

September 18, 2020



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

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

**September 20, 2020**

***Change & Certainty: The Transient & the Permanent***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell**

**Worship Associate: Joni Paddock**

This year has been one of disruption and change. How do we make ourselves ready? How do we keep ourselves open and curious? Join us as Rev. Ian introduces himself to the congregation and explores change and our UU tradition.

**September 27, 2020**

***A Free Heart; Part 2***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Bryna Blum**

A path into freedom is a lifelong pursuit. In Zen there are the Ox-Herding Pictures. In the civic arena there is the call for justice. Ideals are wonderful, but, as someone said, "you cannot eat democracy." *Dr. King wrote: "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love."* In Judaism, these are the High Holy Days, a *new year's* time, out of ordinary time. It is a solemn and celebratory time, a time to take inventory and see what we need to let go, into order to stay on the path into liberating freedom.

COLLECTIONS BASKET

# "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

- "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know." — A.A. Milne

## CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 11-18

**Worship Committee:** Tuesday @ 4:30pm

**Afternoon Book Club:** Friday @ 1:30pm

### 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

### To Dial in by Phone

**+1 408 638 0968**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, September 20, 2020: \$194.31**

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### Art Talk

Calling all UUCOD creative types! Join us for an informal Zoom conversation of Art Talk on Monday, September 28, 5:00 - 6:30 pm Pacific Time. Let's talk about what we are doing artwise, however we define that. Let's share, inspire, and support.

Screen sharing will be available: if you wish, take a jpg of your work and have it ready on your desk top. However, definitely not required. Questions? Contact Evelyn Kain @ [evelyn.kain@yahoo.com](mailto:evelyn.kain@yahoo.com)

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Meeting ID: 971 9143 0188

Passcode: 866224

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### News from the Care Team:

The 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 through the end of September. We care about what you need to share....

Our information can be found in the UU Directory.

Stay safe and be well.

## AUCTION NOTES

We are in need of items for our 'Drop In Silent' and 'Zoom Live' Auctions. The creative side of UUCODer's is showing-adapting the usual auction items to this unusual time. Hopefully, checking out the list of the donated items below will spark your own creative idea for a donation. You can donate by clicking on link below or by contacting Carol Lavoie at [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com). Thank you!

### DONATIONS as of September 16:

- 4 Course Dinner on the UUCOD Board
- Monthly Local Produce Boxes
- Collection of Books by former UUCOD'er
- Generosity Challenge - \$2,400
- Flourless Chocolate Cake
- Singing Bowl
- 3 Deliveries of Fresh Flowers
- Reuben's Prize Winning Chili with 'fixins'
- Blessed Hand Knit Socks by Rev. Ian
- Take and Bake Enchiladas
- Monkey Bread
- Banana Bread
- Democratic Blue Prize Winning Cornbread
- 'MATCH GAME' - Donor will match up to \$500

[DONATE HERE](#)

## ATTENTION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### We ask for your participation!!

The 2020-2021 Directory for the church is on the drawing board, and we need YOU to partake in the fun!! The time has come again to correct your contact information and your participation is necessary for us to complete our goal.

Using your 2019-2020 Directory, is all the information correct in the listing for your name?

If there's a change, contact us at email: [mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com). If there are no changes, then we are good to go and you don't need to contact anyone.

### **What is our GOAL?**

A fresh, hot off the press Directory that will be *delivered to you personally...* when you come to do your bidding at the **Silent Auction on Friday, November 13 from 10am to 6pm**. If we don't see you there, we will mail them directly to your house; which is why you need to have the correct address, so we can do things like snail mail.

**Remember:** if there are any changes, additions or subtractions, email [mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com)

**The Deadline for your response is: October 10, 2020**

Thank you, The Membership Committee

## *Lifespan Spiritual Growth Programs*

### ***UUCOD History, Courage and Connecting the Dots***

A brief history of the UUCOD

Leader: Leslie Gebhart, MA, PCC

Date: September 20, 2020

Time: 2:00PM-3:30PM (please note that you can log on as early as 1:45PM if you need to get comfortable with the technology)

Participant Limit: None

Note: Participants should have paper and something to write with available for an exercise that will be conducted during the program.

[Click Here to Register](#)

*You will receive the zoom link for this event in your confirmation email*

Questions about this course?

Rob DuWors ([rduwors@gmail.com](mailto:rduwors@gmail.com))

### ***Diversity 101***

Leader: Lauren Nile, JD

Dates: September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Participant Limit: 30

Diversity 101 will consist of opportunities for participants to explore wide and varied perspectives on race and racism. Prejudice, Unconscious Bias, Intention vs. Impact, and White Fragility and Privilege are a sampling of what will be explored in this forum. What roles do we play in perpetuating racism? What actions can we take to counter systemic racism in America?

