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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

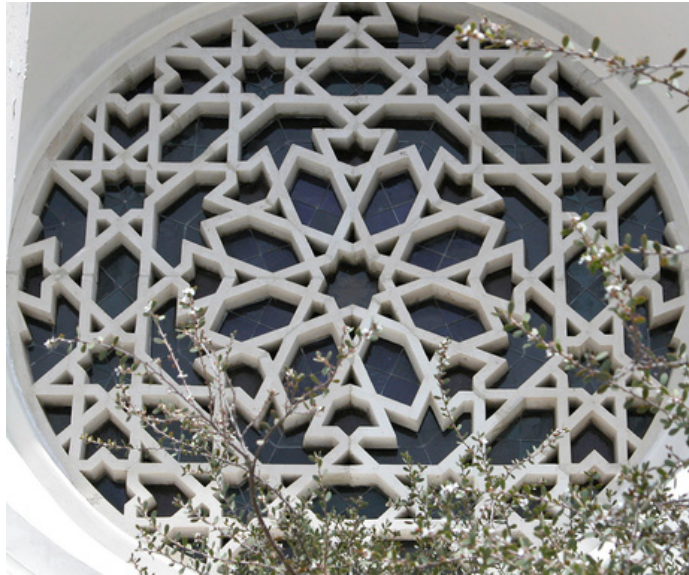
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*Living with Integrity - Nurturing Wonder - Inspiring Action*

## SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

**Services at 10:00 AM  
In-Person and Online**

**Sunday, November 5**

**From Access to Inclusion**

*with Rev. Julia Hamilton & Allison Andrews*

What is it like to live here in Santa Barbara when you move through the world in a different way? Rev. Julia and USSB member Allison Andrews have been talking about the challenges of living in Santa Barbara as a person with disabilities. How can the Unitarian Society be a community of welcome in a world full of barriers to access and inclusion?

**Sunday, November 19**

**Foraging for Gratitude**

*with Rev. Julia Hamilton*

Watching the squirrel outside my window bury food for the winter, I am reminded once again how much the cycles of the natural world have to teach us, even here in sunny Santa Barbara. Gratitude is more than a superficial #Blessed approach to living. Living with gratitude means cultivating a grounded relationship with the abundance of life itself, through winters and summers, good times and hard times. Come and give thanks with us on this Gratitude Sunday.

**Sunday, November 12**

**Across the Great Divide**

*with Rev. Julia Hamilton*

As the holiday season approaches and we spend more time with family, friends, and neighbors, the question arises: How do we handle conflict among us? Diverse politics, religions, cultural and social backgrounds...it can lead to some big fights. The good news is that we have a framework for doing this work here at USSB, and perhaps it might be helpful beyond these walls, too. Our Committee on Shared Ministry, the people responsible for helping us hold our "Covenant of Healthy Relationships", has some thoughts to share with us about how this work of navigating interpersonal conflict can be done with grace and goodwill.

**Sunday, November 26**

*JT Turner & the Worship Arts Team*



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES (SOUP'S ON!)

Wednesday, November 1  
6 - 8 PM in Parish Hall



## ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES NOVEMBER 1, 6-8 PM

### PARISH HALL

The next few short films will be dealing with plastic, specifically bottles, and what's in them-- which is usually water and sodas. The films are primarily to stimulate discussion. There's lots of wisdom in our Unitarian and expanded community of Ecology activists. This monthly series is an opportunity to learn, or re-learn, and share information, resources, and stimulate action. Come and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and help generate some hot action items. Please bring your family and friends, your own bowl and spoon, and if you feel inclined, some bread or cookies to share.



## FALL FEST: THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & VOLUNTEERS! AFTER AUCTION SALES!

Thank you to all our wonderful donors and volunteers for all your support at this year's auction! It was a joyous event and celebration of Fall as congregation members and friends gathered to bid on incredible events, parties, outings, and services, and - of course - spin the wheel of fortune!

We grossed \$27,000 at auction night, but you can help us meet our goal of \$30,000 by bidding on items in our **After Auction Sale**. There are still plenty of wonderful events with space for you! Go to [www.ussb.org/auction](http://www.ussb.org/auction) and check out what is left in our online catalog!

