

October 4, 2020



# REUBEN'S

*chili of champions*

## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

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

**October 4, 2020**

***Fear and Love: The Doctor, the Gospel, and the Novelist***

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

**Worship Associate: Joni Paddock**

An African American novelist, an anonymous Gospel writer, and a Time Lord walk into a sermon ... join us as we explore how fear and love guide our lives.

**October 11, 2020**

***#VoteLove and #DefeatHate***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

Join UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray, the UU the Vote team, and a lineup of powerful, prophetic UU voices as we explore the intersections of faith, justice, and democracy in this collective virtual service.

**October 18, 2020**

***ABC's and Z of Community***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Bob Rancourt**

What do we need to be able to sustain healthy lives? It has something to do with hugs and a sense of Belonging. How will we deepen our sense of community while safely distancing is a good question. Perhaps a sense of shared purpose.

October 25, 2020

*Pride! My connection to the past...present... and our guide through and to the future!*

**Worship Leader: Rabbi King Jules**

**Worship Associate: Bryna Blum**

I am what I am! Our journey and struggles continue... however we will overcome together. It is our personal and collective responsibility!

COLLECTIONS BASKET

## "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

— Margaret Mead

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For those that have requested this and for those that missed last Sunday's service.

For the reading this morning, I am paraphrasing-with his permission- from the sermon Rabbi Jules King of Desert-Outreach-Synagogue gave last year on Yom Kippur (Our day of Atonement). It is called The 7 Commandments of Transforming our Lives. I wanted to share it with you, because in its simplicity it says so much.

We, as Jews, are called upon to take a look at who we were and ask ourselves who it is we want to be. Judaism recognizes that we are not perfect, that we are not complete and urges us to live our lives to bring ourselves to being better, striving for something greater and higher-not perfection-but to be the best person we can be. This opens up not only the questions that we need to ask but reminds us that hard work, achieving some level of completion is up to each and every one of us.

So it begs the question. What can we do to make this world a better place? What can we do to make ourselves a better person? These are The 7 Commandments.

- 1) Make peace with the past so that it doesn't spoil the present.
- 2) Realize that what others think of you is none of your business.
- 3) Time heals almost everything-so give the time some time.
- 4) No one is the reason for your happiness except yourself.
- 5) Do NOT compare your life with the life of others. You have no idea what their journey is about.
- 6) Stop thinking too much. It is all right not to know all the answers.
- 7) Smile. You do not own all the troubles in the world.
  - Let's do the little things that make a difference...
  - Make peace with yourself. Make peace with each other
  - Make peace with the world...

CALENDAR OCTOBER 4-9

**Stewardship Committee:** Tuesday @ 2:00 pm

**VP Debate:** Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

**Facilities:** Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

**Chorus on Furlough** Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

**Social Justice Committee:** Thursday @ 6:30 pm

**Diversity 101:** Saturday @ 10:00 am

**Church Council:** Saturday @ 2:00 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

### **To Dial in by Phone**

**Sunday Together**

**Coffee & Conversation:**

**Loving Kindness Meditation:**

**Social BUUterflies Happy Hour:**

## **REQUEST FOR EVERYONE**

Please send any USPS mail to our, PO Box in Rancho Mirage!  
Please **DO NOT** send mail directly to the Church on Via Vail!!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Plate Collections for Sunday, September 27, 2020: \$378.00**

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### **Solar installation is happening!**

The long trail of approvals is done and installation is almost complete. We will then be Net Carbon Neutral, a huge and meaningful step for our Green Sanctuary Congregation. Hurrah! If you need access to the building during the installation week, coordinate with Jerry.

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### **Care Team Update**

One of the strengths of a community like UUCOD is our ability to offer care and support to each other—and to ask for help when we need it. Your Care Team, working with Rev. Ian, is here to support you in challenging times. Reach out if you need help. You can contact Rev. Ian or Bryna Blum. Our contact info is in the Directory. And stay tuned for more from your Care Team in the coming months!

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### **Worship Committee and Production Team on Sunday Together**

Come find out more information about the Worship Committee and the Production Team on Sunday, Oct. 4th. following the Sunday Service. There will be a breakout room from Sunday Together starting at 11:30 am. Remember Sunday Together starts at 11:00 am. So grab some coffee and visit with friends until 11:30 am and then join the breakout session.

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**Art Talk: Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.**

Calling all UUCOD creative types! Join us for an informal Zoom conversation of Art Talk on Monday, October 26, 5 pm PT. Let's talk about what we are doing art-wise, however we define art. Let's share, inspire, and support.

Screen sharing will be available but not required.

Topic: Art Talk

Time: October 26, 5:00-6:30pm

## OUR MINISTRY OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING GROUP IS FORMING

At the Board meeting on September 15th the Board agreed to support the Black, Indigenous, and Other People of Color (BIOPOC) group recently formed within our congregation. In addition, the Board established the Ministry of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Group which will help guide us as we work to become a more diverse and welcoming community. The Board is committed to a cultural change process.

The Board established the following parameters for the Ministry of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging:

- There shall be 7 members with 4 selected by our BIOPOC group.
- The remaining 3 members shall be selected by inviting congregants to self-apply. The Board will conduct a vetting process and select the three candidates deemed most qualified.
- Applicants must be active members or friends in our UUCOD community, demonstrate a commitment to the 7 principles of Unitarian Universalism, and possess a willingness to participate in UUCOD institutional change.
- Preference is for individuals willing to make a 1 to 2-year commitment.
- In addition, the Minister and a Board representative shall be ex-officio members.

