



Our mission: CVUU strives to be a caring religious community that encourages and supports the sharing of ideas and experiences of all who travel rich and varied spiritual paths

Coming Home

The newsletter of the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists

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Sunday Services

all services begin at 10am

- December 2:** Cache Valley Refugee & Immigrant Connection: Julie Taquin
December 9: Getting Serious About Unitarian Universalism: read by Susan Buffler
December 16: TBA
December 23: A Winter's Solstice: Tara Hawkins
December 30: TBA

SUNDAY COMMUNITY DONATION (NOVEMBER, DECEMBER)



CACHE REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT CONNECTION: The mission of the Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection (CRIC) is to promote integration, economic self-sufficiency, and positive connections among refugees, immigrants, and the wider community.

We do this through two-way education, improved access to existing services, and development of new services.

Each week we help refugees and immigrants cross cultural and language barriers during our walk-in hours, study groups focused on preparing for the Utah driver's license written test and the United States nationalization test.

TARA'S CORNER



CVUU Lay Leader Tara Hawkins introduces the Lyric Repertoire Company at the Tabernacle Concert series. Photo credit, Julianne Larsen

We all know that different religions have different winter festivities and moments of grace. This is why we are Unitarian Universalists, because we know that there are many paths towards God and goodness.

We believe in searching for your own path to spirituality. We believe in helping others find their path and being supportive of them as they try to walk it.

This is a good time of year to visit a church that has different beliefs than your own and celebrate with them as they walk the path that they have chosen.

Many churches will be having special services, pageants, and music. If you look, you'll likely find something that resonates with you or reminds you of your own journey. It is these links that bring us together as humans.

This is also a great time to volunteer to help those who are struggling to get by. One in five households with children in Logan are food insecure. Do what you can. Donate money, donate goods, donate your time. Help "the least of these" have a bright holiday season.

Don't forget to sit down and contemplate your own spiritual journey. Think about what it is that you believe. Then, celebrate it!

Happy Holidays!



Tara Hawkins, Lay Leader

IN OUR THOUGHTS



- ❖ Becca and Wolfgang Johnson
- ❖ 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"

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec
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SOCRATES CAFÉ will meet at the 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

Thursday: 7 to 8:30pm

Juniper Room, Logan City Library: 255 North Main

**Dec
8**

CACHE VALLEY COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Mark your calendars!

First Presbyterian Church. Bruner Hall
Logan 200 West Center Street, Logan, UT

Saturday: 9:00am-3:00pm

See page 5 for more information

**Dec
11**

CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY EVENT

The Whittier Center

Tuesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Music, food, and a short presentation & QA session with Dr. Rob Davies.

The purpose of the event is communicate climate change basics and what is happening at state & federal levels to introduce a carbon tax and dividend system - widely thought to be among the most effective tools for reducing carbon in the atmosphere.

ENERGY OF ACTION... WHAT'S HAPPENING!

CVUU CARING TEAM sends a special **THANKS to ALL** who helped support Becca and Wolfgang Johnson through their recent travails.

Sending an especially big thanks to Desiree Chavez for making this all happen. Acknowledging Susan Buffler, Jim Evans, and Susanne Janecke for coordination efforts.

CVUU NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS*: The CVUU board of Trustees met on November 27th, 2018. A few things they discussed:

- * CVUU has a new furnace! The old furnace, while still functional, was obsolete and they no longer make parts for it, so if it failed it would need to be replaced on short notice.
- * The board discussed making the Youth Room handicap/wheelchair accessible by installing a small lift to provide access into the main building.
- * A motion was passed to provide a quick summary of board meetings in the newsletter. You are reading it now!
- * The board discussed whether CVUU be interested in a part-time professional minister, and how it might change the identity of the church.

October board meeting

- * A motion was passed that services should relate to one of the seven UU principles
- * Sending Tara Hawkins to a UU leadership conference in Albuquerque, NM

The **next board meeting** will be held on **January 15, 2019** in the CVUU kitchen



CVUU 2018-2019 Board of Trustees

President: Anne Hedrich
Vice President: George Wootton
Secretary: Ryan Berke
Treasurer: Lorien Belton
Member: Jim Vandygriff
Member: Jordan Leary

Everyone is welcome to attend Board meetings
CVUU Members are particularly encouraged to attend

*Thanks to Liz Berke for providing the meeting minutes synopsis

2019 CACHE VALLEY COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Table hosts, musicians, greeters, checkout help still needed: This year the market will be held upstairs in Bruner Hall. Lunch will be provided again this year. Very exciting!