We are in need of one (or two) Auction Chairs (or co-chairs) to head up the planning and organizing of next year's auction! If you would like to get involved in this fun and rewarding volunteer position, contact Erin Wilson [erin@ussb.org](mailto:erin@ussb.org) to learn more!



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FORUM

### CRITICAL RACE THEORY & AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AN EVENING WITH JOHN S. PARK NOVEMBER 8TH, 7-9 PM

PARISH HALL \$10 ADMISSION

How best do we teach complex, often difficult topics in American history to younger audiences in California and elsewhere? In 2021, the state of California became the first to mandate an "ethnic studies requirement" for students in the public schools, while in states like Florida, public officials have soundly rejected similar efforts, as they've spoken against "wokeness" and "critical race theory."

The forum will address these debates, and we begin by discussing how and why critical race theory became so influential at the major research universities over the last twenty years. We then turn to those vexing questions about how best to teach American history in light of the best archival works in the field, many of them inspired by approaches from critical race theorists. Come join us for the third program of the Contemporary Issues Forum, featuring Dr. John Park, Professor of Asian American Studies at UCSB. Dr. Park is a recognized expert on immigration law and policy, race theory, and political theory. He has authored/co-authored several books on these topics, including *Elusive Citizenship*, *Probationary Americans*, *Illegal Migrations* and *the Huckleberry Finn Problem*.

*MARK YOUR CIF CALENDAR!* The Science and Ethics of Aging and Longevity, December 13, 2023. Presented by Dr. Joel Rothman, Director and Founder, Center for Aging and Longevity Studies; Distinguished Professor, Wilcox Family Chair in Biotechnology; Director, Biomolecular Science and Engineering Program, UCSB.



### Critical Race Theory and American History in the Public Schools



An evening with

**Dr. John S.W. Park**

Professor of Asian American Studies  
Director of the Migration Initiative at  
UC Santa Barbara

**Wednesday, November 8, 7:00-9:00 PM, Admission \$10**

The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara  
1535 Santa Barbara Street

## USSB ALLIANCE MEETING

### FEATURING ANNETTE CORDERO

### COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE CHUMASH PEOPLE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @2:00 PM IN PARISH HALL

**ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!**

Our speaker, Annette Cordero, is a native America Chumash. Born in Santa Barbara, she attended SB public schools, attended UCSB, and earned a BA and MA before becoming a faculty member and a community activist. Her experience will include equity and justice of indigenous people in Santa Barbara. We expect plenty of questions for Ms. Cordero to answer!







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# Forum on Behavioral Health: Our Stories, Our Words

Hear personal experiences with mental health conditions and their impact on individuals, families, friends, and our community.

This program is the first in a series on behavioral health. Future forums will discuss resources, issues, and legislation at a local and state level.

**Open to the public in person and online via Zoom (see below)**  
**Spanish interpretation provided**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**  
**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Parish Hall, Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara**

**1535 Santa Barbara St  
Santa Barbara**

**Zoom Link:**  
**[bit.ly/LWVSBForum](https://bit.ly/LWVSBForum)**

**Questions:**

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**Joanie Jones**  
**[membership@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:membership@lwvsantabarbara.org)**



**Join us as we seek to gain understanding and increase support for behavioral health in our families and community!**

**Moderator:**

**Deb Karoff**

**Justice & Equity Team at Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara,**  
retired from UCSB Student Affairs and Academic Senate,  
former board member of various non-profits

**Panelists:**

**Tom Franklin, President National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Santa Barbara County,**  
NAMI Family to Family and education series leader,  
retired from Santa Barbara County Fire Department

**Marie Corbin, APRN (Ret.), ED, Certified Medical Peer Support Specialist,**  
Founder and Executive Director of Project Heal of Santa Barbara,  
Chair of South County Recovery Learning Communities (RLC) Guidance Council

**KaylaRosen, MD, Psychiatrist UCSB Student Health Service**

formerly with County of Santa Barbara Department of Behavioral Wellness, Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, and board member of Doctors without Walls, Santa Barbara

# CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

On Saturday morning, October 2, a group of hearty RE families crawled out of tents and into a drizzly morning at Lopez Lake in Arroyo Grande. Undaunted, they prepared breakfast and took a walk to explore the campground. By the afternoon, the sun came out and more families arrived. Folks rented a pontoon boat and we piled in for a ride around the lake and - for the water lovers among us - a swim! Some folks camped, some came up for the day, but everyone enjoyed the lake and the camaraderie with other USSB families. Saturday evening we gathered for a potluck dinner and ghost stories, and finished the night off by roasting marshmallows over a flaming chalice! This is just one way we gather with the whole family in RE. Our monthly Friday night Pizza Church is another way we come together and get to know each other. I can think of no better way to raise UU children than in this community of loving families.



### **Important Dates in CRE**

- 11/12: Celebrating Diwali with Janey Sunday morning
- 11/17: Pizza Church in Parish Hall
- 11/19: Multigenerational Thanksgiving Service

***Do you have friends who are curious about what you and your kids do here at the Unitarian Society? Invite them to come along on a Sunday morning. Register for childcare and children's RE HERE: <https://forms.gle/wsbiPijZVCyVs3rD8>***

## YOUTH GROUP IS OFF AND RUNNING!

USSB youth will soon begin planning for their January service trip to the La Cobina Migrant Shelter in Mexicali, Mexico. Before getting too serious though, they spent a Sunday afternoon painting their faces, carving pumpkins and enjoying some good old-fashioned fall fun. Coming in November, John Altman along with Hillary Peaty and Jeanette Love of the Church of the Beatitudes will train the youth in the self-care techniques of Capacitar(learn more here <https://capacitar.org/>) to share with children and youth at the shelter. Keep your eyes open for ways you can support our youth and their social justice efforts in the coming months.



**A parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 in Jefferson Hall.**

**Friends are always invited to visit our USSB YoUuTh Group to see what we're all about. November meetings are on 11/5 and 11/19, 4:00-5:30 in Blake Lounge. Register for YoUuTh Group HERE: <https://forms.gle/kwHSMnSAKzVeLwMK9>**



# STAFFING UPDATES



## WELCOME, ANGIE! USSB MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Please join us in welcoming our new Outreach & Membership Coordinator, Angie Swanson-Kyriaco to our USSB Staff Team! Angie will be charged with our communications, as well as being the staff point of contact for Membership & Sunday morning volunteer teams. The Membership & Outreach Coordinator position is also tasked with developing a plan to invite the broader community in with intentional and targeted invitations. We have a wonderful congregation and community here that people are yearning for - and we want to make sure we are letting them know we are here! You may have met Angie here at USSB as she has been a member since 2018. Please join us in welcoming Angie! You can read her bio below. Angie can be reached at [angie@ussb.org](mailto:angie@ussb.org).



*Angie Swanson-Kyriaco (she/her) is a lifelong Californian who moved to the Central Coast nearly eighteen years ago. She began her nonprofit career working for a local housing provider before spending the next fifteen years working in the field of reproductive freedom and justice for organizations such as Planned Parenthood California Central Coast and MPower Alliance. She holds a Master's degree in Psychology from Antioch University Santa Barbara. Angie has been a member of the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara since 2018 and was recently part of the Worship Arts Team. In 2022, Angie was appointed to the Santa Barbara County Third District Commission for Women and serves on the Board of Directors for LEAP in addition to volunteering with a variety of community organizations. She enjoys reading, painting, riding her bike, tending to the plants and flowers in her tiny garden, and seizing any opportunity to see a play, musical or concert that she can. Angie has a Gen Z daughter and lives in Goleta with her husband James and their two cats.*

## MUSIC: IN SEARCH SONG LEADER & CHOIR DIRECTOR

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Music Director, Matthew Griset, later this year and we consider how to support a vibrant and inspiring music program going forward, we are going to try an experiment in staffing the music program in a slightly different way. Recognizing that Santa Barbara is an expensive place to live and that it may be difficult to find one person with all the skills we are looking for, we are considering splitting the position into two. [You can see the job descriptions here.](#)

The first is a "Song Leader" position. This person will lead the congregation in singing every Sunday and provide overall coordination for the music each week. We are looking for someone with a dynamic, inspiring presence, who can use music from our hymnals as well as bring in new ideas, and in general help us embody joy and love in our singing together. (cont'd on next page)...