**Anyone interested in self-applying for the Ministry of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Group should submit a letter, no later than October 23, 2020, outlining their qualifications and reasons for interest to Jane Zaun at [jnzaun@yahoo.com](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com) or by sending to UUCOD, PO Box 2853, Rancho Mirage, CA. 92270.**

## CARE TEAM

With his permission, I am sharing what was posted on Facebook by Rev. Don Stouder...

So here's the thing; the next 4-12 weeks are likely to be among the most chaotic that any of us have ever lived through. I cannot stress enough the need to hunker down and protect yourself, and one of the best ways to do that is to actively cultivate gratitude and hope. They are amazing antidotes to chaos and despair. The darkest side of ourselves is about to show itself; do not let it in, do not let it win. Take care of yourselves, together, and be more attentive to your needs and the needs of those you love right now. Saving the world might be asking too much right now; work on keeping your mental, spiritual, and physical health well tended-to.

To reduce stress and anxiety, write your happy thoughts down. To read the article in its entirety:

<https://tinyurl.com/yaah6mw7>

Bryna Blum  
Care team Chair

## AUCTION NOTES

ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO until the auction donation forms are due October 7th! This

years auction is more important than ever. If you are still undecided on a donation please contact Carol Lavoie at [mclavoie@aol.com](mailto:mclavoie@aol.com).

### DONATIONS as of October 1:

- 4 Course Dinner by UUCOD Board
- 3 Months of Local Produce Boxes
- Collection of Books by UUCOD'er
- Generosity Challenge - \$2,500
- Flourless Chocolate Cake
- Tibetan Singing Bowl
- 3 Deliveries of Fresh Flowers
- Lasagna Dinner for 4
- Note cards - New Designs
- Homemade Berry Cheesecakes
- Homemade Shortbread or Chocolate Peanut Butter Chip Cookies
- Tea for 2 & Poetry Book Basket
- Cookbooks and Tea Towels
- Metal Print
- Nature walk
- Metal Print of Irish Bridge
- Black Author's Book Subscription
- Unique Multi-Stone Necklace
- Silver Frame
- Nature Walk with Master Gardener
- 4 Night Stay at 'Buddha House' in Colorado
- Reuben's Prize Winning Chili with 'fixins'
- Blessed Knit Socks by Rev. Ian
- Take and Bake Enchiladas
- Homemade Banana, Monkey or Pumpkin Breads
- Prize winning Democratic Blue Cornbread
- 'MATCH GAME' - Donor will match up to \$500
- iPad Tablet
- Mono Print Workshop
- Linoleum Prints
- Mono Prints - 7th Principle
- Greg Louganis Signed Book
- Collection of Black Literature-- subscription
- Beautiful necklace
- Julian Pie Company Pies
- Cookbook Basket
- Reuben's Peanut Butter and Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Julien Pie (your choice) - Delivered
- Beef Brisket Dinner for 4 - Delivered

[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 OPPORTUNITIES



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

Leader: Reverend Barbara Fast

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

Time: 3:00PM-3:00PM

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.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

Questions about this course?

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

### ***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.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

Questions about this course?

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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee will begin their 2020-2021 season this Thursday, October 8th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come join us and together we will make a positive change within the Coachella Valley & throughout our nation. For more information, contact Denise Janssen Eager.

### Details

Date: Oct. 8, 2020

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm.

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### Vice Presidential Debate Virtual Watch Party is October 7th

On Wednesday, October 7th Senator Kamala Harris and Vice President Mike Pence will take the stage to debate the topics that affect all of us. *UUCOD the Vote* will be hosting its final watch party. We will watch it on the computer via Zoom instead of on our own TVs as we did in the first debate. Afterwards, we will discuss how they did. Join us!

### Details

Date: Oct. 7, 2020

Time: 5:30 PM Pacific Time

Questions? Call Denise Janssen Eager

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### COACHELLA VALLEY VOTING INFORMATION

**You Have 3 Ways to Vote!**

#### VOTE EARLY

**Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Westfield Mall**

**72-840 Highway 111**

**Palm Desert, CA 92260**

**or**

**AT A VOTER ASSISTANCE CENTER NEAR YOU**

**VOTER ASSISTANCE CENTER LOCATIONS**

**Saturday, October 31 - Monday, November 2**

**9:00am - 5:00pm**

**&**

**Election Day, November 3**

**7:00am - 8:00pm**

**or**

**DON'T WAIT IN LINE!**

**Vote your ballot at home & drop it off in a secure ballot drop-off box available at Westfield Mall or at any of these locations:**

**[BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS](#)**

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### **What's on Your Ballot?**

#### **California's Ballot Proposition Discussion at Sunday Together**

Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Join "Sunday Together" via the established Zoom link. At 11:30 we will move to a separate "ZOOM room" for the ballot propositions discussion.

Join us for a discussion of the issues along with pros and cons of each proposal. Questions? Contact Gloria at [gkapp@dc.rr.com](mailto:gkapp@dc.rr.com).

Resources for your review before the ballot discussion:

**[UU Justice Ministry of California 2020 Ballot Recommendations](#)**

**[VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE](#)**

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### **Palm Springs Pride Weekend**

Due to COVID-19, the traditional Pride Parade in Palm Springs will not take place as usual. Palm Springs Pride says to save-the-date November 7, 2021 when the annual Pride Parade in Palm Springs will return.

**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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