

September 2019



UUCOD Monthly Newsletter

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



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At The Heart of It

How can people move beyond isolation, a banal individualism and a lack of purpose? One way is by coming together with others in religious communities that fire our intellects, touch our hearts, connect us in loving support with others, turn us to face the world's painful realities with honesty and critical analysis and direct us into deeds of service and social activism. Through assembling – coming together – people can harness what James Luther Adams called- “the organization of power and the power of organization.” The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker

There is no replacement for showing up. I know technology brings many gifts. You will get this within seconds of our sending out by email. The web connects us to virtually everything- virtual and real. Still there is nothing as powerful as showing up. Being present. Being one part of the gathered existence, the interconnected web of all being, as experienced in the finite, the partial; sitting next to your neighbor at worship, sharing a cup of coffee after services, marching for a meaningful cause, singing for the simple joy of it, joining a beginning Chalice Circle, playing bridge, donating socks, offering a pastoral visit. We are 'beginning a new UUCOD year. Truth is that every day is a new beginning, every minute, even every breath. I will ask our new Board membership, when we

meet later this month, to make one promise to and one request from each other, as one way to facilitate our best shared ministry work in the coming months. I invite you to reflect on a promise you can give UUCOD this year and one thing you wish to request from this community, then be curious how you may live into those in the days ahead. It is about our power to love self, each other and this world into life with every breath.

May we have the strength to live into the life we hunger for,

May we be reminded, that we are children of one great love, united into one family.

May we behold on earth and in our hearts, how good it is to dwell together in peace.

It is good to be here with you again. Bless everyone, no exception.

Rev Barbara

SERVICES

September 1, 2019

This land, This life

This Labor Day weekend we'll explore the theme of work and leisure, across the human lifespan. We'll ask: what creates a sense of well-being? Of purpose? How about joy (as compared to happiness)? For our "gospel," we'll look to music legends Bruce Springsteen, Woody Guthrie, and more. Please be with us.

Worship Leader: Rev. Carolyn Price



Worship Associate: Jane Zaun

September 8, 2019

Non Violent Communication

Pursuing Nonviolent Communication (“NVC”): (1) A personal journey; and (2) A vision for community and action.

Worship Leader: Ben White

Worship Associate: Kevin Brandt

September 15, 2019

Intimacy & Ultimacy

“There is a hunger in our hearts for real community, spiritual challenge and growth,” C. Dame.
This is a sermon in parts: partly about Chalice Circle Small Groups, partly about the shared ministry of growing community and partly about the spiritual challenge of becoming real, to self and each other in this world.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

September 22, 2019

Learning and Living The Oneness of Humanity: Our Very Survival Depends on It

Lauren’s remarks focus on the shared biological, emotional, and spiritual foundations of all of humanity. She will make a compelling case that now, more than at any other time in human history, our very survival as a species depends upon our learning about, believing in, and living in accordance with our profound human oneness.

Worship Leader: Lauren Nile

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

September 29, 2019

Something Good is Happening

Despite appearances to the contrary, especially in the political arena, there is always something positive going on, something good happening, in our immediate world. Betty Bender says it’s a friendly universe. Come hear why she thinks life is so good.

Worship Leader: Betty Bender

Worship Associate: Roger Beaman

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

Food on the First
10 am-Worship Service
2 pm-DOS Choir

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
10 am-Stewardship

Thursday, September 5

5 pm-Special Board Meeting
5:15 pm-Women’s Night Out
7 pm-Bridge

Friday, September 6

8 am-Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, September 7

2 pm-Scrabble

Sunday, September 8

Socks on the Second
10 am-Worship Service

Monday, September 16

5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 17

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
5 pm-Board of Directors
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

7 pm-Bridge
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Saturday, September 21

1 pm-Rev. Barbara Community Room
2 pm-Scrabble

Sunday, September 22

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, September 23

5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 24

11:30 am-Finance Committee

Monday, September 9

5:30 pm-Meditation
3:30 pm-Special Judges Orientation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 12

7 pm-Bridge

Saturday, September 14

10 am-S2S2S Auditions

Sunday, September 15

Share the Plate
10 am-Worship Service
11:30 pm-Social BUUterflies
12 pm-Chalice Circle
2 pm-DOS Choir

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
4:30 pm-Worship Committee
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

7 pm-Bridge
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29

10 am-Worship Service

Monday, September 30

1 pm-Meeting in Community Room
5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 1

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal.

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 pm-Facilities

SOCIAL JUSTICE

September 1 Food on the First for Galilee

Due to a staffing shortage with the new CVUSD school year, their migrant ed healthy food pantry has been suspended for the next few months.

