

August 9, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

#### August 11, 2019

##### How I Found Happiness: My Spiritual Journey

Lance will share his experience growing up a Jehovah's witness and finding Unitarian Universalism.

Worship Leader: Lance Phillips-Martinez

Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales

#### August 18, 2019

##### Building Walls or Bridges... What matters more?

The walls in our lives and the need for building bridges instead!

Worship Leader: Rabbi Jules King

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

#### August 25, 2019

##### Wastepaper Record

*Reflections on my experience of Zen Buddhism and the writings of Tachibana no Someko, 1667-1705, a Japanese woman who opened her "wisdom eye".*

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, August 11

Socks on the Second  
10 am-Worship Service

#### Monday, August 12

5:30 pm-Meditation  
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

#### Tuesday, August 13

8:30 am-Weight Watchers  
5:30 pm-Membership

#### Thursday, August 15

7 pm-Bridge

### EVENTS

#### August 11, Socks on the Second for Galilee OLOG shelter

Bring new socks for men, women and children for asylum seekers in transit. They flee violence at home in Central America. Galilee's Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) farmworker shelter in Mecca hosts both farmworkers and asylum seekers. 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. Asylees are need of key items to take on their journeys. Socks are a big help! Bring them July 14 or place in brown lobby bin usually used to collect socks for the Well.

### **August 18, Summer STP for Galilee Center shelter**

Our summer project to share the plate with Galilee Center continues. 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 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!

### **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. □□□□♥

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **We have new flooring in the foyer, hall, and both restrooms!!**

Thank you to everyone who rescheduled or postponed meetings this week; it has been a busy construction week. As anyone who has remodeled a home is aware, timing is important and plans can change in a minute. Thanks to the Herculean effort of Glenn Yamaguchi, the installation of new tile has been completed. However, when you arrive, you may notice that all of the furnishings are not returned to their usual position. Given some more time, we will have the foyer looking brand new.

Enjoy your new flooring,  
Jane

### **Correction for future Board Meetings:**

The Monthly Newsletter had future Board Meetings on the 4th Thursday at 5:00pm. Please note that beginning in September 2019, the Board will meet on the **3rd Tuesday at 5:00pm.**

### **Safety Committee:**

Your Safety Committee is working hard to formulate a safety plan for us. This is a multifaceted project!! We want you to know that the City of Rancho Mirage has listed dates on their webpage for the next CERT training. **November 12, 13, & 14. -- 3 days from 8:00-5:00 each day.** CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. The City offers this training for their residents and since UUCOD is located within the City, we may also join one of their classes. They offer the CERT training in November and April.

We invite anyone interested to check the webpage of the City of Rancho Mirage at <https://ranchomirage.ca.gov/>. Then click on Residents, then click on CERT Training. This training is the Basic Course.

The process is to complete the form with your email and name then submit. The City will post a list of attendees in October. If you want to attend, better complete the form as soon as possible.

### **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 Ellison 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 29th. Directories are only distributed to those in the directory.

### **From members John Hammond/Joyce Adams**

For those interested in science and space you may enjoy watching our son Noah Hammond, a planetary scientist when he appears on PBS/BBC Nova Series the Planets airing in August. His episode is The ICE Planets on August 14th. We can program DVRs to tape this for many on vacation including us.

Blessings, John and Joyce

### **UUSC**

Throughout August, Congress will be in recess, and members of the House and Senate will be back in their home districts to meet with their constituents. Some important and positive human rights legislation has recently passed the House but has stalled in the Senate. UUSC is focusing our energies on applying pressure there, where we have the potential to make significant change.

We are calling on people to schedule in-district visits with their senators during August 19 - 30 to share one of these demands:

- Defund abusive government agencies that are separating families and terrorizing communities
- Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for migrants whose long-term legal status is at risk
- Condemn repression in Honduras by the U.S.-backed regime
- Ensure accountability in Burma for genocide and crimes against humanity

Now is a critical time to demand that our legislators take action in support of our fundamental values.

We encourage groups visiting their senators to focus on only one of these topics per visit so that you can be as impactful as possible. [More details about each of our human rights demands can be found here](#), along with talking points that can also be printed as packets to leave behind at your senator's office.

Check out our UUSC Guide for Congressional In-District Visits for more information about how to schedule and plan a visit with your legislators, with guidance on how to make the most of your meeting.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Kathleen McTigue  
Director of Activism and Justice Education

## 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 6 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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