



# Coming Home

The newsletter of the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists

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*"We light this chalice,  
for the warmth of love,  
the light of wisdom,  
and the energy of action"*

*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

- February 4** UUA Promise and Practice Sunday, Black Lives Matter: Paul Rogers
- February 11** Diversity of Belief in the LDS Church: Josh Dawson
- February 18** Losing my Religion: Tara Hawkins
- February 25** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lecture: Options for Independence

## Sunday 1/2 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.

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## **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/>

## Tara's Corner



**“LOVE”:** There are hearts on my front door and a sign in the window proclaiming, “LOVE.” I think that when Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves he was really into something special: as much love as we put out into the world is as much love as we can expect to receive.

If we do not love ourselves, we cannot end war, poverty, and hunger. It's easy to be our own worst critic, but what do we gain from that? How about taking pride in ourselves, our work, and our play?

I have a cousin that makes everything around her beautiful. The care she takes in the simplest task is obvious. She leaves a trail of beauty wherever she goes and that's quite a legacy.

This February, I challenge you to reach out to people with kindness and compassion. Make a new friend and reconnect with friends you may have lost touch with.

If we are too busy to love one another, then what is the point of our lives? And don't forget; love yourself, too!



Tara Hawkins, Lay Leader

## In Our Thoughts



- ❖ Matt, Dawn, and Libby Hansen
- ❖ Sandy Charlson, Chris Lant, and their daughters Helen and Hannah
- ❖ Tara Hawkins and Julianne Larsen
- ❖ 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](mailto:dchristian999@gmail.com)

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**YOUTH HOMEWORK CLUB:** Join us for the first homework club for youth ages 12-19. See page 5 for more information.

Sunday afternoons from 1pm-3pm

Location: Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists

596 E 900 N, Logan, UT

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**MOVIE NIGHT & DISCUSSION:** The Cache Valley Chapter of the Citizen's Climate Lobby is sponsoring a film and discussion night with a new film about what is going to happen to snowy places with climate change.

**SAVING SNOW:** Across the country, people who depend on winter for their livelihood are feeling the heat. On the sidelines of skiing and snowboarding, an epic struggle to reverse rising temperatures is unfolding. Ski towns and the snow sports industries are paving the way toward a clean energy future

Tuesday, **February 27** from **6:30pm to about 8pm**

Location: Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists

596 E 900 N, Logan, UT

# Announcements

## **JULIANNE LARSEN STEPS DOWN AS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR:**

Dear CVUU friends and members,

I want to thank you for supporting me this last year and a half as the Children's Program Coordinator. I have to step down from my position due to poor health and a couple of surgeries that I need to have. In the meantime, I am physically unable to care for the children downstairs.

I believe that we have some very capable volunteers, including our Children's Care Assistant Piper Christian, who are very good at what they do. I have faith that they will make the children's program a big success.

We had our challenges, but thank you for allowing me to work with some really great kids. They have been such a joy to me and my team. I feel like we were able to make a consistent program available to the kids.

We would love to see more parent interest in what happens downstairs. If you have any questions, I am still available for that, and Susan Buffler at [coordinator@cvuu.org](mailto:coordinator@cvuu.org) can direct any other questions to the right people.

Again, thank you for such a wonderful opportunity to work for CVUU. May you and children continue to grow.

Thank You,



Julianne Larsen

**WORSHIP ASSOCIATE STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE:** Lay-leader Tara Hawkins is stepping back her duties somewhat and will be going back to providing one service a month, but will no longer be a regular worship associate. We split her position back into two positions.

Volunteer worship associates will still lead some services, but this gives us the chance to have someone regularly in charge of all the logistics and coordination. The job description for the Staff Worship Associate position is [attached here](#). It is just a few hours a week.

If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and cover letter to [cvuufinance@gmail.com](mailto:cvuufinance@gmail.com). The position is open until filled, but please apply soon if you are interested.

