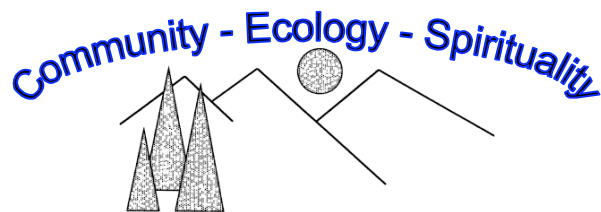


# Coming Home

The Newsletter of the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists



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*We are a religiously liberal, welcoming community, united in a responsible search for knowledge and spiritual growth. Bound by no dogma or creed, Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists value and promote peace, liberty, social justice, and environmental sustainability through personal, community, and global action.*

## Upcoming Services

### Sundays at 10 am:

**June 6: Seven Principle Round-Up**

led by Beth Walden

**June 13: This I Believe**

led by Beth Walden

**June 20: Fathers' Day**

**June 27: Serving this Community, benefits and headaches**

led by Ellen Klomps

Friday services will resume in the fall

Services are held at 596 E 900 N, in Logan.



## CVUU ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 13<sup>th</sup>  
11:30-12:30  
*(after the service)*

*We will review the annual reports of our various committees, discuss and approve the 2010-11 budget, and elect new board members.*

*This is important stuff, and we need a quorum of current members to conduct our business. Please make a strong effort to attend!*

# SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Jo Leary and I spoke before the Logan City Council on behalf of the anti-discrimination ordinances. Jo summed it up beautifully by reminding the council that this was the opportunity for We The People to speak to our government.

I arrived early, and the main room was already full. I wrote my name on the sign up sheet for those who wished to speak and moved to the overflow room. By the time the public comment time started both rooms were full and people were standing in the hallways to try to get a peek. I counted 14 Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists in the rooms and in the halls. Finally after a couple dozen other speakers, our names were called, and we moved to the seats in front of the council. Jo spoke first, and then finally it was my turn.

In essence what I said was:

“Unitarian Universalists across the world affirm and promote seven principles, the first of which is the inherent worth and dignity of all people. I’ve notice that all the religions around the world have love and compassion as one of their highest values. One of our Unitarian martyrs, Francis David, had this to say: ‘We need not think alike to love alike.’ I want the City of Logan to be a shining light to the State of Utah and the United States of America, that we value diversity and compassion in our neighborhoods and our work places. Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists are here standing on the side of love.”

Our group was the last that fit within the time limit. Cora was prepared and on the list, but time ran out. I wish I had heard that little fiery lady speak her piece.

It was a great night, the ordinances passed, and it will now be illegal to discriminate against our GLBT neighbors and co-workers. Both rooms exploded in whoops and applause. This was one of the most exciting nights of my life, as you can probably tell by now!

*Beth Walden, CVUU Lay Leader*

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## “Greening up” CVUU Sign Up List

