

February 22, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

February 24, 2019

Compassion and Choices/My Way

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

March 3, 2019

Free and Responsible

In this time of incivility, we may experience opinion whiplash and engagement fatigue. What good can our UU Principles call us to? What does our first principle require of our behavior? What can we learn if we examine ourselves in the light of a "free and responsible search for truth and meaning"? This year's Auction sermon topic is chosen by Denise Jannsen Eager.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Shirley LeMaster

CALENDAR

Friday, February 22

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

Sunday, February 24

Stewardship Drive

10 am-Worship

10 am-Children's Religious Education Class

11:30 am-Compassion and Choices After Worship Questions (Community Room)

11:30 am-Board's Conversation with Congregation (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 25

5:30 pm-Meditation

7 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 26

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

4:30 pm-Worship Committee Meeting

7 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 27

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Thursday, February 28

8 am-Rock & Roll Work Party

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

7 pm-Bridge

Friday, March 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 24.Scrip Gift Cards:

Sunday is the day to order this month's scrip gift cards. See Bryna or Sheryl during coffee hour. Please bring cash or your check book with your order. UUCOD gets a percentage (amount depending on vendor) of each sale. We're hoping to make \$4,000 this year. Help us make this goal by purchasing gift cards to stores & other merchants where you already shop.

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 to 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 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/>

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.

March 10, Socks on the Second for homeless persons:

Socks needed in this cold winter weather! Bring new socks, darker colors very welcome. Bring on 10th or leave ahead in Well bin in UUCOD lobby. Well in the Desert Palm Springs distributes to local people living homeless. Your socks cushion footsteps during long treks on foot, provide a sense of comfort and dignity, and keep feet warm and dry. Due to limited space, socks only. For other items, please contact Well in the Desert or another charity and transport those items yourself.

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.

Fellow UUCOD'ers:

This coming weekend (last Sunday of each month) is the date to order your gift cards (Scrip). Merchants offer us a percentage on your purchases that help our bottom line. Last year there were about 30 families and individuals who were regular Scrip customers & we made \$3,000 for our church. If everyone bought cards for their favorite grocery store, home improvement store, gas station, restaurants (places where you already go, so you are not spending any more money), we could easily double that amount.

For example, Sheryl Eaton is having her floating home in Portland remodeled. Home Depot is about 100 yards from the parking lot gate. She buys gift cards from Scrip & mails them to her contractor for supplies for the project. The contractor saves the receipts for her & its EASY SQUEEZEY.

Look for Sheryl @ the Scrip table Sunday. She'll be the one in the stunning Scrip Card Necklace. She'll make you one too, if you'll save up your used Scrip cards. We might start a fashion trend? Questions regarding Scrip? Ask Barbara Storms, Bryna Blum or Sheryl Eaton.

February Share-the-Plate Generosity:

Thanks for all the contributions! A check for \$622.50 has been sent to Shelter from the Storm for its

programs to address domestic violence and assist those fleeing violent home situations.

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 23, Tour of the Wild Bird Sanctuary in Indio:

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

April 12-14, UU Men's Fellowship Spring Renewal Camp deBenneville Pines:

Facing our Transitions: Past, Present, and Future. See below for more information.

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://pswduuu.org/events/district-assembly/>

May 5, Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 am:

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.

UU Men's Fellowship Spring Renewal April 12-14, Camp deBenneville Pines



**Facing our Transitions:
Past, Present, and Future**

We all are facing transitions: school, jobs, health, relationships, retirement, aging, death. How we face them is often dependent on our past history, our current state of mind, and our concerns about the future. In a SAFE and SUPPORTIVE place, we may begin to unpack these issues, support each other, and discover new insights about our journeys.

Please join with your kindred brothers to fellowship, make music, celebrate rituals, and enjoy the natural beauty of the mountains and forests surrounding Camp deBenneville Pines.

Registration form: 2019 Spring Renewal Weekend, April 12-14, 2019
Registration includes food, lodging and all programs and activities.

Name _____ Name tag _____ Age _____

Telephone (home) (____) _____ (cell) (____) _____

Street _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Emergency contact _____ phone (____) _____

1st Timer* ____ Shirt size ____ CPAP ____ Hearing Issue ____ Health or Physical Issue ____

Special diet requirement request: () vegetarian () vegan () diabetic () gluten free
() Need a ride. () Can give a ride. Location/day/time _____

Comments _____

Registration fee (\$175**) \$ _____

Contribution to Program Enhancement*** (supplements program expenses)\$ _____

Contribution to Scholarship Fund*** (assists those with financial need) \$ _____

Optional Thursday evening (4-11-2019) (\$25) \$ _____

Replacement T shirt for returning attendees: size _____ (\$15) \$ _____

UUMF Membership (\$25 San Diego County only) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make your check payable to: **First Unitarian Universalist Church**, Mail your check and registration form to the church, **ATTN: UUMF Renewal, 4190 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103**. Several weeks before the event, we will send a confirmation letter that will include "what to bring" and directions to the camp.



To register and pay on-line
(<https://bit.ly/2TinHxg>)

*First Timers receive a complimentary Shirt. Please list size.
**The \$175 represents only our break-even figure.
***Please consider contributing to the tax deductible Program Enhancement or Scholarship funds.
It is our policy to support attendance by men who may have financial difficulties. For information on scholarship assistance or for questions about this event, please contact Mike Dorfi at (619) 466.5952 or mdorfi@cox.net. Craig's cabin will be allotted on age and physical ability. **Please respond by April 5, 2019 (attendance limited to first 90 who register)**

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 asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.

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