

March 13, 2020



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

March 15, 2020

Staying Connected In Times of Trouble

ON SITE WORSHIP CANCELLED; Online Streaming Worship Service is Available

***Click on the button below to make donations for Share the Plate.*

If you have a Joy or Sorrow that you would like Rev. Barbara to share, please email her the text by noon, Saturday March 14th. uurevbarbara@gmail.com

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

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March 22, 2020

It's Spring: Honoring Our Sacred Grounds

The choir will be singing.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Josette Pacino

March 29, 2020

Self-Care in Today's World

Dr. Brossfield will review a holistic approach to building resilience and health during times that feel out of our control. Together we will explore practical applications of strategies for peace of mind and fulfillment of purpose.

Worship Leader: Jeralyn Brossfield, MD

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am-2nd Saturday Stroll

1:00 pm-Social Justice Event-**Cancelled**

Sunday, March 15

Share the Plate

10:00 am-Worship Service-**ONLINE STREAMING ONLY**

Monday, March 16

1:00 pm-Chalice Circles

5:30 pm-Meditation

6:30 pm-Food Addicts in Recovery

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal-**Cancelled**

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 am-Weight Watchers

5:00 pm-Board of Directors

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18

3:00 pm-Chalice Circles

6:30 pm-UUCOD Choir Rehearsal-**Cancelled**

Thursday, March 19

7:00 pm-Bridge-**Cancelled**

7:00 pm-S2S2S Rehearsal-**Cancelled**

EVENTS

March 15, Share the Plate Recipient is TODEC Legal Center

TODEC stands for Training Occupational Development Educating Communities. If you think their name is big, their mission is even bigger! Since 1984, they've been serving disenfranchised migrant communities from Palm Springs to Blythe, empowering them to become economically, socially, educationally, and civically self-sufficient while enhancing individual self-esteem and community health.

They provide limited/non-English speaking immigrants and migrant workers with:

- Opportunities to learn English
- Immigration and naturalization legal services
- Information to understand the political and economic landscape
- Resources so they can actively participate and integrate in the American communities in which they reside.

At our March 15 Sunday Service, please bring your checkbooks, make checks payable to UUCOD and give generously. Thank you.

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."

Location: Palm Springs Leisure Center Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA, 92262

Cost: \$25.00 per person

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

Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for Sunday, March 8: \$800.00

News from the Care Team:

Linda Savard and Larry Rogers are on duty for the Care Team for the months of March and April. Anyone in need of support, please feel free to reach out to Linda Savard (562) 505-7665 or Larry Rogers (918) 805-1085. If they can't be reached, team chair is Bryna Blum (760) 485 9289.

Butterfly Project:

UUCOD is once again painting Butterflies for the Butterfly Project. We will be painting them in the Community Room on the first Sunday of each month, (next session is scheduled for April 5, 2020) beginning at 11:30 AM and continuing until we are finished for the day. You can paint half a butterfly, or as many as you wish.

The Butterfly Project is a call to action through education, the arts and memorial making. It uses the lessons of the Holocaust to educate about the dangers of hatred and bigotry and cultivates empathy and social responsibility. Participants paint ceramic butterflies that are permanently displayed as symbols of resilience and hope, with the goal of creating 1.5 million butterflies around the world—one for each child who perished in the Holocaust, and honoring the survivors.

UUCOD is the first Church to participate in this project. For further information, please contact Kevin Brandt at 760-625-5880.

What are the Sacred Grounds?

Some months ago and with the encouragement of Reverend Barbara, a passionate group of UUCOD'ers got together to dream about how we could improve the ecological health of the sacred grounds upon which we worship and put into practice our 7th Principle. Some of the dreams that were envisioned include:

- Habitat spaces using indigenous or desert-appropriate plants that provide visual welcome and a sense of peace.
- Contemplation spaces for meditation, reflection, and remembrance of people and pets, connected by paths and benches that lay lightly and rightly upon the land.
- Meditation grove on the northwest to provide welcome, quiet, and shade.
- Ceremonial spaces.
- Green wall and walk to shelter the sanctuary's west wall.
- Water features to nurture and sustain bodies and souls.
- Spaces for the creation and celebration of art in harmony with nature.
- Night- and habitat-appropriate lighting.
- Propagation and habitat/indigenous plant usage space.

Rod Belshee summarized the rich harvest of ideas in this elegant "word cloud."



Using this collaboration as a framework, we began our preliminary efforts which will find further blossoming in the March 22 celebration of our 7th Principle during services.

What has been done so far?

Lots! In true UU fashion, our fellowship of friends have pitched in, pulled out, pruned and played. Here is a snapshot of completed efforts and a brief teaser of things to come! Read Diana Leslie's first-hand account of the Love the Land event, a.k.a. the all-congregation weed pull. Hail to all of the halo hoe heroes who showed up!



What's next?

On March 22, our congregation get to be pollinators! The Sacred Grounds team will have conceptual illustrations and information for our first two projects - the plaza in front of our sanctuary and the patio to the north of the community room - available for review at the coffee hour. We are initially focusing on efforts that can be easily accomplished with available resources and that will immediately enhance the appearance and usefulness of our sanctuary and benefit the existing ecosystem surrounding the building. We want your ideas, your passion, and your enthusiasm as you move from table to table. As our website states, let us bloom where we are planted.

In community,
The Sacred Grounds Team



Sacred Grounds Update

Spring is around the corner and the pulse of renewed life can be seen in the desert in the brilliant yellow blossoms of the brittlebush and Palo Verde trees. That pulse, that energy can also be felt and seen in our beloved Sacred Grounds.

On February 22 and March 2, dozens of stalwart UU'ers convened to tackle the invasive weeds that threaten the native plant population and its ecosystem. The results have been astonishing, so much so that casual passersby have commented on our improved appearance!

On March 9, the SG Dreamers and Reverend Barbara assembled to review the progress made to date (see the UUCOD March monthly newsletter for details) and to discuss possible next steps to enrich our physical environment and spiritual engagement with our sacred grounds.

The coming of Spring and UUCOD's Sacred Grounds congregational collaboration will be celebrated during the Sunday, March 22 service. Come join us in this engaging, interactive, and informative worship service and let us continue to bloom where we are planted!

The Sacred Grounds Dreamers

SAVE THE DATE

May 7th, Harvey Milk Breakfast, Palm Springs Convention Center

UUCOD is sponsoring a table of 10. See Jane Zaun for details.

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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