



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

January 7 Citizens Climate Lobby: Dave Christian

January 14 This I Believe: Ethan Payne

January 21 Going Dormant: Tara Hawkins

January 28 Family Place: Brittney Bird

Sunday ½ Plate Offering



BLACK LIVES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM (BLUU)

What is the Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective

Formed in the wake of several conversations among Black UUs at the July 2015 Movement for Black Lives Convening in Cleveland, OH - BLUU Organizing Collective works to provide support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists.

BLUU also work to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

Tara's Corner



On February 4th we are going to have a very special Sunday. Paul Rogers will be talking with us about the [Black Lives Matter](#) movement within the UUA. We are committed to ending systemic racism within the UUA and to do that, we are having a Promise Sunday (see description below).

If we can get every member of CVUU to pledge at least \$10 to the movement, those pledges will be matched! So let's get excited about tearing down the walls of racism and building up the love and compassion between one another.

Also, we're starting a homework club for the youth this month. Anyone age 12-19 is welcome to come and work on homework between 1-3pm on Sundays in the Youth Room. Julianne and I will be there. If you're interested in volunteering with the youth, or have questions about the homework club, please contact Julianne Larsen at jlnnlarsen1@gmail.com or (435)232-7889.

It's a new year at CVUU, and new things are happening. Come and be a part of it.



Tara Hawkins, Lay Leader

BLUU: THE PROMISE AND THE PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH:

Imagine what our faith would look like if we upheld and centered the history, the perspectives, the voices, and the leadership of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists.

The [Promise and the Practice of Our Faith](#) campaign is our opportunity to take the lead as a faith denomination in addressing our history of upholding white supremacy. Together, we can collectively work to dismantle it and amend a long broken promise to the Black Lives within Unitarian Universalism.

During the Promise and Practice campaign to fulfill the historic \$5.3 million commitment to BLUU, the UUA is providing annual cash support to BLUU equivalent to the investment returns it would be earning on the \$5 million, as well as providing fiscal sponsorship and other support as requested.

Black Lives of UU (BLUU) fund: <http://www.blacklivesuu.com/connect/>

In Our Thoughts



- ❖ Matt, Dawn, and Libby Hansen
- ❖ 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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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

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YOUTH HOMEWORK CLUB: Join us for the first homework club for youth ages 12-19
Location: Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists Fellowship
596 E 900 N, Logan, UT
Sunday afternoons from 1pm-3pm
See p. 5 for more information

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THE DEEPER DIMENSIONS OF YOGA
Wednesday Evenings, 5:30-6:30; January 17- March 14
Location: Cache Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
596 E 900 N, Logan, UT
\$75 (\$50 for students) All funds to (nonprofit) Amrita Yoga Foundation. "Yoga Alliance" continuing-education credit available
Contact info: Michael Sowder
michael.sowder@usu.edu; (435) 232-6118



The Occasional Singers practice for the Winter Solstice service. Photo credit: *Susanne Janecke*

Announcements

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Many exciting things are happening with the Children's Program. One extremely dedicated volunteer we wanted to thank is Dawn Hansen. She has been volunteering at least once a month for many years. We realize she has gone above and beyond in her years of service. We are looking for a volunteer to replace Dawn, even though she will greatly be missed.

If an interested parent or curious new member would like more information, we would be happy to answer any questions as to what would be a great volunteer opportunity with the children. The more people we can have involved, the richer the quality of the program will be.

WELCOME PIPER! Piper Christian has been hired as the childcare assistant during Sunday services. She joins a great team of dedicated folks who take care of the children and provide a little UU flavor to connect the lessons and themes with the adult service upstairs as much as possible.

Piper is High School senior and is extremely active at both local and national levels in climate activism. She is also very well versed in teaching UU principles to kids, working with many ages of children. We are excited to have her on board: she is an excellent role model for the children in our community, and is a really terrific person and leader all around.

WELCOME CYNTHIA! We have also recently been graced by a passionate and wonderful volunteer, Cynthia, who will join us in the Children's Program. She brings her talented granddaughter, Maddie with her as well. Here's an introduction to Cynthia in her words:

I grew up on a family farm and cattle business in Fielding, UT. I was always surrounded by family, friends, and animals. I especially loved horses and have ridden and shown them since I was six years old.

I graduated from Utah State University in Sociology and Human Resource Management. My career was cut short when I decided to stay home and raise my granddaughter. I have been a 4-H leader working with horses, sheep and calves for the last thirteen years.

