

October 23, 2020



## THREE NIGHT, FOUR DAY GETAWAY TO NEWPORT BEACH

Enjoy a 3 night, 4 day getaway. Just a hundred steps from the sand at Newport beach. This loft suite is above a garage with safe, inside street parking provided. One king bed. Small fridge if you wish to bring your own picnic supplies. Plenty of beach toys, umbrellas, and beach chairs provided. Restaurants galore within walking distance.

Dates: TBD--3 consecutive night, four day nights getaway, before May 15, 2021.

## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

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

**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!

**November 1, 2020**

***Remembering Our Ancestor***

**Worship Leader: Rev Barbara Fast & Friends**

SPECIAL ZOOM WORSHIP: You are invited to share a photo/s of your loved one/s during the service.

Loss is the 'Great Lesson. Nov 1st is named Day of the Dead, Dios De Los Muertos, in Mexican culture. It got me thinking about how we create rituals, formal and informal, to process loss and remember our Ancestors. It got me thinking about a pilgrimage I took to a secluded island where tiny houses sit atop mossy graves on a remote island in Finland. I

thought about All Saints Day. We here at UUCOD remember those deceased members who have sustained this community, in our annual "In Memoriam". It seemed a good thing, to invite you to remember those in your own who lives whose legacy lives on within you. You will be invited to share a photo or two and briefly say their names. Please watch for a ZOOM invitation/link next week.

## COLLECTIONS BASKET

## "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.

Maya Angelou

## CALENDAR OCTOBER 23 - OCTOBER 30

**Conversations with Board:** Quarterly Update on Budget Sunday @ 11:30 am

**Super Senior Lunch:** Monday @ 2:00 pm

**Art Talk:** Monday @ 5:00 pm

**Worship Committee:** Tuesday @ 5:00 pm

**Building Your Own Theology Class:** Thursday @ 3:00 pm

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

## CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BOARD BUDGET UPDATE. SUNDAY OCT. 25

### SUNDAY TOGETHER, OCTOBER 25 @ 11:30!!

This is your opportunity to hear an update on our budget plus our new strategic goals for 2020-2023. Join your fellow members and friends in learning where we are now and the direction we are heading!!

## CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Dear UUCOD Congregants,

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 where most of us will still be watching online, even once the services are conducted in the sanctuary.

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. **The board is enthusiastic about this initiative and is eager to share it with the congregation and get your feedback.**

***We are inviting you to an informational meeting on November 8th at 11AM to provide as much transparency as possible around this initiative and hope you can join us.***

Many thanks.  
UUCOD Board of Directors

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, October 18, 2020:** \$1,182.62.  
Galilee Center will receive \$591.31 as part of our Share the Plate program.

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### Stories of Pride

UUCOD recently announced that the 2020 Pride Parade has been canceled. Insight Community of the Desert would like to invite UUCOD to participate in their event honoring 2020 Pride Day on November 8. Stories of Pride will present life-stories of members of the Coachella Valley LGBTQI+ community. Listen to [this audio invitation](#) to share **your** stories of coming out, of love, of growth, of loss, or perhaps of an interesting chapter in your life. After listening to the invitation you can schedule your interview with Adrian Estrada at [mindfuladrian@gmail.com](mailto:mindfuladrian@gmail.com).

More information on the event will be forthcoming.



### Palm Springs Pride 2020

Pride Weekend is November 6-8 in Palm Springs and the Palm Springs Pride invites the community to come together in solidarity, in the spirit of activism, and to demonstrate resilience under the theme Exist. Resist. Persist. A combination of...

[Read more](#)  
[hosted.verticalresponse.com](https://hosted.verticalresponse.com)

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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

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On July 19, 2020 we hosted an event which was an interruption of the usual, the comfortable. This post contains a video of that event. The interruption was necessary to make space for the recognition of a painful trend of violence towards the...

[Read more](#)

[desertinsight.org](http://desertinsight.org)

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blog. The video can be downloaded at the end of the blog.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Here's your chance to help administer and organize a Children's Story Time. We have children and youth with whom we are not connecting during this Covid19 period. A group of concerned UUCOD folk, including parents, hope we can zoom "story times" with the children.

We would appreciate help with sending emails, reminding parents/families of the time, keeping track of storytellers. The estimated time involved would be around 1.5 to 2 hours/week.

If you can help out, please email Jane Zaun at [jnzaun@yahoo.com](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com).

## 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

**DO NOT LOOK AWAY! RSVP today to the UUCOD Auction!**

**RSVP**

**DONATIONS as of October 20:**

- 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
- 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

- 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
- Mystery Themed Basket
- Bed Bath and Beyond Gift Certificate
- 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
- Newport Beach Get-Away
- Albertson's/Von's Gift Certificates
- Wisconsin Get Away
- Garnet Necklace

**You must register in order to bid on any of the items listed above. Simply click the RSVP link above to register. It is easy and FREE.**

**Auction registrants will receive an Auction Packet approximately a week prior to the auction. Included in packet will be a bidding paddle, the auction item list and easy-to-follow instructions.**

## LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



### **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**

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

### Phone Banking Dates

Phone banking is a fun way to reach voters in key states. Even introverts like Denise Janssen Eager do it without fear. We'll make it easy for you!

- Saturday, 10/24, 11am - 1pm: to Pennsylvania voters
- Tuesday, 10/27, 3 - 5pm: to Florida voters
- Monday, 11/2 Election Eve, 3 - 5 pm: to Wisconsin voters

### Text Banking Dates

Join our Texting Team to help us reach eligible voters across the country! New to texting? Don't worry! We'll get you set up & ready to go.

- Tuesday, 10/27, 2 - 4pm
- Thursday, 10/29, 2 - 4pm

We want to make sure every voice is heard through voting, so email or call Denise Janssen Eager today with the dates you want to call or text voters.

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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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Perplexed on the Twelve Ballot Propositions?

If you still haven't filled out your ballot because you don't know how to mark the ballot propositions, check out these sources to help you make your decisions or email Denise Janssen Eager to get the recording of our October 11th discussion.

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

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

## 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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