



UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of September 16, 2018

SERVICES

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

September 23

The Great Universalist Miracle

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Brian Joyner

I am becoming more a Universalist Unitarian. I hope it is because the first principle continues to call me into a practice of justice because of its demanding love. I hope it is not because I am losing faith in human nature. For whatever reasons, I love the true story of how John Murray recovered his faith at Good Luck Point, New Jersey, in 1770. I hope I see you this Sunday. It can teach us about our times too.

Kurt Jordan, accompanist

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

10a Worship Service

10a Share the Plate

11:30a Tea Time w/Rev. Barbara

Monday, September 17

5:30p Meditation
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 18

4p SUBUD Meditation
6:30p Board of Directors Meeting
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 19

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

5p DOS Choir
6p Worship Associates Meeting
7p Bridge
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

Friday, September 21

3p Sharing Circle

Sunday, September 23

10a Worship Service
11:30a Facilities Committee
11:45a Sharing Circle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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), 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.

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

Thanks for the Socks (on the Second)!

Tim Hill reports that 59 pairs of socks were collected on September 9. He delivered them to Well in the Desert in Palm Springs to give out to local homeless persons. The socks you give cushion footsteps during long treks on foot, provide a sense of comfort and dignity, and keep feet warm and dry at night. **Next Socks on the Second will be October 14.** Reminder: we have limited space to store and to transport all these socks, so we ask for 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!

Get your tickets while you can!

Come and Bring a Friend!! This is your opportunity to experience **Michelle Fiore**, Soprano, and **Kurt Jordan**, Accompanist extraordinaire on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at 2:00pm. Michelle and Kurt have performed at the Coachella Valley Repertory Theater for the last 2 years for sold-out audiences!!! Price \$25.00. Reservations required. Sign-up sheet in the Foyer. For questions or reservations contact Jane Zaun at jnzaun@yahoo.com

s2s2s Celebrates its 10th Anniversary Season!

Join us for the opening weekend of Script2Stage2Screen's exciting 10th anniversary season!

That Screwy, Ballyhooley Hollywood

by Pam Munter

Four plays, starring women of a certain age battling for survival in historical Hollywood. *This play was a finalist in the Ruckus Rockwell competition in Hollywood, which recognizes creativity in film, stage, radio, television, dance and design.*

Shows are **Friday, Oct. 5**, and **Saturday, Oct. 6**—both at 7:30 p.m.

The new schedule is at (www.script2stage2screen.com) and will be printed in the October UUCOD Monthly. You can purchase tickets there, using PayPal, or at the door. Still only \$10—the best theatrical value in the Desert!

Dori Smith, Communications/Box Office/Volunteers script2stage2screen.com
72-425 Via Vail, Rancho Mirage / Mail: PO Box 2853, Rancho Mirage 92270 / 760-774-5513

SCRABBLE!!

Our first meeting is this Saturday, September 15 at 2p! If you're interested in joining us in friendly games of Scrabble, please contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com or 760-895-4409. ALL ARE WELCOME – from novice to not. We meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month at UUCOD.

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.

Items? Services? Dinners? Time Shares? What can YOU donate for the Auction?

The yearly Auction on Saturday, November 10 is our major fundraiser. We need all UUCODers to make it a success. Donation forms will be available on Sunday. Please consider donating an

item (or items). Items already donated include ukulele and knitting lessons, crossword puzzle collection, Pacific Northwest basket, prize winning chili, books on tape, sermon of your choice. This year's theme is *It's A Wonderful World*. Volunteers are needed for jobs – big and small. Please contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com or 760-895-4409. A sign-up sheet will also be on the foyer table after Sunday services.

New Member Orientation Class

Those interested in becoming members should see Randy Steele at the Welcome table about **Fall New Member Orientation** classes to be held after service on October 21st and 28th. They will be approximately 45 minutes starting at 11:30 following the service. We will have a short in-service welcome of new members on Nov. 11th, followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Labyrinth Opening Celebration, Sunday, October 14th

Prepare to join in the Celebration of a dream realized with a special morning service by Rev. Barbara, followed by a light veggie lunch from Chef Katherine King, music by Dryad, and a walk together to the Labyrinth entrance. Be one of the first to experience the peace and joy of a contemplative walk while enjoying Dryad's debut song, "The Labyrinth" written for this occasion.

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

Palm Springs Pride Parade co-coordinator needed

Our experienced past co-coordinator Tim Hill needs one or more helpers to share the load as co-coordinators with the tasks preparing for our UUCOD contingent in the Pride Parade in November. Contact Tim Hill for more information. timothy.hill.713@gmail.com or 760-656-4513.