

Sunday Services, May 2023



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May 7—Where Were You And Who You Were: The LA Riots
Special Guests: **Phillip Curry and Richard Pittman**

Last week marked the 31st anniversary of the L.A. Riots, sparked by the acquittal of LAPD officers filmed beating Rodney King. The beating took place a few miles west of UUVerdugo but the fires started 30 miles south, and quickly spread north. We remember that time, hear stories from people who were there, and ask: Has L.A.'s record improved?

May 14—A Mother's Day, Out of Many

Mothers, mother figures, caregivers, and mentors. Are you a different mother than your own mother? Would she approve of the way you are handling motherhood? What advice would you give young mothers, and should they listen? Join us for this community service, and coffee hour afterward if your mom will let you.

May 21—Pride at the Top of Los Angeles
Guest Speaker: **Clare Buchanan**

Sunland-Tujunga Pride returns for its second year in early June, and Clare Buchanan presents this preview as well as anecdotes from last year's history-making event, the first Pride celebration in the Foothills.

May 28—A Multitude of UUVerdugos

Prior to our annual meeting next week, we welcome new, long-time, and prospective members to share what they like and what they want from this "beloved community." Like a massive cruise ship but without the salmonella, UUVerdugo has room for many and inclusive activities throughout.

June 4—UUVerdugo Annual Meeting: Congregants Only

Sorry, folks! But autograph-seekers can wait outside or stop by for coffee hour afterward.

From the Board President

Greetings Everyone,

Recently we closed the safe-deposit box at our bank in Glendale. What's in the box? All kinds of papers. I see many names I recognize from conversations with some of you. All but two I never met. Known names to me; Gwen Cochran, Jacques Dufresne (stained glass window is dedicated to him), Charles Holley, Paula Oliver, Harold Phinney (met him at the "men's" table), Robert Shuss, and Bill Whitney. There are more names in the various documents.

The documents inside; Grant Deeds for our former Burbank property and our current location, Franchise Tax, Articles of Incorporation (copy), Bylaws from 5-13-1984 and one dated February 25, 1964, insurance, and state seals.

We have had different names too. The Unitarian Fellowship of the Foothills, 1976, and Unitarian Universalist Society of the Verdugo Hills, 1990 at our current address. It looks like USVH acquired our building from the Church of God on April 15, 1976. I do remember Florence Chase talking about the **Plywood Committee** that was formed after the acquisition to cover the cross.

In May of 1975, the building was connected to the sewer. Now we know how old the separated pipes are. The cost was \$900.00.

I found a very interesting Deed of Trust Installment note for the Burbank Property paid to "a widow" for \$12,375.00 on September 1, 1967.

I didn't find anything to bring us to our current name, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Verdugo Hills.

The amount of work these people did to bring us here today makes my head spin. Thank you to our trailblazing past members and may we continue to go forward.

—Paula Hallowell

Stewardship

Thank you all, for your financial pledges during last month's Pledge Drive! With your generous support, we can continue to thrive and provide the programming that enriches our lives.

Thank you, as well, for all the time and talent you share with us throughout the year, in our gardens, in the kitchen, on social justice and political action projects, on aesthetics around the Friendship Hall and Sanctuary, in creating meaningful Sunday services, in caring for each other.

Thank you for being good stewards of our church!

—Stewardship Committee

Social Justice & Nominating

Nominating Committee

Each year, UUVerdugo's Board of Trustees appoints a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the following year's board. After much discussion and compromise over several months, the committee has arrived at the following slate of candidates to be voted on at the June 4 annual meeting.

FY 23-24: New Nominating Committee: Vickie Guagliardo ; Alan Kleinsasser

UUVerdugo Nominating Slate for FY 23-24

President: Mary Madill
Vice President: Howard Richman
Treasurer: Gary Clark
Secretary: Florence Chase
Trustee: Linda Hunt

Social Justice Corner

ASCENCIA HOME LESS SHELTER: Cooking and serving dinner for the residence EVERY 2 ND FRIDAY. We need help cooking and serving the food. Contact Howard. hwrichman@yahoo.com.

