



UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

For the week of October 28, 2018

SERVICES

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. Here is a link to an article LeGrand wrote on the subject:

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/navajo-forestry-faces-cult...>

Accompanist: Kurt Jordan; Justin Chalk, flute

November 4

The Butterfly Project

Worship Leader: Rabbi Jules King

Worship Associate: Kevin Brandt

The Butterfly Project is a call to action through education, the arts and memorial making. It uses the lessons of the Holocaust to educate about the dangers of hatred and bigotry and cultivates empathy and social responsibility. Participants paint ceramic butterflies that are permanently displayed as symbols of resilience and hope, with the goal of creating 1.5 million butterflies around the world - one for each child who perished in the Holocaust and honoring the survivors. Please join us.

UUCOD & DOS combined choirs; Turner Blatchley, string bass; Teresa DiPietro, cello; Phillip Pollerana, percussion; Kurt Jordan, accompanist

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 28

10a Worship Service / Share the Plate
11:30a New Member Orientation Class—Community Room
 Healing Circle (postponed)

Monday, October 29

5:30p Meditation
7p s2s2s Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 30

4p SUBUD Meditation
5:30p s2s2s Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 31

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 1

5p DOS Choir
5:51p Women's Night Out
7p s2s2s Rehearsal
7p Bridge

Friday, November 2

8a Men's Breakfast
7:30p s2s2s Performance: *A Red Plaid Shirt*

Saturday, November 3

2p Drop-In Scrabble
2p Vocal Workshop
7:30p s2s2s Performance: *A Red Plaid Shirt*

Sunday, November 4

10a Worship Service / Food on the First
11:30a CRE Committee Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday's Healing Circle has been postponed

New dates will be given soon. So, if you have been sexually harassed, intimidated, or assaulted, whether you identify as a woman or a man or choose not to identify as gender binary, you are invited to come to support and be supported. To share, if you wish, in a safe space, and to be part of a simple ritual of healing in the spirit of self-compassion, strength and life.

With Reverend Barbara & Bryna Blum, Chair, Pastoral Ministry

Questions? [E-mail...uurevbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:uurevbarbara@gmail.com)

Water Party!

Sunday, October 28 after service, around 11:30am. Come join in, meet some people, and have some fun! We've lost track of how our drip irrigation system is laid out, so we are having a Water Party to figure it out. One person will run the irrigation control unit, turning on one circuit at a time, while the rest of us run around trying to figure out which emitters are connected to it. A couple of scribes will write down what we find. A simple, and easy way to join in especially if you don't yet know lots of people in the congregation. The more the merrier! We could go out to lunch afterwards if folks want to.

Carpool to the Polls on Tuesday, November 6th

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Do you need a ride to the polls on Election Day?

Call Denise Janssen Eager, 760.567.4586, to be matched with a fellow UUCOD driver.

Women's Night Out

WNO for November will be on Thursday, November 1 at 5 pm at *Boulevards* at Sun City, Palm Desert. RSVP's should come to Joni Paddock at joni@palmcitybooks.com so we can get an accurate headcount.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on Friday, November 2 at Sherman's Deli in Palm Desert (Bristol Farms shopping center). Join us at 8 am for a good breakfast and good conversation. More info? Contact Tim Hill @ timothy.hill.713@gmail.com or (760) 656-4513.

s2s2s Presents: The Red Plaid Shirt

Script2Stage2Screen – celebrating its 10th season – will present a comedy about the challenges of retirement on November 2 and 3, 2018. The play is "A Red Plaid Shirt," by Michael G. Wilmot, who lives in Ontario, Canada. "This play is such fun," said Artistic Director Gina Bikales. "Come prepared to laugh as a retired English teacher drives his wife insane. You could say he's enjoying retirement, but no one else around him is. This is a wonderfully delightful new work by Michael Wilmot, who really knows how to write comedy!"

All staged readings take place at 7:30 p.m. at UUCOD. Tickets are \$10. They're available to the door or online at www.script2stage2screen.com.

About the playwright: Wilmot had a career in radio; he also was a freelance writer for Jay Leno's monologue and for Kevin Nealon in Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update." His plays have been performed in North America, Australia, England and Russia.

SCRIP

The end of the month is quickly approaching. Sunday script orders are due. Help us raise money for the church by getting gift cards to the stores and restaurants that you usually use.

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.

Food on the First for Oasis School Pantry November 4

Next Food on the First will be Nov. 4. However, 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 Sunday, 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 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. The 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 Barbara Storms bastorms@gmail.com or Ken Mills jksmills@windstream.net

More UUCOD marchers welcome to join us for Nov. 4 Pride Parade!

Palm Springs Pride Parade is almost here! Our congregation will have a marching contingent for the November 4 Pride Parade in Palm Springs. Join us! LGBTQ persons and allies all welcome, of course! Let's march together and show our pride and support for the LGBTQ community, including ourselves, our family members, loved ones, friends and neighbors, recognize contributions to the community and stand together to protect rights of LGBTQ people, locally, nationwide and worldwide. Wear your Standing on the Side of Love yellow shirts or other UU shirt. Celebrate! 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!

What a Wonderful World Auction Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the annual UUCOD service auction - What A Wonderful World. Festivities begin at 5:30 on **Saturday, November 10**. Advance tickets are \$15 each and \$20 at the door. They can be purchased on the church patio after services. Don't miss out on bidding on over 80 exciting auction items including 14 fabulous dining experiences hosted by UUCOD members. The catalog with entire listing of items will be available to ticket buyers on the Sunday prior to the auction. Those unable to attend may bid by proxy. Contact Carol Lavoie (mclavoie@aol.com) or Barbara Storms (bastorms@gmail.com) for specifics.

