

May 17, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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 18

1 pm- Moms Demand Action Meeting

2 pm-Drop In Scrabble

5 pm-B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony/Service

Sunday, May 19

Share the Plate

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, May 20

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, May 21

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

6:30 pm-Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 23

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

EVENTS

This Sunday, 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 this Sunday, May 19th and prepare to give generously to support these important services. Thanks for your generosity!

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STORAGE/DONATIONS AT UUCOD:

The Board of Directors is asking all committee chairs, special interest group leaders, and activity organizers to check with the Facilities committee, the Board President, or the Office Administrator before storing any items in either storage rooms. Your items must be cleared and labeled before storing. Any unlabeled items will be discarded or donated. Please do not drop off household items at the Church. Consider donating items to Shelter from the Storm, Angel View or Revivals.

Help for the Kitchen Angels:

During the summer months we need volunteers to help the Kitchen Angels set up for coffee hour. If you are willing to move tables, set-up, and clean-up, please contact Karen Yanney.

Significant Event in the History of Civil Rights:

On the night of March 9, 1965, a white Unitarian minister named James Reeb was attacked on the streets of Selma by a gang of men who resented his support of black civil rights activists. Reeb died shortly after. Three men were charged with murder, but were acquitted by an all-white jury.

For over fifty years, the murder remained unsolved. By investigating this Civil Rights-era cold case, hosts Chip Brantley and Andrew Beck Grace uncover the truth about the murder of James Reeb. In the process, they confront the systems of oppression and violence that allowed the murder to happen and kept it from being solved for so long.

The investigation into Reeb's death is as much a personal meditation on our relationship to the past as it is a search for justice that's been long delayed.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

To raise more funds for UUCOD, you can now turn in your used printer (ink) cartridges. Additionally, recycling ink cartridges keeps them out of the landfill. Please put them in the box in the lobby and someone will take them to be recycled and will get \$2.00 a piece for them.

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

Urgent Food on First update!

June 2nd last collection before school's out / July 7th Food on the First PB&J drive for Well

CVUSD students' last day of school year is Thursday, June 6th. We have one last chance to deliver canned/package/jarred/bagged items to Migrant Education healthy food pantry to help these farm worker families into summer. Shop now--drop off early in Oasis bin at UUCOD if you are about to go out of town. The pantry provides canned and packaged goods to stretch family food budgets, which frees up some funds to buy fresh items. Canned tuna and chicken, jarred peanut butter, and canned or jarred fruits and applesauce can help make lunches at home for the students. Check all packages you donate to be sure they are not out of date. Bring to 6/2 Sunday service or leave ahead. 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.

In July and August, Food on the First will collect peanut butter, jelly, bottled waters for Well in the Desert to distribute to homeless persons as sandwiches and water. Please keep bread at home until the day of July and August Food on First so it is fresh. Thanks!

June 15 – Bowling Party at Fantasy Springs

The **Social BUterflies** invite you to join the Bowling Fun, Father's Day weekend at Fantasy Springs, Saturday, June 15, 330-530. The party includes 2 hours of bowling (with shoes), cake, ice cream and punch. Sign up on lobby table. We must reserve & PAY in advance, so please pay your \$15 each to Thera Pacino or Sheryl Eaton to confirm your place in this fun event.

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 Palm Springs Power Baseball Game & Fireworks Show is just around the corner.

Baseball Game begins at 6 PM and follows with Fireworks. It'll be a HOT but FUN night. Invite your friends & let's have a BIG UUCOD section. Sign up and pay now to get one of the 20 tickets for the Tickets are only \$5. each and your payment confirms your group discounted ticket. Pay Thera Pacino or Sheryl Eaton.

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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