# STAFFING UPDATES, CONT'D.

## MUSIC: IN SEARCH SONG LEADER & CHOIR DIRECTOR (CONT'D)



The second position is the Choir Director, someone who will focus just on working with the Chancel Choir, developing the skills of our singers to prepare beautiful and uplifting music to share with us. They will rehearse on Thursdays and lead the choir twice a month on Sunday mornings.

If we find one person with the time and talent to do both, we can combine these two jobs into one! But splitting this position into two parts might make it more likely to find people with the right skills here in town. The job descriptions are posted on our website – please help spread the word to all your music friends here in town!

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## JUSTICE CHOIR WELCOMES GWENDOLYN KILFOYLE



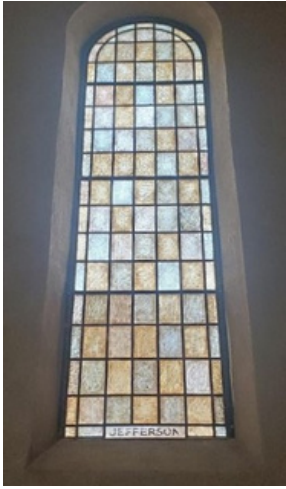
As part of our music transition this year, we have found someone to take over the lead for our Justice Choir, on a trial basis, for the rest of the year (and perhaps beyond). Meet Gwendolyn Kilfoyle, our new Justice Choir Lead. Gwendolyn will be taking the Justice Choir in some new directions, away from using sheet music and moving towards songs that can be learned by heart, with a vision for a singing space that is joyful, heartfelt, and inclusive of all skill levels and ages. She is passionate about community singing and singing as a practice that opens us up to more compassion and joy. She is also thrilled about the idea of taking this music out into the community for justice-centered events! You can read Gwendolyn's bio below.

**If you, or anyone you know, is curious about this new direction for the Justice Choir, please join us! Rehearsals are from 5-6:30pm on Fridays in Parish Hall (unless events require a move to another room). All are welcome – open to the community! Questions? [Justicechoir@ussb.org](mailto:Justicechoir@ussb.org)**

*About Gwendolyn: Gwendolyn Kilfoyle is a Community Song Leader, Grief Counselor, and Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. She has been leading community singing circles locally since 2019 with a vision of creating culture, community and healing through shared song. She enjoys making group singing accessible to participants of all levels of experience through oral tradition teaching techniques and a warm, engaging approach. She takes inspiration from her studies of the Irish musical tradition and recently returned from Ireland where she studied lament songs (known as “keens”) in the Sean Nos style of traditional Irish singing. Born and raised in Santa Barbara, she enjoys deep roots in the landscape and is glad to be raising her two children here, hugged between the mountains and the sea.*

# USSB HAPPENNINGS

## SANCTUARY WINDOW UPDATE



**Who Are Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Clara Barton, and Susan B. Anthony?** They are our UU ancestors who are your top 3 choices for renaming the Sanctuary window, as determined by the ranked-choice voting that concluded in October, narrowing down the field of 23 nominees to three finalists!

We will be holding a **Town Hall Meeting** to discuss the nominees on **Sunday, November 19th** after service, then open the voting to Members of the congregation. Members will be able to vote on their top choice through Sunday, December 2nd.

Members of USSB will receive more information about the nominees, meeting announcements, and ballot information through their email address on file, and there will be opportunities to vote in person.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: NEXT STEPS... LET'S DREAM BIG TOGETHER

In October, our Capital Campaign Consultant, Rachel Maxwell, provided a written report on her recommendations following our September Next Steps Weekend.

You can read the full report [HERE](#), or watch her presentation [HERE](#), both of which are now on our Capital Campaign webpage, which can be found at [www.ussb.org/capital-campaign](http://www.ussb.org/capital-campaign)

In her report, Rachel suggests the following "Next Steps" for our congregation:

1. Conduct a process for the full congregation to create a collective prioritized vision based in your mission
2. Engage with an architect to develop a realistic plan for facilities with cost estimates
3. Begin the Capital Campaign process
4. Develop a five-year strategic financial plan
5. Work on our Culture of Generosity

The Board has since developed a Visioning Process, which will be led by a Visioning Team throughout the fall and winter months. Keep an eye on your inbox this month for more information about this process and how you can get involved. We are ready for you to dream big and broad for this congregation and the future.

