

April 19, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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 20

1 pm-Mom's Demand Action

2 pm-Scrabble

3:30 Seder Setting Up

5 pm-Seder

Sunday, April 21

Share the Plate

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, April 22

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7 pm-S2S2S

Tuesday, April 23

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

11:30 am-Book Discussion Group

6:30 pm-Worship Committee

7 pm-S2S2S

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Thursday, April 25

11:30 am-Book Discussion Group

5 pm-DOS Choir

5 pm-Stewardship Committee

7 pm-S2S2S

7 pm-Bridge

Friday, April 26

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

Saturday, April 27

8 am-Green Sanctuary

Sunday, April 28

10 am-Worship Service

12 pm-Green Sanctuary

EVENTS

Tomorrow, April 20th, Passover Seder Potluck

If you want to still come to the Seder, it starts at 5 PM sharp. Email Rev. Barbara at uurevbarbara@gmail.com. Be sure to bring your own plates, knives, forks, drinking glasses and be ready to celebrate this beautiful holiday!

Sunday, April 21st, Share-the-Plate for farm worker cooling shelter in Mecca

Gloria Gomez at Galilee Center confirms that emergency appeal donations are coming in to Galilee Center and prospects are good to keep the farm worker shelter open! 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 farmworkers, disagreeing with very-short-term housing of asylum seekers during the winter. Asylees are now sheltered at a local Catholic Church instead. Meanwhile, migrant farm workers are driving in from all parts to work Coachella Valley agriculture, particularly table grape vine work and harvest, now through July.

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 this Sunday's service. 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, Afternoon Book Club

Next Friday, the book group will meet @ 1:30 at Sheryl Eaton's. The book to be discussed is "Becoming" -by Michelle Obama. Call Sheryl at (760) 902-8621 if you need directions; & you will need to let her know if you plan to come so she can notify the gate to check you in.

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); 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; however, an email to 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>

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 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

WNO will be held at Boulevards in Sun City on Thursday, May 2nd. I have sent out a reminder via email to all those I could find on my list from last summer and the list Joni gave me.

PLEASE: If you didn't receive the email, or are new to this event let me know; I'll be happy to include everyone. The venues are large enough to include big groups (and they LOVE having us since this is "off Season!")

If you'll be away all summer, or just don't want to be on the list, please also let me know and I'll delete your name (one less email in your box) I'll send out a reminder and directions the end of April. Hope to see a large crowd for a fun dinner (w/o any cooking or clean-up.)

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.

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

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:

Do you LOVE Michele Fiore when she shares her beautiful voice with us @ UUCOD? We have the opportunity to see her in Phantom of the Opera at the McCallum @ 8pm with the Social BUUterflies. We need 20 to prepay \$27 to get the group rate. Sign up at lobby table & pay Sheryl Eaton (760-902-8621), who will then order our tickets. Invite your friends to join us for this special performance.

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 or (562) 761-7889 to secure your reservation for the concert.

HARVEY MILK
DIVERSITY BREAKFAST



COACHELLA VALLEY
WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 2019

Commemorating Harvey Milk's Legacy
and the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall

UUCOD HAS A TABLE!

Contact Jane Zaun to
Purchase Tickets
jnzaun@yahoo.com

There are only 4 tickets left.



BE A PART OF THIS ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY EVENT!

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



9:30 - 11 am | Palm Springs Convention Center

**May 11, Make Your Reservation Now
Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast:**

Join us at the Palm Springs
Convention Center from 9:30-11:00AM
to Commemorate Harvey Milk's Legacy
and the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall.
UUCOD is sponsoring a table of
10. *There are 4 tickets remaining at a
cost of \$65.00 each.*

For questions and/or reservations
contact Jane Zaun
(jnzaun@yahoo.com)

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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