***The next step: fill in empty slots, organize yourself and others in the group to get the job done!***

A. Get a Bike Rack (maybe from USU surplus)

1. Paul R.
2. Bruce P.

B. Fix Compost Bin Door (put a hinge)

3. Thomas M.

C. Turn the Compost Pile

4. Sean D.
5. Jenny N.

D. Rip the grass out of the parking strip to make room for drought resistant plants/landscaping.

6. Rachel W.
7. Paul R.
8. George W.
9. Thomas M.
10. Susie F.
11. Anne H.
12. Ellen K.

E. Research options for weather proofing the bay window

13. George W.

F. Cut down the damaged tree and plan for replacement

14. Jim E.
15. George W.
16. \_\_\_\_\_

G. Research (Cost/options) for a Commercial Oven hood

17. Beth W.
18. Thomas M.

H. Fruit Tree Selection for the Front Yard (Drought Resistant/Native)

19. Marlene C.
20. \_\_\_\_\_

I. Pick perennial plants for the yard (Native/Drought Resistant)

21. Susanne J.
22. Holly F.

J. Work with Susan Buffler and others on Garden Planning/Landscaping

23. Jenny N.
24. \_\_\_\_\_

K. Work on the Sprinkler System

25. \_\_\_\_\_
26. \_\_\_\_\_

L. Plant Tomatoes

27. Eva M
28. \_\_\_\_\_

M. Remove dandelions, any # of people

29. Eva M.
30. Fridy L.
31. Sarah R.
32. Jenny N.
33. Jim E.
34. Rachel W.

N. Other: LED Light Bulbs for Kitchen Entrance

35. Ellen C.

O. Other: Iris available for Transplant

36. Debra

*Thanks for making a difference!  
Jenny Norton*

## RUaUU? Orientation for Newcomers - June 27th

Have you ever wondered what Unitarian Universalism is all about? CVUU extends an invitation to **Newcomers** and **Visitors** for an information and orientation session on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us downstairs at 11:15, after the Sunday service, for light refreshments and the opportunity to get better acquainted. Childcare will be provided.

Our lay-leader Beth Walden and member Leslie Black will present some orientation information and answer questions you may have about Unitarian Universalism. There will be a short video on “Voices of a Liberal Faith”, with a discussion afterwards.

We look forward to this opportunity to find out what you are looking for in a church home, and hope we have made you feel welcome here – because you are!

It would be helpful if you would RSVP <lesandjay@gmail.com> so we can make arrangements for childcare and refreshments. Thanks.

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## Financial Planning for Women

Financial Planning for Women is on sabbatical leave (along with Jean) so there will not be regular monthly programs but keep updated on financial and consumer issues at the FPW Blog: [fpwusu.blogspot.com](http://fpwusu.blogspot.com)

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## Annual Committee Reports

This issue of the newsletter contains the annual reports from CVUU officers and committees. These will be reviewed at the annual congregational meeting after the service on June 13.



## President's Report Doug Jackson-Smith

As you can see from the ensuing reports – CVUU has had a full and successful year. Our services have been consistently stimulating, diverse, fun, provocative and engaging. The CVUU building and grounds received many hours of tender care and attention from a large cast of volunteers, and the Fellowship and Hospitality events have provided opportunities for us to bond outside of regular Sunday services. The Social and Environmental Justice committee continues to organize events and activities that make a mark on our community and the larger world. We've done this with a conservative and modest budget, the help of a handful of (poorly) paid part-time staffers, and a giant raft of volunteers.

I want to remind EVERYONE that we have our annual congregational meeting on SUNDAY JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>! We will meet after services on that day, and will formally vote on the proposed budget for 2010/11, elect a few new board members, and conduct any other business as necessary. This is important stuff, and since we need a quorum to make this meeting work, I encourage every CVUU member to try to attend.

Thanks for the chance to serve as President, and I look forward to the coming year!

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## Fellowship & Hospitality Committee Report Submitted by Susie Flann

Committee persons are Susie Flann, Thomas & Eva Mayfield.

Thank you to all who help organize these events and to those who come and make them so enjoyable.

Events hosted through out this year include:

- Thanksgiving Dinner for CVUU and the USU International Students & Scholars
- Invitation to attend USU's production of Sweeny Todd, with a pre-show dinner at the Hengges'.
- Invitation to attend USU's production of Issun Bossi, with a post-show dessert party at the Hengges'.
- Brazil Send-off Party for Alan Howard & Peg Hennon, (though their departure has been stalled by bureaucratic red tape).
- Circle Dinners throughout the year, coming also under the umbrella of CVUU Membership activities.
- Invitation to attend USU's production of "Don't Hit Golf Balls into Mexico."

# Ministers Report

## Beth Walden, Lay Minister

Almost two years ago, I was honored to be asked to serve as your Lay Leader. It has been a wonderful opportunity. Now, it is time to give you a report of my activities and participation in three areas. This is only what I have been involved in. There is so much more that has been happening in our community.

### **Our Church Community:**

I am very happy about the willingness of those who have participated in the This I Believe services. We've had another full year of wonderful sharing community members.

Thanks to Susie Flann, we have solar panel on our roof that was dedicated in September.

Several offerings of RUaUU, both in groups and for individual have been offered by Leslie Black, and I was honored to assist. We have also conducted New Member Ceremonies to welcome new members Harriet Frink, Lorien Belton, and Bob and Becky Morgan.

