

April 12, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**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. Donald 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

**Saturday, April 13**

8 am-2nd Saturday Stroll

**Sunday, April 14**

Socks on the Second

10 am-Worship Service

11:30 am-Budget Presentation

11:30 am-Facilities

**Monday, April 15**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7 pm-Evening Book Group

**Tuesday, April 16**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

11:30 am-Book Discussion Group

6:30 pm-Board of Directors

7 pm-S2S2S

**Wednesday, April 17**

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

6:30 pm-DOS: Informational Meeting

**Thursday, April 18**

11:30 am-Book Discussion Group

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-S2S2S

7 pm-Bridge

### EVENTS

### **Tomorrow, 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

### **Sunday, April 14th, Fiscal Year 19-20 Budget Preview**

Please join Jerry L'Hommedieu and Sarah Gonzales 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.

### **Sunday, April 14th, Socks on the Second for homeless persons**

Socks still so needed! Bring them this Sunday 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 at night. Due to limited space, socks only. For other items, please contact Well in the Desert or another charity and transport those items yourself. Thanks!

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

As noted recently in LA Times and Desert Sun, a major donor to Galilee did not renew her financial support for Galilee's overnight shelter in Mecca for migrant farm workers, causing risk of shelter closure. Migrant farm workers drive from all parts to work Coachella Valley agriculture, particularly table grape vine work and harvest now through July. During winter, during the shelter's low-occupancy period, Galilee responded to calls from Diocese and Guatemalan consulate to shelter, for a few days each, registered asylum seekers awaiting bus tickets from relatives to reunite in US pending asylum hearings. Donor became concerned immigration drop-offs would discourage farm workers from using shelter. Shelter co-founder says fear unfounded. Asylees now sheltered at a Catholic Church instead. Grape harvest season chronic shortage of affordable housing had meant workers sleeping outside on cardboard on hot ground until Galilee first opened the shelter in late 2017, providing cots, meals and laundry service to them through harvest season. Donations by cash or check urgently needed to fill Galilee's financial gap, to keep shelter for farm workers open and purchase food and supplies. Please give generously at Sunday service April 21. Make checks payable to UUCOD. Our treasurer will divide collection and send Galilee Center one combined check to support the overnight shelter. 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. 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.

A 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, an email to [laurennile@gmail.com](mailto:laurennile@gmail.com) if you will be joining us for lunch Saturday and/or Sunday would be appreciated.

The full agenda for the entire two-day Forum on Climate Change is posted on the UUCOD website at <http://uucod.org/PostAttachment/Display?postAttachmentId=58473>

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GREETERS: WELCOME!**

There are many members who've indicated a willingness to be a Sunday Greeter. For 'Newbies,' this simply entails arriving around 9:20, helping to fold the 'Order of Service,' and then standing by one of the two Sanctuary entrances. **WELCOME** the folks as they arrive, and hand them an 'Order of Service.' If they are visiting or don't have a White name-tag, ask them to go to the entrance desk where Randy or Maxine will welcome them and give them a name tag.

If you can donate a Sunday to this you will enjoy it, and you will be performing a Service to UU. All you need to do is sign up on the Sunday of your choice with your name and contact information on the monthly schedules clipboard located on the center foyer table by the upright sign that says "Greeters."

I will call you on the Fri. or Sat. prior to your Sunday to check that you are still available. If something should change, you may get someone to sub for you, or let me know and I'll contact someone on the Sub. List, which will be the last page after the monthly sign-ups on the clipboard on the center foyer table.

Any questions, please email me at [jksmills@windstream.net](mailto:jksmills@windstream.net) or call (760) 345.3897.

### **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.

### **Women's Night Out**

**WELCOME:** All women and their guests to a friendly, fun dinner out! Joni and Bill are on their way to a well-deserved summer vacation. While Joni is gone, I'll be substituting and arranging our fun 'get-togethers.' Next month (Thursday, May 2) we will meet at Boulevards in Sun City Palm Desert (the same place as this month's), at our usual time of 5-5:15 PM. ALL UU women and any guests are welcome!

