

March 15, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### MESSAGE FROM REV. BARBARA

***"We need one another when we grieve and would be comforted.."***

I am, like you, deeply pained by the latest mass shooting - this time 49 people were killed and others wounded as they worshiped in two mosques in New Zealand. These horrible acts happen too often. As we mourn, let us call out hate wherever we encounter it, in ourselves or others. *Let us be peacemakers and hate interrupters.*

*Rev. Barbara*

### SERVICES

**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**

**The Way We Never Were**

There is a faux nostalgia in America for an imagined past that is doing harm to who we are now. Some thoughts in this era of reaction.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

**March 31, 2019**

**Raging Conflict or Waging Peace**

We all sense anger at some time or another because of something that happened to us or because someone offended us. We have choices about how we react. We can rely on our UU principles and personal practices to help us to move forward in a positive, constructive way to wage peace in our troubled world and enlarge our beloved community.

Worship Leader: Sarah Gonzales

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

### CALENDAR

**Saturday, March 16**

2 pm-Scrabble

**Sunday, March 17**

Share-the-Plate: Desert AIDS Project

10 am-Worship Service

11:30 am-New Members Potluck

11:30 am-Facilities Committee

**Monday, March 18**

5:30 pm-Meditation

7 pm-S2S2S

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5 pm-Safety Committee

6:30 pm-Board Members Meeting

7 pm-S2S2S

**Wednesday, March 20**

9 am-Social BUUterflies: Salton Sea Kayak or DesertX

4:30 pm-Equinox Ritual

**Thursday, March 21**

8 pm-S2S2S

7 pm-Bridge

**Friday, March 22**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March 16, Mom's Demand Action:**

This Saturday's meeting has been cancelled.

**March 17, New Member Celebration Ceremony Potluck:**

New Member Celebration Potluck will begin at 11:30 am in the Community Room. For current members, please bring a salad or desert for 10-12 people. Please join us as we celebrate their decision to join our Beloved Community.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**March 30, Rub-a-dub-dub and an acid-wash scrub! 8 AM – noon:**

Our front patio pergola is getting a fresh paint job, and next we will clean off the rust stains on the concrete. Our prior Rock 'n Roll work party was a great hit, so we are having another party! About a dozen people came, met new friends, and made easy work. Let's do it again!

We have about 230 linear feet to scrub, so the more volunteers the merrier. Sheryl Eaton has again promised to add the fun, including music. Note that we will be using some harsh chemicals (CLR rust remover) so bring appropriate gloves, eye-protection and wear clothes that won't suffer too badly if they get a splatter.

#### **March Socks Report:**

Thanks to all who donated 73 pairs of socks for local persons living homeless. These socks have been delivered to Well in the Desert for distribution, to keep feet protected on journeys and warm at night. Thank you!

#### **Social BUUterflies Upcoming Events:**

The Social BUUterflies have a busy couple of months. The following events are scheduled & you may sign up on the lobby round table, or email [SocialBUUterflies@gmail.com](mailto:SocialBUUterflies@gmail.com) for sign up or questions.

March 20 (Wednesday), Salton Sea Kayak or DesertX

April 5 (Friday), Circus Vargas (MUST prepay tickets)

April 7 (Sunday), Opera in the Park

May 4 (Saturday), Phantom of the Opera (Must prepay tickets)

Let's get out there, have some fun & meet new people! If you have an idea for a social event, please contact Sheryl Eaton.

#### **What happened to Green Sanctuary?**

We've heard this question a few times recently. The congregation went to considerable effort to achieve Green Sanctuary certification in 2011. Some portions continue, such as sourcing environmentally friendly cleaning products and proper recycling of batteries. But overall, Green Sanctuary is on hiatus awaiting volunteers to carry it forward, whether just single parts (such as in the Sunday service), or continuing the full certification. If this is your passion, contact Rod Belshee.

#### **LOOKING FOR SCRABBLE PLAYERS:**

The UUCOD Drop In Scrabble group meets at the church the first and third Saturdays of each month from 2-4 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](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com) or 760-895-4409) with questions.

CORRECTION: Flowers for last Sunday Service were given by Michael Pagliaro.

## 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 20, All Congregation Pot-Luck Seder, 5PM -730PM:**

Share the holiday meal and the story of liberation with your family and friends. (\$5 pp to cover basic costs) We will read from a Haggadah, learn about the Seder Plate, watch to see if Elijah and Miriam sip from their cups, sing old songs, and make this year's meaning out of this venerable tradition. We may even award a prize for the best vegan and classic matzah ball soups. Yes, there will be a hunt for the Afikomen. A sign-up sheet will be available soon!

*If you want to help Rev Barbara, email her at [uurevbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:uurevbarbara@gmail.com)*

#### **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://pswduaa.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.

#### **July 21-26, SpiritRest Silent Retreat:**

SpiritRest is a facilitated five-day silent retreat for Unitarian Universalists and other spiritual seekers. Our 2019 gathering will be in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. This retreat is led by UU ministers Sharon Wylie, Arvid Straube, Stefanie Etzbach-Dale, and Lucy Bunch.

Retreatants meet with a spiritual director for a half hour each day. In addition to the practice of silence, there is guidance for meditation, labyrinth walks, prayer, art journaling, Qi gong, and InterPlay. There is also time for singing together. Each day closes with a vespers service at sundown.

Learn more at our website [www.spiritrestretreat.com](http://www.spiritrestretreat.com).

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# 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)	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

\*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](mailto: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)**

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/2TnHxg4>)

**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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