I am happy to report that we have had an outstanding newsletter this year edited by Alvan Hengge. It has been a spiritual practice for me to write an article every month. I have to ask myself, "What do I want to say to my beloved community?" Then, I get to examine my own soul to discover what is important to me.

At the same time we continued our Sunday morning gatherings for worship and service. Here is a sample of those services that I led or assisted. Many other wonderful services were provided by other members of our community.

- Sample of primary responsibility
  - Sacred Community
  - Who are the Witches – Halloween
  - Fourth Principle
  - Renewal – The New Year
  - Fifth Principle
  - Spirit in Religions
  - Sixth Principle
  - The Beatitudes
  - Easter
- Intergeneration services
  - Water communion
  - Christmas
- Sample of assistance for service
  - General Assembly Stories
  - Dan Judd – on Hospice
  - Jay – Third Principle

### **Our Unitarian Universalist Community:**

In June I had the blessing and fun of attending the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City. I was both a volunteer for the Commission on Social Witness, and a delegate.

I continue to lurk on more than a dozen UUA lists on a variety of topics. This keeps me informed about the activities and opinions around the country and the world.

### **Our Cache Community:**

I represent Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists in the Cache Community Connections group. This is a group of faith community and Cache community representative who come together to, as Dean Quayle said today, "provide diversity with civility." This group first came together after September 11<sup>th</sup>, to begin supporting and dialoging with one another. One of their annual events is an Interfaith Thanksgiving service in the Tabernacle. Last Thanksgiving I was privileged to represent CVUU with a reading from the back of our hymnal.

I have served for almost one year as one of two "Members at Large" of the Executive Committee for Cache Community Connections. I am excited about this opportunity to live our Unitarian Universalist principles in the world and neighborhood communities. I that capacity I had the joy of volunteering at the Food Pantry

The Housing Office at Utah State University invites representatives from the various faith communities to attend a workshop on how best to offer opportunities for students who live in on-campus housing. For two years I have had the opportunity to attend this workshop and deliver posters about Unitarian Universalism to be posted at the beginning of the year.

I served on an interfaith panel that Hospice sponsored for staff and volunteers to learn about view on death and dying. I have to report that I said, "Well, it depends on the individual, some believe..." a lot.

I was privileged to make the time cut to speak on behalf of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance to the Logan City Council.

One of our participants in the local Unitarian Universalist congregation in the previous incarnation passed away this spring. I was privileged to conduct his graveside service.

There are two weddings planned this summer for couple who don't have a church home, but want more than a Justice of the Peace.

### **A message for everyone:**

Thank you. Thank you for your support of me and of each other. Thank you for your effort and participation in our community. Let's continue to grow and support our Beloved Community.

## Music Directors Report

Mary Jackson-Smith

I have enjoyed organizing the music for our services this year, particularly introducing a lot of new songs from the newer 'light green' hymnal and from outside the regular CVUU repertoire. Jeri Gabriel continued to contribute through her excellent piano accompaniment and a variety of guest musicians (see list in Worship Committee below) have provided energy and diversity to our musical portfolio. I am pleased that the CVUU Occasional Singers have been revived, and we have performed a number of times with great enthusiasm. All are welcome to join us in the coming year!

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## Worship Committee Report

Ellen Klomps

The worship committee operated at full strength and enthusiasm this year. Many people stepped up to participate in planning and executing Sunday services. Beth Walden continued the successful This I Believe series. We devoted one service a month (usually) to each of the 7 UU Principles. Beth will conduct a service summing up the 7 Principles in June.

Attendance has been good overall, with highest on special occasion Sundays-such as the Water Ceremony and weeks during OWL classes. Email notifications of certain services with timely topics or guest speakers that were publicized via email notification often received better attendance.

Friday services were held once or twice a month through the fall into February. Attendance was sparse, but the services were enjoyable. Thanks to the Friday service committee; Lorien Belton, Jenny Norton, Susie Flann, Thomas Mayfield and Mary Jackson-Smith.

CVUU was able to hire Mary Jackson-Smith as a quarter-time Music Director. Mary provided music for services, arranged with Jeri Gabriel for piano accompaniment, brought in outside musicians, and resurrected the Occasional Singers for several performances.