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**CACHE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (CYRC) UPDATE:** CYRC's parent organization recently dissolved. They will be housed under our CVUU umbrella as a Youth Group until a solution can be found. Several possibilities are in the works.  
**CYRC Contact** is Jess Zamora – Kelso at [CYRClgbtq@gmail.com](mailto:CYRClgbtq@gmail.com)



**435TH MOUNT LOGAN SCOUT GROUP** extends an invitation to the CVUU youth to join them in an activity anytime. Parents that are interested in learning more about the group can visit the website at [435bpsa.weebly.com](http://435bpsa.weebly.com) or email [435bpsa@gmail.com](mailto:435bpsa@gmail.com) for more info. A couple of flyers are in the basket by the front door at CVUU.

A big part of the group's mission is service. If CVUU needs assistance with any projects please let them know. James Milligan: Group Scoutmaster - 435th Mount Logan

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**NEW 2018 YOUTH HOMEWORK CLUB:** Starting **February 4, 2018**, CVUU will be offering a homework club for youth ages 12-19 at CVUU **Sunday afternoons from 1pm-3pm.**

We will meet in the kitchen area at CVUU, 596 E. 900 N. There will be 1 to 2 adults available for students who would like some time with peers to work on their studies.

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 Jo Leary at (435) 753-0136 and [jo@learyfam.com](mailto:jo@learyfam.com). You can also contact our Lay Leader Tara Hawkins at [tarahawkins.logan@gmail.com](mailto:tarahawkins.logan@gmail.com)/ (415) 314-8233.



**ORANGE FUNDRAISER:** It's orange time again! CVUU is teaming up with the [Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection](#), who will also be selling oranges, so we can meet a minimum order of 208 boxes.

**UPDATE:** California has more than its share of difficulties this year, so the prices are more than they were last year. But the oranges will still be here and still as tasty! Prices are:

- \$45 for a 40 pound box (that's 72 oranges!)
- \$30 for a half box (20 lbs, 36 oranges)

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 <https://goo.gl/forms/pAjFjqCOPUbdx1> (Instructions are on the form)
- If you're the extrovert type and want to gather orders from coworkers, you can put them in this form as well, one at a time, please. :)

- Pay by:
  - Check – written to CVUU
  - Cash – labeled with your name, email, and address
  - Credit – via GoBlueFire by sending a text message to either “45 oranges” or “30 oranges” at the phone number 435-222-2250, and following the prompts to register your credit or debit card with their system
- 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!

Any questions or if you are interested in helping out with the logistics, please contact Lorien at [cvuufinance@gmail.com](mailto:cvuufinance@gmail.com).

## Reminders



**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!

Smaller amounts of snow still need to be shoveled by hand before parking in the drives or walking on the paths so they do not pack down to ice. Shovels and ice melt are stored by the garbage bins on the north side of the building.

**Thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped shovel snow so far this year!**

**ONGOING TASKS:** Thanks to all who help keep our building clean. If you see a need, please just jump in and help.

- 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 curb Monday evening & bring them in after Tuesday pick-up
- **Winter Contact:** Liz Berke [building@cvuu.org](mailto:building@cvuu.org)



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**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 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. – Jim & Susanne

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**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

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**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](mailto:susanne.janecke@usu.edu)

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**FUNDRAISING:** Easy ways to donate to CVUU  
See [Give to the CVUU Community](#)

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**THANKS!** A big thanks to Ellen, George, Julianne and Tara for helping out with taking out the garbage and recycle bins until Jean and Bryan return in the spring!

**Thank you to all of the  
great volunteers who make things  
happen behind (and in front) of the  
scenes at CVUU!**

# Leadership Contacts



**ORGANIZATIONAL COORDINATOR:** Susan Buffler  
[coordinator@cvuu.org](mailto:coordinator@cvuu.org)

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

**BUILDING MANAGER:** Liz Berke [building@cvuu.org](mailto: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*  
Childcare 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: February 2018

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
 <p>All activities listed here are held at the <b>Jay and Leslie Fellowship House</b> located at <b>596 E. 900 North, Logan, UT</b> unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">Connections</a> tab on the <a href="http://cvuu.org">cvuu.org website</a> for details about our regular activities</p>				1 <u>Socrates Café</u> 7pm	2 <u>CYRC</u> 6pm	3
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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](mailto:info@cvuu.org)



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community!



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