Since we have many new members and friends, I would like to make up my email lists to include all. If you are new, or not sure if I have your info, please send it to me as soon as you can. When I receive the new names, I'll make the new list and send it out to everyone to double check that they are included. If you don't want to be on the list, or know someone who has moved, etc., please also let me know. Also, I'll send out the 'official' info re: time, location, etc. on the new List.

I'm really looking forward to a fun summer evening out with many of us together. Any questions, call (760) 345.3897 Send to: [jksmills@windstream.net](mailto:jksmills@windstream.net)

### **Race: My Story and Humanity's Bottom Line**

Attend a Reading with local author and friend of UUCOD, Lauren Nile as she shares her thoughts on how to get beyond bigotry, hatred and violence. The reading will be at on Wednesday, April 17th from 6-7:30 pm at Cathedral City Library. 33250 Date Palm Drive Cathedral City CA, 92234.

### **April 20th, Passover Seder Potluck**

Come at 5-7:30 PM to share, learn and enjoy telling one the great stories of liberation once again! This is so exciting. 39 folks are signed up so far. If you have not signed up and want to come, these are the foods we still need:

Chicken/ Brisket (3)  
Gefilte fish (3)  
Veggie side dish (no flour) - (1)  
Haroset (3)

We are asking that each person/family/**bring their own dinner plates**, cutlery and drinking/wine glass (wine if you are drinking wine.) We will supply soup bowls. Rev. Barbara will need help setting up and will be at UUCOD by 3:30 PM Saturday. When you sign up please add your e-mail and phone #. Many thanks!

*Rev. Barbara*

### **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 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 or Nancy Boyce.

### **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](http://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.

### **LOOKING FOR SCRABBLE PLAYERS**

The UUCOD Drop in Scrabble group meets at the church on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 2-4 pm. We would love to have you join us! All players are welcome-beginners to not. No commitments, no sign ups. Just show up! Contact Carol Lavoie at (760) 895-4409 or [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

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

#### **Saturday, May 4th – Phantom of the Opera:**

Phantom of the Opera is at the McCallum, featuring our wonderful Michele Fiore. We need 20 people (invite your friends) to get the group rate of \$27. Please give your check to Sheryl Eaton who will purchase the tickets for our group. You can also send money for your tickets to Sheryl via Zelle (Instantly from your bank account to hers via her email address-MuffinGolf@gmail.com). You won't need a check & envelope, or to try to connect with Sheryl at church.

#### **Sunday, May 5 – A very Special Music Sunday:**

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

#### **Saturday, May 5 – Annual Congregational Meeting:**

After Worship to Elect Board Officers and approve 2020 Church Budget.

#### **Saturday, May 11th – UUCOD Music Program Fundraiser**

Please join us on Saturday, May 11th in our Sanctuary from 2:00 – 4:00 PM to hear the world premiere of our own Kurt Jordan's new work "The Houses." Kurt's composition takes us on a journey through the 12 astrological houses of his own natal chart. Through it he musically shares feelings, challenges, and triumphs of his life through the lenses of the astrological perspectives and observed reality. There are highs and lows. Laughter and tears. To celebrate this world premiere, Kurt has generously asked that **all proceeds from tickets sales benefit the UUCOD Music Program**. Please join us for this spectacular event and help Kurt celebrate this major accomplishment.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased with your credit card by accessing this website:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=iqz6kh6ab&oeidk=a07eg60v0sje968ed0c>

You may also pay by cash, check or credit card at the church prior to or on the day of the event.

Please contact Jerry L'Hommedieu at [treasurer@uucod.org](mailto:treasurer@uucod.org) or (562) 761-7889 to secure your reservation for the concert.



**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](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com)  
There are only 6 tickets left.

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

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 reservations; 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](http://www.spiritrestretreat.com)

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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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