Musicians at the services included (Please pardon any omissions): Jeri Gabriel, Lynne Goodhart, Leslie Timmons, Alan Christensen, Michael Spooner, Ron Goede, Neal Hengge, Emmon Rogers, Doug, Rose, Amy and Emma Jackson-Smith, Thomas and Eva Mayfield, Jordan, Lucy and Jo Leary, Maureen Killila, Jon Gudmundson, Susie Flann, Leslie Black and Jeanne Wallace.

Suzanne Janecke provided a changing selection of artwork for the sanctuary walls and the tatted snowflakes of Louise Klomps decorated the winter months.

## Religious Exploration (RE)

### Committee Report

Jordan Leary (RE Committee Chair)

Sarah Ringueberg (Director of Religious Education)

April Ashland (Youth Program Coordinator)

We tried introducing some new teaching material into the mix this year, which went well. Below is a list of the curricula used.

#### FALL

Pre-K – 2nd: Chalice Children

3rd – 6th: Teaching values (provided by Leslie Black)

7th – 9th: OWL

#### WINTER

All ages: We Believe

#### SPRING

Pre-K – 3rd: Wonderful Welcome (from Tapestry of Faith on the UUA website)

4th – 6th: OWL

Attendance numbers were variable, but classes went well thanks to the dedication of our volunteer teachers and DRE. The OWL classes, under the direction of Dawn Holzer, were a huge success and brought a lot of our youth together.

Following the success of the youth's OWL program, we wanted to find a way to keep the youth engaged and active in the CVUU community. To do so, we decided to open a new part-time position for a Youth Program Coordinator, who served from February to May and helped kick-start our youth program. April Ashland was selected as the YPC and has led the youth in a variety of activities and projects this spring, including a youth-lead Earth Day service.

Childcare was provided for ages 3 and under as needed, both on a paid and volunteer basis. Lately we've leaned toward volunteer childcare, because of the sporadic attendance in the nursery.

This year the RE building space was shared with the Union Preschool, who rents the basement and meets daily on weekdays. This presented some new challenges, but overall has been a welcome addition to our community and provides a steady income to help us offset the costs of the building.

# Membership Committee Report

Leslie Black

**Committee Members:** Leslie Black (chair), Marlene Conner, Susie Flann, Sean Duncan, Connie Eagle, Eva Mayfield, Bonnie Pignataro. Beth Walden, Jordan Leary, Lorien Belton and Doug Jackson Smith also attended some meetings. (Leslie was away from Feb.- June'10. Sean Duncan was temporary chair during that time.)

**Meetings:** This committee held 3 meetings this year: Sept. 6, Nov. 15, Jan. 10.

## Goals and Duties:

- train and provide greeters for Sunday services
- make sure newcomers and visitors feel welcome and get introduced to others
- provide newcomers and visitors with information about UU
- have visitors sign the guest book
- make follow-up calls or write welcome note to visitors
- provide Google listerv information and newsletters to visitors
- arrange for dialogue/orientation for visitors and possible new members (“RUaUU?” part 1 & 2), usually led with minister or lay leader
- arrange for New Member Ceremony and provide packet/ folder of important information about what opportunities and obligations come with Membership
- provide photo and short bio of each new member for the newsletter
- document weekly attendance count
- make name tags for newcomers and members
- up-date the CVUU directory annually
- send accurate membership list to UUA and MDD annually, by Feb.1st
- organize Circle Dinners (now done by Fellowship/Hospitality Comm.)

**Budget:** \$300 was designated, \$222.91 was spent on: brochures ordered from UUA; materials for “RUaUU?; New Member Packets made; purchase of flowers, refreshments, post cards, note cards, postage, etc.

**Orientation:** 4 sessions of “RUaUU?” were held as orientation/ information for newcomers: Oct. 18th (5 attended) and Nov. 8th, (6 attn). In winter, Feb. 7th (4 attn.) and Feb. 21st (3attn.).

**Membership Report:** This year CVUU welcomed 4 new members. On Jan 24th Harriet Frink signed the Membership book at the CVUU New Member

Ceremony. Bob and Becky Morgan signed privately in Feb. as did Lorien Belton.

