

October 18, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**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

**Saturday, October 19**

UUCOD 60th Anniversary  
9:30 am-Rev. Barbara Chalice Circles Facilitators  
2:00 pm-Scrabble

**Sunday, October 20**

**Share the Plate**  
10:00 am-Worship Service  
11:30 am-New Member Orientation  
2:00 pm-DOS Choir

**Monday, October 21**

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

**Tuesday, October 22**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers  
4:30 pm-Worship Committee  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 23**

**All Day- Parking Lot Sealing- Lot Closed**  
6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

**Thursday, October 24**

**All Day- Parking Lot Sealing- Lot Closed**  
6:00 pm-Free Concert in the Park PD  
7:00 pm-Bridge

**Friday, October 25**

**Morning- Parking Lot Sealing- Lot Closed**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

## EVENTS

### **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/](https://desertinsight.org/event/going-to-the-core/)

### **October 20th and 27, New Member Orientation**

If you would like to learn more about UUCOD or if you are thinking of becoming a member, join Randy Steele on Sunday, October 20th and 27th.

### **October 20, Share-the-Plate: Raices Cultura**

At our 10/20 service, we will share the collection with eastern Coachella Valley nonprofit Raices Cultura, founded in 2004, which describes its work thus: "Through the development of visual and performing arts spaces and with guidance from positive role models and mentors, youth become self-empowered through their exploration of identity, art and culture....Raices Cultura emphasizes awareness of the political, educational, social, and physical & mental health issues within the community and beyond." Please bring your checkbooks and be prepared to give generously to this local organization,

### **October 24, Social BUUterflies**

The Social BUUterflies & all friends & guests invite you to join us Thursday, October 24, 6:00-7:30 pm for a FREE Rat Pack style concert in the Palm Desert Civic Park.

Bring your blanket or chair. Text Sheryl Eaton to find the groups location (760-902-8621)

Hope to see you there!

### **October 25, Afternoon Book Group:**

The afternoon book group will meet Friday, October 25, at 1:30 at Linda Davis-Brede's. The book to be discussed is "Educated", by Tara Westover. Books for the coming season will be discussed & chosen. All are welcome-call Carol Scanny or Berta for information.

### **October 27, Facilities Parley with the Congregation**

*Date and time:* Sunday October 27 11:30-12:30

*Location:* prefer sanctuary but can use community room if necessary.

After a great year catching up on required maintenance and repairs, next year we have more flexibility. We'd like to get input from congregants to help shape the plans.

Next year we have a number of items to choose from. For example we have spare upholstery fabric and could make slip cases for the sanctuary chairs, putting off replacement many years. Or we could paint the interior walls, or rearrange the foyer to improve access to the name tags, or plant trees against the sanctuary back wall to reduce heat, or whatever ideas you have.

We could also pursue some bigger projects if there was interest and they provided their own funding. For example perhaps we could find a grant for developing a model native landscape on the grounds, or secure a loan for solar panels such that the savings in electric bills pays off the loan. We also need to reconstitute a Technology Committee.

### **November 2, Food on the First**

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. Bring to Nov. 2 Sunday service or leave in marked brown bin in UUCOD lobby. Check all packages you donate to be sure they are not out of date. 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, October 13th: \$218.00**

**Committee Fair:**

Join us after service on November 17th at our Committee Fair. Find out about many in which you can help build our beloved community.

**Interim Statements are Available for Pickup:**

Beginning Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, interim statements will be available for pick up prior to and following services. See Jerry L'Hommedieu in the lobby for your statement. Please review your statements and notify our Treasurer at [treasurer@uucod.org](mailto:treasurer@uucod.org) with any questions or changes that need to be made prior to issuing year end statements.

**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. This contingent 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 2019-2020?**

The 2019-2020 season of Social Justice begins next Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 pm 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.

**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**

- Nov. 1 & 2, 2019 – "The Choice," by Roger Wallker, 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.

Script2Stage2Screen presents



A dilemma  
of truth,  
deceit,  
ethics,  
and control

**The  
CHOICE**

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 AT 7:30 PM • SATURDAY, NOV. 2 AT 7:30 PM

At \$10 a ticket, the best theater value in the desert.

**The Choice**  
BY ROGER WALKER

A powerful drama about making a critical choice and whose right it is to choose. Starring Chet Cole, Pamela Cole, Earl Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell, Renée Poignard, Dori Smith and Rupert Smith. Directed by Gina Bikales.

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**S2S2S PERFORMANCES AT**  
72-425 Via Vail, Rancho Mirage  
(Unitarian Universalist Church)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT**  
script2stage2screen.com  
or at the door (cash only)

## ANNUAL UUCOD AUCTION 2019!

### **AUCTION NOTES:**

- ~Donation forms are due no later than Oct. 27. Forms turned in after that date may not make it into the catalog.
- ~We still need items to auction off! Please consider making a donation. Carol Lavoie can help with ideas/filling out forms, etc.
- ~Tickets on sale at the Auction Table after the service. \$15 a person or \$20 at the door.
- ~FYI-the dinners that are auctioned off are sold 'per person'. So you need not purchase the entire dinner for 10 or 30! You can just bid on one or two seats. This makes for an evening with other UUCODers that you might not normally socialize with. A nice way to make new friends or get reacquainted with others!

## SAVE THE DATE

More info to follow on each of these upcoming events as their dates draw nearer:

### **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://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](mailto:admin@uucod.org) asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.



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