



Coming Home

The Newsletter of the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists
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We are a religiously liberal, welcoming community, united in a responsible search for knowledge and spiritual growth. Bound by no dogma or creed, Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists value and promote peace, liberty, social justice, and environmental sustainability through personal, community, and global action.



Sunday Services

all services begin at 10am

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| December | 3 | Learning From Others' Beliefs: Lorien Belton / New Member Ceremony |
| December | 10 | Social Justice in Action: Kevin Whitaker |
| December | 17 | This I Believe: Lyndi Perry |
| December | 24 | Winter Solstice: Tara Hawkins |
| December | 31 | Transitions: Sean Duncan |



Tara's Corner

Christmas is a big deal in my family. After all, that's when Santa comes. We love to decorate for the holiday, we love the gift giving, we love the carols, we feel the cheer.

One of my earliest Christmas memories is of making ornaments for the tree as a family out of eggs and tiny figures and velvet. In later years it became a privilege to put up one of "our" ornaments.

It's not uncommon to get a handmade gift in our family and usually those are the ones we cherish the most. I used to make dolls for the children on my list. My niece, Tegan, takes her doll with her everywhere. I just love getting a picture of Tegan and her doll on an adventure.

I love the CVUU tradition of celebrating the Solstice. I love the songs and the poetry and the handmade snowflakes and the candles and seeing all our generations represented. It is fitting, to me, to take a moment and celebrate the returning of the light.

This year my mother will be with us for the Solstice celebration. I look forward to sharing our traditions with her. It will be nice for all of us to share some sacred time together.

Happy Holidays!



Tara Hawkins, Lay Leader

In Our Thoughts



- ❖ Sandy Charlson, Chris Lant, and their daughters Helen and Hannah
- ❖ Tara Hawkins and Julianne Larsen
- ❖ Emily, Vincent, and Violet Baker
- ❖ Friends, members, and their families mourning the loss of loved ones
- ❖ Friends, members, and their families struggling with physical or mental illness and other life struggles
- ❖ ***We hold in our hearts all of those around the world in harm's way***

Upcoming Events

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COMMUNITY EVENT: FAIR TRADE SUNDAY Is an opportunity for faith communities and their members to learn about and support fair trade.

Fair trade is a social movement dedicated to helping producers and artisans in developing nations to receive better trading conditions and to promote sustainable practices.

The products we carry are from groups who are receiving a livable wage, are working in safe conditions, are not using child labor, and are producing their products with a minimal impact on the Earth.

It is a way for us to help eliminate poverty and in helping marginalized groups be self-sufficient.

WHERE: Global Village Gifts
69E 100 North
Special Sunday hours, 10am-2pm

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SOCRATES CAFÉ meets at CVUU at **7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month** for stimulating questions and lively discussion. For more information visit the **Socrates Café page**.
Contact info: Dave Christian at dchristian999@gmail.com

Announcements



Photo credit:
Susanne Janecke

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE: Susanne and Jim purchased some "[Standing of the Side of Love](#)" placards for CVUUers who want to be "love people" at protests. There are several 11X17-inch orange placards for you to borrow, use, and return. They are behind a poster at CVUU, leaning up against the back of the oak hutch. Look in the wooden built-in on the SW wall of the kitchen.

HOLIDAY SINGING GROUP: Hello CVUU music lovers.

If you have any interest in practicing in a group in the weeks leading up to the winter solstice service please sign up on the sheet by the front door at CVUU (perfect attendance is not required)

Children are invited to sing their own special song for the solstice holiday as well! Practices will be held DURING church on Dec. 3 and 10, so no special attendance is required, and they will be able to perform their song with jingle bells for the grownups during the Dec. 24 service.

Also, Lyndi would love to hear song ideas and other thoughts on arrangement. A pianist will be available for the service so let's make the singing count too!

Contact info: Lyndi Perry/Music Coordinator/435-237-9489

CVUU DIRECTORY UPDATE: The CVUU Directory will be finalized soon. If you have not already done so, please let us know if you want to:

- Remain in the CVUU Directory
- Be removed from the CVUU Directory
- Be added to the CVUU Directory

If you want to be added, please include your name, name of spouse / partner (optional), children's names (optional), address, and preferred contact information.

Send to: Susan at coordinator@cvuu.org

Ongoing Happenings



SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE PREVENTION: Thanks in advance to Bruce Pendery for using his snowblower to clear sidewalks and driveways every winter. He can always use help, especially during big snowstorms that dump lots of white stuff over extended periods AND especially when snow is heavy and wet!