One long standing member, Max Shifrer, died in March. Seven Current members were removed from ‘active’ status in January.

Membership (in May 2010) is 51 Members. We began the fiscal year in July with 54 members, 9 not making a financial pledge, some not being actively engaged in the life of CVUU. Our committee began to discuss this and decided to present the issue to the board, suggesting that CVUU send letters to these people requesting they choose to retain or decline ‘active’ membership. A sample letter written by Debbie Gessaman (many years ago) was provided to start the thinking of what we may want to say in the letter.

**Directory Update:** In early Jan. we sent a request to all members and friends to update their information for the CVUU Directory. Leslie Black sent our updated Membership list to UUA and MDD on Feb. 1.

**Revision of By-Laws:** Earlier in the year the board addressed the need to revise the definition of ‘active Member’ in our by-laws. At the urging of the Membership Committee the CVUU Board suggested a revision of the CVUU By-Laws. Doug researched other UU church membership criteria, and a proposal for the revision was written and revised. It specified several points:

- adding a new category, “Affiliate”
- defined the expectations of ‘active status’ Membership
- clarified the rights of Members, Friends and Affiliates
- clarified how Membership status is changed

This was presented to the CVUU membership at a special meeting Dec. 12th The revision was passed.

**Letter to inactive members:** Seven people were identified as inactive members. Doug Jackson-Smith (CVUU Board President) wrote a friendly letter inviting these people to re-engage in the life of the church. He explained the revisions of CVUU By-Laws and expectations of Membership. Leslie sent the letters and the Status Confirmation Form to those 7 people.

**CVUU Membership Confirmation Status Form:** Doug also devised a ‘Membership Status Confirmation Form’ for those people to return, to indicate their desired Membership status. 2 were returned. Only one wished to remain a Member. Leslie called the other 5. Then 6 people were removed from active Membership after that mailing in January. Their status is now ‘friend’.

**Circle Dinners:** Circle Dinners were held in October, November and March. It was decided that

Fellowship & Hospitality Committees would take over the role of organizing Circle Dinners. This will no longer be a part of Membership Committee responsibilities. Newcomers and visitors should be informed of this opportunity to participate in the dinners, so the Membership committee will play a role in making sure those names are included in contacts.

**USU Freshman Welcome Fair:** In August' 09 CVUU was invited to set up an information table at the "USU Freshman Welcome Fair". Eva Mayfield designed and assembled a display board of photographs of CVUU events and Leslie Black ordered various pamphlets from UUA. We had several posters for our table: 'Sources of Our Faith' and 'UU 7 Principles' and some others that dealt with social justice, environment and community. Copies of "UU World" magazine were also available as was a computer, which displayed our web site. The table was staffed by volunteers, usually 2 people per 2 hr. slots. Many students visited our table.

**Evaluation and Feedback:** At every 'RUaUU?' session we asked visitors and friends what they were looking for in a church home, and what brought them to CVUU? We asked what they thought we were doing well and what we still could improve. Most feedback indicated that our fellowship was very friendly and welcoming, the services were unique and varied. Several commented that the building was a wonderful facility and a very convenient location. Most visitors said the web site was very helpful to prepare them for this unique faith.

**Membership Committee recommendations;** One issue we did discuss, which still needs attention, is how to keep track of who is receiving CVUU Google information and newsletters. We also discussed having a specific part of the web site designated for Visitors, but we felt that most of the information any visitor would need is very evident on the web site.

The 'RUaUU?' sessions are a vital part of informing and nurturing newcomers to become comfortable and participate in the life of CVUU. We should offer the 2 sessions at least 3 times a year. Our library offers a great selection of books and materials for visitors to check out.

Circle Dinners continue to be very important for deepening the personal connections within the fellowship. They should be offered at least every other month.

Membership works closely with the Fellowship and Hospitality committees. Being sure that newcomers and visitors are included and invited to CVUU events means we must communicate often-and we do!

