

October 4, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**October 6, 2019**

**Atonement**

We are in the midst of the Jewish High Holy days, the ten "Days of Awe", when the book of life is open and God decides if your life will be inscribed in the book for another year. These days end with the most solemn of holy days, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. What is universal within this religious tradition that can enlighten us, and help us to lead lives worthy of the gift we have been given.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Shirley LeMaster

**October 13, 2019**

**For Eleanor Rigby**

How is loneliness different from being alone, from solitude? Has it changed in this era of polarized politics, social media and increased secularism - and if so, how? And importantly, what are some useful responses, when a response is warranted, to the human condition of loneliness?

Worship Leader: Rev. Carolyn Price

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

**October 20, 2019**

**The Invitation**

It is 60 years since this community of faith was "born". In honor of that occasion, I thought I'd share a sermon where I contemplate how we who are mortal, we who are all too perishable, put on immortality. You likely have your own ideas. I will share this with a little help from friends, Terry and Shirley LeMaster, Chet Cole & Betty Bender

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Betty Bender

**October 27, 2019**

**Major Transformations**

All of us come to earth with a gift inside of us. Finding that gift and delivering it is our true work. In my life I made a Major Transformation and in the process I learned some lessons that I want to share with you. One lesson is learning to be authentically you.

Worship Leader: Laura Meeks

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

### CALENDAR

**Friday, October 4**

8:00 am-Men's Breakfast

10:00 am-Garage Sale Set Up

**Saturday, October 5**

8:30 am-Garage Sale

**Sunday, October 6**

Food on the First

10 am-Worship Service  
2:00 pm-DOS Choir

**Monday, October 7**

5:30 pm-Meditation  
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers  
5:30 pm-Membership  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 9**

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

**Thursday, October 10**

6:30 pm-Social Justice  
6:00 pm-Free Concert in the Park PD Amphitheater  
7:00 pm-Bridge  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

## EVENTS

**October 6 Food on the First**

As CVUSD Migrant Education food pantry is currently on hiatus due to staffing reorganization, we continue collecting food only for the Galilee Center and their overnight shelter. They distribute food to seniors and families in need in the Mecca area, as well as feeding migrant farm workers in season and asylum applicants in transit staying at the overnight shelter. Check all packages you donate to be sure they are not out of date. Bring to 10/6 Sunday service or leave ahead. 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!

**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.

Click on the link below to sign up.

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=iqz6kh6ab&oeidk=a07egmfekcye60ff063>

**October 13 Socks on the Second for Well in the Desert**

Bring October 13 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!

**October 10 & 24.**

The UUCOD Social BUUterflies will gather & the Palm Desert Civic Park for FREE concerts. The weather is perfect for an outdoor concert, so bring your blanket or chair & your picnic, if you'd like - for the 6:00 -7:30pm performance.

Oct 10th, features the Amanda Castro Jazz Band.

Oct 24th, we will enjoy a Rat Pack Tribute Band - The Pack.

**October 18, 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 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 - 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 26 at 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$75-95 sliding scale.

To find out more and register, go to: [desertinsight.org/event/going-to-the-core/](http://desertinsight.org/event/going-to-the-core/)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Share the Plate Sunday, September 29: \$249.00**

**Reminder: Scrip Orders due this Sunday, October 6th. See Bill Smith or Mel Wilkinson to complete your orders.**

**Chalice Circle:** Small groups begin meeting in early November. SIGN UP NOW!

**Palm Springs Pride Parade NOV 3:** "Celebrating Millions of Moments of Pride."

Rabbi Jules is inviting us to volunteer to carry one of the 75 flags representing countries where it's illegal to be LGBT in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. This will be the kickoff and will lead the 2019 parade to recognize how far the fight for equal rights has come and how much work there is still to do. Individuals, families, groups, organizations, are invited to volunteer. If you would like to carry a flag or join UUCOD to march in the parade sign up in the foyer. We always have a large group for this important justice event. Stay tuned for more details to come! Questions? Contact Mack Rogers

**Will You Be on the Side of Love in 2019-20?**

The 2019-2020 season of Social Justice begins next Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Come join other Social Justice Advocates & help us plan our season of being on the Side of Love! For more information, contact Denise Janssen Eager.

**It's Good to have Friends!**

UUCOD has a lot of Friends and it's so good to have them. Friends are non-members who attend services and/or support the church in some manner. Many of our Friends serve on committees; they volunteer when help is needed; they make our music; they attend our events; they make donations; and some of them pledge every year. In fact, Friends represented nearly one out of five individuals who pledged in the current year and 17% of the total amount pledged. More than a third of the people listed in our Directory are Friends.

Most importantly, Friends enhance the quality of our lives through their fellowship, service and commitment to UUCOD. They are a vital component of our church life and we'd be a lesser community without them! So members, let's reach out to our Friends and thank them for being part of our community. It is, indeed, good to have Friends!

**Invitation to Youth to Sing**

Join the choir for Christmas Eve Service! Commit to ONE (1) rehearsal (Ages 10 and up) on December 18th 6:30-7:00 pm & Christmas Eve 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Questions? Email Jeffrey Huard at [musicdirector@uucod.org](mailto:musicdirector@uucod.org)

**Script2Stage2Screen Announces 2019-2020 Season: Focus is on Families**

- October 11 & 12, 2019 – "Battle of the Exes," written and directed by Jason Hull of Palm Springs. A fast-paced comedy that contends truth is in the eyes of the beholder.
- Nov. 1 & 2, 2019 – "The Choice," by Roger Walkler, Columbia, Mo. A drama not only about making a choice, but whose right it is to choose. Directed by Gina Bikales.

All staged readings take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rancho Mirage, 72425 Via Vail. Tickets are \$10.

**PARKING LOT**

On October 22-24 the parking lot will be seal coated and re-stripped. Here's what you can expect.

The current surface has had no maintenance since construction in 2005 and is heavily eroded. AsphaltMD will apply about double the normal seal coat material to create a fresh new durable surface. A few places will have minor repairs.

There are many small cracks. That is just a fact of desert asphalt. Fortunately all three contractors that bid on the project report that we have no cracks that indicate substrate failure. The very heavy seal coat will fill in the cracks to some degree but they are cosmetic and will reappear.

We will remove the concrete parking lot bumpers in front of the building (the disabled parking) as they are trip hazards, but will retain all of the others.

While the building will be open, access is limited as vehicle and foot traffic will be limited to the sand and sidewalks during the work, Oct 22-24.

## ANNUAL UUCOD AUCTION 2019!

**Saturday, November 9, at 5:30 PM**

-Don't forget to pick up forms for businesses you frequents. Envelopes on foyer contain tax info, donor form and info about UUCOD to make asking for a donation a bit easier?

-Check out the Auction Board in foyer for newest auction items.  
-Donor forms need to be completed by Oct. 27 in order to be entered in the catalog. The earlier the better!  
-See Carol Lavoie at the Auction Table on patio after service with questions. THANK YOU

## 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 3: Palm Springs Pride Parade**

Contact: Mack Rogers

**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://suzannesheridanmusic.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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