

September 13, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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

WELCOME JEFFREY, OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR!

Dear Members and Friends of UUCOD,

We are excited to tell you that the Board has unanimously approved the hiring of Jeffrey Huard as our new Music Director.

Jeffrey is imminently qualified for the position. His conducting career includes opera, musical theater and the concert stage. He is also an outstanding vocal teacher and coach. He works in a collaborative manner and will be an excellent fit with our choir, musicians and congregants and a partner with Rev. Barbara. As part of our developmental ministry, Jeffrey will guide and enhance our music programming, bringing a new vitality and building on the foundation for an even better program. We believe we are so fortunate!

Choir folks, Jeffrey will begin rehearsals this Wednesday, September 11, from 6:30-8pm. If you are a choir member be sure to show up and if you are thinking about being in the choir come, learn more about our program and join in the singing!

When you see Jeffrey, be sure to give him a warm UUCOD welcome!

CALENDAR

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

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 Meeting

7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

7 pm-Bridge

7:30 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

EVENTS

Plate Collections for Sunday, September 8th: \$163.00

Thanks for our visitors, friends and members who generosity support us.

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 **globalclimastrike.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.

Friday, September 20th Rev Barbara will be with others in the Coachella Valley outside Congressman Ruiz's office...

Friday, September 20, 2019 • 3:30 PM Congressman Ruiz's Office Outside 43875 Washington Street Suite F Palm Desert, CA 92211. Meet up in the UUCOD parking lot to carpool no later than 3 PM.

October 12, Second Saturday Stroll

Join us for the October 12 Second Saturday Stroll. We'll beat the heat by heading up to the Pacific Crest Trail trailhead on hwy 74. Be prepared to hike a couple of miles up the trail and then back down. We

can then head to the Paradise Valley Cafe (a hiker favorite) for lunch.

Meet at the upper parking lot of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Visitors Center at the base of Hwy 74 at 7:30 to carpool up the hill.

On Race and Racism: Going to the Core

Insight Community of the Desert would like to invite the members of UUCOD to this special 3 part series. It continues the journey of Waking Up White: increasing awareness of personal unconscious bias and sensitivity to racial issues. Facilitator Lauren N. Nile provides the safe, non-judgmental environment necessary to dialogue honestly about the issues of race and racism.

When:

Friday, October 18 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 19 at 8:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday, October 26 at 8:30 am - 5 pm

Cost: \$75-95 sliding scale.

To find out more and register go to desertinsight.org/event/going-to-the-core/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are preparing the annual Directory of Members and Friends before 2020. Please make check mark in the directory at the Member Table on Sunday morning to show the information is correct.

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.

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.

Share-the-plate summer for Galilee wraps up

On September 15 we will conclude our summer share-the-plate series for the eastern Coachella Valley's Galilee Center. Galilee and its Our Lady of Guadalupe overnight shelter has been providing sleeping space, food, showers and laundry to both seasonal farm workers and those fleeing violence in Central America and seeking asylum in the U.S. Galilee Center also provides food and household goods to those in need in the Mecca area of the east valley. The UUCOD Social Justice committee will meet soon to finalize the list of STP recipients for the new church year starting with October. Please be prepared to give generously.

Socks on the Second

Thanks to all who donated socks for homeless persons in September. Tim Hill reports that he delivered 51 pairs of socks to Well in the Desert Palm Springs.

Deliveries of clothing to Galilee suspended

During the hot summer, Leslie Gebhart and Vikki Porter took charge of driving to Galilee Center clothing and toiletries for asylees staying temporarily at the Our Lady of Guadalupe shelter. A thousand thanks to Leslie and Vikki for their work! We will now suspend further deliveries of such goods at this time until Social Justice committee meets in October to decide how to assist from this point onward.

October 6 Food on the First

We will continue to gather and deliver monthly your food donations to Galilee Center in Mecca until Coachella Valley Unified School District Migrant Education food pantry finds staffing to resume operations.

KICK OFF TO AUCTION 2019!

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM

The auction is our major fundraiser and we need everyone to help make it a success!

Donation forms are now available in the foyer or at the auction table on patio after service. Please consider:

- ~hosting a dinner
- ~personalized tours (Joshua Tree, Living Desert, Air or Art Museum, etc.)
- ~homemade ANYTHING! (breads, cookies, birthday cakes, etc.)
- ~gift certificates (dining, movies, salon services, etc.)
- ~use of vacation home for week or weekend
- ~teach something you love (crochet, cooking, cake decorating, etc.)
- ~themed basket (books, pampering, word puzzles, etc.)

SNOWBIRDS: You can donate from afar! Just email Carol Lavoie with specifics of donation (or questions) and she will do the rest.

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 7 pm: 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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