

February 14, 2020



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

**February 16, 2019**

**The Return Part 1**

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast  
Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

**February 23, 2019**

**Hauling Out Stones: The Return Part 2**  
**Is Reconciliation Possible?**

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast  
Worship Associate: Ray Deveaux

### CALENDAR

**Saturday, February 15**

7:00 pm-Celebrate Us Variety Show

**Sunday, February 16**

Share the Plate

10:00 am-Worship Service

11:30 am-New Member Orientation

11:30 am-Chalice Circles

2:00 pm-DOS Choir

**Monday, February 17**

1:00 pm-Chalice Circles

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Tuesday, February 18**

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:00 pm-Board of Directors

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

**Wednesday, February 19**

3:00 pm-Chalice Circles

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

**Thursday, February 20**

6:30 pm-Social Justice

7:00 pm-Bridge

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

### EVENTS

**February 15, 2020: 'Celebrate UUs!' Variety Show**

Celebrate UUs Variety Show is HERE! At 7:00 pm and doors open at 6:30 pm. 13 acts performed by our own talented UUs! Free admission (donations happily accepted for our music program). Come join together for a collective pat on the back (and champagne toast) to all of us!

### **February 16, Share the Plate**

This month we share the plate with Well in the Desert in Palm Springs which provides a drop-in center, food, water, clothing and more to persons living homeless. On February 16 our treasurer will deduct pledge payments from the Sunday offering, divide remainder in half, with half going to the Well in the Desert and the remaining half to UUCOD operating budget. Please make checks payable to UUCOD, and be prepared to give generously!

### **February 19, Choir Invitation**

There will be a choir open house at 6:15 pm followed by an open choir rehearsal. Come enjoy and sing.

### **February 22, Weed Pull for our Sacred Grounds!**

Come one, come all for a fun morning of...*wait for it...* Pulling Weeds! On Saturday, February 22, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM, we invite the entire congregation to get down and dirty to tackle the invasive weeds that are growing fast. We need all hands (and feet) to help us hoe, rake, and dig. While maybe not in the same category as the Chili Bake Off, we guarantee that the Weed Pull *will* be fun and a great way to connect with fellow congregants! Plus, you will learn all about invasive weeds and the proper techniques for lifting them out of the ground and be able to impress friends and neighbors at your next barbecue! No experience is necessary and you will be able to choose what you feel most comfortable doing. Fear not, we have great team leaders who will show you the way and most of the work is just hoeing and picking up weeds. There will be plenty of refreshments to keep up your energy and we will all cheer when we see how much better the church grounds look when we're finished. Press on the button below to sign up.

If you can bring weeding equipment – hula hoes, narrow-tined rakes, shovels, trowels, gloves, knee pads, please let us know. Be sure to wear wear a hat and sunscreen! We hope to see you there and prove that "many hands make light work."

[Click Here to Register for the Weed Pull](#)

### **February 24, Afternoon Book Group**

The afternoon book group will have their February meeting on the 24th at 1:30 at Jeanie Milliken's. The book is "Know My Name" by Chanel Miller.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, February 9:** \$467.00

### **UU Men's Fellowship Spring Renewal**

The UU Men's Fellowship Spring Renewal will be held at Camp de Benneville the weekend of 4/17/20. Info can be found in the foyer, or contact Peter Mathews at [Peter.mathews56@gmail.com](mailto:Peter.mathews56@gmail.com) or 203-240-4676.

### **News from the Care Team:**

Anyone in need of support, please feel free to reach out to Fran Hoag (917) 404-9450 or Ros Hoover (847) 345-4490. Food, visits and drivers available to help out.

**Well in the Desert**, our Share the Plate recipient today, is a small grassroots 501(c)3 organization operating for 23 years, that offers a wide array of social services to more than 1000 people each year who are affected by poverty throughout the western end of the Coachella Valley. Their clients include the working poor, seniors, veterans, those who are handicapped, and anyone in need. To name just a few of the things they provide: nutritious meals 7 days a week, emergency food assistance, weekly supplemental food distribution, showers, clean clothes, case management and advocacy. Most of all, they provide a place where people can be treated with dignity and respect, which when you think about it, is our first principle. Please give generously.

### **February 9, Socks on the Second for Homeless persons**

Cooler weather at night makes getting socks to Well in the Desert for homeless persons that much more important. Thanks to all of you who donated socks this month--71 pairs were collected at UUCOD and delivered to the Well. Thanks, Gloria and Joan, for counting and delivering the monthly collection of socks!

### **CONVERSATION, COFFEE AND COOKIES**

We really need new help in the kitchen for Sunday mornings. We cannot imagine our Sunday conversation time without coffee, cookies, cheese, and crackers!!

We will teach you how to make coffee, set up cookies, make lemonade, and clean up the kitchen. Please

consider helping out; there will be a sign up sheet in the foyer on Sunday.

**Don't Forget to Nominate Your Favorite Non Profit Organization for Share the Plate by March 1!!**

Want to nominate an organization, but aren't sure which one? We have an easy solution! *Desert Charities News* maintains an online directory of nonprofit organizations in the Coachella Valley. The directory is grouped into categories: Animals, Education, Family & Community, etc. Clicking on a category allows you to see a list of organizations. Click here for the directory: <https://desertcharities.com/listing/nonprofits> then click on the Share the Plate Nominations button below to fill out the form.

If you prefer to fill out a paper form, see Fran Hoag before or after this Sunday's service.

## Chili Cook Off and Corn Bread Bake Off



Congratulations to this year's winners in the cornbread bake-off and chili cook-off.  
Champion cornbread baker: Maddox Phillips-Martinez Chili Champion: Rueben Gallardo

## SAVE THE DATE

**March 7, UUCOD Social BUUterflies**

Come join the UUCOD Social BUUterflies at 7:00 pm for a FREE concert featuring Country Music star Rodney Atkins at the Rancho Mirage Amphitheater. Please sign up between the sanctuary doors. Preregistering allows early entrance at 5:30 pm for best seating. Food vendors are available or bring your own.

**Script2Stage2Screen Turns to Comedy --  
"Intermission" on March 6 & 7**

Theatrical group Script2Stage2Screen brings theater-lovers a comedy with "Intermission," by David Hanson. Staged-reading performances are Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, 2020. Script2Stage2Screen Artistic Director Gina Bikales describes the play: "Intermission" is a funny love story about people who seek endless possibilities and happy endings. Can you find both? Should you try? What happens in between the two? The action, which takes place in a theater lobby at intermission will keep you laughing, and find you believing in love's possibilities."

All staged readings take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rancho Mirage, 72425 Via Vail. Tickets are \$10. Tickets are available online via the group's website:

: [www.script2stage2screen.com](http://www.script2stage2screen.com). Or they may be purchased at the door (cash or check only).

The actors in "Intermission" will be: Brad Bryeans, Pamela Cole, Diane Moore and Marty Verdugo. Chet Cole is directing.

The remainder of the S2S2S 2020 season:

- April 3 & 4, 2020 – "I'm Not Rick Springfield," by Vicki Vodrey, Kansas City, Mo. A bag of laughs driven by hero worship, mistaken identity and family dysfunction. Directed by Gina Bikales.
- May 1 & 2, 2020 – "A Night in Puglia," by David Wolgin, Palm Springs. A love story for all ages and orientations. Sensual and sweet, set in Italy. Directed by Gina Bikales.
- June 5 & 6, 2020 – "Auntie," by Marty Martin, El Paso. Who was Auntie Mame? Could it be Marion, a lovable kook with a heart of gold? Directed by Don Cilluffo.

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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 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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