



Coming Home

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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.

Sunday Online Services

Tune in through Zoom each Sunday at 10:00 AM: <https://zoom.us/j/94154808522>

June
6

Folklore (Cemetery Walk)

presented by Camille Sleight

June
13

Introduction to Ritual

presented by Sondra Scott

June
20

Music in Ritual

Presented by Lyndi Perry

June
27

Discussion: Ritual in Your Life

presented by Sondra Scott

Reopening Plan

photo from cvuu.org



As the vaccine rollout continues, we're certain everyone's wondering about CVUU's plan for reopening in-person in our building. We're excited too, but as always, keeping everyone safe is our top priority.

Although there have been many new guidelines for individuals in the past few weeks, state and federal guidelines for religious services have been rather broad and varied. The board has decided to look to UUA guidance on this. You can read the information they've given us here: <https://www.uua.org/safe/pandemics/gathering-guidance>. We've decided that more-or-less following the example that the Reston VA congregation has implemented would work well for our group. This means that we will be looking at 3 key statistics about COVID-19 transmission in Cache Valley:

1. Daily New Cases: at or below 1 per 100,000 people per day in the area.
2. Infection Rate: new infections in the area less than 0.88 per already-infected person.
3. Test Positivity: testing in the area is widespread and 3% (or less) of the tests are positive.

Once all three of these metrics have been met for 2 consecutive weeks, we will hold a special meeting with the board and the worship team to consider reopening in-person and indoors. When this happens, we also intend to send a survey to our congregation to assess how everyone feels about meeting in-person. Once we're able to determine that all members of our congregation will be reasonably safe, we'll be able to open our doors again.

As far as services go, we also have plans to continue offering hybrid zoom sessions for anyone who would feel more comfortable attending virtually, as well as for those who have been joining us from outside of Cache Valley.

We feel that this plan will help us to continue to keep our congregation safe while setting some solid expectations about when we will be able to meet in-person again. We're looking forward to being able to share coffee and smiles with all of you again.

–CVUU Board

Events & News

June
17

CVUU Board Meeting: All are welcome to attend and give input.

Contact info: Anne Hedrich at president@cvuu.org

Thursday, June 17, 5:30–7:00pm online through Zoom

June
20

Annual Congregational Meeting: All are welcome to attend and give input.

Contact info: Anne Hedrich at president@cvuu.org

Sunday, June 20, 11:00am online through Zoom

Highlights from the Last Board Meeting

- CVUU Annual Meeting is Sunday June 20, which includes elections for new and returning board members.
- UUA Annual Meeting is Sunday June 27, which includes a broadcast service.
- We adopted a new logo to coincide with our 25th anniversary and strategic plans (you can see it at the bottom of this newsletter).
- We discussed the planning procedure to return to in-person services. We are adopting a set of 5 public health metrics identified by the UU church in Reston, VA.

CCC Representatives

We'd like to express our appreciation to Julianne Larsen and Mar Fenix Nauta for being CVUU's representatives with the Cache Community Connections organization in recent years. The CCC has been a great way to stay informed and connected with the larger community in the valley.

We're looking for a new volunteer to attend CCC meetings when possible and represent the ideals of CVUU. If you are interested, please get in touch with a member of the board or with Julianne at jlnnlarsen1@gmail.com.

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
- ◇ All those unable to visit loved ones in times of sadness and grief

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

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