In the meantime, we will continue to collect food on the first Sunday of each month. The recipient for now will be Galilee Center until the CVUSD migrant ed program is ready to receive food donations from us once again. Galilee distributes food to people in need in the Mecca-Thermal area, as well as for feeding people at the OLOG shelter.

They can use foods similar to what we have been giving. 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!



September 8 Socks on the Second for Well in the Desert

Bring September 8 or leave ahead in the Well in the Desert brown bin in the UUCOD lobby. Bring new socks, darker colors very welcome. Well in the Desert Palm Springs distributes to local people living homeless. Your socks cushion footsteps during long treks on foot, provide a sense of comfort and dignity, and keep feet warm and dry. Due to limited space, socks only. For other items, please contact Well in the Desert or another charity and transport those items yourself. 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.

EVENTS



Women's Night Out:

It's that time again, the 1st Thursday of the month is **Women's Night Out!** The upcoming one is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, at **Las Casuelas Nuevas** in Rancho Mirage. **Address: 70050 Hwy 111.** Parking is behind the restaurant.

Since there are Bridge players attending, we are changing the time to 5:00 pm. This also guarantees our getting the more private table (s) that we like at this very popular restaurant.

Please email me by Friday, Aug. 30, if possible to let me know if you can join us so that I can let the restaurant know an approximate number to plan for.

Remember: **ALL** UU women and guests are welcome!

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Saturday, Sept. 15 – Social BUUterflies and the Board invite you to share in coffee conversation and Ice Cream Sundaes following the worship service.

September 20, UU Justice Ministry of California, Global Climate Strike Website:

"There is a different energy leading this than the folks in the generations that came before."

- Jose Oliva, Food Chain Workers Alliance

On Friday, September 20, there will be a **youth-led climate strike** not only across the United States, but all around the world. The youth organizers leading this global movement know that the effects of climate change are already catastrophic and irreversible, but **there are actions we can and must take** to mitigate the harm our younger and future generations will experience.

The Global Climate Strike is an intersectionally-aware action, centering racial and economic justice, and **following the lead of frontline communities** who are already significantly impacted by climate change. As we work to dismantle centuries-old systems of oppression and create avenues for collective liberation, the Global Climate Strike **brings together youth activists, climate activists, and union organizers** to lift up their demands for change and justice.

You can find more about the September 20 & 27 Global Climate Strike

at globalclimateshrike.net, including:

- An FAQ video featuring several of the strike's youth leaders and adult allies, as well as written answers to several FAQs
- Links to RSVP for online trainings on escalation, goals & strategies, and going big
- An option to sign-up for updates from Global Climate Strike organizers and find locations of strikes happening near you.
- Multiple digital and printable tools to help you spread the word about the Global Climate Strike to your communities and networks.
- A place for you/your community to register your strike/action as one that others can see and join, with resources to support you in planning and preparing your action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



S2S2S 2019 Auditions:

S2S2S wants you! As the performing arts arm of UUCOD, we would love to see more church members involved in our productions. Please mark your calendars for September 14, 2019 to come meet with us, audition for roles, sign up for volunteer posts, and get to know us better. We need all kinds of talents and skills, for both on stage and off.

S2S2S just celebrated our 10th year as the Valley's only new works production company. We produce only new and unpublished plays from around the country, so no one can ever complain about seeing an old chestnut again. It's all fresh, new, edgy and inspiring, while always retaining its tie to the principles of the church.

Last season we garnered 25 Desert Theatre League Award nominations for excellence in acting and directing, for our anniversary season. Awards will be presented at the annual DTL Desert Stars Award Show in Oct. In addition to those nominations Chet Cole, will receive a special award- The Sidney Harmon Award- for promoting excellence both on stage and off.

If you have any questions, please ask our Company Manager, Shirley LeMaster. Hope to see you in September. Thank you for your support.

Scrip Orders Update:

Beginning this month--Scrip orders will be collected on the First week of the month and cards will then be available on the 2nd Sunday.

Our next scrip order date is this Sunday, September 1.

For September and October Sarah Gonzales, Mel Wilkinson and Jerry L'Hommedieu will collect orders and distribute cards. Sheryl Eaton will resume her work with collecting orders and distributing cards when she's back with us this fall.

We also want to thank Bryna for the work she's done with scrip the last year and half. She's stepping away from scrip

Chalice Circle Info:

Introduction to Chalice Circles with Rev Barbara after worship (1145-1230) September 15. Come and learn about this seasonal congregation wide small group program.

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! Household items, antiques, small furniture + accepted.

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.

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://suzannesheridanmusic.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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