

October 9, 2020



The Buddha house, a charming painted lady, Victorian guest cabin, is being offered by Glenn Yamaguchi and Peter Mathews. The guest house is nestled in the Northern Gate of the San Juan Mountains in beautiful Ouray, Colorado. Considered the Switzerland of America, hiking, jeeping, and soaking in hot springs are just a few of the popular activities available in this land of 14,000 foot peaks. The guest house sleeps 2. Includes breakfast and two hot spring passes. Dates: TBD--4 nights

## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

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

**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**

***The Way We Really Are: Economic Injustice***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Bob Rancourt**

Covid has revealed the many fault lines that were already there in our economic systems. This inequality was created by monetary and tax policy decisions over decades. It is damaging the health and stability of families. Tens of millions are food insecure and experiencing disrupted housing while health care costs are still bankrupting budgets. It doesn't have to be this way. Do we want to change it?

October 25, 2020

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

**Worship Leader: Rabbi Jules King**

**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

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T. Bennett, [The Light in the Heart](#)

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"Between Us"

One quote from Thomas Alva Edison that kept me going through-out the Labyrinth Project is still pertinent today:

"When you exhaust all possibilities, remember this: you haven't."

It reminds me of our former RE teacher, who was so reliable and now can use our good wishes as her work load has been affected by the current situation. Gratitude to Nancy Medina and good wishes too.

## CALENDAR OCTOBER 4-9

**Finance Committee:** Sunday @ 11:30 am

**Membership Committee:** Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

**Building Your Own Theology Class:** Thursday @ 4:00 pm

**Second Presidential Debate:** Thursday @ 5:30 pm

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

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, October 4, 2020: \$101.00**



### **UUCOD Goes Greener!**

As of Thursday, October 8, 2020, UUCOD entered a new phase of its Green Sanctuary commitment by reaching net-carbon-neutral status! After nearly eighteen months of planning, we have completed our transition to solar power!

With 80 solar panels installed on our roof, UUCOD is now generating all our annual power use. We are also saving money and will be for the foreseeable future. On just the first full day, we eliminated 162 pounds of

CO<sub>2</sub>, the equivalent of planting 1.25 trees. In just one day!

This goal was achieved through years of dreaming and planning, false starts and obstacles, perseverance by our Facilities team, and the generosity of our donor who made this all possible. It also would not have been possible without the dogged determination of our Facility Committee chairperson, Rod Belshee, who championed the project from start to finish.

Our building may be closed but there has been a lot going on!

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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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### **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

## **EQUIPPING THE SANCTUARY FOR LIVE STREAMING**

Although we do not know when we will fully return to the sanctuary, we expect that someday, when services do return to the sanctuary, we will start with tiny audiences that increase very gradually. We will not want to fully occupy all the seats for a very long time, and some congregants might not be comfortable returning until long after the protocols are relaxed. There will be a substantial period of time where most of us will still be watching online, even once the services are conducted in the sanctuary.

Let's make lemonade out of the lemons! Some generous donors plus a matching grant may provide us the ability to equip the sanctuary permanently for streaming without affecting the church budget. We could then provide services into the future for our snowbirds, congregants living remotely or who are infirm. Live streaming will also help serve as outreach to our community both near and distant.

We assembled a couple of groups of congregants (22 in total) to discuss the idea and found great enthusiasm for streaming and also for adding large screens to the sanctuary.

There are challenges to figure out – most notably how to make this simple enough to sustain with our volunteers – but we are working through the challenges to develop a proposal.

We will discuss the topic at the October 20 Board meeting. Questions: give Rod Belshee a call or email [rbelshee@hotmail.com](mailto:rbelshee@hotmail.com)

## SELF APPLY FOR OUR MINISTRY OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

**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. This will be an exciting time for our Church as we increase diversity and welcoming in our community.**

At the Board meeting on September 15th the Board established the Ministry of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Group.

The Parameters for the Ministry of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Group are:

- 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.

## 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

Generous donors have donated nearly 70 items for our 'Drop In' Silent Auction (Friday, Nov. 13) and our Zoom Live Auction (Saturday, November 14). **Now we need bidders...** Constant Contact invitations will go out next week. Please RSVP ASAP-auction packets need to be sent out, names entered into the computer, etc. After registering you will receive easy-to-follow bidding instructions, the auction catalog and a bidding 'paddle'. IT

WILL BE EASY-REALLY NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE ARE USED TO! AND IT IS SURE TO BE FUN!

