

December 20, 2019



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

December 22, 2019

The Still Point: Reflections on Solstice and the Birth of Light

Traditional, earth-centered spirituality has recognized and celebrated the times of equinox and solstice since before recorded history. The sacred resides in these places of stillness, of balance, of change. Out of stillness, (what is called in Buddhist teachings "emptiness"), comes all things.

Let's explore the sacredness of the pause, this space where inhale and exhale meet, and how befriending and remembering this stillness can support us in our daily lives.

Worship Leader: Ian Challis

Worship Associate: Peter Mathews

December 24, 2019

Candle Light Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Carols

Come and bring the family for our Christmas Eve Service. Light candles, share a message and sing in the season of peace and hope, again.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

December 29, 2019

There If You Need Me

The sermon title is taken, of course, from UU Minister Kate Braestrup's best-selling memoir about her journey as a chaplain for Maine Game Wardens. But what exactly is a community minister/chaplain in the UU tradition? Rev. Don will help us understand the role, and why it is such an important, if misunderstood, ministry in our faith."

Worship Leader: Rev. Don Stouder

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

CALENDAR

Saturday, December 21

4:00 pm-Solstice

Sunday, December 22

10:00 am-Worship Service

Monday, December 23

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

Tuesday, December 24

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:00 pm-Candle Light Christmas Eve Service with Choir and Carols

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day-Office Closed

EVENTS

December 20, Afternoon Book Group:

The afternoon book group will meet at Linda Davis-Brede's at 1:30 pm. The book to be discussed is "On Fire" by Naomi Klein. Books re both sides of the Climate Change issue can/or also be read.

December 21, Winter Solstice Celebration

Join us for Winter Solstice Celebration! Saturday, Dec. 21, 4:00-5:00 pm we'll have our Second Annual Winter Solstice ceremony. This is a casual gathering on the UUCOD Peace Labyrinth to recognize the shortest day of the year and to welcome the Sun. This is an ancient tradition of all faiths and cultures. Bring flashlights and probably warm jackets. We will honor the earth and the cycles of seasons. A short ceremony without denominations but with intention. Please bring a can of food to share for Food on the First too. Hot apple cider and ginger snap cookies served to those who bring their own mug too!

December 25, Annual Holiday Dinner:

There may still be openings for the annual Holiday Dinner, Dec 25 at the Indian Wells home of Sheryl Eaton (45389 Club Dr - behind Vickys of Santa Fe). Come at 2:00 pm, eat at 3:00 pm. She will furnish ham and hot rolls, sign up to attend and indicate the dish that you will be preparing to share. Bring a beverage, if you'd like. If the sign up is still on the clipboard between the sanctuary doors, it means there is still room. If the sign up is taken down, we have reached seating capacity. You can call Sheryl and plead your case if you still want to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Dylan & Joni & Leonard & Me: Suzanne Sheridan in Concert!

Save the date and get your tickets now! Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$25. Suzanne Sheridan, well-known and favorite singer-songwriters among East Coast UUs, makes a rare appearance at UUCOD! She's bringing the songs of her favorite social commentary music idols: Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen as well as her original songs. This is both a fundraiser for UUCOD and a moment of solidarity in a time of division and injustice. Tickets may be purchased by clicking the button below!

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Plate Collections for Sunday, December 22: \$1,039 with \$519 being shared with SafeHouse of the Desert.

A Sunday Service: It Takes a Village

As we sit in our sanctuary on a Sunday morning enjoying the fellowship of our community and the message we hear, let's give thanks to all the people who help give us this special hour. A service may have been months in the making and requires more than 20 people committing a total of at least 40 hours for every Sunday service. Orders of worship are drafted and printed; members, friends and visitors are greeted; the music and sound are planned for and hymns performed; contributions are collected and accounted for; people are fed; the church is set up for and cleaned up after the service; and the Worship Associate and Minister lead the service. And it all looks so effortless. Bless all of our volunteers for giving of their time and talents. They make our lives richer.

Thanks from Social Justice Committee

Thanks to all who have this year donated food, socks, other items for asylees in transit, your time and gas in transporting the various items, donated toys and other gifts and helped in wrapping, and to all of you who have donated to share-the-plate to support worthy nonprofits providing assistance to those in need. In December, your donations to share-the-plate were so generous, that our UUCOD treasurer was able to send SafeHouse of the Desert a check for \$519.50 to support their programs providing shelter, food and counseling services. Happy holidays to all!

It takes a village to have a cook-off:

You can help make the annual Chili Cook-Off & Corn Bread Bake-Off a success by volunteering on February 2nd, 2020. We need help:

- Setting up before service
- Setting up the sanctuary and then resetting it
- Enlisting chefs and bakers
- Helping with the awards
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Contact: Barbara Storms

Greetings to you who may have space available for a couple who could trade housing for a donation to the UUCOD

*Professional couple with a small 35 pound rescue dog needs a place to call home for the month of March 2020. They've sold their home in Lake La Quinta and new home in Arizona is not available **until April 1st.***

If you have a studio or home available for a short 30 day term, please let us know. Or, if you are traveling anytime in the month of February or March, we would love to "house-sit" your home and/or animals for you. Huge animal lovers! Thanks for any ideas you may have!

Leslie g 760-218-8865

SAVE THE DATE

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

Thursday, January 9: Social BUterfly : Chef's Table (2:00-3:00pm).

Reservations for this FREE event is a MUST!

Contact: Sheryl Eaton

Friday, January 10-Sunday, January 12, 2020: Women's Retreat in Borrego Springs

Contact: Vikki Porter

Friday, January 24: Suzanne Sheridan Concert (<https://suzannesherdanmusic.com/>)

Contact: Fran Hoag

Sunday, February 2: Annual Chili Cookoff and Cornbread Bakeoff

Contact: Barbara Storms

Saturday, February 15, 2020: 'Celebrate Us!' Variety Show (Free admission)

Contact: Peter Mathews

February 2020 (4 Dates to be set): Mono-print classes.

Offered by a UUCOD member you can learn a new skill and explore your talents.

Contact: Sheryl Eaton

Newsletter Deadlines: Special deadline for monthly newsletter will be Monday, December 23 at noon. 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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