

****CORRECTION, LAST NEWSLETTER HAD WRONG DATE.**

April 5, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

April 7, 2019

Miriam: Part 1: Daughter, Warrior, Sister, Prophet

I have come to love a woman without whom there would be no Moses. She is one of the most important women of the bible. So important that she was even given a name, Miriam. Of course, she did not save him by herself! I wrote a drama about that moment. Come and see if it holds any meaning for you.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast
Worship Associate: Betty Bender

April 14, 2019

“The Day the Sun Turned Red”

Have you ever had to “leave quickly”, either physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What would you take if you had the time to pack? In this sermon, Rev. Don will share some of the spiritual lessons he learned as a chaplain, husband, and father while living through the San Diego wildfires of 2003.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Don Stouder
Worship Associate: Peter Mathews

April 21, 2019

“Awake Again”

It seems to me that that the religious holiday of Easter is not a favorite holiday for a Unitarian Universalist – Humanist or Theist! So come on out to enjoy this service and see if there is any nourishment in it for you, UU! And everyone, you are invited to wear a fabulous bonnet to celebrate the occasion!

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast
Worship Associate: Shirley LeMaster

April 28, 2019

Climate Change/Response of Faith Communities

For the past three years, John Michno has served on the interfaith outreach leadership team of SD350.org, providing information to and networking for various churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith and secular communities throughout the San Diego area.

Worship Leader: John Michno
Worship Associate: Ben White

CALENDAR

Friday, April 5

8 am-Men’s Breakfast
7:30 pm-S2S2S Performance

Saturday, April 6

2 pm-Drop In Scrabble
7:30 pm-S2S2S Performance

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
11:30 am-Book Discussion Group
5:30 pm-Membership Committee

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Sunday, April 7
 10 am-Food on the First
 10 am-Worship Service
 10 am-CRE Class
 11:30 am-Re-visioning CRE

Thursday, April 11
 11:30 am-Book Discussion Group
 5 pm-DOS Choir
 6:30 pm-Social Justice Committee
 7 pm-Bridge

Monday, April 8
 5:30 pm-Meditation
 7 pm-Evening Book Group

EVENTS

Friday, April 5th, Circus Vargas

There are only 3 people that are signed up for Circus Vargas. We need 15 to get the group rate. If there are no additional sign-ups by Sunday, this event will be canceled.

Sunday, April 7th, Social BUUterflies Opera in the Park

All are welcome to attend the FREE Opera in the Park event @ Sunrise Park 1-4 pm. Bring your chair or blanket, & a picnic lunch (if you'd like). Sheryl will drive to the park before church & stake out a UU corner (hopefully under a tree), as its going to be HOT Sunday. Questions? Call Sheryl Eaton (760) 902-8621

April 7th, Join Us for CRE Visioning - Session #1

You are invited to be part of an important Children's Religious Education Visioning process this Sunday, at 11:30 AM. We will begin re-imagining what kind of religious education program can work for our busy families. You do not need to be a parent to attend. All voices are welcome. Lunch will be served. To reserve your spot or for more information, call CRE Chair, Denise Janssen Eager, (760) 567-4586

As part of this effort, at April 27th's UU Pacific Southwest District conference, Rev. Barbara, Josette, Reign, and Thera Pacino will be attending the workshop, The Death of Sunday School and the Birth of What? "Our congregations are part of a huge cultural shift, where 20th century models of children's religious education just aren't working like they used to. What are UU congregations learning from their experiments in organizing and engaging children and families differently? What exciting alternatives are rising in Sunday School's place? Join our region's Lifespan Faith Formation specialist to discuss and explore."

If you are interested in joining them, please contact Rev. Barbara.

April 7, Food on-the-First Spring Recess help

Spring Recess in late April means CVUSD students away from school breakfasts and lunches. Donate extra to help CVUSD migrant ed families feed their students during break. Check packages to be sure they are not out of date. Bring to 4/7 Sunday service or leave ahead in UUCOD lobby in Oasis School bin. Most 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.

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

Facing our Transitions: Past, Present, and Future. Click on flyer for more information.

April 13th, Second-Saturday-Stroll

The hike will be the Cove To Lake Trail. This is a nice 3 mile desert hike with a pretty view of the Salton Sea and sometimes a sighting of the bighorn sheep. There might still be some wildflowers up there, and the beavertail cactus might be coming into bloom. Register at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg76y52vce18872e&llr=iqz6kh6ab>

Questions: Rod Belshee.

April 14, Socks-on-the-Second for homeless persons

Socks still so needed! Bring April 14 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!

