

July 2019



## UUCOD Monthly Newsletter

### MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Tim Nguyen-Photographer

*At the heart of it...*

*What we call the beginning is often the end.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.*

*T. S. Eliot*

It was with mixed feelings that I heard the news from Dorian that he was leaving UUCOD for new work in San Diego. I am happy for him! And well, sad for us. I have enjoyed sharing worship with Dorian, impressed with his dedication and attentiveness to the nuances of the experience as well as his devotion to the integrity of the worship experience. I was always delighted by the choirs joy and satisfaction as well as the delighted reception by the Sunday congregation to the music. And our musicians have been outstanding. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

What comes next? Jane and Jerry and I sat with Dorian to learn the details of his work and to prepare to move forward in finding someone new. Dorian has very kindly agreed that he would make himself available to UUCOD until the end of the summer, should we need. We will keep you posted.

Meanwhile, after worship on July 7<sup>th</sup> we will wish him well in UUCOD style, as he returns to UUCOD for that Sunday.

In Good faith,  
Rev. Barbara



Dear UUCOD Community,

I would like to share some news that I find both exciting and heavy-hearted. A new career is taking me out of the Coachella Valley, which means I'll be resigning from UUCOD at the end of July.

Serving as your music director these past few years has been a wonderful experience for me. Together we shared the power of music and it was felt every Sunday. Thank you for the opportunity to build and sustain the music ministry at UUCOD, including your wonderful choir. Music touches lives, it truly does.

I'll be returning to San Diego, but UUCOD will always have a special place in my heart. I won't be too far away, so I'll certainly visit now and again. Until then... be well, and always keep a song in your heart.

Warmly,  
Dorian M.

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

I read an article recently about beech forests in Germany. \*

German researchers wondered why beech forests thrive when trees are crowded together but weaken when they are spread apart. What they found speaks to a community of trees. The trees share roots, pass nutrients and water from one tree to another. Trees sustain and nurture each other. They have developed unique defenses to support each other. They depend on each other.

The article reminded me of our community and how we share our principles, traditions, and values. Our covenant represents our promise to each other for mutual trust, compassion, empathy, and support. When we have conflict, we promise to work together to find resolution.

As your new President, I will continue to embrace our community, to encourage our feelings of belonging, connecting and supporting each other.

I encourage each of us to participate as we can in the fabric of our community to make us all stronger. Each of us contributes in his or her own unique way, each of us is vitally important for the success of our community.

So, as we are now in our summer homes, traveling the world over or here in the desert may we all remember our UUCOD roots. Let us all enjoy our summer and know that even through the summer heat and when fall returns to the desert, our community is connected and alive.

Jane Zaun

## SERVICES



**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

**July 7, 2019**

### **Voting Rights: Then & What Now**

The history of voting rights is a long history of expansion: The granting of the right to vote to those excluded from that franchise. The efforts to circumvent, discourage, and prevent the exercise of those rights. The efforts to encourage people who have the to exercise that right. Democracy must be exercised! Where are we now?

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast  
Worship Associate: Denise Janssen Eager

**July 14, 2019**

### **Self-Care and Mindfulness**

Ian Challis has been practicing and studying within the Insight Tradition of Buddhism for more than a decade. He has sat retreats with Rodney Smith, Santikaro, Narayan Liebenson, Larry Yang, Leigh Brasington, and Joseph Goldstein, among many others.

He works as an artist, web and product designer. A long time resident of Seattle, he now makes his full-time home in Palm Springs with his husband David Roos. He is a founding and current board member and past president of Insight Community of the Desert

Worship Leader: Ian Challis  
Worship Associate: Barbara Fast

**July 21, 2019**

### **The Theology of Peace, an Interactive Sermon**

In part one of what will be a two-part interactive sermon series, we will talk about the "theology of

peace". What does it mean to have our own personal theology, and how does it inform our actions? The word "theology" means the critical study of the nature of the divine, and more broadly, of religious belief. So what about your informed UU theology drives us to be peacemakers? By interactive sermon, I mean that both the preacher and the congregation will be in conversation together.

Worship Leader: Rev. Don Stouder  
Worship Associate: Ray Deveaux

**July 28, 2019**

**The Practice of Peace, an Interactive Sermon**

In part two of this two-part interactive sermon series, we will talk about the "practice of peace". Having examined our own theology of peace, how do we act out those beliefs? How do our UU Principles inform our practice of peace? What is ethical and moral? Whose ideas do you think finally won: Martin Luther King or Malcolm X? By interactive sermon, I mean that both the preacher and the congregation will be in conversation together.