- The snowblower can't handle mashed potato snow
- Our sidewalks get LOTS of foot traffic which packs down snow making it hard to remove
- It is very difficult to clear the north entrance walk with the snow blower. Typically, that is a task that is best done with a shovel
- Remove small amounts of snow with shovel or broom. Small amounts of snow that are too little for the snow blower to be effective but that get packed down by foot traffic turn into ice
- Shovel before you park in driveways. Tire tracks of vehicles parked on top of snow in the driveway often turn to ice, making snow removal difficult
- Volunteers needed to shovel sidewalks/driveways of small amounts of snow and help Bruce with the big storms



FUNDRAISING THE EASY WAY! NATURAL GROCERS CARDS
FOR SALE: Buy \$100, \$50, or \$25 cards at face value and CVUU gets a 5% donation.

Contact Lorien at 770-2413. If you shop there anyway, think about it!



FUNDRAISING VIA SMITH'S REWARDS CARDS: Did you know that if you link your Smith's rewards card to CVUU, then CVUU gets donations from Smiths?

Here's how:

- I. Go to the Smith's website <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/create/> and create an account on their site. One of the fields asks for any existing rewards number (often your phone number) that you have.
- II. Then go to your account page. At the bottom, you'll be able to Enroll in the "Inspiring Donations" program. Our organization number is **PV584**, or you can just search under Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists.

Reminders



ONGOING TASKS

Please, everyone pitch in when you see a need

- Empty waste baskets
- Take hand towels home to wash
- Water house plants
- Put trash and recycling in appropriate receptacles
- Empty trash & recycling into the proper outdoor bins
- Take bins to the curb Monday evening & bringing them in after
- Tuesday pick-up
- Help keep our building clean

Winter Contact: Liz Berke building@cvuu.org



COMPOST & RECYCLING: CVUU strives to be as 'green' as possible. Read about our [compost and recycling](#) efforts. Turn off the lights to save energy and make sure the doors are locked if you are the last to leave. Check basements lights. Also, check out the [CVUU solar power production](#).

GOOGLE GROUPS LISTSERV USE REMINDER: Please limit posts to the Google Groups listserv to CVUU business only (to avoid clogging up already too full email inboxes!). **Contact:** Susan for information about posting to the CVUU Facebook page

DO YOU HAVE FEEDBACK FOR US ON CVUU SERVICES?

Ideas, comments, or concerns about CVUU services? Please give compliments directly to those giving the services, but direct any complaints or concerns through Susanne.

Contact: Susanne Janecke is the main point of contact, regardless of who conducted the service.

Leadership Contacts



ORGANIZATIONAL COORDINATOR: Susan Buffler
coordinator@cvuu.org

- Website, monthly newsletter, social networks, Listserv
- Systems
- Miscellaneous questions

BUILDING MANAGER: Liz Berke building@cvuu.org

- Maintenance
- Supplies
- Rentals and building use
- Scheduling ANY CVUU or private event /activity, etc.
(so events do not overlap)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Co-President: *Anne Hedrick*

Co-President: *Ellen Klomps*

Treasurer: *Lorien Belton*

Secretary: *Liz Berke*

Member at Large: *Jim Vandygriff*

STAFF (PART-TIME)

Lay Leader: *Tara Hawkins*

Children's Program Coordinator: *Julianne Larsen*

Childcare and Children's Program Assistant:
Piper Christian

Music Coordinator: *Lyndi Perry*

Organizational Coordinator: *Susan Buffler*

ACTION TEAM LEADS (VOLUNTEER POSITIONS)

Art: *Susanne Janecke*

Building Manager: *Liz Berke*

Caring Team: *Jim Evans*

Church Administrator/Finance: *Lorien Belton*

Environmental & Social Justice: *Jenny Norton and Paul Rogers*

Fellowship & Hospitality: OPEN

Grounds Team: *Jean Lown*

Membership: OPEN

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education: *Lorien Belton*

Religious Exploration: OPEN

Special Committees:

Nominations: *Leslie Black, Robert Schmidt*

Committee on Ministry: *Susanne Janecke, George Wootton*

CVUU Calendar: December 2017

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					1 CYRC 4:30pm	2
3 Sunday Service Learning From Others' Beliefs	4 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	5	6 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	7 Socrates Café 7pm Ewe Ewe Fiber Arts Group 7pm	8 CYRC 4:30pm	9
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24 Sunday Service Winter Solstice	25 Christmas Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	26	27 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	28 Ewe Ewe Fiber Arts Group 7pm	29 CYRC 4:30pm	30
31 Sunday Service Transitions	 All activities listed here are held at the Jay and Leslie Fellowship House located at 596 E. 900 North, Logan, UT unless otherwise noted. See the Connections tab on the cvuu.org website for details about our regular activities					

Join us at 10am for Sunday Services at
The Jay & Leslie Black Fellowship House
596 E 900 North, Logan, UT
(435) 755-2888
info@cvuu.org



Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists is a
[Welcoming Congregation](#)

Visit the [cvuu.org website](http://cvuu.org) to learn more about our church
community!



Connect with us!



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info@cvuu.org