

June 14, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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 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

3:30 pm-Dorian Lesson

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

EVENTS

June 16 – Share-the-plate for OLOG shelter

Cool May weather has pushed Coachella Valley grape season later, so local table grape harvest will be in full force in June and early July, competing to get done before California's Central Valley table grape harvest gets in full swing in July. Galilee Center's Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) farmworker shelter in Mecca in eastern Coachella Valley is hosting farm workers for the season plus the overflow of asylum applicants that cannot fit in the Catholic church in Coachella and Adventist church in Blythe. This has meant 60 or more asylum seekers per week at OLOG. OLOG needs money for utilities, food and supplies. Let's help them again.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UUA 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: THE POWER OF WE

The 2019 GA begins in Spokane Washington from June 19-23. Thanks to the use of technology we are able to stream some of the GA events at UUCOD.

Come join us in the Community Room for your off-site GA experience!

Thursday 6/20

Service of the Living Tradition

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- The Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group invites you to join us at this service where we honor those ministers who have died, recognize those who have completed active service, and welcome those who have received fellowship, credentialed or certified status in the past year.
- *Rev. Lindi Ramsden will deliver the sermon and Rev. Julie will be processing as a retiring clergy.*

Friday 6/21

The GA Choir sings prior to the Ware Lecture. Come and see if we can spot Katy Faas.

- **Sing**

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- **Ware Lecture: Richard Blanco**

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

- Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. Born in Madrid to Cuban exile parents and raised in Miami, the negotiation of cultural identity characterizes his three collections of poetry.

Saturday June 22

- **Disrupting White Fragility in Unitarian Universalist Spaces**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- White Fragility author Robin DiAngelo shows how white people's defensive responses to being racially challenged reinforce racial hierarchy. DiAngelo offers practices to help white UUs disrupt and reject learned racist patterns of behavior, challenging them to build racial stamina as part of dismantling white supremacy culture in our movement.

Office Summer Hours:

Effective Tuesday June 18th, 2019, the church summer office hours will be as follows:

Tuesday's and Thursday's 10am - 2pm

Friday's 10am - 3pm

Every Sunday: Supplies for asylum seekers

Leslie Gebhart, Vikki Porter and friends will transport your donated goods to OLOG shelter. The mostly Central American asylees stay for a few days each awaiting bus or plane tickets to reunite with relatives in US, then await asylum proceedings. Galilee staff alerts us that the asylee adults need clothing in small sizes. Large sizes not needed. Requested items include backpacks, shoelaces (sturdy white, black, brown), diapers, baby wipes, maxi-pads for women (no tampons), panties and bras for smaller women, boxers, briefs and undershirts for men and children, socks for all, toiletries in travel sizes (combs, antiperspirant, stick lip balms with SPF, razors, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes with covers, toothpaste, etc.), and new or clean gently-used shoes and sweatshirts, sweaters or jackets for travel to places in US where it gets cold at night. Bring items to church on Sunday. Park them by the brown bins for Leslie and Vikki to collect. Thanks!

Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California

For more information, visit their website: <http://uujmca.org/>

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

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 Barbara Storms.

July 14 – Patti Gallagher Performance

Our Own UUCOD Songbird, Patti Gallagher is performing Sunday, July 14, 2pm at the Arthur Newman Theater in the Joslyn Center. \$15 CASH only at the door for this cabaret act with Mark Almay and accompanied by Joel Baker. If you wish to attend this Social BUUterfly event, sign up in the lobby. Lunch at Si Bon has been suggested before the event.

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

SPECIAL 'SUMMER AUCTION' ITEM

ONE WEEK* ON HOUSEBOAT IN PORTLAND, OREGON. MUST BE USED **BEFORE** AUGUST 1, 2019.

Bid Details:

Starting Bid: \$600.00

Bids in Increments of \$20

Bidding Starts: Sunday, June 16th at 11:30 am

Bidding Ends: Sunday, June 23rd at 12:00 pm

Bidding Options:

- Email Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com
- Call Carol Lavoie at (248) 705-0946 or (760) 895-4409
- In person on Auction Board at the Church

*Additional weeks can be purchased at the 1st week winning bid price:

**\$100 from winning bid will go towards cleaning fees.

Details:

Sheryl Eaton is offering her downstairs rental on Hayden Island as a 'Summer Auction' item -- *but time is limited* -- it must be used before August 1st, 2019. She lives upstairs, so you will have your own 1 small bedroom (queen), 1 bathroom with kitchen and living room. (approx. 850 sq ft.) There are separate entrances and shared laundry facilities available. WiFi is available. There is a TV provided but no cable.

Miles of water walkways. Light rail (across river) will take you mostly anywhere in Portland. Walk to restaurants, shopping and target (only groceries store on island). Walk a couple of miles across the bridge to Vancouver, WA.

Sheryl MAY be able to pick you up at the airport. If timing is perfect, a boat ride with neighbors is a possibility, or if you have boating experience, you can take Sheryl's 10' RIB River to enjoy lunch on a floating restaurant. A Kayak and Paddle Board can be rented.

The floating community loves to gather for a party, so that might happen on Sheryl's upstairs west view deck -- amazing sunsets over the water.

VALUE: \$100 per night

If you have any questions before booking, text Sheryl at (760) 902-8621 or email at muffingolf@gmail.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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