This is an exciting time to be at USSB! As Rachel concludes in her report, "*The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara is healthy and well poised to expand your impact and mission in the Santa Barbara Community. Updating your facilities to be more accessible and sustainable as well as creating more spaces for spiritual nurture will reflect your mission more fully and you know it! Now it is time for the congregation to collectively create a vision for the facility that will allow you to step into the next 150 years!*"



# INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

## FWC 2023-2024 SEASON: JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM!



The predictions are for another wet winter, and that means our neighbors without shelter need a safe, warm place to sleep and a hot meal to get them through the night. So we are asking you - yes, you! - to volunteer to join a Hospitality Team for the Warming Center. [Sign up online here!](#)

USSB is on-call for several weeks over the course of the winter, in a rotation schedule with other downtown churches. Volunteering means joining one of the teams that will cook and serve the meal for each of our on-call nights ("the Monday night team", for example). Click the [sign-up link](#) for more details. We also need a Team Leader for each night who will help coordinate their team's shopping and cooking. In addition, we need special Christmas Eve and Thanksgiving volunteers for these holiday nights.

If this is your first time [signing up](#) - welcome! You will join a team of experienced and trained volunteers! If you are a returning volunteer - thank you! We look forward to working together again. Friends and family are more than welcome to join you in this project - spread the word! You don't have to be a member of the Unitarian Society to participate.

If you have any questions, please [contact Linda Beers](#), our volunteer Hospitality Team Coordinator this year. We look forward to working with you in support of the Warming Centers this year!

*If you want to know more about the history of the Freedom Warming Centers, including how they got their name, you can read about it here: [ussb.org/justice/fwc](https://ussb.org/justice/fwc)*

## BE A USSB LEADER: A MESSAGE FROM THE USSB NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is a vital part of our Unitarian Universalist tradition. The Committee is charged with submitting a slate of candidates for participation on our UU Board of Trustees and as members of the Nominating Committee as vacancies arise and prior to our Annual Meeting which will be held next June. This responsibility is assigned to the Nominating Committee in our congregation's bylaws.

The Nominating Committee meets throughout the year to share their knowledge of the interests and talents of our congregants. After thoughtful consideration and much deliberation, it presents the Board of Trustees with a body of candidates to be considered and for the vote of the congregation.

The vote in June will be for three Board members and two Nominating Committee members. If you would like to be considered for nomination, or if you know someone you think would be a good candidate, please contact us.

In Service,

The USSB Nominating Committee; Chris Shorb, Rachel Aarons, Susan DuPont, John Hartman, Deb Wolfe, and Onolee Zwicke.

# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

## DEEP CHANGE:

### A RETREAT AT THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF SANTA BARBARA

Deep Change: Befriending the Unknown is a retreat to be held the weekend of November 10-12, 2023 at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. The retreat is open to the public. Sessions will begin early Friday evening, continue all day Saturday and conclude Sunday afternoon. Specific times are listed below.

Many of us feel the call of Deep Change in the midst of our everyday lives, more so in recent times, as new uncertainties arise. Events and experiences that shake our sense of personal identity, as well as our view of the world, can open us to the journey of Deep Change. These may include the loss of a relationship, loss of a job, change in location, retirement, and death. But also, Deep Change can begin with no apparent reason. We may feel a sense of being lost or disoriented. These feelings are often exasperated by the unraveling of our culture and society due to examples such as divisive politics, pandemic, or climate change. So, why a person finds themselves in the journey of Deep Change can be a mystery.

In this retreat, participants may realize they have a longing for greater freedom, compassion, connection, and belonging.

While Deep Change holds great promise, it can also be quite challenging. For example, at first, we may experience a sense of emptiness, meaninglessness, something missing in ourselves or in our lives.

