



# CVUUF News

## Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

A Welcoming Community to all persons regardless of their race, nationality, or sexual orientation.

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## Upcoming Sunday Services

The theme for November is reason. The source for November is our fifth source: Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit. Main reading: *Reason and Reverence, Religious Humanism for the 21st Century* by William R. Murry

**November 2 – We Are All Humanists** — Rev. Lora Brandis — A neighbor asked William R. Murry what he meant when he said he was a humanist. He replied that, "humanism refers to the affirmation of the worth and dignity of every person, a commitment to human betterment, and the necessity for human beings to take responsibility for themselves and the world." With that definition we are all humanists, but there are also different kinds of humanists who attend UU congregations – religious humanists.

**November 9 – A Humanist Language of Reverence** — Rev. Lora Brandis

— In 2003 William Sinkford, then the president of our denomination, preached a sermon calling for UUs to reclaim a vocabulary of reverence including the word God ,and made the national news. Religious language doesn't have to mean we use the word God, but it does mean that we have to consciously select how we speak to each other as members of a religious community.

**November 16 – A Letter to My Ex-husband the Atheist** — Rev. Lora

Brandis — My ex-husband the atheist has become a character in several of my sermons, serving as a foil to my pious religiosity. First of all, I am not really piously religious and secondly my ex-husband the atheist is more than a character in my sermons. But he has railed against religion enough on his Facebook feed that I feel that I must finally respond with this letter.

**November 23 – Gratitude and Reverence** — Rev. Lora Brandis —

Gratitude and reverence are important to humanist teachings. Reverence is not just about a feeling associated with a deity. Meister Eckhart supposedly said, "If the only prayer you say in your life is thank you that would suffice." Cicero's quote works better for those who don't pray: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

**November 30 – The Gospel According to Kurt** — Merlin Snider —

Gospel is one of those words that do double duty. It means a life story, like the gospels in the Bible. It also means some incredibly important kernel of truth. The "gospel truth." Fellowship member Merlin Snider tells the tale of how in graduate school he found the life and work of Kurt Vonnegut, self-described as "simultaneously a humorist and a serious novelist." Like Billy Pilgrim, his famous character from Slaughterhouse Five, Vonnegut came unstuck in time because of the horrible things he had witnessed, and in Vonnegut's heroic, anti-heroic way, managed to describe our human condition with dark humor, compassion, and ultimately hope.

**CVUUF Sundays on CD:** Recordings of most Sunday services are available on audio CD. They may be purchased for a \$3 donation, made at time of order. All proceeds go to the Library Fund. Order yours at the Library bookcase in Social Hall and do remember to pick up the CDs you've ordered! Sunday recordings can also be heard at <http://www.cvuuf.org>. Some can even be downloaded to your iPod.



# Muusings from Reverend Lora

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name most holy be forever blest.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

This hymn comes to mind this time of year more because of the tune than the subject matter. I remember singing it in the Episcopalian church of my childhood. These days I am humming it more often because it is the background music for much of the DVD series on UU history we are watching together this fall. It plays most often while the host of the series is visiting the graves of luminaries from our tradition.

I do not carry a memory of venerating the saints of the church on November 1 or of praying for deceased family members on November 2. I remember choosing a costume and going door-to-door trick or treating on All Hallows' Eve, Halloween. It was more about the candy than a time to ward off bad spirits or to welcome the spirits of departed loved ones.

My family lived far away from the small cemetery in upstate New York that holds the remains of most of my family. We visit infrequently, each time trying to remember which stones mark the graves of someone distantly related to us. The last time we visited was five years ago when we buried my mother's ashes alongside my father's.

Now that my mother is gone I have inherited photos of relatives I never knew. I have the tiniest double frame, probably originally a locket, of a young woman in ringlets. The other side of the frame no longer holds the photo that must have once been there. I do not know who this young woman was, but I know that somehow I stand on her shoulders. I also stand on the shoulders of those who come before me in this faith tradition.

