

June 2019



UUCOD Monthly Newsletter

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Tim Nguyen-Photographer

At the heart of it...

This time of year in our congregational life is a time of appreciation and transition. I appreciate how much you have given of your time, talent and treasure to provide for every facet of the whole life of this community.

June is a month of transitions. As we conclude the year past, and set goals for the year to come, some will be tangible and some intangible. I give thanks to those who have finished their service on the Board, with a special thanks to President Sarah Gonzales, and welcome those continuing their service, the new Board members and President Jane Zaun. I am grateful to share ministry with you.

UUCOD's mission is "...a sanctuary for diversity, spiritual growth and social justice."

I love both the simple depth of that language and the truth of its intentions. I also see its hopes and purpose embodied in what you do and how you do it. What you bring to life through your relationship to this community.

Without your embodied attempts to live those core values, to actually give the shape and meaning in your life, they are merely dust on a virtual page. This past year, I have come to know and appreciate the integrity with which you strive to live those values.

Having a place of *Sanctuary* has always been of the essence in the world. *Sanctuary*: a place of peace or retreat, for recovery and renewal, for a return to our true selves, offering a spacious time for spiritual growth, and a return to the work of justice so needed in this world. It is a daily, weekly, perennial cycle that encourages a kind of wholeness within a human being that benefits the world.

I recognize why we build and gather in faith communities. I am reminded that we are indebted to those who have come before us, as individuals, congregations and as a movement. I am grateful for all that has gone before, all the work of faithful hands and hearts and minds that has brought us to this place now.

I started out this time with you quote from John James Audubon. It comes to mind now. He said, "*When the bird and the book disagree, always believe the bird.*" As I conclude my first year here with you, believe me, I believe in you!

In good faith,
Rev. Barbara

SERVICES

June 2, 2019

Jesus the Healer

Most historical-critical biblical scholars would agree that, of all

the things written about Jesus of Nazareth in the New Testament, the stories of his healing ministry are likely to be the most historically accurate. In this sermon, Rev. Don will take a look at Jesus' healing ministry in the context of both modern scholarship and mind-body healing.

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder
Worship Associate: Bryna Blum



June 9, 2019

What Matters To [Straight White] Men?

A personal, limited, observational, - not even original- attempt to understand what's going on, why the movements for equality are so threatening and to invite discussion.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast
Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales

June 16, 2019

Sabbath Keeping

The summer Solstice is near, signaling a traditional time for letting go of responsibilities for awhile. I still struggle with keeping a Sabbath time "holy" each week. Do you?

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast
Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

June 23, 2019

Feelings Follow Your Thoughts - What's in Your Thought Wallet?

What if there really was a conspiracy... for your good? What if everything existed only to nudge, guide and kick you in the yeah-butt - to UNcover your kindest and best self? What if?

Worship Leader: Dr. Arlette Poland
JD, MA-Religion, MA-Ethical Leadership, Ph.D Professor
Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

June 30, 2019

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they are always glad you came." Recognize these words? They are from a popular television show, and they say a lot about our longing for community. Come join us this Sunday!

Worship Leader: Rev. Lee Marie Sanchez
Worship Associate: Shirley LeMaster

CALENDAR

Saturday, June 1

2 pm-Drop In Scrabble

Sunday, June 2

Food on the First

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, June 3

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

10 am-Stewardship Committee

Thursday, June 6

5 pm-DOS Choir

5:15 pm-Women's Night Out

7 pm-Bridge

Friday, June 7

8 am-Men's Breakfast at Sherman's Deli in Palm Desert

Saturday, June 15

2 pm-Drop In Scrabble

3:30 pm-Celebration of Father's Day at Fantasy Springs Bowling

Sunday, June 16

Share the Plate

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, June 17

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, June 18

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

6:30 pm-Board of Directors

Thursday, June 20

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

Sunday, June 23

10 am-Worship Service

Sunday, June 9
Socks on the Second
10 am-Worship Service
11:30 am-Facilities Committee

Monday, June 10
5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery
6 pm-DTL Meeting
7 pm-Evening Book Club

Tuesday, June 11
8:30 am-Weight Watchers
5:30 pm-Membership Committee

Thursday, June 13
5 pm-DOS Choir
7 pm-Bridge

Monday, June 24
5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, June 25
8:30 am-Weight Watchers
4:30 pm-Worship Committee

Thursday, June 27
5:30 pm-DOS Choir
7 pm-Bridge

Friday, June 28
1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

Sunday, June 30
10 am-Worship Service

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Food on First summer vacation sendoff! June 2nd last collection before school's out:

CVUSD students' last day of school year is Thursday, June 6. We have one last chance to deliver canned/packaged/jarred/bagged items to Migrant Education healthy food pantry to help these farm worker families into summer. Canned tuna and chicken, jarred peanut butter, and canned or jarred fruits and applesauce can help make lunches at home for the students. Other items on the needs list can help the families make dinner and breakfast. The Migrant Education pantry provides canned and packaged goods to stretch family food budgets, which frees up some funds to buy fresh items. 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. Thanks!

June 9th -- Socks on the Second:
Keep those socks coming in for those in need!

June share-the-plate:
Look for announcement of June recipient in next week's UUCOD Weekly Reminder.

EVENTS



June 15 – Bowling Party at Fantasy Springs
The **Social BUUterflies** invite you to join the Bowling Fun, Father's Day weekend at Fantasy Springs, Saturday, June 15th, 330-530 PM. There will be accepting payment (\$15 each) Fee payment needed to reserve your place which includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, cake, ice cream & punch. Come join the fun!

June 19-23 – UUA General Assembly - Spokane, Washington
Every year the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) holds their nation-wide General Assembly (GA). This year the gathering is held in Spokane, Washington. For those of us who have attended even one General Assembly, the feeling of connection and belonging to a larger community plus joining with thousand of voices singing "Spirit of Life" is inspiring. This year we all have an opportunity to be a part of the GA through technology that will stream parts of the GA to our Church.

Opening Celebration: Wednesday June 19, 7:00-8:00 pm
Concert, Emma's Revolution: Wednesday June 19, 8:30 pm
Service of the Living Tradition: Thursday June 20, 7:00-8:30 pm
Rev. Lindi Ramsden will give the sermon.
Rev. Julie will be processing as a retiring clergy.
Ware Lecture: Friday June 21, 7:30-8:30 pm

Poet Laureate Richard Blanco will be the Ware Lecturer.

Save these dates and join us for connection to our General Assembly.

SAVE THE DATE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WNO REMINDER AND CHANGE OF TIME

Women's Night Out will be at the Cheesecake Factory at The River on Rt. 111 in Rancho Mirage on Thursday, June 6th. **PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5.** In confirming our reservation and letting them know the approximate number to prepare for, I was now informed that 'Corporate Rules' demand that they not take reservations after 5 pm. Ergo, **new time is 5:00!**

We'll be seated in as many large booths as needed and have separate checks. Happily, we have 14 currently attending. There is always room for more (even

now!) **ALL UU WOMEN AND THEIR GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!** I'll give the restaurant a final 'expected number' on June 3rd.

If you haven't signed up or are not on the WNO email List but would like to join in on a fun event, please contact: Judi Mills -- jksmills@windstream.net

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.

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.

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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