

November 8, 2019



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

We celebrate our new members this Sunday!

After the service you are welcome to join them for a pot luck lunch- Please bring a salad or dessert to add to the meal!

#### **November 10, 2019**

##### **Setting the Boat**

A few "rules" from a rowing coach that I had. They seem to me to make sense for congregational life. They might even make sense applied to your life. We will welcome our newest members and to celebrate and get to know them we will enjoy a pot luck lunch, after worship.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

#### **November 17, 2019**

##### **100,000 Welcomes**

At a retreat center I attend there is a sign that reads: *Treat everyone who walks into your office, into this place as the holy one.* This is a spiritual practice and a practice for sustaining the human spirit.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast & Choir

Worship Associate: Betty Bender

#### **November 24, 2019**

##### **Food: Eating as if the World Matters**

I hope this will be a sweet and savory sermon, not shaming or guilt inducing. It is meant to whet your appetite for wholeness, as we head into holidays and holy days.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

### CALENDAR

#### **Saturday, November 9**

9:00 am-2nd Saturday Stroll

5:30 pm-UUCOD Service Auction

#### **Sunday, November 10**

Socks on the Second

New Member Induction

10:00 am-Worship Service

11:30 am-New Member Potluck

#### **Monday, November 11**

9:00 am-Special Board Meeting

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

#### **Tuesday, November 12**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:30 pm-Membership Committee

**Wednesday, November 13**

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

3:30 pm-COM Rev. B Office

**Thursday, November 14**

6:30 pm-Social Justice

7:00 pm-Bridge

## EVENTS

### **November 9, National Public Lands Day at the Indio Hills:**

Last year Friends of Desert Mountains removed a ton (literally) of trash and illegal dumping from the Indio Hills Badlands Trail. This year they're returning to the site to do a little bit of cleanup, remove invasive plants and plant trimming, and hopefully have a little more fun documenting the biodiversity at this unique site. Free t-shirts for participants while supply lasts! Bring gloves, long pants and sturdy shoes.

Check-in at 7:45. For more information call 760-568-9918. RSVP to the Friends of Desert Mountains at <https://www.desertmountains.org/calendar/npl-indiohills>, and register with UUCOD at [http://events.constantcontact.com/calendar/monthview?llr=iqz6kh6ab&eso=001hOA\\_FuFKqec\\_WLHPa7maXA==](http://events.constantcontact.com/calendar/monthview?llr=iqz6kh6ab&eso=001hOA_FuFKqec_WLHPa7maXA==) so we know you are coming.

### **November 10, Socks on the Second for Well in the Desert:**

Bring November 10 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!

### **November 17, Committee Fair:**

Come explore what various committees and groups are doing at and planning for the church. It's a perfect chance to connect link your interests with those of like minded people. Sunday, November 17 on the patio, after service.

### **November 17, Share-the-Plate for Coachella's "Hidden Harvest":**

Hidden Harvest's mission is twofold. 1) To provide work, paying farm workers \$12.50/hr. to reenter and re-pick fields before they are plowed under. (Workers can take food for their own family) 2) To glean from the picked fields the produce that was left behind as not saleable, and provide the rescued fresh, locally-grown food from both fields and packing houses to feed poor and hungry in the Coachella Valley.

Additionally, Hidden Harvest serves and educates our community through various programs. Volunteers pack produce, give out foods at various senior citizen/school sites and work the program jobs. Thus, every dollar donated to Hidden Harvest by the general public or through foundation grants goes directly toward their services.

Please bring your checkbooks November 17, and be prepared to give generously for Hidden Harvest.

### **November 22, Afternoon Book Club:**

The November Afternoon Book Group meeting will be November 22 at Berta Hanna's at 1:30 PM. The book is one of the reader's choice -about a First Lady, or another remarkable woman.

### **November 24, American Heretics – The Politics of the Gospel-San Diego UU:**

Don't miss the film American Heretics – The Politics of the Gospel, featuring our Tulsa, OK UU congregation in the film. This film offers a poignant glimpse into the deeply-intertwined, polarizing, and often misunderstood history of religion, race and politics as seen through the point of view of a courageous group of Oklahomans working to bridge the divide within their communities. The film shows on Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting House, First UU Church of San Diego in Hillcrest. An important talk conversation by Dr. Elias Ortega, new President of Meadville Lombard UU seminary will immediately follow the film.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Plate Collections for Sunday, November 3:** \$79.00.

### **Social Justice needs you!**

Right now we have two extremely important opportunities for you to make a difference for those in need in the Coachella Valley.

### **Coordinate SafeHouse of the Desert's Holiday Drive**

In past years, this highly successful drive has brought greatly needed & much-appreciated items to the residents of SafeHouse of the Desert & Harrison House. We are without a coordinator for this year so we need you to make it happen. This project is completely organized from start to finish. It's simply a matter of implementing the written process & timeline. Fran Hoag, who's coordinated the project for the past two years, as well as myself, will be happy to mentor you.

Timeframe: November 1 - December 20, 2019

### **Help Plan the UUCOD Social Justice Awards**

A steering committee has been formed to explore the idea of UUCOD honoring the individuals & groups in the Coachella Valley who are working on the front lines of creating meaningful change for those in need. With people moving away from UUCOD, there are now only two people on the steering committee. We need a minimum of three more volunteers to help bring this project into reality. Our hope is to do this on or around December 10th, Human Rights Day.

Timeframe: mid-November, 2019 - December 10, 2020

Please join us in working on one or both of these projects. I hate to say it, but if no one volunteers, these projects will not be done & many who have come to rely on our beloved community's generosity will go without. For more information, give Denise Janssen Eager a call.

### **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!

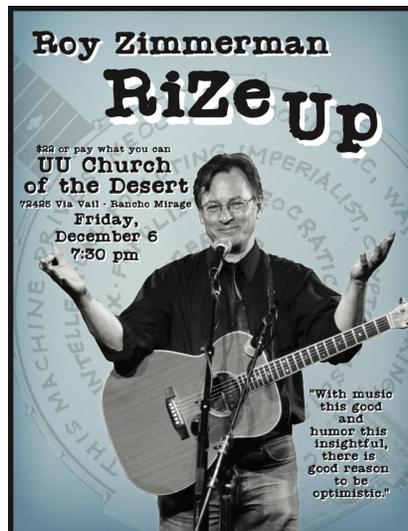
### **Invitation to Youth to Sing**

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)

### **ROY ZIMMERMAN: RiZe Up**

Ready for some humor!! Do Not Miss Roy Zimmerman's concert Friday evening December 6th in our Sanctuary. Roy has played at UUCOD in years past; he is always entertaining. Plan for an enjoyable evening of original songs and plenty of laughter.



Roy Zimmerman's signature blend of heart and hilarity has never been more necessary. *RiZe Up* is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice. It's laughter and encouragement for progressive-minded people who need a lot of both.

Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, and his videos have garnered tens of millions of views. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Ellen DeGeneres, Holly Near, Robin Williams, Arlo Guthrie, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin, and tours the country constantly with his wife and co-writer Melanie Harby.

### **Video links:**

"Thoughts and Prayers" - <https://www.facebook.com/39171898761/videos/10155446314448762/>

"Defenders of Marriage" - <https://www.facebook.com/39171898761/videos/10155525002063762/>

"COVFEFE - "Grounds for Impeachment"

- <https://www.facebook.com/39171898761/videos/323531971881214/>

"Religious Freedom" - <https://www.facebook.com/39171898761/videos/10155198379948762/>

"My Vote, My Voice, My Right" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-X-uBlqeVM>

# SAVE THE DATE

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

**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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