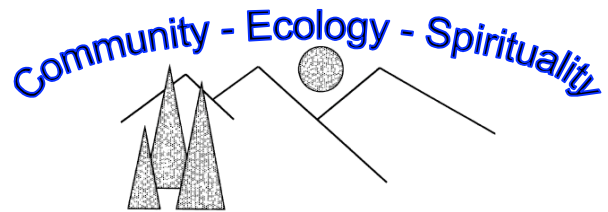


Coming Home

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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:

May 2: Jack Greene, No Child Left Inside

led by Susie Flann

May 9: Intergenerational Mother's Day Service

led by Eva Mayfield

May 16: The 7th Principle, The Interconnected Web of All Existence

led by Jenny Norton

May 23: Flower Ceremony

led by Beth Walden

May 30: This I Believe

led by Beth Walden

Friday services will resume in the fall

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



You Can Go Home Again

This month's circle dinner was held at a house that I lived in for 20 years. I sold it and moved out almost 6 years ago, and I hadn't been back for over 5 years. I was nervous about going back there. There were so many memories, some good and some not so good. Even though I like the new owner and trust him, I was worried that trees that I had talked to would no longer be there.

Of course, it turned out that I had nothing to fear. The part of the house that held the worst memories had been gutted and is being remodeled. All the trees were still there. Enough of the problem parts of the house had been redone. And, there were more people in that house than there had ever been while I lived there. Still, it felt strange to be there and not be the hostess, not be the one responsible.



My father is failing, and his children are trying to figure out how to convince him that it is time to move to assisted living. He values his space, his things, and his control of his surroundings. He will have to move to a place that is not his. That is not the home that he shared with his wife, my mother.

I wish I could tell him the lesson that I learned after the circle dinner. When the party was over and I was getting ready for bed, I realized that I had come home. Home is the place where I live my life, not a building. Home is where new memories are made.

Beth Walden, CVUU Lay Leader

Religious Explorations

RE friends and families,

Wow-we are wrapping up another year of Religious Exploration classes! I'm sure you are all as excited for summer as I am (if it'll ever stop snowing!!) April has been a fabulous month and there are some exciting things happening in May as well. We started a new series of classes for the P-K-3rd grades from the UU Tapestry of Faith on "Gifts," such as: the "Gift of Love", "Gift of Covenant", "Gift of Kindness" etc. We are currently providing OWL classes for our 4-6th grade group. OWL (Our Whole Lives) is a comprehensive sexuality course with specific curricula for each age group.

There was a really inspiring and informative Intergenerational Earth Day service put together by our youth. A big thank you to all who participated-nice job! Some fun things are coming up: I-Gen Mothers Day service, Teacher Appreciation Day and our annual end of the year RE party! As always I would like to say Thank You to everyone who participates/volunteers to make this RE program great!

TTFN,

Sarah Ringueberg, DRE

Pardon the President. . .

If you weren't able to join us, we had a wonderful 'Celebration of Community and Pledge Dinner' on May 1st. Roughly 40 good souls showed up to share in food, drink, and good conversation. Since everyone who came had already filled out (or quickly filled out) their pledge forms, we didn't spend much time talking about money. Instead – we reveled in the good food, live music (provided by Allen Christenson, Maureen Killila, and Mary Jackson-Smith – with cameos by the rest of the Jackson-Smith 5), and ample desserts.

I did get to spend some time sharing my thoughts about the intangible and invaluable things that we have accomplished in building our CVUU community. We are a diverse and busy group, but the list of volunteer activities I compiled was longer and more broad than even I appreciated beforehand. The time and talent that everyone brings to CVUU makes our small congregation function, and gives us the opportunity to weave a web of relationships and activities that produces regular worship meetings, special events, community service work, and the other things which comprise CVUU's presence in the Cache Valley.

For those that were there last Saturday, and for those unable to share in the event, I want again to thank all of you for making this past year a special one for me, and for doing all that you do for CVUU. Money aside, it is your willingness to come participate in services and events and the incredible number of volunteer tasks (both large & small) that make CVUU a reality.

With money back in the picture, it is also time for all of us to figure out how they can squeeze a few more pennies out to support CVUU's work. Our proposed budget for 2010-2011 is similar to this year's bare bones approach, with most money going to support our building costs and our few part-time staffers. To keep the ship afloat, we really need everyone to consider starting, renewing or increasing their financial pledges for CVUU. If you have already pledged – I thank you for responding so quickly. If you have not, you may be hearing from a member of our pledge drive committee in the coming weeks to see if you might be able to support CVUU.

As a final note – we are starting to pick a date for our annual congregational meeting. This meeting will take place in June, and we encourage all CVUU members, affiliates, and friends to attend. We'll be voting on new Board Members (Ellen Klomps & Susie Flann are rotating off – let us know if you might want to serve) and to approve our budget for next year. DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

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Financial Planning for Women

FPW meets at noon in USU TSC 335 and at 7 pm at the USU Family Life Center 493 North 700 East in Logan. See the website: www.usu.edu/fpw

May 5: Planning for Future Life Events: Estate Planning Fundamentals. Note that in May FPW will meet on the FIRST Wednesday: May 5 for both noontime and evening sessions! Date change due to USU schedule.

We are using the workbook: Money Talk: A financial guide for women. For details visit the FPW Blog: <http://fpwusu.blogspot.com>



CVUU youth led an Earth Day Celebration service on April 25.

CVUU Calendar for May 2010

<i>Sun.</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Th.</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Sat.</i>
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