

March 8, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

March 10, 2019

“Poetry, Ethics, and the Life of a Hospital Chaplain”

Many, if not most people have trouble understanding the calling of a minister who just wants to work in a hospital. In this sermon, Rev. Don will share an intimate insider’s view of how we make meaning in some of the most joyous and tragic moments of our lives, while sharing what it means to be “there if you need me”.

Worship Leader: Rev. Don Stouder

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

March 17, 2019

Belonging

We can have all the world has to offer in terms of status, achievement and possessions, yet without a true sense of belonging, our lives feel empty and pointless. ...the hunger to belong is at the heart of our nature.

Irish Philosopher John O’Donohue from his book *Eternal Echos*

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

March 24, 2019

TBD

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Joni Padduck

March 31, 2019

Social Justice For All

Worship Leader: Supervisor Manny Perez

Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales

CALENDAR

Friday, March 8

7:30 pm-S2S2S Performance

Saturday, March 9

9 am-Second Saturday Stroll

7:30 pm-S2S2S Performance

Sunday, March 10

Stewardship Drive

10 am-Socks on the 2nd/Well in the Desert

10 am-Worship Service

10 am-CRE Class

11:30 am-Facilities Committee

Monday, March 11

5:30 pm-Meditation

7 pm-Evening Book Group

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:30 pm-Membership Committee

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Thursday, March 14

5 pm-DOS Choir

6:30 pm-Social Justice Committee

7 pm-Bridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10, Socks on the Second for homeless persons:

Thanks to all who donated 95 pairs of socks in February! Socks still so needed! Bring March 10 or leave ahead in the Well in the Desert brown bin in the UUCOD lobby. Bring new socks, darker colors very welcome. 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. Thanks!

March 17, Share-the-Plate Desert AIDS Project:

Founded in 1984 by community volunteers in the face of the AIDS crisis, Desert AIDS Project (D.A.P.) has been the Coachella Valley's primary not-for-profit resource for those living with, affected by, or at risk for HIV/AIDS. Today D.A.P. is a federally-qualified health center providing primary medical care, HIV and hepatitis specialty care, dentistry, behavioral health and social services, all under one roof, to more than 5,000 clients. The majority are low-income, medically under-served members of our community. The vision of D.A.P. is for healthy individuals, families and communities. Bring your checkbooks March 17. Make checks payable to UUCOD so our treasurer can divide the non-pledge contributions 50-50 between UUCOD and D.A.P. Please give generously. Thanks!

March 20, Come Celebrate The Beginning of Spring at UUCOD's Community-Wide Equinox Ritual:

On Wednesday, March 20 at 4:30 pm, you are invited to welcome spring at UUCOD's Community-Wide Equinox Ritual, held on the Peace Labyrinth.

During the month of March, the Neighboring Faiths class is learning about the Pagan (Wiccan) faiths. Pagan faiths follow the earth or nature religions. They see the divine showing up in all parts of the earth, plants, & creatures. They worship a deity that is both male & female. The volunteer teachers for are Josette Pacino & Joe Harmer.

Pagan holidays follow the earth's cycle, which is exciting for us because this month is the Vernal Equinox, when the days start to get longer and the nights shorter. Josette & Joe, who are both Wiccans, will be holding an Equinox Ritual on the Peace Labyrinth at UUCOD. You & your entire family is welcome to attend. This is open to everyone so feel free to invite your friends. For more information, call Denise

Janssen Eager at (760)567-4586.

March 22, Afternoon Book Group "Mary Coin" by Marisa Silver-at Lavonne/Jim Swanson's

Lavonne (Vonnies) address : 73710 Oak Flats Drive. This is located in the Palm Desert Greens Country Club. If your GPS directs you to enter on Frank Sinatra Drive you should ignore it and continue south to the front entrance on Country Club Drive (between Monterrey and Portola.) When asked who you are visiting say you are with the book group at Vonnies Swanson's on Oak Flats Drive. Also, please call Vonnies at 612-824-5528 or email lmswanson44@gmail.com

March 23rd, Tour of the Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center

Everyone is invited to join us and tour the Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center in Indio at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 23rd. This was an activity selected last year by the kids in Religious Education and would be interesting for us adults as well. The center was envisioned by Linda York as a way to care and rehabilitate injured and sick wild birds, such as owls, hawks, and geese with the ultimate goal of releasing them back into their habitats. Formed in 1986 and opened to the public in 1995, the Center has grown to accommodate an increasing number of wild birds from the Coachella Valley and beyond. Birds ranging in size from hummingbirds to pelicans and eagles move through the doors of this important rehabilitation center each year.

LOOKING FOR SCRABBLE PLAYERS:

The UUCOD Drop In Scrabble group meets at the church the first and third Saturdays of each month from 2-3 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

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:

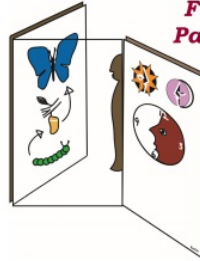
May 5, Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30 am:

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 _____

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/2TnHxgJ>

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	\$ _____

*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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