



# UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of September 9, 2018

## SERVICES

September 9

### Days of Awe

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Bryna Blum**

The Jewish High Holy Days begin on the eve of Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are called The Days of Awe. These are the ten days, when according to Jewish tradition, the Book of Life is opened, and God decides what will become of us this next year.

The tradition says: *“On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed.”* Let us explore this annual spiritual practice where we set aside time for honest inward reflection.

Jeff Barash, saxophone; Turner Blatchley, bass; Phillip Pollerana, drums; Kurt Jordan, accompanist

September 16

### Connecting the Dots: Seeing and Appreciating Labor & Immigration in Our Daily Lives

**Worship Leader: Megan Beaman-Jacinto**

**Worship Associate: Denise Janssen Eager**

In the third of our series, *FDR’s Four Freedoms Re-imagined*, civil rights attorney, Megan Beaman-Jacinto returns to UUCOD to talk about Freedom from Want or Need. She will explore the relationships between the services and comforts that we enjoy every day contrasting with the challenges faced by the people who provide them to us.

Kurt Jordan, accompanist

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 9

10a                  Worship Service

10a                  Socks on the Second

11:30a Facilities Committee

11:30a Finance Committee

### **Monday, September 10**

5:30p Meditation

7p Evening Book Club

### **Tuesday, September 11**

4p SUBUD Meditation

5:30p Membership Committee

### **Wednesday, September 12**

5p Tea Time with Rev. Barbara

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 13**

5p DOS Choir

6:30p Social Justice Committee

7p Bridge

### **Saturday, September 15**

2p Scrabble

### **Sunday, September 16**

10a Worship Service

10a Share the Plate

11:30a Tea Time with Rev. Barbara

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TEA TIME WITH REV. BARBARA**

Rev. Barbara is happily getting to know everyone and thought it would be lovely to invite you to tea with her at UUCOD. Please consider her invitation to come and spend some informal “Tea Time” with your new minister, either **Wednesday, September 12** from 5 to 6p, or after the service from 11:30 to 12:30 on **Sunday, September 16**.

### **SCRABBLE ANYONE?**

Interested in joining other UUCOD members in friendly games of Scrabble? Please contact Carol Lavoie at [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com) or 760-895-4409. ALL ARE WELCOME – from novice to not. **Our first meeting is September 15 at 2p!** We’ll meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month at UUCOD.

### **SHARING CIRCLES**

The Sharing Circles will be starting later this month. The Friday group will meet at **3p** on **Friday Sept 21**. The **Sunday** group around **11:45a** following the service on **Sept 23**. You will be able to share in spoken words, written words, in drawings or if you’re really gifted in poetry how you’re feeling. Or you might just pass and listen. In turn we hope this time together will offer up

support to help you cope with this world in which we're living. The sign up /schedule sheet is in the foyer on the round table. Thank you, Bryna Blum

### **SIMPLY SOCKS ON THE SECOND, SEPT 9**

Please bring new socks to donate, darker colors very welcome. They go to Well in the Desert in Palm Springs to give out to local homeless persons. The socks you give will cushion footsteps during long treks on foot, provide a sense of comfort and dignity, and keep feet warm and dry at night. Reminder: we have limited space to store and to transport all these socks, so we ask socks only. If you have any other items to donate, please contact the Well in the Desert or another local charity and transport those items yourself. Thanks!

### **CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR RURAL STUDIES TO SHARE-THE-PLATE, SEPT 16**

Our monthly share-the-plate collections resume Sept. 16. We will pass the bowls during Sunday Service, subtract any pledge payments, assign half of what remains to operation of the church, and on Sept. 16 the remaining collected funds will be given to the California Institute for Rural Studies ([www.cirsinc.org](http://www.cirsinc.org)), which compiles descriptive data on conditions in rural California. Such data assists those fighting social injustice through formulation of public policy legislation and informs those doing litigation to improve the lives of farm workers and other rural residents. Our guest speaker that day will be local immigration attorney Megan Beaman-Jacinto. Please bring your checkbooks and prepare to give generously.

### **FOOD ON THE FIRST FOR SEPTEMBER**

Thanks to all who gave generously for our first Food on the First of the 2018-2019 church year. Your nonperishable food donations have been delivered to Oasis School for distribution to families in need in that agricultural area of the eastern Coachella Valley. Next Food on the First collection will be October 7 after Sunday Service. See upcoming newsletters for list of items needed. If you have questions, contact Sue at [suecaspari@gmail.com](mailto:suecaspari@gmail.com).

### **ANNUAL DIRECTORY FOR 2018-2019**

We are gathering names to add, delete or change for the Annual Directory, and to update our church records. Check the current directory in the foyer. Forms for changes are available at the Membership table. The deadline is **September 30!** If you are away, you may send the information to Marion Ellson at [mtellson55@gmail.com](mailto:mtellson55@gmail.com).

### **UUCOD IS TALKING!**

The UUCOD Board recently formed a Communications Committee to improve our internal and external communication. In the months ahead, you will see more and varied posts to our Facebook page (type Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert into the search bar if you are on Facebook and not yet following the church page). We also plan to launch a UUCOD Instagram account and YouTube channel this fall. We welcome your suggestions and involvement in UUCOD's communication efforts. Current committee members are Susan Hannon, Vikki Porter and Diane Carmony.

### **AUCTION 2018 – IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD**

Planning is underway for Auction 2018, to be held on the evening of Saturday, November 10. This year's theme is *It's A Wonderful World*. Volunteers are needed for jobs – big and small.

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## **SECOND SATURDAY STROLL**

In October, we will start a new monthly social activity, the Second Saturday Stroll. Come get outside, socialize with other congregants and explore many of the wonderful trails in the area. Open to congregants and older youth who are able to walk at least a couple of miles. We will select hikes based on participants' preferences. **Let us know what you would like by taking our survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/XBBB9TK](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XBBB9TK)** Leave your email at the end of the survey to get on the Second Saturday Stroll email list. See you in the great outdoors! - Rod Belshee