

February 15, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

#### **February 17, 2019**

##### **Blowing on the Coals of the Heart: The Book of JOB**

When bad things happen to good people we ask "Why?" Is there a better question?

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Rob DuWors

#### **February 24, 2019**

##### **Your Values/Your Choices (Yes You Can!)**

Erika Bieranowski, California Outreach for Compassion and Choices, will explain the full range of end of life decisions each of us has the right to choose from, and equally important, how best to ensure that our wishes will be carried out.

Worship Leader: Erica Ruiz Bieranowski

Worship Associate: Nancy Boyce

### CALENDAR

#### **Saturday, February 16**

8 am-Board Retreat

1 pm-Everytown for Gun Safety

1 pm-Drop in Scrabble

#### **Sunday, February 17**

Stewardship Drive

10 am-Worship Service

10 am-Share the Plate

11:30 am-New Members Meeting

#### **Monday, February 18**

5:30 pm-Meditation

7 pm-s2s2s Rehearsal

#### **Tuesday, February 19**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

6:30 pm-Board of Directors' Meeting

7 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday, February 20**

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

#### **Thursday, February 21**

5 pm-DOS Choir

6:30 pm-Pastoral Care

6:30 pm-Social Justice

7 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

7 pm-Bridge

#### **Friday, February 22**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **February 17, March 3, and March 17- New Members Meetings:**

Rev. Barbara and Randy Steele will be hosting New Members Meetings at 11:30 AM.

## **February 17, Share-the-Plate news: Shelter from the Storm and more!**

Shelter from the Storm is the Coachella Valley's only comprehensive domestic victim assistance service and shelter provider organization. Their purpose is to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. Shelter From The Storm's first priority is the safety of those who seek assistance. Their programs work to meet client needs, so they can look ahead to a safe horizon.

Please bring your checkbooks and make check payable to UUCOD so our treasurer can divide the collection evenly between UUCOD and the non-profit.

## **February 28. Rock and Roll Work Party**

The rains are eroding the sand at the edge of our parking lot, potentially endangering it. Two members have generously donated rock to repair the erosion and create an attractive stream bed. So we're having a work party to spread the rock! With enough people we can easily share the load, take lots of breaks, and enjoy each other's company. If you haven't joined a work party before this is a perfect chance. Come on down! We will be here from 8am to 11am. Questions: ask Rod Belshee.

## **March 3, Presentation on Incredible India by Jerry and Susan Hogsett:**

Jerry and Suzanne will show photos and talk about incredible India, based on their recent trips there. They will focus on the beauty of community and spirituality, the things that surprised them, and what they've learned.

We will have a potluck salad bar following coffee hour & the India presentation following. Sign up on round lobby table (or email Sheryl Eaton at MuffinGolf@gmail.com). Please indicate how many will be attending & what you will be bringing for the salad bar. Please have salad bar items fully prepared & easily ready to be placed in a bowl. A free will donation will be taken to further social functions for UUCOD members and friends.

## **March 3, Shop ahead for Food on the First:**

February is short. March 3 will be here soon. While grocery shopping, please buy items to donate to the healthy food pantry at Oasis School. What you give helps families in the migrant education program stretch dollars to buy fresh items the pantry cannot store. Needed: 1) dry goods: corn masa flour (Maseca, Torti-Masa, etc.) for tortillas, bagged rice or dried pinto beans, small pasta or dry spaghetti; 2) cooking oil: vegetable, canola, or corn oil; 3) canned proteins: chicken, tuna or jars of peanut butter; 4) canned fruits and vegetables: all fruits, vegetables, tomatoes, tomato sauce, pasta sauce.

## **Thanks for the socks!**

Ninety-five pairs of socks were donated on Socks on the Second on Feb. 10. These have been donated to Well in the Desert to distribute to homeless persons in our valley. Thank you!

## **Garage Sale Updates:**

- Over \$1,100 has been raised by our garage sales and has been deposited into the Minister's Discretionary Fund.
- Garage sales will begin again in the fall.
- In lieu of the garage sales Carol Lavoie will list any appropriate items on eBay. Contact Carol to find out specifics. All money raised will also go to the Discretionary Fund.
- We will continue collecting small kitchen appliances to be donated to Shelter From The Storm.
- Thank you to Steve Boyce, Dave Carter, Randy Steele and Ben White for all of their help on garage sale days! Also, thank you to the dozens of UUCODer's who donated items. Contact Nancy Boyce or Carol Lavoie with questions.

## **March 1, March for Our Lives Fundraiser in Palm Springs:**

On Friday, March 1st, 2019 a group of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida who survived the school shooting that took 17 lives will be coming to Palm Springs. This is part of a national campaign to meet with local students, share their experience, register younger voters, and educate the public about the impacts of gun violence. That evening, there will be a fundraising event that will provide you an opportunity to meet and hear from the students and help support their work. Please visit website for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1223880517772005/>

## **Financial Information for UUCOD Contributions:**

Did you know individuals 70 ½ or older can make contributions directly from their IRA to a qualified charity and it is deemed a non-taxable donation? For some, this may be a great way to pay pledges or make other contributions to UUCOD and save money! Some restrictions apply so be sure to check with your tax professional before pursuing this payment method.

## **LOOKING FOR SCRABBLE PLAYERS:**

The UUCOD Drop In Scrabble group meets at the church the first and third Saturdays of each month from 1-3 pm. Would love to have you join us! All players welcome-beginners to not. No commitments, no sign ups. Just show up! Contact Carol Lavoie (mclavoie@aol.com or 760-895-4409) with questions.

# SAVE THE DATE

**March 3, Tour of the Wild Bird Sanctuary in Indio:**

Everyone is welcome! More details coming in the March newsletter.

**April 26-28: UUA Pacific Southwest District Assembly:**

"From the Ground Up-The Power of Our PSWD Communities": In Long Beach. For more information, <https://pswduua.org/events/district-assembly/>

**May 5, 11:30 am: Annual Congregational Meeting**

More information coming in April.

**June 19-23, UUA General Assembly-"The Power of We":**

In Spokane, WA. For more information, <https://www.uua.org/ga>. Do you want to be a delegate? See a Board member.

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**Newsletter Deadlines:** The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning.

If you are going to be late, call or email the Administrator at [admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org) asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.

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