As this ancient celebration is now commemorated in some Christian churches, there is a distinction between All Saints and All Souls. All Saints Day is reserved for those, known and unknown, who have made it to heaven. All Souls Day is for the departed who remain in purgatory and need further sanctification. They are helped by the prayers of those who remember them not just on All Souls Day, but throughout the year.

As Unitarian Universalists we do not distinguish between our saints and our souls (and our sinners, thanks to our Universalist ancestors). This November 1st and 2nd we can be grateful to all those who have walked before us and continue to influence our faith journeys. We can, as Rebecca Ann Parker notes, recognize the communion of saints that includes "the feisty, free-spirited Puritans of 450 years ago...the people who believe revelation is not sealed...the sweet-spirited Universalists of old, who rejected a notion of God as a tyrant ruling by the threat of hell...the deep-feeling Transcendentalists...the Iowa Sisterhood and all those who have advocated for the rights and full humanity of women...the all-embracing mystics... and the courageous Humanists who dare to lift up the dignity and strength of human beings." This is our communion of saints. These are the souls who have me happily humming, "For all the saints...."

LORA

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Rev. Lora has one day off a week, which is Monday. She schedules appointments in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. To reach her, please email her at [minister@cvuuf.org](mailto:minister@cvuuf.org) or call her cell phone 805.410.3808. Due to the volume of email she receives, it may take her several days to respond to an email. Please feel free to call if you have a matter that needs immediate attention.

# President's Message



Dear Friends,

I want to express my deep gratitude for our beloved musical genius, Robin Swenson, as he prepares to move away from Southern California and to say goodbye to our congregation. Robin's beautiful, courageous music will continue resounding in our hearts long after he has left us. Thank you Robin, thank you!

Our Minister and Music Committee have been working diligently to identify a new Music Director. I am confident someone wonderful will join us soon, and when that person arrives, we as a community will provide a loving welcome.

Our new Strategic Plan is now available at the "Member Site" section of our web site. A congregational organization chart is also available there. Your feedback is welcomed.

Please be sure to attend our auction on Saturday, November 15 (starting at 5pm) if you can. The auction is a fun party, an opportunity to get wonderful goods, services, and experiences. Invite friends & family - it's going to be a ball!

On Saturday, December 6, at 1:00pm, our Finance Committee and Board invite you to a workshop to review our financial position. I encourage you to attend regardless of your level of familiarity with finance reports.

Our Staff, Council and Board create goals that support our Strategic Plan serve as a guide for progress reports.

Here are the Board of Trustees' goals for Fiscal Year 2015.

To foster a healthy congregation, the Board of Trustees will:

- Emphasize caring for the congregation's health as an essential component of the Board's leadership role.
- Continue integrating the Covenant of Good Relations into the fabric of congregational life.
- Provide a non-anxious presence in the face of ongoing change.

To provide direction and vision, the Board of Trustees will:

- Publish, monitor, and assess a Strategic Plan.
- Define goals for a Long-Term Planning Committee.
- Develop a Board annual planning calendar.

To advance the congregation's financial security, the Board of Trustees will:

- Maintain a clear and thorough understanding of financial reports and their impacts.
- Review and evaluate congregational insurance coverages.
- Achieve a sustaining, balanced budget.

To provide an environment that empowers leaders and members, the Board of Trustees will:

- Revise congregational policies to meet current needs.
- Delegate supporting procedures to staff and the Council.
- Publish policies and procedures in an accessible, user-friendly form.

To provide feedback for growth, learning, and development, the Board of Trustees will:

- Implement a congregational survey; refine our analysis and application of the results.
- Develop a ministerial assessment process.
- Refine and deepen Board self-assessment.

To encourage the personal spiritual development of each Trustee, the Board of Trustees will:

- Commit to the spiritual practice of the modern tithe.
- Participate in at least one religious education session this year with children or youth.
- Participate in at least one community outreach event or program this year.

See you on Sunday,

**Willie**, [president@cvuuf.org](mailto:president@cvuuf.org)



**Justine Fischer,  
Director of  
Religious  
Education  
(DRE)**



## November Birthdays

Lizette Deemer,  
Nicholas Ebert,  
Sophia Lubka and  
Duncan Smith.

