

President's Message

Greetings Everyone,

Something that happened on the last Sunday of May has me concerned. During the sermon, one of our members had a medical emergency. Our Florence Nightingales tended to the situation, as anyone should. I was told the sermon continued. I was stunned. I am sure all eyes were focused on the sudden situation and not the sermon. I immediately thought of my weekend job. In particular, the Little League Baseball players. These kids are taught the rules at a very early age. For example, if by chance one of their players gets hurt on the field, all the players get down on one knee showing concern and respect to their teammate. The game stops. When the player is up, goes back to the game or is taken off the field everyone claps giving support to the player. Then the game resumes. It is my opinion our game should have been put on hold for a few minutes.

Last Sunday it was reported our teammate is resting and doing much better. Phew! On another note, our new year is beginning and I am looking forward to it. It's a brand new ball game for us. Who knows what will happen? I am hoping for some smooth sailing and let's play ball.

—Paula Hallowell, Board President

The Board Has Some News, Too!

At the beginning of April when Rev. KC returned from their trip and announced they would be leaving our church at the end of the fiscal year, a couple of weeks later our member Marty Barrett came up with a proposal to take on the job to head Worship and Outreach in a paid position [**renamed Director of Outreach & Sunday Services**].

We pondered this proposal amongst ourselves. At the May board meeting, we sat down with him and talked over the plan. The June board meeting came and we discussed the proposal. A vote was taken and Marty has been voted in to become a contracted employee of the UUCVH. The board will be his supervisor.

This is uncharted territory for us. We don't know how this will go. We are excited about what Marty will bring to the table. He has certainly contributed significantly throughout his time here.

We wish Marty great success in the future expansion of our great church. Welcome Marty, we will go boldly where no UU has gone before.

—Howard Richman, Board Vice President

Summertime Stewardship

When I was in high school I remember a friend who showed up briefly in my life. Meeting her resulted in my becoming a UU later on. It was never her intention to convert me into being a UU. It was her gentle silence when I talked about my own religion. She was different in her approach. She never argued, she just listened. This was new to me and I felt confident enough to ask her about her religion. This was 50 years ago. I want to thank her and her parents who raised her for having faith that their message would always find a home through their stewardship of the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

—Linda Hunt, Stewardship Committee



All the UUs
that's fit to
print.

Sunday Services—July, 2022

July 3: Reconnecting

Marty Barrett

UUVerdugo begins its 2022-2023 church year with a renewed commitment to its congregants and its community. We talk about innovative uses for old things, RCA cables, Love's 1967 album "Forever Changes," and gently putting aside the things we don't need.

July 10: What I Saw at General Assembly

Each UU church is not an island, but sometimes feels that way. During the church's annual General Assembly, Unitarian Universalists from around the world gather to see that others exist, to debate, to decide, and to strategize how to live our seven (and maybe eight) principles in the real world. We hear about what happened at last month's General Assembly in Portland, OR.

July 17: All Hands on Deck

Hector Villagra, Executive Director: ACLU of SoCal

All is not lost, but recent Supreme Court decisions and increasing non-representative government in America are cause for alarm, and renewed resolve. Voting is absolutely necessary, but it is not sufficient. Today we talk about how we got to this place and offer a multi-tiered call to action.

July 24: Principles

Rev. Anne Felton Hines

Beloved Rev. Anne returns to UUVerdugo for the first time in-person since 2019. Rev. Felton Hines is the Minister Emerita at Emerson UU in Canoga Park and is a mentor to many UU ministers throughout Southern California.

July 31: Grief, Humor, And Second Acts

Heidi Mastrogiovanni

Author Heidi Mastrogiovanni talks about the power of art and the healing grace of humor as tools to navigate grief over the loss of a loved one.

Her personal story is full of colors and may provide inspiration and support for people on similar journeys.

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JULY 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:30am - Sunday 12 pm Salad Lunch!	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Sunday Service Squad Zoom 6 p.m.	<p>Creescenia Valley Indivisible, CVI Community Partner meeting contact Susan Pearson for more info: huynhtrng8@gmail.com 4 p.m.</p> <p>"Soles for Souls" women's shoe donations to L.C. Women's Club 4004 L.C. Ave. by 2 p.m. contact Vickie victoriangladstone@ya.hoo.com</p>	<p>2pm - Ascencia 3pm - Bailey Food</p>		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					12pm - Third		 <p>Verdugo HUUTFI! 7 p.m.</p>
10:30am - Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					6pm - Board	<p>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</p>	
10:30am - Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					 <p>THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES MOVIE NIGHT! 6 P.M.</p>		
10:30am - Sunday	31						



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Look at our new doors!

Thanks to Paula for supervising, Jorge and Oscar for planning, Abes Locksmith, and Tal. "Please don't open them with peanut butter and jelly hands just yet!" warns Craftsman-Style Paula.

Outreach

Welcome to the new and evolving newsletter design, with printable version suitable for refrigerator/water closet/helped hanging!
We love to see you at our Sunday services and other community events, like the HUUTFI on July 16 and Movie Night ("The Best Years of Our Lives," 1946 Best Picture Oscar winner) on July 28
• Attending CVI (Creescenia Valley Indivisible) meetings is a great way to learn about figures, issues, and events in community and state government
• Please let me know if there is a speaker or topic you'd like to see featured in a Sunday service

—Marty Barrett, Director of Outreach & Sunday Services

Social Justice & Community

UU the Vote

Our members and friends are busy helping residents in AZ and WI to register to vote. So far we have sent over 3000 cards, placed lawn signs and made dozens of phone calls. If you'd like to join us please let me know.

Afghan Refugee Aid

Our first two families are doing well and there are two babies on the way! We helped a third family set up their studio apartment. Check with me on their current needs if you'd like to donate.

Artist Corner

Are you an artist or do you know one? Please consider displaying your work here in Friendship Hall at UUVerdugo.

Book Swap

Flaunt your literacy by taking some or leaving some books in Friendship Hall!

Volunteers Appreciated!

- Ascencia Guest Chef (Second Friday)
- Bailey Food Bank (Second Friday)
- Afghan Refugee Aid
- Art Hanging
- Memorial Garden
- Sunday Service
- Salutations

—Modeline Dow, Board Trustee
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