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 _____	<p>Please make your check payable to First Unitarian Universalist Church. Mail your check and registration form to the church: 477N. USFST Renewal, 4188 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92108. Send your check before the event, we will send a confirmation letter that will include "what to bring" and directions to the camp.</p> 
Telephone (home) () _____	(cell) () _____		
Street _____			
City/State _____	Zip _____		
E-mail _____			
Emergency contact _____	phone () _____		
1st Time? _____	Shirt size _____	CPAP _____	
Special diet requirement request ()	vegetarian ()	vegan ()	
diabetic ()	gluten free ()	Need a ride ()	
Can give a ride _____	Location/day/time _____	Comments _____	
Registration fee (\$19)** _____	Contribution to Program Enhancement*** (supplements program expenses)	Contribution to Scholarship Fund*** (assists those with financial need)	
Optional Thursday evening (4-11-2019) (\$25) _____	Redemption 1 shirt for returning attendees only (\$15) _____	UUMF Membership (\$25 San Diego County only) _____	
	Total \$ _____		

**First Times receive a complimentary Shirt. Please list size.
 ***The \$19 represents only our lowest-ever 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) 456-5962 or rdorfi@uu.org. Craig's cabin will be allocated on age and physical ability. Please respond by April 5, 2019 (attendance limited to first 90 who register).

April 21, Easter Share-the-Plate with Galilee Center, Mecca

Chronic shortage of affordable short-term housing in Coachella Valley means March through July migrant grape harvest workers have spread cardboard on hot parking lots to sleep between shifts harvesting local fields of table grapes. In 2017, Galilee Center opened Our Lady of Guadalupe shelter for farm workers, providing cots, meals and laundry service. Recently, the Catholic Diocese and Guatemalan consulate asked Galilee to shelter registered asylum seekers for a few days each while awaiting bus tickets from relatives. Now a major donor is withholding further donations to shelter, disagreeing with letting immigration drop off asylum seekers at the site. Your donations urgently needed to prevent closing shelter with grape workers already on site and more on the way. Please give generously during April 21 Sunday collection. Make checks payable to UUCOD. Our treasurer will divide total, sending Galilee Center one combined check. Thanks!

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/>

April 27 and 28, Earth Day Forum: UUCOD Green Sanctuary

UUCOD will host a two-day forum on climate change Saturday and Sunday April 27 and 28. The entire congregation and members of the public are invited to this free event.

The program will start Saturday morning with a power-point presentation on climate change science by John Michno from "San Diego 350.org -- a major climate change information and advocacy organization in southern California. For the past three years, John has served on the interfaith outreach leadership team of SD350.org, providing information to and networking for various churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith and secular communities throughout the San Diego area. More information about John's work can be found at the following two web addresses: <https://sandiego350.org/interfaith-team/> and <https://sandiego350.org/blog/2018/06/11/sd350-interfaith-team-addresses-faith-and-the-climate-crisis-at-seaside-center-for-spiritual-living/#more-9749>

Other events on Saturday will include explorations of the spiritual dimensions of climate change through an interactive dialogue in which participants can learn and engage with each other; introductions of various ways individuals can involve themselves in addressing the problem of climate change (including outreach to legislators and other policy makers); and a presentation and interactive demonstration of the potential of using "nonviolent communication" skills to help bridge the gaps in perspectives on climate change among the public and policy makers.

Sunday events will begin with the Sunday morning UU Church service at 10 am followed by two parallel workshops in the afternoon—the first exploring in greater depth the value and potential for applying nonviolent communication skills in the context of communications around climate change and the second exploring the various actions that can be taken by individuals and groups to address climate change.

Light lunch will be provided both on Saturday and Sunday at no charge (although donations will be accepted to help replenish funds advanced by the Social Justice Committee). Reservations are not required; however, an email to laurennile@gmail.com if you will be joining us for lunch Saturday and/or Sunday would be appreciated.

Please see the full agenda below for the entire two-day Forum on Climate Change.

A special invitation and welcome to other faith communities in the Coachella Valley has been extended through the Mid-Valley Interfaith Council (of which UUCOD is a member congregation). Please invite your friends and neighbors as well.

Saturday, April 27, 2019 – Full Day Seminar

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Workshop 1 - The Danger: The Science of Climate Change
Presentation on the science of climate change by **John Michno** of San Diego 350.Org. – a major climate change information and advocacy organization in southern California. John serves on the interfaith outreach leadership team for SD350.Org providing information to and networking for various churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith and secular communities throughout the San Diego area.

11:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. – Break

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Workshop 2 - How is Climate Change a Spiritual Issue? **Lauren Nile**, author and organizational development consultant, will facilitate an interactive discussion among participants, including perspectives from a wide range of faith and secular perspectives. Lauren will introduce a "toolbox" of group process and interaction skills designed to foster inquiry into and understanding of differing perspectives, as distinguished from debate and efforts to persuade. Participants in other similar workshops have found this "dialogue" approach profoundly helpful in nurturing mutual understanding and deeply personally satisfying.

12:15 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – Lunch

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Workshop 3 – A Call to Action to Individuals and Faith Communities. Brief presentations (including local environmental organizations) on possible ways you can become active in addressing climate change. Individual action; faith community "green sanctuary" programs; how to engage in education, advocacy, and legislative outreach to help save the planet; etc. Ending with networking opportunities to connect with others pursuing or thinking about similar actions.

2:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Workshop 4 - Using nonviolent communication when engaged in climate change conversations, outreach and advocacy – **John Michno and Ben White**

A brief presentation on the practice of "Nonviolent Communication" and exploration of its potential for helping to illuminate discussions around addressing climate change including interactions with key governmental policy-makers. John and Ben have also been exploring ways that Nonviolent Communications approaches can enhance organizational effectiveness, collaborative teamwork, and understanding and ways it can help address "burn-out" and "climate despair" experienced by many climate change activists. They will review their findings and invite participation in several interactive small group demonstrations.

3:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Closing
Short video, collective thoughts/intentions and short meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING CLEANING! DEADLINE APRIL 30TH!

It's almost Spring! It's time for spring cleaning! In case you haven't noticed, we have 2 storage rooms in the church that are jam packed with items of unknown value. Over the years, some of these items seemed to have multiplied, especially posters. We have collected beverages, bottles of wine, posters for marches and special projects. We have pieces of carpeting, rolls of fabric room dividers, numerous walkers, etc. ***We are asking committee chairs and leaders of special interest groups who use the church to come in and clearly mark the items that need to be saved from future use.*** We also would like to limit the storage of beverages and wine for a maximum of 2 months at the church. Any items left unmarked after April 30 will be discarded or sold and proceeds going to the church's general fund.

Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget Preview

Please join Jerry L'Hommedieu and Sarah Gonzales on Sunday, April 14th at 11:30 in the sanctuary for an overview of UUCOD's upcoming year's budget. You'll receive an update on the results of the pledge drive and we'll discuss our anticipated expenses and projected revenues for Fiscal Year 19-20. This is your opportunity to ask questions about the budget, financial operations and walk away with a good understanding of how we fund our activities. This presentation is held in advance of the annual meeting on May 5th when we will ask the congregation for approval of the budget.

Passover Seder Potluck

Come on Saturday April 20, 5-7:30 PM to share, learn and enjoy telling one the great stories of liberation once again!

We ask that you sign-up at Sunday service, call the office or e-mail Andrea at admin@uucod.org

PLEASE bring your own plates, bowls, silverware, [wine if you like]

We will supply Juice, Haggadahs, 3 Seder "plates", horseradish, parsley, and Matzah.

Please choose to bring one of the foods listed below.

WE NEED:

- 3 Matzah Ball Soup for 10
- 1 Dozen Hard Boiled Eggs
- 4 Turkey/Chicken/Brisket for 8-10
- 3 Veggie Dishes for 10 (NO FLOUR)
- 3 Salads for 8-10
- 3 Maror (2- non alcoholic)
- 5 Desserts

Sunday Lunch Bunch

On Sundays when there are not other meetings: lunches, celebrations, and or special meetings, you are invited to join Jessie Lynch for the UU- Lunch Bunch Group. We go directly to a local near-by restaurant for lunch and conversation. (P) How do you know this is happening on any particular Sunday? Look for Jessie Lynch holding a BIG RED SIGN, standing out on the patio during the COFFEE HOUR after services. He can give you all the details. Look forward to having us join us. Other questions, call Jessie Lynch or Nancy Boyce, see church directory.

Scrip at UUCOD

You hear a lot of reference to the "Scrip" program @ UUCOD, which raises money for our church & its programs. Do you know what Scrip is? Once a month, you can buy Gift Cards to use in most grocery, department & drug stores through our Scrip program. Orders & checks are taken by our volunteers the

last Sunday of the month & the cards are delivered the following Sunday. We then get a percentage of the card value purchased -- usually between 2-12%. Think about giving the program a try. Use them in the stores that you already frequent. Sheryl Eaton & Bryna Blum will be accepting Scrip orders & payment during coffee hour on Sunday, March 31.