# News From Religious Education

## NOVEMBER RE

Pre K/K, 1-4th grade and 5th-8th grade meet during the first service and YRUU (high school) meets during the second service. Child Space is available for our smallest ones at both services.

Each month we will focus on a theme and a source of the Unitarian Universalist Faith. In November our theme is reason and the source of Unitarian Universalist faith we will be incorporating is humanist teachings.

## MIXTECO INDIGINA COMMUNIDAD ORGANIZATION PROYECTO (MICOP)

Join us in sharing arts and crafts with our Mixteco neighbors. Monthly meetings (dates below) are held at the following locations:

**Haydock Intermediate School**  
647 Hill St.  
Oxnard, CA 93033

**Rio Elementary School**  
1140 Kenny St.  
Oxnard, CA 93036  
(in the unincorporated area  
of Nyeland/El Rio)

**Saturday, November 22, 2014, 1-6pm**  
Thanksgiving celebration

**Saturday, December 13, 2014, 1-6pm**  
Fiesta Navideña

**Saturday, January 31, 2015 , 1-6pm**  
**Saturday, February 28, 2015, 1-6pm**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2015, 1-6pm**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015, 1-6pm**  
**Saturday, May 30, 2015, 1-6pm**

## WESTMINSTER FREE CLINIC HOLIDAY GIVING

We will once again be adopting 5 families from the Westminster Free Clinic for the holidays AND will have a special plate collection on Sunday, November 23. Please see the page 6 for details.

Deadline for the gift collection is **Sunday, November 30**.

*For information regarding Religious Education,  
I can most easily be reached at [dre@cvuuf.org](mailto:dre@cvuuf.org)*

*Yours in faith,  
Justine*

## Adult RE

### THE LONG STRANGE TRIP

View and discuss “The Long Strange Trip,” a film series detailing the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought from the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Each film is approximately one hour in length and is Close-captioned. A discussion will be facilitated after each film. (**NOTE:** The class is not held on consecutive Wednesdays.)

**Part IV:** Wednesday November 5th 7pm  
*Universalism (1600 - 1860)*

**Part V:** Wednesday November 12th 7pm  
*Evolution (1861 - 1961)*

**Part VI:** Wednesday December 3rd 7pm  
*Unitarian Universalism*

Feel free to drop in for any session, it is not necessary to register. Come and join in the discussion and find out about how the history of Unitarian Universalism informs your own personal faith history. Contact Rev. Lora with questions.

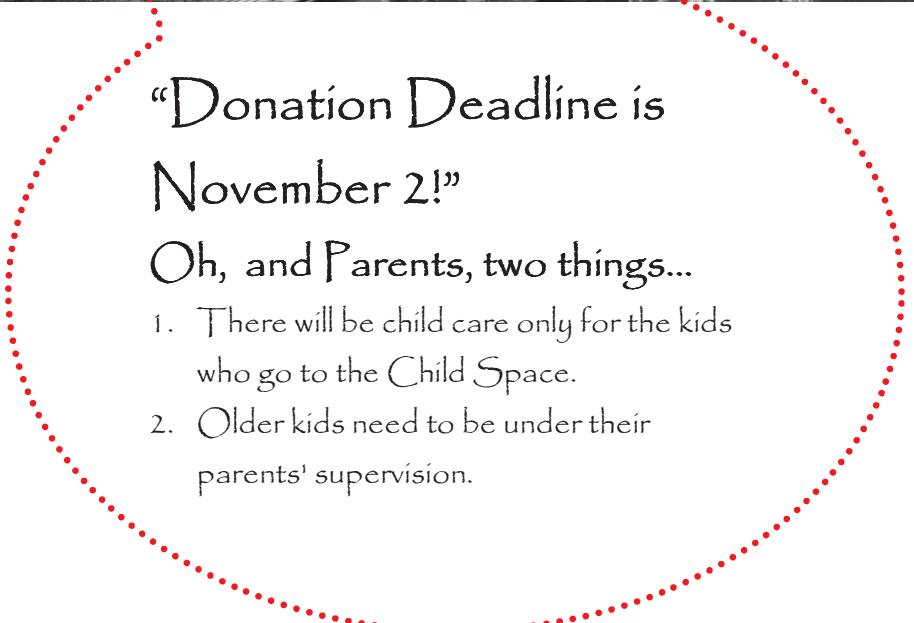


“You Can’t Attend?  
Sign Up for a Proxy!”

