

February 21, 2020



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

February 23, 2020

Hauling Out Stones: The Return Part 2

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Ray Deveaux

March 1, 2020

Ethics, Compassion, and Finding Our Way

Using real-life stories from his ministry as well as the work of the Dalai Lama, come and join us as Rev. Don explores the intersections of ethics, compassion, and our UU Principles. This sermon continues Rev. Don's theme of self-care for ourselves and others as we navigate the stressful and anxious times we live in, as well as the need to step up and speak up as members of a historic peace and justice denomination.

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 22

8:30 am-Weed Pull and Green Workshop

Sunday, February 23

10:00 am-Worship Service

11:30 am-New Member Orientation

11:30 am-Conversations with Board

Monday, February 24

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

4:00 pm-Worship Committee

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir

Thursday, February 27

5:00 pm-DOS Auction

7:00 pm-Bridge

Friday, February 28

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

EVENTS

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 16: \$1,334. \$767 of these funds will be sent to Well of the Desert as our Share-the-Plate recipient.

The pledge drive ends March 1st. Please send in your pledge forms by that date. Thank you in advance.

Butterfly Project

Please join others and help us complete our Butterfly Project by painting butterflies in the community room beginning at 11:30 AM, the first Sunday of each month. All skill levels welcome! For further information, contact Kevin Brandt at 760-625-5880.

Thanks from Well in the Desert

Denise Janssen Eager shares this from Philven Sitton of Well in the Desert:

Good evening Denise,

I just wanted to drop you a short email to express The Well In The Desert and Arlene's gratitude in being a recipient of "Share The Plate" at your congregation of UUCOD. Meeting with Pastor Barbara and Jan and your fellow worshippers were a great encouragement.

The clients and guests of Well In The Desert were enthusiastic when I arrived with water, cookies, clothing and fruit. Thank you again for the tremendous welcome. And thank you for allowing me to share with you and the congregation how Well In The Desert has assisted me in years while being homeless.

Thank you.

*In kind and blessings to you all,
Philven*

In addition, Social Justice committee thanks all of you who contributed to February share-the-plate. Due to your generosity on Feb. 16, our UUCOD treasurer sent Well in the Desert \$767.00 to support their services to persons in need. Good job!

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 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.

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.

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. 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.

March 31, JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF CESAR CHAVEZ:

Palm Springs Pride and other organizations are sponsoring a breakfast to honor the life and work of Cesar Chavez.

- "Cesar E Chavez is a leader who rose up to become a symbol of hope and a true American hero. Chavez became the voice for the voiceless when no one could. Chavez, the legendary farmworker advocate, and social justice defender fought for justice and representation during his career as an organizer in California from the 1950s onward."
- "With the help of labor organizers like Delores Huerta and Larry Itliong, they founded the United Farm Workers (UFW) union to fight years of low wages and inhumane working conditions. Through Cesar's diligent leadership, the UFW was able to acquire higher wages and improved working conditions along with bringing hope to their community."
- "This recognition is meaningful for the community and for all in the labor movement. It recognizes Cesar E. Chavez and it reaffirms our commitment in the City of Palm Springs to fight for justice, fair wages, better working conditions, dignity and respect for all."

Join us on March 31, 2020, in attending this special opportunity to honor the legacy of Cesar Chavez.

Location: Palm Springs Leisure Center Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA, United States of America 92262

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Sign-Up Sheet in the Foyer. Contact Jane Zaun for questions

Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2020.

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 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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