



# UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of October 7, 2018

## SERVICES

October 7

4, 3, 2, 1

= Some things I have learned along the path of ministry

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Brian Joyner**

4 truths, 3 gates, 2 prayers, 1 commandment. These are easy to remember but not so easy to follow. These have stayed with me and now I get to share them with you. Maybe you will find them of use.

Accompanist: Joel Baker

October 14

### **Sauntering to the Holy Land**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Joni Paddock**

From hiking, to pilgrimage, labyrinths, and walking meditations; from Thoreau to Thich Nhat Hanh, people have sought ways to make an inner spiritual journey by making an outer journey on the earth. We will explore the “miracle” of “simply walking on this earth.” Please stay for a simple lunch, music and celebration as we open the Peace Labyrinth.

Accompanist: Kurt Jordan

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 7**

10a           Worship Service / Food on the First

### **Monday, October 8**

5:30p       Meditation

7p           Evening Book Club

## **Tuesday, October 9**

4p SUBUD Meditation  
5:30p Membership Committee

## **Wednesday, October 10**

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 11**

5p DOS Choir  
6:30p Social Justice Committee  
7p Bridge

## **Saturday, October 13**

TBD Second Saturday Stroll  
9a Modern Men (all day) Rehearsal

## **Sunday, October 14**

10a Worship Service  
11:30a Peace Labyrinth Dedication Celebration  
11:30a Committees: Finance, CRE & Fall Festive

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Our UUCOD outreach ... is happening SOON!  
On October 14 we will gather to celebrate the gift  
of our unique Peace Labyrinth Oasis  
to those who follow our footsteps.**

With compassion we can make a difference.

Please find Leslie on Sunday, Oct 7 if you are available to help with pre-event details.  
Below are the details for the 14th:

### **For your heart & calendar: Sunday, October 14 after regular 10:00 service with Rev Barbara**

- 5 gifted musicians under the direction of Dorian McWain will resume at 11:30
- come into the sanctuary with your picnic or snack to enjoy their talents while the officiants gather for
- the noon program...celebration in support of the opening of our Peace Labyrinth Oasis
- Dryad Flutes will debut their new song, "*The Labyrinth*" in honor of this special day in the life of the UUCOD

Time to get ready...if you are not in town Sunday, feel free to volunteer by calling Leslie @ 760.218.8865

**May peace prevail**

### **October 7 Food on the First for Oasis School Pantry**

CVUSD's Oasis School pantry gives to Migrant Education students and their families who work in Coachella Valley agriculture, but whose incomes are not sufficient to buy enough fruits,

vegetables and proteins. Your staples improve nutrition and free up household funds to buy fresh items at the market that the food pantry can't store. Please check expiration dates on all cans and packages before donating. Oasis School pantry cannot distribute outdated items to the families. **Please choose from four categories:** 1) bagged rice or dried pinto beans or corn masa flour like Maseca; 2) canned chicken or tuna or jars of peanut butter; 3) canned fruit, tomatoes, tomato sauce or vegetables; 4) bottled cooking oil. Have questions? Contact Sue at [suecaspari@gmail.com](mailto:suecaspari@gmail.com).

## **2018 Contribution Statements**

We are now distributing interim contribution statements for the 2018 calendar year. They will be available for pick up in the lobby after service for the next several Sundays. When you receive it, please review it to ensure all of your payments for this year have been correctly reflected on your statement. If you have questions or need any corrections, please contact Jerry L'Hommedieu at [treasurer@uucod.org](mailto:treasurer@uucod.org) or call him at 562-761-7889.

## **SCRIP**

Have you been meaning to try buying scrip but haven't gotten around to it yet? Or maybe you just have lots of questions about what it is and how to use it. Now's your chance to try it and see how easy scrip is to use.

The church has purchased a limited supply of the scrip cards most ordered by members of the church from grocery cards (you buy groceries, right?), to fast food restaurants (several close to the church), to on-line stores (who doesn't order from Amazon now and then?) and other merchants. Bryna will be selling these after church while supplies last. Come try out scrip and start raising money for UUCOD!

## ***It's a Wonderful World!* NOW IS THE TIME**

to complete and turn in your auction donation forms. Forms are available on round table and can be returned to same location or to Carol Lavoie.