If you’re coming, bring some cash for  
the desserts & drinks.”

5pm!! New Start Time!  
Annual Auction  
November 15, 2014

5pm!!



“Donation Deadline is  
November 2!”

Oh, and Parents, two things...

1. There will be child care only for the kids who go to the Child Space.
2. Older kids need to be under their parents' supervision.

# Annual Holiday Adoption of Westminster Free Clinic Families

This year, we have adopted 5 families. NEW gifts, gift cards for Target, Ross, Ralphs, Vons, Toys R Us and Burlington and very gently used bicycles are welcomed. The gifts need to be unwrapped but donations of new wrapping paper and supplies are welcome. A Pajamas and socks seem to be much needed. In an effort to meet their needs if you are going to buy something very specific, please let me know so I can make sure we fill all the wishes and do not overlap.

Last day to receive donations is **Sunday, November 30 (Thanksgiving weekend)**. For more information , I can be reached at dre@cvuuf.org.

Justine

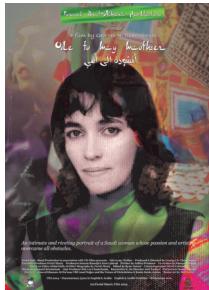


FAMILY #	AGE	GENDER	PANTS SIZE	SHIRT SIZE	JACKET SIZE	WISH LIST		
8	10	Boy			12L	Jacket	Scooter	Gift card
	3	Girl		5T		Pajamas	Toys	Dress up
	5	Boy	8-M			Pajamas	Socks	Toys
	6mo	Girl	6-12m			Pajamas	Blankets	Gift card
	18mo	Boy	2T			Pajamas	Toys	Tricycle
9	5	Boy	6	M	M	Shoes 12	Toys	Pajamas
	11mo	Girl	18 - 24m			Shoes 3	Toys	Pajamas
		Mom		L	L	Blankets	Gift card	Socks
12	5	Boy	6x			Ross card	Toys	
	7mo	Girl	24m			Ross card	Toys	
	32	Mom	XL	XL	XL	Blankets	Pajamas	House-
	42	Dad	XL	XL	XL	Burlington card	Burlington card	House-
13	9 mos	Boy	12-18 m	12-18 m		Toys	Pajamas	Target card
	7	Girl	7	XL	XL	Toys with Lights	Pajamas	Target card
	22	Girl	2	Small		GC Forever 21	GC Forever 21	Curl Iron
	47	Mom	9-10	M		Blender	Iron	Vons card
	6	Boy	8	M	M	Blankets	Pajamas	Toys
16	8	Girl	8	M	M	Toys	Pajamas	Target card
	10	Boy	13-14	L	L	Toys	Pajamas	Socks
		Mom	14	L	L	Housewares	Pajamas	Ralphs card
		Dad	36	L	L	Housewares	Blankets	Pajamas



# Community Forum

## SAVE THE DATE!!



Saturday, December 6, 2014, 7:30pm  
A Very Special Screening and Discussion  
**ODE TO MY MOTHER**

A fascinating true story of a most extraordinary Saudi woman as told through the eyes of her children and grandchildren. Heartwarming and inspiring, the film will be introduced and discussed by its producer Ferial Masry of Thousand Oaks. From award-winning director Georges N. Chamchoum, *ODE TO MY*

*MOTHER* follows the life of Tahra Abdul Hafiz Al-Siba'l (1933-2011), an acclaimed Saudi Arabian artist, author, poet and mother whose personal and family triumphs are shared in this documentary!