## Building and Grounds Committee Report

Jay Black - with contributions from several others

**Activities.** The Building and Grounds committees (Indoor and Outdoor) had an active year, necessitated in part by CVUU's decision to share building and grounds space with Union Pre-School. To meet city requirements and fire codes for the pre-school to gather at CVUU, we upgraded several things indoors (especially doors, locks, cabinets, filing and storage space, backflow prevention valves, etc.) and several outdoors (child-proofing the fountain and rocks, repairing fencing, improving the swing set, etc.).

Ongoing activities and go-to persons for CVUU Building and Grounds: house cleaning (Peg, Dawn), snow removal (Bruce), lawn mowing and trimming (Jay), sprinkler maintenance (Jordan, Nick, Doug), flowers and garden (Jenny). Many, many others contributed to these efforts throughout the year.

Under the inspired leadership of Susie Flann, the Church installed a solar PV system that received media and community attention and support last summer. Increasing the number of solar panels is an on-going goal of Susie and CVUU.

Saturday work parties (and other ad hoc "parties") involved more than a dozen people working inside and out, giving the whole house a thorough cleaning and scrubbing and attempting to sort through the numerous piles of "stuff" we have accumulated in every storage area. Workers rain-proofed dining-room windows and the window well, replaced some lighting (making us entirely energy efficient with our lighting), and weather stripped several doors. On the outside, work parties repaired and painted fences and the trim around the roof, put down a ton of gravel on the worn roof (and later pushed back much of that gravel so a roofing company could install a vinyl edging to eliminate leaks), cleaned and repaired gutters, rebuilt and enclosed the fountain, repaired and re-landscaped the swing set, trimmed trees that were messing up the roof, cleaned out along the side and back fences and did weeding and other landscaping.

The Green Committee, with leadership from Jenny and Lorien and input from landscape instructor Susan Buffler, initiated a complete overhaul of our grounds. Numerous ideas had been proposed at a Sunday congregational meeting in September (see attached "addendum"), and the Green Committee built upon those proposals.

Peg Hennon did a fantastic job cleaning the interior of our building through the fall months – our many thanks go out to her for this yeoman's (yeowoman's?).

Since Peg & Allen Howard went on sabbatical leave in January, we've relied on Dawn Holzer, Suzanne Marychild, and other volunteers to conduct routine cleaning and maintenance, but we really need others to step up to the plate. We believe there is a need for a leader and some structure in this area, but appreciate the continued volunteer efforts of our members who help clean up areas when we see the need.

**Expenses.** \$2,000 was budgeted for B&G, which didn't meet expenses; however, the previous year we budgeted \$3,000, and spent less than \$300. Among the 09-10 expenses:

- roofing repair
- sprinkler system backflow and pressure reduction prevention valve and major replacement of valves, other maintenance on sprinkler system we could not do ourselves
- infrared heater for youth room (paid for in part with funds earned by the youth at an earlier garage sale)
- replace hot water tank expansion valve and other plumbing repair
- replace 2 deep cell batteries in fire alarm system

**Recommendations/concerns:** Our building is not getting any younger, but we have been able to keep on top of the basic needs. It would seem to be a good idea to address the following:

- reconstitution of indoors and outdoor committees
- appoint board liaison to B&G serving as primary contact person
- complete long term planning and begin implementing changes to landscaping (see "Addendum," below)
- fund and install additional solar panels
- work closely with Union Preschool, in part because of sharing essential space and also because the building is unlocked throughout the day M-F while school is in session, but no one is upstairs
- make better use of inside storage space
- be prepared to replace the 20-plus-year-old water heater
- be prepared to re-roof the entire building (the repair this year by Island Construction was a vinyl strip along the outside edge, which seems to have helped stop leaks and overflowing gutters, but the entire tar and gravel roof has no more than a couple years' life left)
- complete the construction of the elevator, using the MDD grant

#### **Addendum: VISIONS OF CVUU LANDSCAPING FUTURES**

Twenty-seven people who attended the Sept. 13, 2009 Sunday service described their vision of a spiritual landscape at CVUU, and almost all of them mentioned

how and what they would contribute in time and talent to realize their vision. The visions focused on how they would transform our current .41 acres of property into a landscape that captured UU principles of ecology, environment, and "going green." Their contributions ranged from designing the landscape to picking out and planting native flora, digging up sod, providing tools, and meditating.

