

May 10, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

May 12, 2019

Flower Communion Sunday

Our Flower Communion Sunday is a simple process of sharing: We bring a flower to UUCOD and place it in a vase on the altar table ..and when we go home, we take another flower with us. In between those times we see radiant beauty before us as we are encouraged to see the beauty within and among us. Come for the blooming.

BRING YOUR FLOWERS FOR SHARING.

Rev. Barbara Fast and UUCOD Youth

May 19, 2019

The Geography of Hope

Wallace Stegner, giant of western literature, liked to speak of the importance of place, especially in the West and in the wilderness. He described "the geography of hope" that human beings need to survive and to be whole. Today's sermon explores this notion. It asks us each to consider where our own places are, in the external world, but also internally. It asks how moral geography is formed and practiced. Finally, it asks what happens when we "lose our place," either upon the landscape of this earth, or in our own inner places, the ones we depend upon to tell us who we are.

Worship Leader: Rev. Carolyn Price

Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales

May 26, 2019

The Paramis: Ten Essential Elements of the Bodhisattva Path

It is said that over countless lifetimes the Buddha-To-Be brought to fullness ten beautiful qualities of integrity and the heart: Generosity, Virtue, Renunciation, Wisdom, Energy, Patience, Truthfulness, Resolve, Loving kindness and Equanimity.

These qualities are available to each of us and support our spiritual growth, we'll explore these powerful doorways to greater peace and wisdom, and how we can rejoice in finding them in ourselves, each other and in our communities.

Worship Leader: Ian Challis

Worship Associate: Shirley LeMaster

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 11

8 am-Second Saturday Stroll

2 pm-Kurt Jordan's Fundraising Recital

Sunday, May 12

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, May 13

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7 pm-Evening Book Club

Tuesday, May 14

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

10 am-Stewardship Steering Committee

5:30 pm-Membership Committee

Thursday, May 16

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

EVENTS

This 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.

This Saturday, May 11th – Second Saturday Stroll: Sunnylands Garden

We're going to take an easy stroll in May! We'll walk the two nature areas on either side of the Sunnylands Gardens entrance and then circle the Great Lawn. Each of these loops is about a quarter of a mile. Afterwards we'll sit on the patio and sip beverages or nibbles from the cafe. A very civilized Stroll this month! Come join for the social time.

Meet at the Sunnylands Visitor Center at 8:30 on Saturday May 11. Parking and admission is free.

Click to register if you plan to join: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=iqz6kh6ab&oeidk=a07egae3esgc2b23537>

Questions: contact Rod Belshee.

May 12th – Socks on the Second for homeless persons

With lower attendance in April we still received 36 pairs of socks which were taken to Well in the Desert for distribution. Let's catch up and pass that mark in May. Bring May 12 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!

May 19th –Share the Plate with Safe Schools Desert Cities

Safe Schools Desert Cities empowers area Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Intersex youth (LGBTQI+), their allies and Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) advisors and offers opportunities that foster a sense of community and individual growth by providing education, guidance, advocacy, resources, recreational activities and opportunities for self-expression. Safe Schools Desert Cities works directly with the GSAs at 20+ high schools and middle schools in the desert area and beyond. Annual programs and activities include the Rainbow Youth Summit, Pride Prom, GSA groups marching in the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade and youth participation and attendance at the annual Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast in Palm Springs. Please bring your checkbooks May 19 and prepare to give generously to support these efforts.

Through your generous donations in April, a check for \$719.84 was sent to Galilee Center in Mecca to help them keep the overnight shelter open to house grape harvest workers in our area for the next months. Thanks so much!

May 26th – Adult Program - *Being Mortal*:

Join UU minister Rev. Carolyn Price in a small group discussion of physician Atul Gawande's renowned book, *Being Mortal*. We'll explore what Gawande calls the "final frontier" of human existence, the end of life. Join us as we ponder some perhaps hard, but important questions, together. So that all may participate, this class is limited to the first 12 people who sign up. Required reading before Sunday, May 26th is *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. The book may be purchased at local bookstores, or online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKE A SEAT... OR 2... OR 3

We are all enjoying the new folding chairs! Time to find homes for the old ones. You can purchase the older folding chairs and a select few plastic chairs for \$5 each. All proceeds will go in to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE

June 15 – Bowling Party at Fantasy Springs

Sign up and prepay NOW for the Bowling Party at Fantasy Springs from 3:30-5:30 PM. This is Father's Day weekend. What a fun way to show your bowling Dad how much you love him, or to remember your Father who loved to bowl. For \$15 each, you get 2 hours of bowling (shoes included), cake, ice cream & punch plus the fun company of fellow UUCOD'ers.

Sign up is on the lobby table, but we need your advance payment of \$15 to confirm your spot in the party of 10. If we get 20 bowlers, we can have twice the fun & twice the cake?!

See Sheryl Eaton or Thera Pacino, the Queens of the Social BUUterflies to accept your payment

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 4 – Baseball Game and Fireworks

The annual 4th of July Baseball Game (6pm) and Fireworks is just around the corner. It'll be a HOT but FUN night. Invite your friends & let's have a BIG UUCOD section. Tickets are \$5 each to the first 20 signed up and paid. Sign up on lobby table and pay Thera, the Queen Social BUUterfly.

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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