Friday, January 9, 2015, 7:30pm  
**WHEN LIVING ALONE IS NOT AN OPTION**

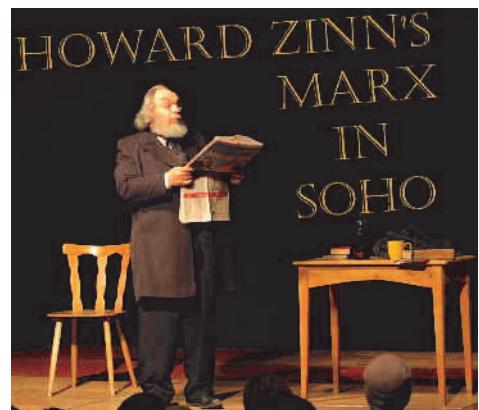
What would happen today if you, your spouse or family member suddenly became unable to live alone due to a fall or illness? What kinds of facilities are available? What level of care is provided at each? What is the cost? Who is the decision maker?

Kathy Terry, Field Services Coordinator of the Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, will present an evening of information about this very important issue. A Q&A discussion will follow her talk.

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 8pm  
A Special Live Theatrical Event  
Jerry Levy as Karl Marx in  
**Howard Zinn's MARX IN SOHO**

Historian and activist, Howard Zinn is most well known for his alternative portrait of American history. Here Zinn proves himself a talented playwright, presenting a play that is both enlightening and entertaining!

We gratefully acknowledge The Howard Zinn Revocable Trust for their kind permission for this presentation of Howard Zinn's "Marx in Soho".



Community Forums are free, but donations are appreciated!

Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,  
3327 Old Conejo Road, Newbury Park  
<http://forum.cvuuf.org>

# WE are Standing on the Side of Love

The national Standing on the Side of Love organization is “a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world.”

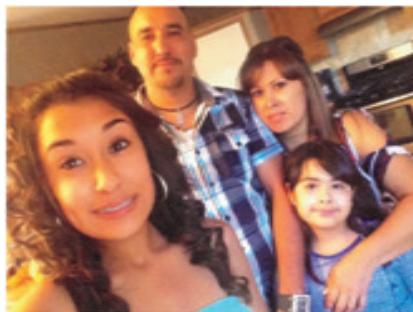
If you believe that all people deserve equality, dignity and respect, find a seat at the following justice programs.

## Detainee Visitation

### **Adelanto Detention Facility**

Friday November 14 and May 22, Tuesday November 25, 2014 8:15am

CVUUF volunteers who have not yet visited are encouraged to share this meaningful experience. Two-person teams will sit and talk with each detainee for one hour. We should return to CVUUF between 5:00 and 6:00pm. Participants need to RSVP in order to receive the name of a detainee you can write so your visit will be expected. Contact Victor Escobar, CLUE-VC, [victor@cluevc.org](mailto:victor@cluevc.org).



### **Sanctuary2014.org**

Arturo Hernandez has found Sanctuary from deportation at the First Unitarian Society of Denver. Sponsors of Sanctuary 2014 include the UUA among other religious organizations.

Faith and immigrant-rights groups are taking action to reveal how U.S. immigration policies are hurting our communities.

Congregations who commit to the new Sanctuary movement can either provide or support Sanctuary. At this time, there are 24 congregations offering Sanctuary in the U.S. and 70 congregations supporting the new movement. Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has signed on to support Sanctuary. We will be posting ways that you can help us to help others. For more information, go to [sanctuary2014.org](http://sanctuary2014.org).

## GUN VIOLENCE LAW

Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America applaud Governor Brown for signing Assembly Bill 1014. The new law will allow law enforcement or immediate family members to present evidence to a judge and obtain a gun violence restraining order when a person poses a significant danger to self or others by having a firearm.

AB 1014 passed quickly through the State Senate and Assembly, with leadership from California State Assemblymembers Nancy Skinner and Das Williams, and Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson.



## FREE Memory Screenings

Saturday November 15, 9 am to 1 pm  
at 401 Hodencamp, (805) 496-0189  
Call for an appointment.

