

June 19, 2020



A bromeliad  
Sounds like stomach remedy.  
Stands tall and boasts bold colors

Margo

## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

Click Here to Join Our Worship Services at 10:00 AM

**June 21, 2020**

#### ***American Spring: An Invitation To America***

How do we begin to deconstruct racist systems and reconstruct a truly "Beloved Community". **I want to make a space for your reflections of these historic days that we are living.** Please share with me your questions, concerns or insights, with brevity, please. **Send them to me at [uurevbarbara@gmail.com](mailto:uurevbarbara@gmail.com) by Sunday night, June 24th.** Bless everyone, no exceptions.

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

#### ***Sunday Together June 21, 11 am***

Reverend Barbara invites you to join her after the service for a very important dialogue. Building upon the service, we will view a short, powerful Robin DiAngelo video together and then begin a very important dialogue as a community. Will we create an American Spring? You are strongly encouraged to join, immediately following the service.

#### **Join Sunday Together**

<https://zoom.us/j/97229408280> pwd=YTJHSDlvOE5EOTITQ0FZZVNYajJsZz09

Dial by phone

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 972 2940 8280

Password: 596693

**June 28, 2020**

***Deaf Dad***

My journey as a parent is not quite what you would consider normal, though in some circles it is. But something has happened to my comfortable world as a father recently, and I want to share that story. For some in the LGBTQ community this would be a story of a gay man choosing to raise a family that went on to do great things. But for me it's more personal than that. It's the story of an ordinary father watching his adult son experience a life-changing event in his life, and how I finally figured out how to show up and do my job.

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

COLLECTIONS BASKET

## CALENDAR

**Saturday, June 20**

5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Sunday, June 21**

10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming**

11:00 am-Sunday Together

**Tuesday, June 23**

5:00 pm-Board of Directors-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, June 25**

12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Friday, June 26**

11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Saturday, June 27**

5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies-**ZOOM Meeting**

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. BARBARA

*Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid to be the change. Don't be afraid to be changed.*

Dear Friends,

I know these have been terrible, challenging and also uplifting times. I am lifted into hope by the uprisings, so many people, so many young people coming out for justice and equality ( may they stay healthy) despite the fact that in 98 cities in America authorities used tear gas on so many peaceful protestors. I was appalled at the use of lethal force on protestors and the loss of more lives.

I am uplifted by the changes being proposed in policing tactics and also that the Supreme Court's recent rulings affirmed DACA status ( for now) and protections for people who are LGBTQ.

Not all of us can march. We can do so much from home! Please see what is happening this weekend and next week by clicking on this link:

**GA** (General Assembly) is the annual UU gathering and it is virtual this year . During next week, there will be a UU the Vote call in and many great speakers. **GENERAL**

**ASSEMBLY NEWS:** First, you can still [register](#) for General Assembly. You can learn all

about Virtual GA and see the Program Book at the General Assembly [website](#). It is inspiring to know we are not alone.

I hope I "see" you on Sunday and hear your friends share their truths and hopes for a future where all lives, really do matter. After the service I hope you'll take a few more minutes to join us for a zoom session. We are helping each other gather our power and promote our values in the world.

In good faith  
Rev. Barbara



## GA 2020 News

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## EVENTS

### UU Book Group:

The UU Book Group will have its monthly Zoom meeting Friday, June 26. "Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes is the book selected for June. Even if you have not read the book we will all join in conversation sharing what we have been reading.

If you are not a member of the book group but would like to join in the Zoom meeting please contact Lavonne Swanson, [mswanson44@gmail.com](mailto:mswanson44@gmail.com) or (612) 824-5528.

## STAYING CONNECTED

*All links to Zoom meetings are removed from the web version of the newsletter. please use these links to access Zoom Meeting. Some links have changed to include passwords.*

### *Loving Kindness Meditation*

*Thursdays, @ 12:00 - 12:30 pm*

### *Coffee and Conversation A Reading and Get Together*

*Fridays, @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm*

### *Social BUUterflies - Happy Hour*

*Saturdays, @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, June 14th: \$185.40**

**News from the Care Team:**

These are often confusing and hard times for all. Please know we are here to listen. Anyone in need of support, please reach out to either Frank Riela or Bryna Blum. They are on call for May and June. Their information can be found in the UU Directory.

### **Want to Join a Chalice Circle?**

UUCOD Chalice Circles have been meeting for the last nine months. During covid-19 we continue to meet using the zoom platform. The conversations have been thoughtful, encouraging, fun and at times sad. Some of our topics have been: letting go, friendship, humor, aging, belonging, and gifts. It's an opportunity to meet with like minded people and share what is close to our hearts during these difficult times.

Typically we meet once a month, usually the third week of the month. We would like to welcome new members to our Chalice Circles. If you are interested in joining us, starting in July please drop a note to Andrea, our office administrator at [admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org). We look forward to having you join us.

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## **UUA VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

This year the UUA General Assembly will be totally virtual. There are some events available for viewing without registration. Those services and workshops are listed here with the times for viewing. Be aware most are in Eastern Daylight Time so schedule accordingly if you wish to participate.

Join in for some or all of these opportunities to experience General Assembly. The following events will be streamed on [GA 2020 Events for Public Viewing](#).

- [Service of the Living Tradition](#)
- Led by the Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group, [this service](#) honors fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. The service includes a collection to benefit the [Living Tradition Fund](#). Members of the public are welcome.
- Livestreamed on [uua.org](http://uua.org)
- This event is scheduled to occur on Thursday, June 25, 2020; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
  
- [Synergy Bridging Worship](#)
- This is a transformative multigenerational worship. Come be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary musical performances.

*This event is scheduled to occur on Friday, June 26, 2020; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Live streamed on [uua.org](http://uua.org)*

- [Sunday Morning Worship](#) Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. The worship service will include a collection for the **Tomaquag Museum** an indigenous museum featuring an extensive collection and archive of Southern New England tribal communities. Members of the public are welcome.

This event is scheduled to occur twice on Sunday, June 28, 2020:

- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (9:00 a.m. CDT)
- 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (8:00 a.m. MDT)

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2020/sunday-worship>

## **UUA General Assembly General Sessions (Business Sessions)**

For those of you interested in the business conducted at the General Assembly, here is the schedule. They are all open to the public.

The following events should be available via live-streaming video on the [GA 2020 Public Events](#) page. All times are **Eastern Daylight Time**.

## General Business Sessions

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **June's Share the Plate: Coachella Valley Moms Demand Action**

Our June Share the Plate recipient is *Coachella Valley Moms Demand Action*. It's parent organization, Moms Demand Action for Sensible Gun Laws, is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action has a chapter in every state and within those chapters, hundreds of local groups. During our Sunday, June 21st Sunday Service, Jimmi Thomas from our local *Coachella Valley Moms Demand Action* group will share how they are encouraging a culture of responsible gun ownership. This has become even more challenging due to COVID-19's increase in fear-based gun purchases.

Founded by a mother of 5 kids, Shannon Watts, the day after Sandy Hook Elementary's mass murder, she started a Facebook group with the message that all Americans can and should do more to reduce gun violence. The online conversation turned into a movement of moms, dads, students, families, concerned citizens and survivors working together with our partners in the gun violence prevention movement to end this uniquely American crisis. Knowing that gun violence is preventable, they are committed to doing what it takes to keep all families safe.

*Coachella Valley Moms Demand Action* is able work on keeping all of us safe because of what we do. We, living through our 7 principles, give. Please give generously on Share the Plate Sunday.

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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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