

October 25, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**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

**November 3, 2019**

**Unconscious Bias. Implicit Bias**

Worship Leader: Derek Moore  
Worship Associate: Ray Deveaux

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 27**

10:00 am-Worship Service  
11:30 am-New Member Orientation (2nd Session)  
11:30 am-Facilities Congregational Conclave  
2:00 pm-DOS Choir

**Monday, October 28**

9:00 am- 4:00 pm-Board Retreat  
5:30 pm-Meditation  
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Tuesday, October 29**

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

**Wednesday, October 30**

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

**Thursday, October 31**

7:00 pm-Bridge  
7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

### EVENTS

**October 27, Second Session 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 27th.

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

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

Location: Sanctuary

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 3, Palm Springs Pride Parade :** "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

**November 3, 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 20:** \$927.00. Raices Cultura received \$463.50 of these funds as our share-the-plate recipient.

**October share-the-plate success**

Raices Cultura is preparing for the Saturday evening Nov. 2 Dia de Los Muertos events in old town Coachella. Though Dia de los Muertos in Coachella is well-known for the evening Run with Los Muertos fitness run, the events will include a procession, persons in Muertos costumes and makeup, music and more. Your share-the-plate donations at October 20 Sunday service made it possible for UUCOD to send Raices Cultura a check for \$463.50 to support their work, which includes learning about this Mexican cultural tradition and preparations of art work for this event. Thanks for your generosity!

**Annual Thanksgiving Potluck:**

Joni & Bill will be hosting their annual Potluck Dinner for members and friends who don't have family nearby to share the holiday with. We will be having a sign up sheet on the round table in the foyer as we get closer. One caveat...we are in the midst of a major remodel to our home and it looks like it will be finished by the holiday, so the tentative plan is to have it here at our home. As a fallback, if we find it is "not ready for prime time" a week or so before Thanksgiving, we will let everyone know that the venue has changed and it will be at the church. If it's at church, we will need volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Bill & I will provide the turkeys and the stuffing and everyone who comes will sign up for a favorite Thanksgiving side dish, salad or dessert. It's been a wonderful gathering of 26-28 people the last few years and we'd love to continue this tradition. More to come soon!! Let the holiday season begin!

**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!

**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.

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script2stage2screen.com  
or at the door (cash only)

## ANNUAL UUCOD AUCTION 2019!

### AUCTION NOTES:

THE TIME HAS COME. . .to turn in your donation forms for our auction and to buy tickets to attend. A ton of exciting new items are waiting for bids including tea parties, a song composed just for you, fabulous dinners, baskets brimming with goodies, and dozens more! See Carol Lavoie for donations and Mel Wilkinson at the auction table after the service.

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

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