Understanding the 7 shifts of Deep Change and their interconnectedness can help us better comprehend, navigate, and cooperate with the unseen life-giving forces of Deep Change as we discover how these shifts can transform our experience of ourselves and our world.

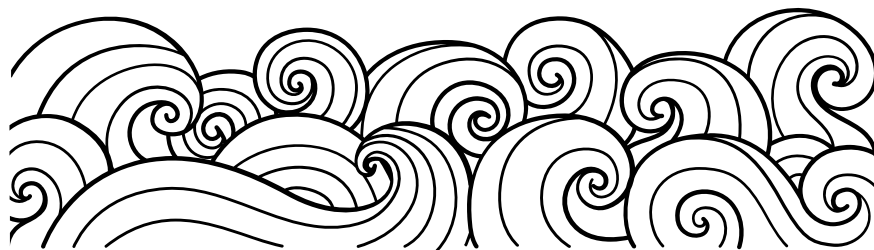
The retreat will be structured as a 'Circle of Trust' in which participants may share individually and collectively, questions and experiences. Since each person's sharing is personal and private, maintaining a "safe space" and confidentiality is paramount. Participants will come away with "footholds" and supportive practices and tools.

Registration for the retreat is \$150. (Includes materials, snacks and Saturday lunch.) Some scholarships are available. No one will be kept from this program due to finances. To register and/or for further information and questions, please contact Susan Plummer at [spplummer@gmail.com](mailto:spplummer@gmail.com) or call her private line at 805-488-2711.

#### Dates and Times

- Friday, November 10: 6-9pm
- Saturday, November 11: 9am-5pm
- Sunday, November 12: 12 noon-5pm.

The instructor/facilitator is Susan P. Plummer, MSW, Ph.D., author of Deep Change: Befriending the Unknown. She currently has a private psychological counseling and consultation practice in the Santa Ynez Valley, and has been a member of USSB since 2009.







# EARTH ADVOCATES CORNER

## LET'S CELEBRATE SOLAR!

Installing solar panels on our roofs not only makes good ecological sense, it makes good financial sense, as well. We can save money on utility bills, power our electric vehicles, and improve the value of our homes. If you are considering installing solar panels on your roof, here are four benefits to consider:

**Benefit 1: Solar panels are increasingly affordable.** Residential solar is more affordable than ever, especially with the extension of the federal residential solar tax credit. Taxpayers can claim a 30% tax credit on the cost of solar systems on their income taxes. But be sure to install before January 1, 2033, when the tax credit is set to decrease to 26%. There are also a number of different financing options to make purchasing solar systems easier and with less money upfront. The monthly amount owed on a solar loan is typically less than an average utility bill.

**Benefit 2:** You can save money by going solar! Solar offers great potential to save money on your monthly utility bill, and with utility bills trending upward, solar is likely to remain a good money-saving option for years to come. The amount you save depends upon how much electricity you consume, the size of your solar energy system, and how much power it is able to generate. If you own an electric vehicle, you could save even more money by conveniently plugging your vehicle in at home.

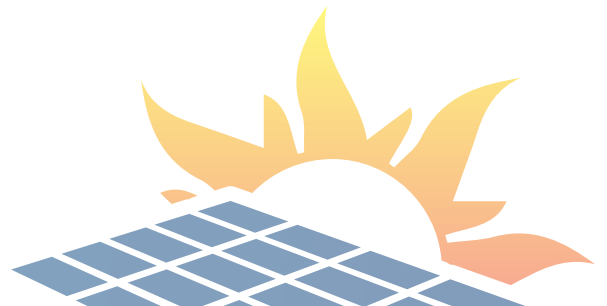
**Benefit 3:** You can keep the lights on when the grid goes down. Generating your own solar power can give you the freedom to keep the lights on if there's a disruption in power. Residential solar energy systems paired with battery storage—generally called solar-plus-storage systems—provide power regardless of the weather or the time of day without having to rely on backup power from the grid. This can be especially comforting during wildfires and other emergencies.

There are savings to be found when purchasing batteries: at least one local company recently offered a \$1,000 rebate on a Tesla battery.

