

July 19, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**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

**Sunday, July 21**

Share the Plate  
10 am-Worship Service  
2 pm-DOS Choir

**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

**Wednesday, July 24**

4 pm-Safety Committee  
6 pm-DOS Israel Trip Meeting

**Thursday, July 25**

5:30 pm-DOS Choir  
7 pm-Bridge

**Friday, July 26**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

# EVENTS

## **July 21 Share-the-plate for Galilee Center**

Galilee Center in eastern Coachella Valley operates both services to seniors, families and children of the community, as well as the Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) migrant farmworker shelter, now hosting grape workers for final weeks of local harvest plus asylum applicants in transit. OLOG needs money for utilities, food and supplies to keep the shelter open. This has been our summer share-the-plate project. Although our Sunday Service attendance shrinks in the summer with snowbirds and summer travelers away, you have been tremendously generous to help keep the OLOG shelter open. Let's continue that support this month. Thank you so much!

## **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)

## **July 26 - Afternoon Book Club**

The summer meeting of the afternoon book group 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.

## **August 4, 2019 Special Collection for the Four-Leggeds!**

On August 4th the theme of the worship service, *Keeping Them*, led by Rev. Carolyn and Worship Associate Frank Riela will our human relationship to animals.

As part of the service, Rev. Barbara, Frank and I are asking for donations of **cat/kitten and dog/puppy food** for the *Imperial Valley Humane Society*, which has a huge influx of animals this time of year, and incredibly meager resources. For those of you who don't know, the Imperial Valley (where Rev. Carolyn & spouse Orval Osborne live) lies to the south of Coachella Valley, past the Salton Sea. While the weather there is the same, the Imperial Valley is the most impoverished county in all of California.

We cannot overstate how much your help is needed, and will be appreciated. The Shelter uses only the following food:

**CAT FOOD** *Kirkland Maintenance Cat Food* - available at Costco

**DOG FOOD** *Pedigree*, adult and small dog - available at grocery stores

**KITTEN FOOD:** *Purina Kitten Chow* - available at grocery stores

**PUPPY FOOD** *Nature's Domain* from Costco.

Orval & I are traveling much of July, but look so forward to being back among you come August. With thanks, in advance, for your kindness and generosity to our four-legged friends.

Rev. Carolyn

## **Sunday, August 4th – Thursday, August 8, 2019 TURNING THE TIDES: Intergenerational Justice Summit & Camp Camp de Benneville Pines**

Justice-seeking UUs of all ages are invited to register for UJMC's multi-day justice leadership summit in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. See flyer for more info.

Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California

## *TURNING THE TIDES*

*Intergenerational Justice Summit & Camp*

Camp de Benneville Pines

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**Artivism: Collectively Imagining a Better World**  
with Jose Serrano (World Relief)

**Expanding Sanctuary & Accompaniment**  
with Katia Hansen (URISE)

**"Brave New Films" Documentary Screening & Discussion**  
with Tahil Sharma (Brave New Films)

**Deep Roots: Our Ancestors & Elders in Justice**  
with Ranwa Hammamy (UJMCA)

**Value-Centered Grassroots Partnerships & Direct Action Training**  
with the UU Service Committee

**Creating Climate Justice**  
with the UU Ministry for the Earth

...and, multiple opportunities for YOU to lead conversations, activities, and programs!

Full Registration for Adults:	<b>\$260.00</b>
Full Registration for Youth:	<b>\$200.00</b>
Partial Registration (2 days):	<b>\$150.00</b>
Infants (0 – 2 years old):	<b>Free</b>

More Details & Registration at [uujmca.org/TurningTheTides](http://uujmca.org/TurningTheTides)

Email [info@uujmca.org](mailto:info@uujmca.org) to learn about our discount registration options!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women's Night Out:

It's that time again: Mark your calendars for Women's Night Out (WNO.) August 1st we'll be dining at the Olive Garden, 72225 Highway 111 in Palm Desert. Please plan on coming, bringing any guests, and arriving for a 5:30 dinner. (Yes, separate checks.) ALL UUCOD women and guests are welcome!

Please send your intentions to me this month.

Hoping to have a good gathering for a hot midsummer night at a fine restaurant.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE - SUMMER 2019

We have an active congregation. Since the Annual Directory, we've gained new members and new friends, moved, and changed information. This directory is to let you know what is happening so you can communicate. On Sundays, at church, see Marion Ellson for your directory.

The annual of directory of members and friends will be printed in the fall. If you have changes, want to be included or deleted please fill out a form at the Membership Table by September 29<sup>th</sup>. Directories are only distributed to those are in the directory.

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### August 4 - PB&J Food on First for Well

This will be our final PB&J Food on the First for Well in the Desert this summer. In September we return to Oasis/Migrant Ed healthy food pantry donations. For August 4: Well in the Desert Palm Springs makes PB&J sandwiches to hand out to homeless persons along with bottled water. Sealed jars of peanut butter, jam, jelly and preserves can be left in the UUCOD 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 August 4 to keep bread fresh and due to bulkiness of cases of water. Thanks so much to those who brought PB&J, water and bread in July to help Well in the Desert with their lifesaving work!

### Every Sunday: Goods for asylum seekers

In triple digit heat, our own Leslie and Vikki drive supplies to Galilee's OLOG shelter in Mecca. Border Patrol here releases some asylees to travel in US to join relatives. They wait at OLOG for bus and plane tickets. They need toiletries and clothes in sizes for smaller adults (no large) and for children (list follows). Bring items to church and place on floor to right of lobby bins & mark FOR GALILEE FAMILIES.

Backpacks, shoelaces, diapers, baby wipes, gently-used children's clothes (ask neighbors with kids), maxi-pads (no tampons), new underwear for women, men and children, socks, full-sized antiperspirant, lip balms, combs, razors, soap, soap case, travel-sized shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes with covers, and new or clean gently-used shoes, sweatshirts, sweaters or jackets. Thank you to all who sent goods or checks for Galilee.

#### **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.

## SAVE THE DATE

More info to follow on each of these upcoming events as their dates draw nearer:

#### **Saturday, October 5: Garage Sale**

Contact: Carol Lavoie

#### **Saturday, November 9: Annual Service Auction**

Contact: Carol Lavoie

#### **Friday: December 8 at 3pm: Roy Zimmerman: Musical Satirist**

**(<http://www.royzimmerman.com/bio.html>)**

Contact: Jane Zaun

#### **Friday, January 10-Sunday, January 12, 2020: Women's Retreat in Borrego Springs**

Contact: Vikki Porter

#### **Saturday: January 25: Suzanne Sheridan Concert (<https://suzannesherdanmusic.com/>)**

Contact: Rev. Barbara

#### **Saturday, February 15, 2020: Cabaret Night**

Contacts: Peter Mathews and Carol Lavoie

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**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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