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

## CALENDAR

**Friday, June 28**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

**Sunday, June 30**

10 am-Worship Service

**Monday, July 1**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

**Tuesday, July 2**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

**Thursday, July 4**

5 pm-DOS Choir

6 pm-Baseball Game and Fireworks

**Friday, July 5**

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

**Saturday, July 6**

2 pm-Drop In Scrabble

**Sunday, July 7**

10 am-Worship Service

**Monday, July 8**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7 pm-Evening Book Club

**Tuesday, July 9**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:30 pm-Membership Committee

**Wednesday, July 10**

6:30 pm-DOS Israel Trip

**Thursday, July 11**

5:30 pm-Women's Night Out

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

**Sunday, July 14**

Socks on the Second

10 am-Worship Service

12 pm-Lunch at Si Bon

2 pm-Patti Gallagher Performance

**Monday, July 15**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

**Tuesday, July 16**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

6:30 pm-Board of Directors

**Wednesday, July 17**

6:30 pm-DOS Annual Meeting

**Thursday, July 18**

5 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

**Sunday, July 21**

Share the Plate

10 am-Worship Service

**Monday, July 22**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

**Tuesday, July 23**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

4:30 pm-Worship Committee

**Thursday, July 25**

5:30 pm-DOS Choir

7 pm-Bridge

**Friday, July 26**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

**Sunday, July 28**

10 am-Worship Service

**Monday, July 29**

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

**Tuesday, July 30**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## July 7 PB&J Food on First for Well

July and August Food on the First are planned for bottled water, bread, peanut butter, jam, jelly and preserves for Well in the Desert in Palm Springs. They make PB&J sandwiches to hand out to homeless persons along with bottled water due to the hot weather. Sealed jars of peanut butter, jam, jelly and preserves can be left in the lobby brown bin usually used for Oasis School, since we will not collect for Oasis until September. Please hold onto the bread and water and bring them on July 7 to keep bread fresh and due to bulkiness of cases of water.



## July 14 Socks on the Second for Galilee OLOG shelter

Please bring new socks sized for men, women and children for the asylum seekers in transit. They come mainly from Central America fleeing violence in their home countries. Galilee's Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) farmworker shelter in Mecca is currently hosting both farmworkers and asylum seekers. By July the farmworkers may be moving on to the Central Valley grape harvest. Asylees are still expected in July to stay a few days until bus or plane tickets can be secured to travel to relatives in US to await asylum proceedings. Asylees have been able to carry little clothing and are need of key items to take on their journeys. Socks and shoelaces will be a big help! You can bring them July 14 or place them in the brown lobby bin usually used to collect socks for the Well. See below for more ways to help.

## Report back on June 16 Share-the-plate

Your generous donations in June enabled us to send a check for \$258.00 to Galilee Center in Mecca to support their overnight shelter operations. Thank you all so much!

## 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, babywipes, maxi-pads for women (no tampons), panties and bras for smaller women, boxers, briefs and undershirts for men and children, 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!

## EVENTS



### June 30 – Scrip Orders!

This Sunday is order taking day for scrip. If u would like to order gift cards, please bring your check book Sunday to pay for your order. UUCOD gets a percentage of each card ordered.

### July 4th – Social BUUterflies: Power Baseball & Fireworks

34 of us UUs are going to this annual fun event--baseball and

fireworks. It'll be a HOT but FUN! *If you purchased tickets through the church*, Thera or Barbara will distribute them this Sunday. **If you are not at church on June 31, contact Barbara Storms to arrange how you will get your tickets.** If you *didn't purchase* a ticket yet, you can still join us by purchasing you ticket at the Palm Springs stadium (\$8 regular or \$7 senior) even on the day of the game.

Menu is typical ball field cuisine.

Check out the Power (College) Baseball website for directions.

<https://palmspringspowerbaseball.com/>

To have a more comfortable evening:

1. carpool!
2. Come early for a good seat (and close parking fills up pretty fast)
3. wear: sunscreen and hat
4. bring: seat cushion and water

### July 11th – WNO Reminder

Women's Night Out will be Thursday, July 11 this month due to the Holiday falling on 1st Thursday. We're going to the Daily Grille on El Paseo, meeting at 5:30 for dinner in the back of the restaurant. In the past they've had excellent selections at a good price.

If you didn't receive a group email (WNO List #1, 2, or 3) and would like to attend, please contact me, and I'll add your name. Remember: ALL UU women and their guests are WELCOME! If you have any questions please contact Joyce Adams, her email is joyceaasdca@gmail.com.

**July 21-26th – 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](http://www.spiritrestretreat.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Afternoon Book Club:**

The afternoon book group will only meet July 26 for the summer, with regular meetings to resume in October..

Our 'summer' meeting will be July 26 (4th Friday) at the Scanny cabin. The book will be "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Call Carol if necessary for directions. A light lunch will be served prior to the book discussion.

**Scrip Orders:**

It's already the end of another month---and it's really been a pretty mild June. But summer means staying indoors (shopping or movies or restaurants) maybe traveling (gas cards or hotels). Attached is the latest list of retailers. Maybe you'll find a new one you'd like to try this summer!

Orders are due on Sunday. Bryna or Barbara will collect them and cards will be available on July 7. Thanks for thinking about UUCOD as you shop. If we have a big order this month, we'll hit \$3000 our shoppers made for the church since last July.

## SAVE THE DATE

**October 5 – UUCOD Garage Sale**

TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET...

Why? To assist with the UUCOD Garage Sale

When? Saturday, October 5, 2019.

More information to come!

**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](mailto:admin@uucod.org) asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.

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