I still live in Fielding on a farm and cattle business surrounded by family, grandchildren, horses and any animal that needs a home. Not too exciting, but the grandkids seem to love it!

Thanks to all those who have stepped up when the program needed them. We continue to have new kids all the time and love to see regular and new faces alike!

Please direct questions and suggestions about the Children's Program to Julianne at jlnnlarsen1@gmail.com or (435)232-7889.

NEW 2018 YOUTH HOMEWORK CLUB: We are pleased to announce that starting **January 7, 2018**, we will be offering a homework club for youth ages 12-19 at CVUU **Sunday afternoons from 1pm-3pm.**

We will be meeting in the Jay and Leslie Black Fellowship House (CVUU), 596 E. 900 N, Logan, in the kitchen area. There will be 1 to 2 adults available for students who would like some time with peers to work on their studies.

We hope that you will let your youth know and spread the word that it is open to anyone in that age group.

If you have any questions, you can contact the DRE Julianne Larsen at jlnnlarsen1@gmail.com/ (435)232-7889. You can also contact our Lay Leader Tara Hawkins at tarahawkins.logan@gmail.com/ (415) 314-8233.



START THINKING ABOUT ORANGES! Put oranges on your radar! We are going to do our orange fundraiser again this year. We're teaming up with the Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection, which will also be selling oranges, so we can meet a minimum order. Look below to see how you can help!

Here are the details:

- 40-pound boxes for **\$40** (yes, that's a lot of oranges!!)
- 20-pound boxes for **\$25**
- Arrival in early March – we will need your email to notify you when it comes in
- Place your order at CVUU on a paper form, or use our google form – coming soon!
- Pay by:
 - Check – written to CVUU
 - Cash – labeled with your name, email, and address
 - Credit – via GoBlueFire by texting either “40 oranges” or “25 oranges” to the phone number 435-222-2250, and following the prompts to register with their system

Ways to participate:

- Buy a box (or half) for yourself
 - Easy!
- Buy a box for the food pantry: we'll deliver it directly
 - Even easier!
- Take a sign-up sheet to your office, and offer fruit-buying options to your colleagues
 - No lifting required!
- Volunteer to help on the distribution day (likely March 3)
 - Excellent orange-counting skills required since we split the boxes for folks who purchase half a box
- Volunteer to be the keeper of the spreadsheet
 - Yes, good organization skills required!
- Ask friends who support the presence of CVUU in our community – providing safe space to CYRC, questioners, and many others – if they would purchase oranges to support the continued presence of a liberal religion in the valley. They don't have to be members, or ever attend, just value what we provide.
 - This does require figuring out how to express what you value about this community, and being brave about explaining it!

More info coming soon! If you are interested in helping out with the logistics, please contact Lorien at cvuufinance@gmail.com.

Reminders

FUNDRAISING: Easy ways to donate to CVUU

See [Give to the CVUU Community](#)



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 snow blower can't handle mashed potato snow
- Our sidewalks get LOTS of foot traffic which packs down snow making it hard to remove
- Use a shovel to clear north entrance walk
- Remove small amounts of snow with shovel or broom. Small amounts of snow get packed down by foot traffic and 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
- Volunteers are needed to shovel sidewalks/driveways of small amounts of snow and help Bruce with the big storms

ONGOING TASKS

Please, everyone pitch in when you see a need. Help keep our building clean

- Empty waste basket
- 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 & bring them in after Tuesday pick-up

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.



Photo credit:
Susanne Janecke

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE: “Standing of the Side of Love” placards available for CVUUsers 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. – Jim & Susanne

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 info 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: susanne.janecke@usu.edu



Winter: Wind Caves, Logan Canyon. Photo credit, *Susan Buffler*

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 / 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 & 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*

Cache Community Connections: *Tara Hawkins & Julianne Larsen*

Caring Team: *Jim Evans*

Church Administrator/Finance: *Lorien Belton*

Environmental & Social Justice: *Jenny Norton & 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: January 2018

| Sun | M | T | W | Th | F | Sat |
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| | 1 NEW YEARS DAY Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm | 2 | 3 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm | 4 <u>Socrates Café</u> 7pm | 5 <u>CYRC</u> 4:30pm | 6 |
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| 28 Sunday Service <u>Family Place</u> Youth Homework Club 1pm | 29 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm | 30 | 31 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm |  <p>All activities listed here are held at the Jay and Leslie Fellowship House located at 596 E. 900 North, Logan, UT unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>See the Connections tab on the cvuu.org website for details about our regular activities</p> | | |

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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