

November 15, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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 & UUCOD 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

Sunday, November 17

Share the Plate
10:00 am-Worship Service
11:30 am-Committee Fair
2:00 pm-DOS Choir

Monday, November 18

5:30 pm-Meditation
6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 am-Weight Watchers
5:00 pm-Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Thursday, November 21

7:00 pm-Bridge

EVENTS

November 17, Committee Fair:

Interested in getting more involved at UUCOD but don't know where your interests and experience would best fit? Come to the committee fair after service this Sunday and learn how various groups work to support and build our church community.

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 21, Super Senior Brown Bag Lunch with Rev. Barbara

Are you an elder over 80? Do you eat Lunch? Rev Barbara would love to share her lunch time with you from Noon-1:30 PM at UUCOD. Come nourish body and spirit as we share the wisdom.

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. 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting House, First UU Church of San Diego in Hillcrest. An important talk by Dr. Elias Ortega, new President of Meadville Lombard UU seminary will immediately follow the film.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for Sunday, November 10: \$423.00.

Scrip Gift Cards

Christmas will be here before you know it. How about buying gift cards (Scrip) for those hard to buy for people on your list? (UUCOD gets a percentage). A Starbucks card for your pool guy? A McDonalds card for your grandkids? There is probably a vendor for EVERYONE on your list.

If you plan to purchase a gift for someone at Safe House, we will have a list of requested gift cards at the Scrip table.

Your next opportunity to Order Scrip cards is Sunday, Dec 1. Make that list, check it twice & don't forget to bring your check on the first Sunday of the month. Any questions about Scrip? Ask Sheryl Eaton.

HAVE PRINTER CARTRIDGES TO GET RID OF?

UUCOD has an account with OfficeMax. Normally, they will take 10 of our used printer cartridges a month, credit our account and Andrea will use the funds when she needs to order supplies from them. During this month of November, they will take 10 cartridges **every week**. Sheila Goldner took 10 cartridges last Sunday (11/10/19) and will take 10 cartridges November 17 and 24 as well. Let's take advantage of this great situation!

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. There are 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. 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

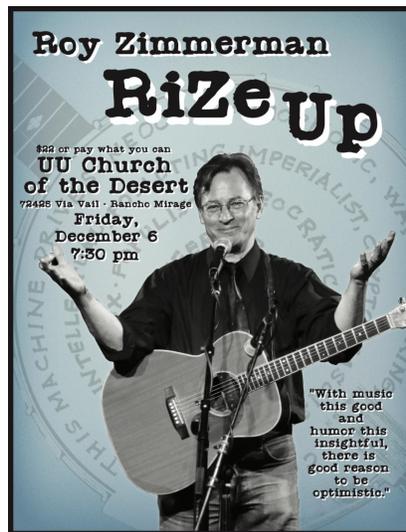
we get closer. One caveat...we are in the midst of a major remodel to our home and it looks like it will be finished by the holiday, so the tentative plan is to have it here at our home. As a fallback, if we find it is "not ready for prime time" a week or so before Thanksgiving, we will let everyone 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

ROY ZIMMERMAN: RiZe Up

A must see for encouragement and laughter in these troubling times. Friday evening December 6, 2019 at 7:30pm. He sings original songs to affirm a commitment to peace and social justice. Come share some fabulous entertainment with friends. Price is "\$22 or pay what you can".



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>



Did you know that, the Supreme Court is presently considering whether federal anti-discrimination laws should apply to sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, consistent with the Civil Rights Act of 1964? Only four years after the Court granted same-sex couples the fundamental right to marry, many are wondering whether the trend toward equality will continue.

But not in our backyard! Greater Palm Springs Pride is the city's most attended annual three-day event, and this year was no exception as thousands of adults and children came together in a rainbow of love and support for members of the LGBTQ community, many of whom are UUCOD members and friends. Fifty years after the 1969 Stonewall riots, which many consider to be a watershed moment of the continuing gay civil rights movement, Greater Palm Springs Pride launched its 34th pride parade on Sunday, November 3. Thirty-three UUCOD members and friends showed up and joined with their Desert Outreach Synagogue and Insight Community of the Desert friends to march and carry the flags for our brothers and sisters in countries where it remains prohibited in some form or another simply to be openly gay.

The work is not done, but as we literally walk the walk of our principles, UUCOD shows its pride in supporting our LGBTQ family and friends!

UUCOD AUCTION 2019

By the numbers. . . .

- ~74 attendees
- ~100+ donations
- ~15 appetizer/dessert donations
- ~14 set up/take down helpers
- ~8 kitchen crew members
- ~2 auctioneers
- ~2 spotters
- ~2 bid runners
- ~3 finance team members
- ~2 bartenders
- ~1 sound tech
- ~3 teach/computer team members
- ~1 ticket committee members
- ~1 raffle coordinator

and. . . \$24,405 (and still counting) raised for UUCOD!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS YEAR'S AUCTION SUCH A SUCCESS!

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://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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