



UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of October 21, 2018

SERVICES

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

October 28

Lessons from the Navajo Forest

Worship Leader: LeGrand Velez

Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales

I completed my Masters Thesis, Social Forestry in the Navajo Nation, in December 1990, for the Northern Arizona University (NAU) School of Forestry, and for the Navajo Forestry Department (NFD). My project included two eventful and enlightening summers of field research. Since completing my thesis, Navajo Nation forest management practices became more consistent with the traditional Navajo land ethic. The NFD now takes into consideration cultural resources and traditional uses, not just timber production, when making forest lands management decisions.

Accompanist: Kurt Jordan

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 21

- 10a Worship Service / Share the Plate
- 11:30a New Member Orientation Class—Community Room
- 11:30a Mid-Term Ballot Propositions Discussion—Sanctuary-near end
- 11:30a Facilities Committee—Sanctuary-far end

Monday, October 22

5:30p Meditation
7p s2s2s Rehearsal
7p Evening Book Club

Tuesday, October 23

4p SUBUD Meditation
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 24

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25

5p DOS Choir
7p s2s2s Rehearsal
7p Bridge

Friday, October 26

1:30p Afternoon Book Club

Saturday, October 27

2p Concert Fundraiser: A Sentimental Journey w/Michelle Fiore & Kurt Jordan

Sunday, October 28

10a Worship Service
11:30a New Member Orientation Class
1p Healing Circle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk with UUCOD in the 31st Annual Desert AIDS Walk has been cancelled

While the Desert AIDS Walk will take place, due to all the other events happening on Saturday, October 20th, we are cancelling UUCOD's participation in the walk this time. Huge thanks go to Jonathan Fast for his work in organizing our participation.

BOARD NOTES

Board Briefs from October 16, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Official minutes of this meeting will be available on November 20, 2018. At the meeting of the UUCOD Board of Directors on October 16, 2018, the following matters were discussed and/or decided:

- Sent notes of appreciation to Leslie and Geb Gebhart along with Jesse Lynch;
- Received report on the Church Council agenda and a recycling program from Vikki Porter;
- Received a report on music fundraiser entitled "Afternoon Recital-A Sentimental Journey" from Jane Zaun;
- Approved the General Endowment Fund Policy;
- Approved the Committee on Ministry: Margaret Beaman, Rob DuWors and Ken Mills;
- Approved a plan to replace the lighting in sanctuary and foyer.

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 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.

Confused about California's Ballot Propositions? Join us Oct. 21!

After Sunday Service, 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>

Countdown to the Auction!

Now is the time to turn in your auction donation forms. Forms for items submitted prior to Oct. 28 will be included in the auction booklet. Please consider donating to the major fundraiser for UUCOD. Also, tickets are on sale at the Auction Table after services. Festivities will begin at 5:30 on Saturday, November 10th. Cost is \$15 per person, advance sale, or \$20 at the door. Finally, please help our dedicated 'kitchen crew' by offering to make/buy a finger food (appetizer or dessert) for the night of the auction. Only non-refrigerated items please. There will be a sign up at the Auction Table.

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.

Afternoon Recital: A Sentimental Journey

On Saturday October 28th you have an opportunity to enjoy the musical genius of Michelle Fiore and Kurt Jordan. These two gifted musicians will take us on a sentimental journey with their vocal and piano talents

Following the performance our musicians will mingle with guests who can enjoy some light hors d'oeuvres with wine to purchase.

Program begins at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased with checks, online through Constant Contact, or with Credit Card.

For questions or reservations contact Jane Zaun at jnzaun@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars for the November 4 Service

...at which time the **Butterfly Project** will be explained and launched. Our Service will be led by Rabbi Jules King, with Julie Goren, Southern California Organizer for the Butterfly Project as our speaker. The combined Outreach Synagogue of the Desert and UUCOD choirs will perform together for the first time and following the service we will paint ceramic butterflies in the Community Room. For those who miss the service, we will again explore the Butterfly Project after the November 11 service and complete painting the butterflies, which will become a permanent part of a display, likely on the wall to the right as you enter the Sanctuary. Please enrich our community by your participation.

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 to get the details and let him know you'll show up early to help out and march with the group!

Food on the First for Oasis School Pantry Nov. 4

Next Food on the First will be Nov. 4. If you are going to the Pride Parade that day, you can leave non-perishable items in the Oasis School bin in the UUCOD lobby on October 28 to be joined with the Nov. 4 donations. 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.

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? The 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!

Socks on the Second for homeless persons Nov. 11

Thanks to all of you who brought socks October 14 or had left them in the lobby bin ahead of time. Our October total was 104 pairs of socks! The next socks collection will be Nov. 11. At that time, 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. 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!

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.

s2s2s Presents: The Red Plaid Shirt

A comedy about the travails of retirement, by Michael G. Wilmot. November 2 & 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets are still \$10 and can be purchased online at www.script2stage2screen.com or at the door.

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) 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.

Janine Schoncite was a special lady to our UUCOD!

After service in the Long-Planning and Facilities Committees Janine was elected as the 2003-2005 president, to help our church through the building phase, since she had considerable experience in this field. Her regular, almost daily, visits to the building as it was being constructed were of great value. She and her husband, Larry, contributed so much through their years here with us. Her quilts, one which hangs behind the pulpit as well as the church banner, remain with us. Her quilts and Larry's jewelry were contributed to many of the UUCOD auctions. They moved to Hemet several years ago as she had health/memory problems. Earlier this year Larry passed away. Janine moved to a care facility close to her daughters, Susan and Nancy, in the San Diego area. We were sorry to hear of her passing this month.