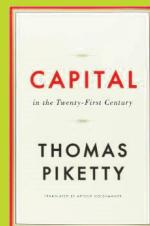
Speaker presentation at 10:15am:  
Viki Kind, Bioethicist, will speak on "What I Wished My Father and I Had Known"  
Sherry Lynn Harris, author of "Adapting to Alzheimer's" will discuss "What's Next? and How to Adapt."



Everyone, please thank Hilary Rosen for being the Coordinator of this beautiful event.

## ESCALATING INEQUALITY STUDY GROUP

November 24, 2014,  
7:00 - 8:30pm



Escalating Inequality is the 2014 (CSAI) Congregational Study/Action Issue. We are using "Capital in the 21st Century" by T. Piketty, for study and discussion. Contact: Michael Teasdale.

## Thanksgiving Day Potluck Is ON!

Why eat alone on Thanksgiving? Come eat, drink and be thankful with your UU family.

Time: 2:00pm  
Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact Hilary to RSVP.



## For a novel shopping experience, LOOK NO FURTHER!

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has expanded its inventory of ethnically-sourced goods in a rebranded online store **THE GOOD BUY**.

Find seasonal items like holiday cards. (Check out the new designs for 2014!) The Good Buys also sells gift cards as well as sustainable food and products.

Profits are put to good use by UUSC in work we can be proud of – responding to natural disasters through their local contacts with aid to people in the hinterland; not typically reached by large agencies like the Red Cross. And more recently UUSC & UUA are tackling the crucial issue of Climate Change at the global level hoping to work with the UN.

Try it out - [www.thegoodbuy.com](http://www.thegoodbuy.com).



## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH AT 7:00PM

AT THE CHAPEL ON 1600 ERBES RD, THOUSAND OAKS

FEATURING MUSIC BY A COMBINED CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR  
AND INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS BY MANY, INCLUDING:

PRESIDENT RICHARD K. OLSON - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

REV DR. GARY ALAN DICKEY - THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WESTLAKE

RABBI REBECCA L. DUBOWE - TEMPLE ADAT ELOHIM

REV MOLLY ROCKEY - UNITY OF THE OAKS

YAHYA MERCHANT - ISLAMIC CENTER OF CONEJO VALLEY

REV GIFFORD SMITH - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SIMI VALLEY

RABBI MICHAEL BARCLAY - TEMPLE NER SIMCHA

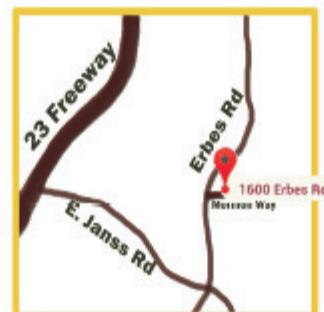
REV MICHAEL DiFEO - CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING, WESTLAKE

BISHOP LARRY BAGBY - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

REV DR. MAUREEN HOYT - CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING, WESTLAKE

REV LORA BRANDIS - CONEJO VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

REV JOE SCERBO, S.A., PHD - ST. PASchal BAYLON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



COME ENJOY MUSIC, FAITH AND  
*Homemade Pie!*

HOSTED BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



## Pacific Southwest District NEWS

Our district has recently signed on to **Commit2Respond**. Growing from the Unitarian Universalist involvement in September's People's Climate March in NYC, Commit2Respond is a faith-based initiative to SHIFT energy, GROW the movement, and ADVANCE the rights of peoples impacted by climate change.

Our district joins the UUA, UUSC, the College of Social Justice, UU Ministers Association and the UU Ministry of Earth in becoming a leader of this initiative. You are encouraged to sign on to this movement. For more information, visit [commit2resond.org](http://commit2resond.org). To further inspire your action, listen to Jim Scott's rally song for this event, "[We Are The Earth](#)."