Ms. Nile is extending generous professional arrangements to the UUCOD for her work. In recognition of her generosity, we will provide participants the opportunity to offer up dana as an expression of appreciation. (Dana: A Buddhist tradition for practicing generosity)

through monetary contributions for teachings. This is not a fee or payment. It is a monetary expression of gratitude.)

[Click Here to Register](#)

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Questions about this course?

Peter Mathews ([peter.mathews56@gmail.com](mailto:peter.mathews56@gmail.com))

### ***Building Your Own Theology***

Leader: Reverend Barbara Fast

Dates: October 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19

Time: 3:00PM-5:00PM

Participant Limit: 10

I took Building Your Own Theology (BYOT) in 1989 and it was a revelation. It gave me the honest religious grounding that I was seeking. During that time, I looked deeply at my experiences and beliefs, reaffirmed some, let go of others. My small group companions honored each other's stories, as we heard our own. I had not known you could do that at a church! I like to say, all theology is grounded in autobiography. In BYOT, you get to "sit at the feet of your own life" and grow.

There is no cost for this offering, but participants will need to obtain Building Your Own Theology, Volume 1 by Richard S. Gilbert. Please use the following link for ordering.

[Building Your Own Theology Workbook](#)

Please contact Peter Mathews at the email address listed below if you cannot afford the book and he will work to alternate arrangements.

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### ***Poetry***

Leader: Peter Mathews

Dates: November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8

Time: 10:30AM-12:00PM

Participant Limit: 10

Analysis of meaningful, spiritually based poetry that is created by course participants and

others.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **US Census 2020--answer now to be counted!**

It's not too late to complete the 2020 Census! Responses shape how hundreds of billions of dollars in Federal funding are distributed to local communities annually for hospitals, schools, emergency services, roads and more. Results are also used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your representation at all levels of government.

**PLEASE complete the form online if you have not yet completed the census information—it can be done in less than 10 minutes at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) . IF you prefer, you may complete the census questionnaire by phone. Start by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).**

**Complete the census as soon as possible but no later than September 30, 2020 .**

It is important for everyone to be counted!!

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### **UUCOD to Be Honored by Palm Springs Chapter of Veterans for Peace Next Monday**

You are invited to watch on your computer as UUCOD is honored by the Palm Springs chapter of Veterans for Peace at their 15th Annual International Day of Peace celebration next Monday, September 21. We are receiving this honor for collecting \$462.67 through Share the Plate so they could install a Peace Pole - like the one we have next to our labyrinth - at the Islamic Society of Coachella Valley.

Keynote Speakers will be Joy Silver and Rev. Dale Olansky. Special Guests will include Staff of County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and UUCOD's own Corbett Brattin. Music by Bob Calvert.

If you have questions or would like to see the complete program, please contact Denise Janssen Eager.

#### **Info:**

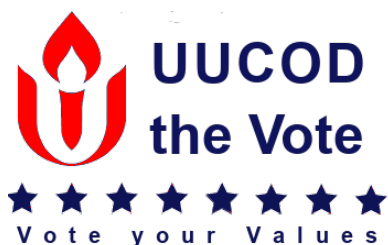
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 7:45pm

Meeting ID: 873 6550 7939

Passcode: 480723

Phone: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)



### **The First Virtual Presidential Debate Watching Party is September 29th**

Mark your calendars, grab your snacks, beverages of choice & join us Tuesday, September 29th at 5:50pm for the First Virtual Presidential Debate Watching Party. Together, we will watch the debates, chat via Zoom about what the candidates said, and afterwards hash over the

evening. We may even play Debate Bingo! Watch this space next week for the Zoom link.

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### Well in the Desert is September's Share the Plate Recipient

**Well in the Desert**, our September 20th Share the Plate recipient, is a small, grassroots 501(c)3 organization that has been operating for 23 years. In a normal year, they serve more than 1000 people who are affected by poverty throughout the western end of the Coachella Valley. However, with this pandemic, they are seeing 100 clients walk through their doors every day.

Recently, the Well suffered a crushing blow when the city of Palm Springs informed them that the city will no longer be able to provide the \$75,000 that the city has been providing the Well in annual funding, and may not be able to provide the Well the \$45,000 that had been promised from COVID-19 Relief funding. The money from these two city sources formed the largest part of the budget for Well in the Desert. This funding loss will severely impact the Well's ability to continue providing the services which its homeless clients rely on to survive. These include:

- Nutritious meals
- Emergency food assistance
- Weekly supplemental food distribution
- Showers & personal care products
- Clean clothing
- An address that clients can use to vote in the upcoming election
- Case management for medical, mental health, and dental services
- Advocacy

Most of all, the Well provides a place where people can be treated with dignity and respect, which, when you think about it, is our UUA first principle. Please give generously to our Share the Plate for Well in the Desert.

## 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](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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