**Benefit 4:** Solar will often increase the value of your home. Buying a solar energy system will likely increase your home's value. A Berkeley National Laboratory study found that solar photovoltaic panels are viewed as upgrades, just like a renovated kitchen or a finished basement, and home buyers across the country have been willing to pay a premium for a home with an average-sized solar array.

**Questions? Interested in volunteering for the Earth Advocates committee?**  
**Contact Arianna: [ariannajansma@gmail.com](mailto:ariannajansma@gmail.com)**

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/articles/5-benefits-residential-solar>



# NOVEMBER OUTREACH OFFERING



## The Brigid Alliance

The November recipient for our Outreach Offering, celebrating Gender Justice and Reproductive Justice, is the Brigid Alliance. <https://brigidalliance.org/>

The BRIGID ALLIANCE mission is to "get people to abortion care, whatever it takes." Legal barriers are just one factor that can prevent someone from accessing an abortion – particularly people struggling to make ends meet, young people, queer people, disabled people, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. For many Americans, the costs and logistical challenges of physically getting to an abortion provider are primary barriers to access – and only getting harder.

The Brigid Alliance supports people who must travel long distances for abortion care, working across the United States, through direct support and in collaboration with a network of partners, to arrange and fund confidential travel, lodging, childcare, and logistical assistance, closing the gap between the need for an abortion and the ability to access one and serving as a single, trusted point of contact for every step of the journey. Wherever someone needs to get to abortion care in the U.S., Brigid Alliance finds a way to get them there.

Established in 2018, the Brigid Alliance is working to make abortion access above-ground, borderless, burden-free, and accessible to all. It is the only national organization providing travel and other practical support for abortion access, and the only one that specializes in long-distance travel, the need for which is increasing. Most clients are forced to travel more than 1,000 miles and have travel costs of at least \$1,000. Together, the Alliance and its partners are filling critical gaps making abortion possible for Americans from every state. Its resources are stretched thin and face surging demand in the wake of the overturn of Roe.

The Brigid Alliance is part of an ecosystem of support organizations propping up abortion care access in this country. Unlike many of their partners, the Brigid Alliance employs full-time paid staff led by clinical social workers; this allows a level of dependable, responsive, and holistic support that would not be possible otherwise. Client coordinators have the training and resources needed to handle the more complex cases that are often sent to the Alliance.

Learn more about the work of the Brigid Alliance:  
[https://brigidalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Brigid\\_Alliance\\_2022\\_About.pdf](https://brigidalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Brigid_Alliance_2022_About.pdf)

Please give as generously as you can. If you wish to send a full donation directly to the Brigid Alliance, please make out your check to The Brigid Alliance and mark the memo line with "Outreach Nov 2023" or go to their website at: <https://brigidalliance.org/> and click on Donate.



## PERSONAL BLESSINGS



MANY THANKS TO JOHN ALTMAN, VICKI COX, MIKE HACKETT, LINDA LIKER, LINDA ROSE, KYLE STEWART, ARIANNA JANSMA, AND GUNN DUKES FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH THE ECOLOGICAL FILM SERIES.  
- ANONYMOUS

### ABOUT PERSONAL BLESSINGS

There are so many occasions when there is a desire to say “Thank You” or “Bless You” for some kindness, or a wish to acknowledge a birth or the passing of a loved one. At this time of year, Thanksgiving and the holidays invite expressions of gratitude.

Birthday party invitations often say “NO gifts please!” And yet a desire may linger to acknowledge the event, or do something.

Personal Blessings are a unique way to honor an individual or a special event, a way to celebrate the season, or a “Just because...” at the same time providing important financial support to our cherished community at USSB.

Donation envelopes are available in the USSB reception office, in the Narthex on Sundays, or use our online form at [www.ussb.org/personal blessing](http://www.ussb.org/personal blessing).

On receipt of your gift,

- USSB will contact you and confirm that the gift has been received and clarify with you anything that may be needed for acknowledging your gift. For online submissions, you will receive a confirmation email.
- Your honoree will receive a card from a Personal Blessing volunteer announcing your gift.
- All gifts are fully tax-deductible.

Personal Blessings will be featured in the monthly Kaleidoscope and in the Order of Service on the first Sunday of the month.

Thank You!



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