As the request of Lay Leader Beth Walden, on the front of 3X5 cards the congregation wrote what they wanted to see at the CVUU property; on the back they indicated how they would contribute to the changes they envisioned.

The following, in no particular order, are the congregation's visions and contributions. By and large, they show that CVUU does not want to be another suburban property, dominated by a manicured lawn and traditional, thirsty plants. The general vision is of a creative, drought resistant, low maintenance, native, attractive, productive, animal-friendly, rock/stone/garden/playful/restful and spiritual landscape. (The suggestion to create a skateboard park, high dive, and biker bar appears to be a minority viewpoint.)

#### ***First, the list of what "I want to see":***

- Shade/trees
- Picnic tables
- Less grass
- More native plants
- Flowers
- Lower maintenance/less labor landscaping
- (Berries are a good sign)
- Xeriscaping the strip
- More low-maintenance food plants (squash, others) that can be shared or used by people who need them in our congregation
- Outdoor benches would be lovely
- More outdoor services component
- Big trees and comfy places to sit in yard
- Bushes that encourage birds and butterflies
- A little more wild and a little less manicured
- Preserve some grass in the back yard.
- More flowers so we have a colorful altar every week.
- Berries
- Colorful flowers, berry plants & various shades of leaves provide beauty & inspiration
- Let some aspens take over the front northwest yard, and rip everything else. Xeriscape the whole front, but consider going stone and rock for a good part.
- Animal refuge—bird houses, feeders, nests, shelter
- Edible plants
- Streams, waterfalls, ponds (w/ stepping stones) bridge
- Trees—tree houses, steps for climbing on trees

- Flowers—mini meadow
  - Children’s outdoor activities
  - Skateboard park, high dive, biker bar
  - Earth sculpture of chalice symbol (a rough idea has been sketched); combine with labyrinth & stepping stones. A place of play and reflection.
  - Stone and driftwood chalice.
  - Boulders
  - Food and homes for beast/birds
  - Benches—finger labyrinth
  - Flowers for altar
  - Very little grass
  - Heritage vegetable garden
  - Wildflower garden (similar to Crumb Bros.)
  - Veggie garden
  - Rocks from the shore of prehistoric Lake Bonneville
  - Bring animals to our community: bee hive, free range chickens, bird houses & feeders, fish pond.
  - Fruit trees and water efficient landscape in front—less grass
  - In addition to water-resistant plants, a formal rose garden
  - Native plant green scape in the front yard—let’s get rid of the grass
  - Gardening classes for kids (maybe even indoor gardening this winter)
  - (Youth program idea: farm to school program)
  - Simplicity
  - Drought tolerant plants
  - Raised beds vegetable garden
  - Lawn in the back yard (for children to play on)
  - Lots of flowers in front
  - Execute the beautiful outdoor sign design
  - Another fountain notion that is safe for the Union kids
  - Rock gardens
  - Native wildflowers
  - A stage
  - Plant herbs
  - Garden benches in the back yard
  - Create native plant garden in front where it is visible as a model
  - Rip strip in front; put in (curved) pattern of orange single color rocks, rust colored metal strip/border, then grey & white & tan rocks.
- Work with Jenny’s colleague and students over the winter to go full out next spring. Meanwhile, keep the lawn and garden healthy.
  - I will pitch in at work parties
  - I can offer time and work and tools
  - Tools and labor to help transform landscaping
  - Wheel barrow, bees nests, bird food
  - Several hours of elbow grease
  - My hands and back for any hours needed
  - Can give time
  - Meditation
  - My time and energy
  - My boys and I could make bird feeders
  - Liaison with water efficient landscape students to design water system
  - Get shrubs from Blacksmith Ford CD
  - Something as needed
  - I would love to help mow, weed, water, garden, & organize a gardening group
  - I will help with planting very drought resistant @ tolerant yellow iris, which spreads well and keeps out weeds
  - Help Peg Hennon clean the church
  - I’ll contribute native plants chosen by the community
  - Finding/bringing rocks from public lands
  - Helping dig up sod
  - Music

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## Treasurer's Report

### Suzanne Marychild

CVUU has had a successful year financially. We have been able to cover all expenses, including a mortgage payment to the Blacks beginning in January, as well as higher than expected building maintenance expenses. We added nearly \$12,000 to our savings reserves, purchased a new bookkeeping software program and acquired a more powerful computer. We hired a Music Director and a Lay Leader for a portion of the year.