Coachella Valley Chapter of Mom's Demand Action

If anyone is interested in getting involved with and/or attending Mom's monthly meetings, the Coachella Valley chapter is now reinvigorating the group. They will be meeting at UUCOD on the 3rd Saturday of each month from February through November of this year. They will be meeting in the Community Room from 1-2:30 pm. No need to sign up, just show up if you are interested in hearing what they want to pursue in an effort to support the main Mom's organization and their efforts to have sensible gun laws passed. Any questions, please contact Joni Paddock at joni@palmcitybooks.com.

Rev. Barbara's Sermons on YouTube

If you miss one of Rev. Barbara's sermons (or just want to hear and see it again), be sure to check out her sermons on the UUCOD YouTube channel or on our UUCOD website (uucod.org/worship).

Financial Information

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.

Are you coming to Israel with Desert Outreach Synagogue?

We are getting closer to taking one of the most exciting trips together as a community! It will be truly one of the most amazing and unforgettable trips!!! We are going.....Hopefully, you will make plans to join us!

PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET YOUR \$300 DEPOSIT MADE SOON! You may click on the link below to get all of the information - itinerary, costs, and schedule for this trip.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP: **MAY 3, 2019!**

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=2528399>

Countdown until we leave:

[https://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/genericiso=20190901T00&p0=676&msg=DOS+Trip+to+Israel+&ud=1&font=cursive\[3\]](https://www.timeanddate.com/countdown/genericiso=20190901T00&p0=676&msg=DOS+Trip+to+Israel+&ud=1&font=cursive[3])

1. You may make your own flight arrangements for our trip or -
2. Call Stuart or Ellen Markus and they will arrange your air travel at 760.340.6661 - Travel Edge

Please forward my email to any of your family and/or friends that may be interested in joining us - and ask them to email me or call me direct with questions.

Rabbi Jules King
760.818.3911 Cell
rabbi@desert-outreach-synagogue.com

WE WILL CELEBRATE PURIM TOGETHER NEXT YEAR AS A COMMUNITY. ENJOY IT THIS YEAR WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. Our next Shabbat Service is Friday, April 12th - 7:00 pm. Lots of great music and more planned. Don't miss it!

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 or 760-895-4409) with questions.

SAVE THE DATE

**Important: Annual Congregational Meeting, May 5th after Worship
To Elect Board Officers and approve 2020 Church Budget.**

Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget Preview April 14th at 11:30

Please join Jerry L'Hommedieu and Sarah Gonzales in the sanctuary for an overview of UUCOD's upcoming year's budget.

Saturday, May 4th, Phantom of the Opera:

We have 10 people signed up for the Phantom of the Opera @ the McCallum Theater at 8 pm. This is a concert version of Phantom that is semi-staged & will feature a 28 piece orchestra. UUCOD's Michelle Fiore will be performing as the opera diva, Carlotta. Lets all show her support by attending this wonderful event. Ticket price of \$27 (balcony) is good if we have 20 or more. This is a PREPAID event- - give your checks to Sheryl Eaton, as she will need to purchase all of the tickets to get the group rate.

Sunday, May 5, A very Special Music Sunday:

Pizza Party Celebration for our Volunteers and our Hugely Successful Pledge Drive

HARVEY MILK DIVERSITY BREAKFAST
 Commemorating Harvey Milk's Legacy and the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall

UUCOD HAS A TABLE!
 Contact Jane Zaun to Purchase Tickets
 jnzaun@yahoo.com

HONORING
 Harvey B. Milk Leadership Award
 Lucy DeBardelaben & Gail Christian

There are only 6 tickets left.

BE A PART OF THIS ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY EVENT!

COACHELLA VALLEY WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2019
 9:30 - 11 am | Palm Springs Convention Center

Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast:

REMEMBER to make your reservation for the **Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast** on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019. Time: 9:30-11:00AM. Location: Palm Springs Convention Center. UUCOD is a "table sponsor" with a table for 10. Proceeds benefit Coachella Valley youth through Gay/Straight Alliance clubs and LGBT youth related programs. Email Jane Zaun with you reservation/s; we have 6 ticket opportunities available.

Sunday, May 26th, Discussion Group - *Being Mortal*:

Join UU minister Rev. Carolyn Price from 11:30 am to 1 pm for this adult religious education group based on physician Atul Gawande's renowned book, *Being Mortal*. We'll explore what Gawande calls the "final frontier" of human existence, the end of life. So that all may participate, this class is limited to the first 12 people who sign up. If there is more interest, another class may be added on a different date. Required reading BEFORE Sunday May 26th *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. The book may be purchased at local bookstores, or online.

To sign up or w/ questions: email Rev. Carolyn @ uurevclprice@gmail.com

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

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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