Post Mid-Term Election Sharing Circle

There will be a **Post Mid-Term Election Sharing Circle** on Sunday, November 11th, following the painting of the butterflies for The Butterfly Project, approximately 12:30. We want to hear your thoughts and feelings. Contact Denise Janssen-Eager or Bryna Blum for more information. Look for the signup sheet in the foyer.

Next Socks on the Second for homeless persons November 11

Bring socks Sun. Nov. 11. If you will be away for the Veterans' Day holiday weekend, you can leave socks in the Well in the Desert bin in the UUCOD lobby between now and the 11th. Please bring new socks, darker colors very welcome. The Well in the Desert in Palm Springs gives them 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!

Welcome New Members Potluck November 11

We will have a short in-service welcome of new members on Nov. 11th, followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish and introduce yourself. More info next week.

November 18 we are sharing the plate with Coachella's "Hidden Harvest"

Hidden Harvest's mission is twofold. 1) To provide work, paying farm workers \$12.50/hr. to reenter and re-pick fields before they are plowed under. (Workers can take food for their own family) 2) To glean from the picked fields the produce that was left behind as not saleable, and provide the rescued fresh, locally-grown food from both fields and packing houses to feed poor and hungry in the Coachella Valley. Additionally, Hidden Harvest serves and educates our community through various programs. Volunteers pack produce, give out foods at various senior citizen/school sites and work the program jobs. Thus, every dollar donated to Hidden Harvest by the general public or through foundation grants goes directly toward their services. Please bring your checkbooks November 18 and be prepared to give generously. In October, we raised \$512 from Share-the-Plate for the UUCOD Minister's Discretionary Fund. Thanks so much!

Getting Greener All the Time

We are converting the recessed lighting in the church from compact fluorescent to LED.

Why? Economics and Green. The existing lights are old enough that we have been replacing the ballasts and bulbs for the fluorescent fixtures at a cost of \$26, and the labor with the high ceiling is a problem. We have now found an LED conversion kit for just \$28, and it will eliminate maintenance for a couple of decades! Secondly, the LED lights use just a third of the electricity and are more consistent with our Green Sanctuary status.

When? This will occur over the next couple of weeks. However, we already converted two recessed cans as a test, one in the foyer and one in the kitchen, so you can see what it will look like. It has a much cleaner, contemporary look and will upgrade the feel of the building as well.

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.

New Copier

The church office has a new copier that is password protected. If your committee or workgroup needs to use the copier, please see Sarah Gonzales for a USER NAME and PASSWORD. Currently USER NAMES and PASSWORDS have been set up for the Board, Office, Treasurer, Music, Sunday Service and Social Justice. Sarah will arrange for a quick training at 9:00 am on Sunday. If you can't make that time, please see her to arrange another time.

Technology Taskforce

The Board of Directors is currently looking for members and friends who have webpage, internet, email, database and computer hardware expertise to advise the Board on a technology plan. Please contact Sarah Gonzales if you are interested in participating on this task force. You can reach Sarah at president@uucod.org.

Rev. Barbara's Schedule

Office hours Tuesday & Thursday from 1-5, but please call my cell (203 570 0447) or e mail me (uuevbarbara@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 $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Do you need more info on judges and ballot propositions?

Did you know that the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California (website: www.uujmca.org) does the work for you to look up the ballot proposition recommendations of the ACLU, unions, progressive ministries and organizations and puts them all into a handy, color-coded chart? Go to www.uujmca.org/ballotrecommendations to view the chart. In addition, members of the UUCOD Social Justice Committee have compiled some info on the CA Supreme Court and Court of Appeal justices who are on the ballot for retention:

JUDGES on November 2018 Ballot

Government builds from the ground up! Voting for local judges is important because they will impact our everyday lives. In addition, the appellate court justices listed below are already serving in their positions and you will be asked for a "Yes" or "No" vote on your ballot. Members of the California Supreme Court and the California Courts of Appeal are appointed by the then-serving Governor of California. They are subject to retention elections by the voters at the end of each twelve-year term. Here is some information on the ones up for retention on your November election ballot:

California Supreme Court Justices:

Carol Corrigan: appointed by Arnold Schwarzenegger, voted against gay marriage

Leonora Kruger: appointed by Jerry Brown, served in Obama Administration Justices of CA Court of Appeal, Fourth District:
Cynthia Aaron: appointed by Gray Davis
William Dato: appointed by Jerry Brown
Judith Haller: appointed by Pete Wilson
Richard Huffman: appointed by George Deukmejian
Patricia Guerrero: appointed by Jerry Brown
Patricia Benke: appointed by George Deukmejian
Joan Kathleen Iron: appointed by Gray Davis
Richard Fields: appointed by Jerry Brown, first African-American judge to receive tenure in Riverside County, volunteers for Aids Walk and other charitable causes
Art McKinster: appointed by George Deukmejian
Douglas Miller: appointed by Arnold Schwarzenegger
Marsha Slough: appointed by Jerry Brown, openly gay
David Thompson: appointed by Jerry Brown
Thomas Goethals: appointed by Jerry Brown; attended White House function during Obama's Presidency
Raymond Ikola: appointed by Gray Davis