October 02, 2014

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### ***Living Your Legacy: Living and Dying Well***

*"The art of living well and dying well are one."* -- Epicurus

Give yourself and others the peace of mind that comes from planning and making your wishes known. We may know it's important, but we can easily put off taking the important and necessary steps to leave loved ones with what they need to ensure that the legacy of our death comes from choice, not chance.

*Living your Legacy* will help you discover an intentional, purposeful way to leave your legacy in a series of six sessions. Each focuses on a different area and offers tools needed to explore personal values and make plans that honor them. This is the year to get it done!

This series of workshops is sponsored by the UU Church of Ventura, and all classes are held on site at 5654 Ralston St. in Ventura. **Advance registration is required by November 1** to reserve your space.

**Suggested Donation:** \$60/series or \$15 per session (supplies included) (Free to Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura members)

#### ***Session 1 Sunday, November 9, 12-3pm Affirming Life by Facing Death and Other Endings***

Workshop facilitator: Susan Plummer, Author of "Deep Change," and Director of Santa Barbara Alliance for Living and Dying Well.

#### ***Session 2: Saturday, November 15, 10am-12pm Deepak Chopra film – Death Makes Life Possible***

#### ***Session 3: Saturday, January 17, 10am-12pm Identifying Practical Steps for Preparing Ourselves and Others***

#### ***Session 4: Saturday, February 7, 10am – 12pm Wills& Trusts – An Overview*** Presenter: Eric Smith, C.P.A.

#### ***Session 5: Saturday, March 21, 10am – 12pm Good Endings***

#### ***Session 6: Saturday, March 28, by appointment Getting It Done*** With prior appointment meet one-on-one with a trained facilitator to assist you in filling out your advance directive wishes, or review your completed forms.

**Pre-Registration Required – Deadline: November 1st**

**Register by email or phone:**

Contact: Beverly Jordan, Spiritual Life Coordinator, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

Email: [Beverly@uuventura.org](mailto:Beverly@uuventura.org), Phone: 805-644-3898 x102 [www.uuventura.org](http://www.uuventura.org)



# November 2014



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# Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

# COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In order to assist us in fulfilling our mission to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion, we the members and friends of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship enter into this Covenant of Good Relations.

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- Opening our hearts and minds to those who have traveled journeys unlike ours and whose strengths and challenges may be different from ours.
- A welcoming space for all to speak their truth respectfully.
- The importance of deep listening and respect for each other.
- Relationships with others of all ages, and the gifts that each generation brings to our community.
- The democratic process, through which we give voice to concerns and offer our time and energy to arrive at solutions.

In the wider community, we honor our responsibilities for upholding spiritual ideals, engaging in civil discourse with those of other religious traditions, and promoting our UU values.

In my interactions with others in this congregation, I will:

- Speak honestly and directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern, using thoughtful, compassionate language.
- Forgive the errors and shortcomings of myself and others as we contribute to our shared ministry and express gratitude for the many gifts we bring.
- Assume good intentions in those with whom I disagree and examine my own part in the disagreement.
- Listen deeply to, and actively seek resolution with those concerned before engaging the Conflict Resolution Committee, Committee on Ministry, the Council or the Board of Trustees in conflict mediation.
- Expect divergent beliefs and opinions and persist in respectful dialogue—especially in times of uncertainty—remaining open to new understandings while doing my part to sustain this Covenant.
- Respect the minister and staff's professionalism, time and privacy.
- Assume responsibility for understanding the church structure and governance model.
- Assume responsibility for keeping informed of church business.

Through this Covenant of Good Relations, it is our intention to foster healthy and productive relations within our church community as we work together to achieve our mission.



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### additional UU resource links:

[Unitarian Universalist Association \(UUA\)](#)

The UUA serves 1,000+ congregations in the US and the world.

[Pacific Southwest District \(PSWD\)](#)

PSWD serves 50 Pacific Southwest congregations in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Sunday Service is held at 9:15 & 11:00 am, with Coffee Hour following each service. Children's Religious Education is held during the 9:15am service. Childcare is provided and YRUU (our high school RE program) meets during the 11:00am service.

Visitors are always welcome!