

July 17, 2020



You'll never go wrong if you grow what you love.
For me, one of those plants is sage.
Butterflies love it, bees love it,
even birdies from the trees love it!

PS The red yucca isn't bad, either. *Ingrid*

UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

[Click Here to Join Our Worship Services at 10:00 AM](#)

July 19, 2020

New Worlds, Terrifying Monsters, and Impossible Things

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddel

Worship Associate: Robert Rancourt

The world is changing around us in so many ways. Things we knew to be certain are unsettled. And we're seeing things that have been happening a long time with new clarity. How do we imagine a new world on the other side of all of this change?

July 26, 2020

Widening the Circle of Concern, Part Two

Worship Leader: Rev. Donald Stouder

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

Several weeks ago, the UUA released a document that will drive the direction and focus of our religious denomination for decades to come. In this second of a three-sermon series, Rev Don will help us understand "Widening the Circle of Concern; Report of the UUA Commission on Institutional Change". Join us as we talk about what a "radical universalism" might look like. Links to the document are here: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/cic/widening>

In a series of sermons Rev. Dr. Don Stouder will introduce to us the results from a UUA Commission to research and study the UUA itself. This is an important document. You are encouraged to watch, listen and consider the information. The full document (Widening the Circle of Concern) is available on the UUA website.

CALENDAR July 19 - 24

Meetings

Chalice Circles: Wednesday @ 12:00 pm

Board of Directors: Tuesday @ 5:00 pm

Staying Connected

Sunday Together: Sunday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Loving Kindness Meditation: Thursday @ 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Coffee & Conversation: Friday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Social BUUterflies Happy Hour: Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

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Sunday Together

- Meeting ID: 972 2940 8280
- Password: 596693

Coffee & Conversation:

- Meeting ID: 405 425 312
- Password: 010198

Loving Kindness Meditation:

- Meeting ID: 822 160 492
- Password: 284353

Social BUUterflies Happy Hour:

- Meeting ID: 535 854 983
- Password: 926623

Upcoming Events

Afternoon Book Club: Friday, July 31 @ 1:30 pm

We are exploring the topic of Systemic Racism and Black Lives Matter. We have agreed that it is a very broad subject with many adjunct topics. We are not recommending one book; we suggest that each of us research relevant books and make personal choices. Two books that have been considered are "*I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*" by Austin Channing Brown and "*Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*" by Eli Saslow.

Do your research and join us. The New York Times, The Harvard Gazette, and most all major newspapers have published a list of books dealing with understanding and dismantling racism. The ACLU also has an excellent list of suggested summer reading.

All are welcome. NO exceptions. We will be discussing books we've read on racism.

Contact Lavonne Swanson at Imswanson44@gmail.com or 612-824-5528 to get details for joining the discussion.

BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors July Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Tuesday, July 21 at 5:00pm. Board meetings are open for all members and friends. The agenda for the meeting will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at <http://uucod.org/Governance>

Join Zoom Meeting

Join by Phone:
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Meeting ID: 923 5473 2966
Password: 123320

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for Sunday, July 12: \$167.00

News from the Care Team:

In these confusing and exhausting times, please know your Care Team is here for you. Anyone in need of support, please reach out to either Margaret Beaman or Bryna Blum. They are on call for July and August and, care about what you need to share.... Their information can be found in the UU Directory.

Take care,
Bryna

Zoom Scheduling Reminder:

Email Katy Faas (katyfaas@hotmail.com) to edit a current meeting or schedule a new Zoom meeting.

AUCTION 2020

Not even the Covid Virus can stop the annual UUCOD auction! Plans are being made to hold the live auction via zoom (similar to the annual congregational meeting in May) on Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm.

Kinks are still being worked out on how to hold a silent auction. I will keep you posted on progress on that front.

In the meantime it is not too early to start thinking of possible auction donations in this unusual time. Ideas- A chili (lasagna, tamale, stew, etc.) dinner delivered to winner's home, sweets (pies, cookies, cakes, etc.) delivered to winner's home, intimate dinner parties allowing for social distancing, wine baskets, use of vacation homes, stay at home activities. If you happen to come up with additional donation possibilities (or any other auction questions) please email Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com and I will list suggestions in later newsletters.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

July's Share the Plate is for Los Medicos Voladores aka *The Flying Doctors*

Since 1997, teams of volunteer physicians, dentists, pilots, and general volunteers have

flown into the Thermal airport to spend a full day providing free, high quality medical, dental, and optometry clinics to Eastern Coachella Valley's underserved, uninsured, and working poor. With a population of 72,882, they have a staggering physician-to-population ratio of 1 physician per 8,407 residents! The President of *The Flying Doctors*, Luz Moreno, states these are our "brothers, sisters and children" who work mainly in the migrant farm communities.

On Sunday, July 19, please open your hearts and wallets and give generously. Your offering will be used to fund their next free clinic once they are able to safely reopen. While Share the Plate is normally held third Sundays October through June, at last month's UUCOD Board meeting, Social Justice Committee was granted permission to hold Share the Plate collections this year in July, August, & September as well. In May 2020, our Congregation voted on our Share the Plate slate of organizations for the 2020-21 church year. If you would like be part of our Share the Plate Steering Committee, contact Denise Janssen Eager.

Be Safe and Well!

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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