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Coming Home

The newsletter of the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists

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Sunday Services

all services begin at 10am

- April 1** Easter: Sondra Scott – Becca Johnson, Worship Associate
April 8 The Road to Character: George Wootton - Kevin Whitaker, Worship Assoc.
April 15 The Four Agreements: Sondra Scott - George Wootton, Worship Associate
April 23 Earth Day: Tara Hawkins - Becca Johnson, Worship Associate
April 29 Common Ground Outdoor Adventures: Alex Ristorelli
Sondra Scott, Worship Associate

Sunday 1/2 Plate Offering



CAPSA: [CAPSA](#) is a non-profit domestic violence, sexual abuse, and rape recovery center serving Cache County and the Bear Lake area. CAPSA provides support services for women, men, and children impacted by abuse. All services are FREE and confidential.

CAPSA Services Include:

- **A Safe Place**
Emergency Shelter
- **Light in the Darkness**
24-Hour Support Line (435) 753-2500
- **Hand to Hold**
Advocacy and Support Services
- **Life Saving Support**
24-Hour Response Team
- **Place to Heal**
Therapy Services
- **Brighter Future**
Children Services

Tara's Corner



“EASTER”: Easter is on April Fools’ Day this year and we will be having an intergenerational service. (Seriously)

Everywhere I go there are beautiful and adorable Easter decorations. It's hard for me not to buy every potted plant I see, but we have absolutely no space left for plants unless we start hanging them from the ceiling (which I am tempted to do).

I fully believe in Easter as both a Pagan holiday and a Christian holiday. The bunnies and the eggs clearly come from our Earth-centered traditions, however, the Christians have created a whole season of faith starting with Passover and ending with the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning. Personally, I'm in it for the candy.

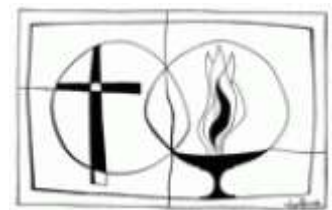
Whatever your traditions are, I hope you have a Happy Easter.



Tara Hawkins, Lay Leader



Photo credit, eggs: Susan Buffler



Chalice by Christine Robinson, First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, NM

In Our Thoughts



- ❖ 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***

“We light this chalice, for the warmth of love, the light of wisdom, and the energy of action”

Ministry & Service to the Church

MINISTER: from Latin *ministerium* service, from *minister* servant



Susanne Janecke and Jim Evans: Members Jim and Susanne have been part of the CVUU community and volunteer scene for many years. Have you ever wondered who coordinates the art hanging in the CVUU Sanctuary or who takes the photos that document our community?

Jim serves on the Caring team and as past CVUU Treasurer. Susanne serves as photographer, gardener, art coordinator, and on the Committee on Ministry. These are just a few of the things that Jim and Susanne have done over the years and continue to do.

When you get a moment, seek them out and thank them for their ministry and service to CVUU!



Singing a hymn at a recent Sunday service in the Jim and Debbie Gessaman Sanctuary. PHOTO CREDIT: *Susanne Janecke*

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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CVUU YARD & BUILDING CLEAN-UP DAYS:

Help with spring cleaning of yard and building interior. Join us for a fun social activity and a chance to meet new people. Kids are welcome. Bring rakes, gloves, weeding implements...

Questions? Call Jean at 435-760- 2392 or email jean.lown@usu.edu

ROUND 1 : Sunday after the service

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CVUU YARD & BUILDING CLEAN-UP DAYS:

ROUND 2: Saturday, 9am-noon

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5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK: Join us following the Sunday service for a potluck. Bring a dish or other food item to share or come as you are!



Many CVUUers attended the **March for Our Lives** rally against gun violence at the Cache County Courthouse on March 24th. Photo Credit *Susan Buffler*

Spring Potluck



About 30 people gathered for food and fellowship for the CVUU Spring Potluck. Photo credit: *Susanne Janecke*



Polishing off a delicious meal: Photo credit *Susan Buffler*

Announcements



IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING... The Cache Youth Resource Center (CYRC) is currently working on restructuring and has suspended regular meetings at CVUU until May.

