



# UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of October 14, 2018

## SERVICES

October 14

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

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Joni Padduck**

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.

Musicians: Turner Blatchley, bass; Justin Chalk, flute; Phillip Pollerana, percussion; Kurt Jordan, piano; UUCOD Choir

October 21

### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Brian Joyner**

There is a new climate report out and the news is not good. What can we do? What will we do? Do we give up hope?

Accompanist: Malcolm Swan

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 14**

- 10a           Worship Service / Socks on the Second
- 11:30a       Peace Labyrinth Dedication Celebration
- 11:30a       Scheduled meetings (no cancellation) Finance & Fall Festive

### **Monday, October 15**

- 5:30p       Meditation
- 7p           s2s2s Rehearsal

## **Tuesday, October 16**

4p SUBUD Meditation  
5:30p Membership Committee  
6:30p Board of Directors Meeting  
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, October 17**

5:30p Sisters Solidarity Potluck  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 18**

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

## **Saturday, October 20**

TBD BOT Retreat  
9:30a Church Council Meeting  
2p Drop-in Scrabble

## **Sunday, October 21**

10a Worship Service / Share the Plate  
11:30a New Member Orientation Meeting  
11:30a Mid-Term Ballot Propositions Discussion  
11:30a Facilities Committee

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **IT HAPPENS THIS SUNDAY!**

**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.

## **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

**May peace prevail!**

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

This next Sunday Service, on Oct. 14th, is time to donate socks! Please bring new socks, 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!

## **UU Auction--Time is running out!**

... to complete your donation forms for our annual auction. Forms available for pick up and drop off on the foyer table and the 'auction central' table on patio after services. You can also contact Carol Lavoie at [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com) and do via email. Don't be left out!

## **Confused about California's Ballot Propositions?**

Join members of the Social Justice Committee and other UUs to discuss the eleven propositions that made it to the November 2018 ballot. We will meet in the sanctuary following the service on Sunday, October 21, 2018. From bond issues to rent control and daylight savings time, Californians once again face decisions on numerous issues in addition to decisions on candidates. We will pull together recommendations from several organizations and the political parties. Our own UU Social Justice Ministry of California had also made recommendations and reported the recommendations from several organizations. Their recommendations are available at: <http://uujmca.org/our-work/ballot-recommendations>

## **Children's Religious Education Volunteers Wanted**

### **Help Us! Help Us! Help Us!**

Because UUCOD is still looking for a teacher, if the children are to have classes this year we need kind-hearted people like you to step up & help. No teaching experience is necessary & you do not need to have a child in the class to volunteer. If you'd like to volunteer or just would like more info, call Denise Jansen Eager at 760.567.4586 or sign up in the lobby this Sunday. Please mark your calendars for a special service on November 4, 2018, in which UUCOD kicks off its participation in the Butterfly Project. Also, after the service on November 4 and Nov 11, we will be painting butterflies as part of the project. The November 4 service will have very special music! For the first time the combined choirs from UUCOD and the Desert Outreach Synagogue will be performing together! Please check out the Butterfly Project website at: <http://thebutterflyprojectnow.org/>

## **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 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!

## **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.

## **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)

## **New Copier**

We have taken delivery of the new office copier. It is faster, more energy & toner efficient and hopefully, more reliable. Only authorized users, with their own password, will be able to operate it after training, so we can see who is using how much paper and to keep unauthorized people from making personal copies. For now, only Rev. Barbara and Geoff are coded in. When Sarah returns, she will be trained by the factory rep and will assign users at that time.

## **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.

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## **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.

## **Walk with UUCOD in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Desert AIDS Walk!**

Join other UUCODers as together we march in the Desert AIDS Walk on Saturday morning, October 20th at Ruth Hardy Park in Palm Springs. Over the 31 years of its existence, the Desert AIDS Project has become a model of excellence for other HIV/AIDS facilities around the country. Check in and registration from 7:30 AM TO 9:30 AM. Koffi will be providing coffee and pastries, and a "Health and Wellness Village" will be open with over 50 vendors and activities available for all ages! After the walk, frozen yogurt, lunch and entertainment. Call Jonathan Fast at (203) 685-0669 to sign up or be sure to add your name to the sign up sheet at church this Sunday. If you are unable to join us, you can make a contribution at [www.DesertAIDSProject.org](http://www.DesertAIDSProject.org). Look for the UUCOD team.

## **One Dollar a Book!**

Our library in the Community Room houses paperbacks and hardcovers of all kinds and any of them can be yours for a dollar! You will find mysteries and regular novels grouped together. Non-fiction books on religion, sexuality, biographies and 1<sup>st</sup>-person accounts are in a separate group. Joyce Osterhaus does her best to keep the shelves current and organized for you. Come and look, especially if you are a reader. Remember--\$1 a book!

## **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 7pm. 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 22th 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.

## **Deepen and Broaden Your Leadership!**

The UUA Pacific Western Region is launching a leadership development program for leaders of congregations (board members, committee members, rising leaders, religious professionals, and more.) Participants in this hybrid of an in-person/online experience will gain a deeper grounding in Unitarian Universalism and will also gain knowledge and skills regarding mission-focused leadership, systems thinking, change management, anti-oppression and multicultural transformation, conflict transformation, and more. Because our region is large, the in-person retreats will launch in January in three locations: Albuquerque, NM, California's Bay Area, and Portland, OR. Sessions will continue online twice per month from February through May. The cost is \$350-\$500, depending on the location of the weekend retreat. Travel equalization funds are available, as our scholarships from our Mountain Desert District. Find all the information you need at <http://uua.org/node/221483>.

## **Carpool to the Polls on Nov. 6**

Do you have a spare seat in your car to help get a fellow Uuer to the polls or do you need a ride to the polls? Social Justice Committee is organizing rides to the polls.

Call Denise Janssen Eager, 760.567.4586, to let her know whether you can drive others or just need a lift. We'll do our best to match you up!

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

Thanks to all who generously contributed food items on Oct. 7. Next Food on the First will be Nov. 4. 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).

## **Rev. Barbara's Schedule**

Office hours Tuesday & Thursday from 1-5, but please call my cell (203 570 0447) or e mail me ([uurevbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:uurevbarbara@gmail.com)) to make an appointment in case I have a previous meeting or I am visiting someone. Many Tuesday & Thursday evenings I attend committee meetings. I am in the office at other times, as needed. I take one day for writing at home either Wednesday or Friday. I am off one day a week and one week each month as per ¾ time.

## **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.

## **Sad News**

I am sad to tell you that long time member Janine Schoncite passed away October 4, at her daughter's home in San Diego, with her family at her side. Her husband, Larry, predeceased her just this past March. You can read her obituary at [legacy.com](http://legacy.com).

## **Gleanings from last Sunday's Sermon**

### ***4 Truths***

Show up, Speak truth, Do what you do with intensity,  
Don't get attached to outcomes.

### ***3 Gates of Speech***

Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

### ***2 Prayers***

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Help me, help me, help me.

### ***1 Commandment***

Thou Shalt Love!