Consider donating time at your vacation home, hosting a dinner for a group of UUCODers, teaching your talent (baking, reading music, earthquake disaster preparation, etc.) Please help us make this year's auction the most successful ever! Contact Carol at 760-895-4409 or emailing at [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com).

## **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.

## **Second Saturday Stroll—October 13**

In October we will start a new activity: on the second Saturday of each month we will take a hike! Open to congregants and family, join us to get outside, socialize with fellow congregants, and get some exercise. Hikes will vary depending on the time of year and will vary in the degree of difficulty. On the morning of October 13, we will take a six-mile hike in the Mecca Hills. Contact Rod Belshee at [rbelshee@hotmail.com](mailto:rbelshee@hotmail.com) for more details.

## **Socks on the Second--October 14**

Sock Sunday will be here soon. Last month's collection brought in 59 pairs. 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. Join us right after service to do a quick count and get them out to the car. 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!

## **In Concert**

Come and experience **Michelle Fiore**, Soprano, and **Kurt Jordan**, Accompanist extraordinaire on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. Sign-up sheet in the Foyer. Please pay by check or use the DONATE site on Webpage. If desired, on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, payment by credit card will be accessible in the UUCOD office. For questions or reservations contact Jane Zaun at [jnzaun@yahoo.com](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com)

## **UUCOD Minister's Discretionary Fund to Share-the-Plate October 21**

We will pass the bowls during Sunday Service, subtract any pledge payments, assign half of what remains to operation of the church, and **on October 21** the remaining collected funds will go to the Minister's discretionary fund. The minister uses this fund to assist our members in need and others with scrip cards for gasoline and food as well as limited cash assistance in emergencies. The fund has been running low recently. Please bring your checkbooks and prepare to give generously to replenish the fund. **September share-the-plate raised \$239**, which was sent to the California Institute for Rural Studies.

## **Potluck volunteers wanted for the Holidays**

Are you interested in meeting more members of the church? Do you like to organize potlucks? The Board is looking for interested and interesting people to host a mid-day Thanksgiving potluck at the church and a second group to host a Christmas day luncheon or dinner. The Board will provide a \$100 grocery gift card to each organizing group for the potluck. If you're interested, please contact Sarah Gonzales or Jane Zaun.

## **UUCOD marchers needed for Nov. 4 Pride Parade**

Our congregation is forming our marching contingent for the November 4 Pride Parade in Palm Springs. Please sign up after Sunday Service or contact Tim at [timothy.hill.713@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.hill.713@gmail.com) to get the details and let him know you'll show up early to help out and march with the group!

## **Waking up White**

Offered by the **Insight Community of the Desert** in collaboration with several UUCOD members, is a 7-part course of commitment and dedication to understanding ourselves as white members of society. The course challenges us to examine how our position of privilege impacts the lives of others who do not share that same privilege. The course will challenge our fundamental beliefs in an open, transparent and safe environment of learning and change. Open to all ICD sangha and UUCOD congregants, this in-depth program meets seven Saturday mornings (9:30-12:00), starting November 17, then December 1, December 15, January 12, February 2, February 23, and March 16. The cost is \$75 for the complete series, with a sliding

scale and no one turned away for lack of funds. For more information or to register: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efogahw7c3c0c2cf&lr=chpytxjab>, or direct questions to Fran Hoag or Rod Belshee.

### **Women's Afternoon Book Group returns!**

The afternoon book group will resume for the season Friday, October 26, @ 1:30 at the home of Berta Hanna. Please call Berta if directions are necessary. The book selection is a book of one's choice re the American Indians / Native Americans. There will be a discussion of the books to be chosen for the following year.

### **Games!**

Get out and enjoy some friendly competition at the church! **Drop-In Scrabble** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 2pm. **Bridge** meets every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome!

### **News from The Monday Evening Book Club**

Do you feel incomplete if you don't have a book to read? Do you recommend books to friends? If so, then join us on October 8th at 7pm when we kick off our 2018-19 year by selecting the books we will be discussing each month. Come & bring your favorite books. For more info, call Lew Pusch at (760) 832-6080.

### **Flower Sign-up sheets**

For those who want to contribute flowers for Sunday's services, there are new sign-up sheets for October, November and December in the lobby. Remember that for the last half of December everyone will be asked to bring in poinsettias to fill the sanctuary.