### DONATIONS as of October 6:

- 4 Course Dinner by UUCOD Board
- 3 Months of Local Produce Boxes
- Collection of books by UUCODer
- Generosity Challenge-\$2500
- Flourless Chocolate Cake
- Tibetan Singing Bowl
- Delivery of Fresh Flowers
- Lasagna Dinner for 4
- Notecards-New Designs
- Homemade Berry Cheesecakes
- Homemade Shortbread or Chocolate Peanut Butter Chip Cookies
- Tea for 2 & Poetry Basket
- Cookbook Basket
- Metal Print of Irish Bridge
- Black Authors Book Subscription
- Unique Necklace
- Pewter Frame
- Nature Walk with Master Gardener
- COACH Clutch Purse
- Cardamon Bread
- Sermon of your Choice- Rev. Ian
- Master Gardener Consultation
- Star Trek Face Masks
- Gorman Print
- Cork Placemats
- Greg Louganis Autographed Book
- Car Tour of Joshua Tree
- Spanish Paella Dinner for 4
- 4 Night Stay at CO 'Buddha House'
- Reuben's Prize Winning Chili + 'Fixins')
- Blessed Knit Socks by Rev. Ian
- Take and Bake Enchiladas
- Homemade Banana, Monkey and Pumpkin Bread
- Prize Winning 'Democratic Blue' Cornbread
- MATCH GAME - Donor will match up to \$500
- iPad Tablet
- Linoleum Prints
- Mono Prints - 7th Principle
- Julian Pies - Delivered
- Reuben's PB & Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Beef Brisket Dinner for 4
- Homemade Soups
- Hand Woven Shawl
- Hand Woven Runner
- Neck Pillows
- Hummel Plates
- Pet/House Sitting
- Mexican Dinner for 4
- Air Museum Tour & Lunch
- Homemade Breads
- Idyllwild Lunch

## DEADLINE FOR DIRECTORY CHANGES OCTOBER 10

### Membership is asking 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, send an email to [mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com](mailto:mel.wilkinson@yahoo.com).

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

## 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

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

#### **Join California's Ballot Propositions Discussion**

**at Sunday Together Oct. 11, 11:30am-1:00pm via Zoom**

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

Join us to discuss the issues, with pros and cons of each proposal. Please bring your California Voter Guide (propositions booklet) to this discussion. Voter Guides were received by most voters last week. If you have not received yours, a copy is available online at the web page of the California Secretary of State.

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\*\*](#)

#### [\*\*California Voter Guide\*\*](#)

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### **Join UUCOD the Vote for Our Final Push to Get Out the Vote in Key Battleground States**

Depending on when you read this, there are 24 or fewer days until November 3. Knowing that this election will decide the future of Democracy in our country, UUCOD the Vote has set up several opportunities for you to phone- and text-bank eligible unregistered & reluctant marginalized voters in key states that will decide who will be leading our country for the next 4 years.

You can get involved no matter where you live. Interested in joining us from the safety of your home on our these campaigns or just want more info on how we do it? Call Denise Janssen Eager or connect with us on Facebook at [\*\*UUCOD the Vote\*\*](#). You are needed now!

Let's step out of our comfort zone and live our 7 principles. Let's courageously be on the side of love & help those who are not valued in our country understand that their voice, their ballot matters. Together, let's win this election and rebuild the future of our

Democracy for all people. No exceptions.

Join us!

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**COACHELLA VALLEY VOTING INFORMATION**  
**You Have 3 Ways to Vote & 1 Way to Track Your Ballot!**

**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**

**Find one near you:**

**[Voter Assistance Centers - Riverside County](#)**

**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 Dropoff Locations - Riverside County](#)**

**October 5 - November 2**

**Monday - Friday only**

**&**

**Election Day, November 3**

**Hours Vary - Check for Times**

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE**

**Use this link to track whether your ballot has been received**

**[Track My Ballot](#)**

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**Palm Springs Pride Parade has Been Cancelled**

Due to COVID-19, Palm Springs Pride Parade has been cancelled. Palm Springs Pride says to save-the-date of November 7, 2021 when it is expected to return. For more information, go to [PS Pride](#).

**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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