Mission: Cache Youth Resource Center is a non-profit center committed to transforming and supporting Cache Valley communities through support groups, comprehensive programming, suicide prevention, mentoring, community advocacy, and community training devised to promote positive outlooks and changes within underserved populations.

<https://www.facebook.com/CacheYouthResourceCenter/>

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Still time to register!



Join your fellow western Unitarian Universalists in Portland, Oregon, April 27-29. [Registration](#) for the Pacific Western Regional Assembly will be open through **April 15**.

Still haven't decided if you're going? Take a look at the variety of workshops, dynamic speakers and other offerings via the [Regional Assembly website](#).

Got youngsters? Great! We have an exciting [Kids' Camp](#) planned for them.

Got teens? Wonderful! They'll be [Making CoUUrageous Connections](#) together.

Each district will hold their annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 28. If you will be attending Regional Assembly and would like to serve as a delegate for your congregation, contact your board president. They have through **April 20** to [certify the delegates](#) from your congregation. (NOTE: CVUU has two delegates attending)

Hope to see you in Portland!

Diane Brinson | Administration Manager | Pacific Western Region

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VOLUNTEER WITH THE COMMUNITY & CARING TASK FORCE: Help out with a ‘first serve’ one time “no strings attached” task to see if this is a fit for you. Below are a few tasks that are always needed.

OUT FRONT: Greet regular attendees and visitors at the front door. Give newcomers a welcome packet and have them sign the guest book. Hand them an order of service and invite/direct them into the Sanctuary.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Add people to the Google Group Listserv and Access database. Sit in the back and take the Sunday service attendance.

FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY: Help out with various social events such as Fellowship potlucks. Coordinate, setup and takedown/cleanup are tasks needed here.

CARING: Help coordinate or perform meal deliveries, visits, and other needs of our CVUU community.

Contact Susan at coordinator@cvuu.org if you are interested in any of these tasks and she will get you connected.

SUNDAY COFFEE BUYER NEEDED: We are looking for a coffee buying point person. Someone who is willing to occasionally check on what is needed, order the coffee from the Café Ibis, pick it up and get it to the church.

Normally, 2x5lb bags (French roast) are pre-ordered; one goes in the tin in the cupboard under the kitchen island, the other in the freezer. We anticipate that this would only have to happen maybe every few months or so.

You will be reimbursed for the cost.

Contact Liz at building@cvuu.org if you are interested in taking on this task.

FINANCIAL ADVICE FOR CVUU COMMUNITY: CVUU member Dr. Jean Lown provides financial advice on a sliding scale basis to the CVUU community in exchange for a donation to CVUU. Jean recently retired from teaching personal finance, investing, retirement, and estate planning at USU and the Financial Planning for Women seminars.

Jean provides advice on financial concerns ranging from budget and credit problems to investment asset allocation, college financing, and retirement planning. The standard rate is \$75/hour with reduced rates available. Free advice for those in need.

Contact Jean at 435-760-2392 or jean.lown@usu.edu

Reminders



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

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](#).

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

FUNDRAISING: Easy ways to donate to CVUU. See [Give to the CVUU Community](#) CVUU also has online giving through Bluefire (GoBlueFire). Text message 435-222-2250 and follow the prompts to sign up.



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

Leadership Contacts



ORGANIZATIONAL COORDINATOR: Susan Buffler
coordinator@cvuu.org

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

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*
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*
Community & Caring (formerly Membership): OPEN (*Jim Evans, Caring*)
Church Administrator/Finance: *Lorien Belton*
Environmental & Social Justice: *Jenny Norton & Paul Rogers*
Fellowship & Hospitality: OPEN
Grounds Team: *Jean Lown*
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: April 2018

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
1 Sunday Service Easter	2 <u>Cache Valley Sangha</u> 7:15pm	3	4 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	5 <u>Socrates Café</u> 7pm	6 <u>CYRC</u> see p. 6	7
8 Sunday Service The Road to Character	9 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	10	11 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service The Four Agreements	16 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	17	18 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	19	20	21
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29 Sunday Service Common Ground Outdoor Adventures 5 th Sunday Potluck 11:30am	30 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	 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



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[Welcoming Congregation](#)

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



Connect with us!

