

August 18, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

LOVE AND PRIDE TO ALL FROM BETTY BENDER



SERVICES

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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

Saturday, August 17

2 pm-Scrabble

Sunday, August 18

10 am-Worship Service

2 pm-DOS Choir

Monday, August 19

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, August 20

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

Thursday, August 22

7 pm-Bridge

EVENTS

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!

Report on August PB&J for the Well

Tim Hill transported 20 jars peanut butter, 7 jars jelly, 4 loaves bread and bottled water to Well in the Desert, Palm Springs, to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and bottled water to persons living homeless in the Palm Springs area. Thanks to all who helped out!

September 1 Food on First for Oasis School

CVUSD students started the new school year Thursday, August 15. District Migrant Education maintains a healthy food pantry to serve these farmworker families, who will be stretching their budgets after buying new shoes and clothes and school supplies for their students. 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 Check all packages you donate to be sure they are not out of date.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 9/1 Sunday service or leave ahead in marked brown bin in UUCOD lobby. 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!

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

Social BUterflies:

We have 4 spots for the much coveted Rancho Mirage Library & Observatory ☆ □ Stargazing □ Event, Thursday, Aug 22, 830-10pm Contact Sheryl Eaton 760 902-8621 to see if there are still openings available.

HELP WANTED- Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time with UUCOD friends preparing/setting up/ selling/taking down for our garage sale here on Sat., Oct. 5. No experience necessary! Sign up on foyer table. Please drop off sale item donations on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 3-6 or Friday, Oct. 4 from 12-5. Unsold items will be donated at conclusion of sale on Saturday. Contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com or after service. THANK YOU!

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 pm 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 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 29th. Directories are only distributed to those are in the directory.

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

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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