It is always wonderful to have some music so if there are musicians out there that would be willing to add to the festivities that would be great for our atmosphere and to celebrate community. Contact Jenny Norton jeanettemarienorton@gmail.com or 435-757-9660.

Table Hosts needed. The website www.alternativegifts.org is one of the best sources of information on the projects and I will have the project materials available for distribution to the table hosts.

Themes for tables to host are listed in the catalog. The groups are shown below. Usually the tables represent the group of similar project. If your organization would like to host a project table contact Jenny Norton, jeanettemarienorton@gmail.com

Cache Valley Community Alternative Gift Market

Saturday, December 8th, 2018

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

200 West Center Street, Logan, UT

Learn about projects helping people in need across the world. Give the gift of a life sustaining water well, education or fight poverty and hunger in honor of your friends and family. With the purchase of your gift, we'll provide a beautiful card & informational insert about the project you have supported. Your gift will change the world, while bringing joy to your family & friends.

Join us for lunch, shopping & music
Saturday December 8th, 2018
9AM-3 PM First Presbyterian Church

Can't make it that day? See us at:
CV Unitarian Universalists
Sunday Dec. 9th & 16th from 11:30-12:30PM

Global Village Gifts 69 East 100 N Logan



Want to volunteer? Contact Jenny Norton at jeanettemarienorton@gmail.com or 435-757-9660



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET 2018/2019 CAUSES

- Education
- Gender Equality
- Health & Well-Being
- Environment & Conservation
- Economic Development
- Restore & Rebuild Relief for hurricane And flood victims USA
- Alternative Gift International Project

Contact Jenny Norton
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Thanks to Jim Evans for taking care of the first cleaning of the CVUU gutters!
Photo credit: *Jean Lown*



Rachel Wootton reads the Children's story during a recent Sunday service. Photo credit: *Susanne Janecke*

ONGOING...



INDOOR 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

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

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

Member at Large: *Jim Vandygriff*
Member at Large: *Jordan Leary*
President: *Anne Hedrich*
Secretary: *Ryan Berke*
Treasurer: *Lorien Belton*
Vice President: *George Wootton*

STAFF (PART-TIME)

Childcare Assistant: *Kirsten Mara*
Lay Leader: *Tara Hawkins*
Organizational Coordinator: *Susan Buffler*
Sunday Music Coordinator: *Lyndi Perry*
Worship Coordinator: *Kevin Whitaker*

ACTION TEAM LEADS (VOLUNTEER POSITIONS)

Art: *Susanne Janecke*
Building Manager: *Liz Berke*
Cache Community Connections liaisons: *Tara Hawkins & Julianne Larsen*
Children's Program Coordinator: *Jordan Leary*
Administrator / Finance: *Lorien Belton* with assistance from *Ellen Klomps*
Community & Caring: OPEN
- Membership (administration): OPEN
- Fellowship & Hospitality: OPEN
- Caring: *Jim Evans*
Environmental & Social Justice: *Jenny Norton & Paul Rogers*
Grounds: *Jean Lown*
Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education: *Lorien Belton*
Special Committees:
Nominations: *Susanne Janecke, Jenny Norton, Julianne Larsen*
Committee on Ministry: *Susanne Janecke, George Wootton*

BOARD TEAM LIAISONS

Building: *Ryan Berke*
Membership: *Anne Hedrich*
Religious Exploration: *Jordan Leary*
Worship Committee: *George Wootton*

CVUU CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2018

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
 <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>						1
2 Sunday Service CRIC	3 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15-8:45pm	4 Cache Pride Center Pre-Teens 5-8pm	5 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	6	7 Cache Pride Center Teens 5-8pm	8
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23 Sunday Service A Winter's Solstice	24 Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm	25 Christmas Day Cache Pride Center Pre-Teens NO MEETING	26 Amrita Yoga Satsang 6:30pm	27	28 Cache Pride Center Teens 5-8pm	29
30 Sunday Service TBA	31 New Year's Eve Cache Valley Buddhist Sangha 7:15pm					

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!



CVUU is a
[Logan Pride Festival](#)
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