Club, 6:00 pm, Lois Linnert's home

11 Movie Night, 6 pm for conversation,
7:00 for movie

11 – 13 Men's Retreat,
Camp deBenneville Pines

April 12 – UUSCV "Spring Fling!",
FOR EVERYONE, Appetizers & Desserts Only
Suzie Rizzo's house, 5-8:30 pm.

Sunday

13 Sunday Service, 10:30 am
The Joy That Finds Us
Rev. Elea Kemler Sermon, Read by Chris
Hankla, *Service with Choir*

Postcard Writing, after the service

Social & Environmental Justice Team,
12:00 noon, at Vibe and via Zoom

16 Bend the Arc, 6 pm for potluck,
6:30 pm for discussion, Suzie Rizzo's

17 Grief and Caregivers Check-In, 12:00
noon to 1 pm, Regular UU of SCV Zoom site

18 IN-PERSON Game Night, 6:30 pm,
Beth Jenkin's home (rsvp)

Sunday

20 Sunday Service, 10:30 am
Easter for the Earth
Rev. Dr. Jason Cook, *UU of SCV Minister,*
Service with Guest Musician

Third Sunday Recipient: Wildfire Relief

Board Meeting, 12 noon

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25 Drum Circle, 7 pm, Beth Jenkin's home

25-27 PSWSA Assembly, First UU of San Diego

Sunday

27 Sunday Service, 10:30 am

How Do We Bring Joy to Life?

Rev. Jo Green, UU of SCV Affiliate

Minister, Jazz Sunday

Animal Ministry, 12 noon (at Vibe and Zoom)

28 Open Topics Discussion Group, 6:00 pm,
Lois Linnert's home

Mark Your Calendar

May 2 – 4 – Women's Retreat,
Camp deBenneville Pines

**May 4 – Explorations: A Newcomer's
Workshop & Light Lunch**

May 16 – 18 – Yoga Camp for Adults,
Camp deBenneville Pines

June 18-22 – UUA General Assembly,
Baltimore and online (special), must register