Details regarding our year to date and proposed budget will be distributed at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Second, the list of “What I can contribute”:***

- Research appropriate plants from local sources
- Design (I’m a landscape architect student), some tools, some time in building & creating; experience in landscape irrigation
- Support ideas, use things, give opinions
- Hand tools, time, portable miter saw
- Contact Toro and Rainbird to get free materials to help us diminish water use and go green.

# Social and Environmental Justice Committee Report

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We've had a busy year starting off with our AmeriCorps Volunteer Matt Smith who got the momentum started towards "greening our building" and especially the solar power project. Susie Flann really helped to move this forward, as well as instigating wonderful social/green activities. I have worked towards progress with the Green Sanctuary program but we still need some writing to prepare our official application before it can be filed. The Isabel Katana Center has been relocated to make room for the Union Preschool, a use of the space that I'm sure Isabel would have appreciated. Many members worked in building the Whittier Center Accessible Adventure Playground and towards a successful Alternative Gift Market. To our mutual benefit we've collaborated with the Slow Foods group and the Union Bilingual Preschool on use of our space. These have both been good collaborative efforts enriching our ever-widening community presence and influence.

## 1) Environmental and Green Sanctuary planning and organizing

- Green sanctuary initial meeting and service May 2009
- Matt Smith AmeriCorps volunteer oversight and planning
- Solar Fest Panel May 30, 2009 Celebration and fundraising
- Jim Scott in Concert: Celebrate the Earth 6/5/09
- Compost bin building and planting strawberries
- Solarfest! Solar Panel fundraising and implementation 5/30/09
- Recycling and input from Logan City Environmental Division
- Responsible purchasing holiday shopping (movie "What would Jesus Buy?")
- Energy audit suggestions received and reviewed
- Movie "Fuel" 7/10/09
- Movie "Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-Energize America" 8/7/09
- Presentation on Global Climate Change, Rob Davies 8/8/09
- Installation of solar panels 9/16/09
- Solar Celebration dedication of the panels and Isabel Katana Award to Bioneers 9/25/09

- Green Sanctuary Service Dec. 13, 2009 Ideas and commitment
- Landscape ideas, watering system and planning meeting with Kelly Koop, Susan Buffler, Lorien Belton, conversion to a water-wise landscape
- Campbell Scientific field trip Renewable Energy Group
- Earth Day Service Youth Led 5/25/10
- 7th principle service May 16, 2010 offering for a Green Sanctuary

## 2) Social Justice

- Peace Works Film "The Northwest Shoshone"
- Whittier Center Accessible Adventure Playground installation work by members and youth all week Sept 14 through with grand opening Sept. 19, 2009-
- Building use by USU GLBT group for socials etc.
- Alternative Gift Market planning and implementation  
Market 11/21/09 at First Presbyterian, 11/22/09 at CVUU, Total gifts over \$9000
- Support Fair Trade (Ibis Coffee, Global Villages etc.)
- Support for Union Preschool
- Great Alien Debate do humans deserve to stay on earth?
- Pumpkins for peace?
- Thanksgiving dinner with foreign students and visitors
- MLK candlelight vigil support and participation
- Planning and implementation for Interfaith activity March 26, 2010  
Torture is a Moral Issue, What do you think?  
Evening of discussion and viewing of the video: "Ending U.S. Sponsored Torture Forever" (20 min) participation in the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)
- Support for Anti-discrimination ordinance in Logan City

Some thoughts for next year:

- Keep progressing on Green Sanctuary program
- More solar panels as possible
- Landscape and water conservation efforts
- Movies: Dirt The Movie, other suggestions?
- Further collaboration with PeaceWorks, CV Quakers and others for social justice work

# CVUU Calendar for June 2010

<i>Sun.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Th.</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Seven principle round-up	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>13</b> This I believe  Annual meeting following service (see page 1)	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b>  Fathers' Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>27</b> Serving this community RUaUU? following service (see page 3)	28	28	30			



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