2. UUTHEVOTE. We are starting a campaign to support gun safety and we will move on from there to other relevant campaigns. We will be writing to Members of Congress to encourage the promotion of gun safety laws. Contact me at araggiata@yahoo.com.

3. Bailey Food Bank: We are still collecting and delivering every month. We need volunteers to deliver to the center in Tujunga. Bring your nonperishables and hygiene products to the back of the sanctuary.

4. We are collecting items in the rear of the sanctuary. Please bring your bottles and cans to the back of the sanctuary. Proceeds go to UUTHEVOTE.

Respectfully submitted,
—Madeline Dow, Nominating Committee and SJ Chair

Friendship Dinner

HELD IN THE PEACOCK-FESTOONED TUJUNGA HILLS, UVERDUGO'S SPRING FRIENDSHIP DINNER WAS THE FIRST ONE SINCE 2019. IT WAS A GREAT TIME! PHOTOS BY PAULA HALLOWELL.



Outreach & Sunday Services

MARTY BARRETT

Hi all,

Thanks for your participation in our Sunday services and events in April, including the Verdugo HUUT and the Plant Swap. The next few months will be filled with performances, recitals, opportunities to work with the community, and our first-ever hosting of a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Not to mention intriguing and inclusive Sunday services.

Our May 20 Verdugo HUUT, "Los Angeles, Please Don't Spit Me Out," is a reluctant love letter to our complicated relationship with L.A., and features a multitude of performers with a deep and abiding...**ambivalence** about creating art here.

I'm also particularly fond of this month's Movie Night movie, "Captain Fantastic," which, along with "Field of Dreams" and "About Time," is one of my favorite films to prepare for Father's Day. See Aragorn like you've also seen him in "Eastern Promises"!

June 4 brings our Annual Meeting (there will be no service that day) as well as the UU world's General Assembly in Pittsburgh later that month, which I hope to attend and bring back news from the mothership.

The last day of April saw the first Plant Swap in our parking lot. Organized by the effervescent Patriciaa Soares, this was a wonderful community event and I hope to see more of them. I also hope that I don't murder the succulent I took home.

Finally, let's thank Madeline Dow for her exemplary work in Social Justice and the Nominating Committee this year. She did a great job, and it is interesting to note that someone who is allergic to cats is so often given the job of herding them. If you see Madeline, take her out for lunch; she has labored much on your behalf and I hope she can enjoy the credit she deserves for the positive changes she has brought about.



MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
SUNDAY SERVICE—10:30 FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK 7	8	9	10	11	ASCENCIA FOOD PREP BAILEY FOOD DROPOFF 2-6 12	BAILEY VOLUNTEER DAY 13
SUNDAY SERVICE—10:30 14	15	16	17	Board Meeting 6:00 18	3RD FRIDAY POTLUCK! NOON 19	VERDUGO HUUT! 7:00 DONATIONS: \$15 PUBLIC \$10 UU, SENIOR, STUDENT 20
SUNDAY SERVICE—10:30 REIKI W. MARY 1 P.M./\$10 21	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE 22	23	MOVIE NIGHT! CAPTAIN FANTASTIC 6:00/\$5 DONATION 24	25	26	27
SUNDAY SERVICE—10:30 28	29	30	31			

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NOTE: PRIVATE RENTALS ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS CALENDAR.

THE VERDUGO HUUT! PRESENTS



LOS ANGELES

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SATURDAY, MAY 20 AT 7 P.M. | THE SANCTUARY AT UVERDUGO
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DAVID KAUFMAN AT THE APRIL HUUT



APPARENTLY THE EL CAMINO OF EVEL KNEIVEL'S MECHANIC!



PLANT SWAP ORGANIZER PATRICIAA SOARES