

# November 2020



Treat yourself to an escape from the Coachella Valley heat in summer 2021. Spend a week at a delightful cabin located on 3 wooded acres on one of the most pristine lakes in Northern Wisconsin. Cabin has 2 bedrooms (queen beds), 1 bath, sunroom, living room, dining area, kitchen, and washer and dryer. Enjoy swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing, biking, hiking, and campfires. Wildlife abounds with loons, bald eagles, sandhill cranes, blue herons, deer and wild turkeys.

NOTES: 1) No TV or WiFi, but good cell phone reception and a hotspot on your cellphone works well for WiFi connection. 2) Sorry, no pets. 3) Located 5 minutes from the Rhinelander, WI airport (RHI)

Dates: August 25-31, 2021

## UUCOD Monthly Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM REV. BARBARA



Tim Nguyen-Photographer

**November 2020**

***Get Out The Vote. Protect the Vote. UU the vote and Beyond.***

*Please read the encouraging call to be steadfast for justice and love from our UU Justice Ministry of California Exec. Director, Rev. Ranwa Hammamy. To learn about Pre and Post Election opportunities go to this link: <https://uujmca.org/advocacy/votingdemocracy/get-out-and-protect-the-vote/>.*

*We are not alone!  
Blessings, Rev Barbara*

“So much of this year has been spent adapting, reacting, and responding to what feels unpredictable and beyond our control. From a pandemic that remains irresponsibly uncontrolled by our national leadership, to one of

California's worst fire seasons, to new institutionalized threats to affordable health care - **we are living in a time where our questions and exhaustion can feel more abundant than our power and capacity.**

Actually...I call bull on that last part.

Yes, I am scared of what may or may not come in the next few months. I am anxious that there are a series of question marks that follow November, December, January, and beyond. I am scared for my safety and the safety of my loved ones and our communities. And I am sure you are scared, anxious, lonely, and angry as well.

**AND I know that we are hella powerful, creative, connected, and strong.** My faith - our faith as Unitarian Universalists - tells me that we are on the right, moral, and loving side of history, and that the universe bends with us so long as we make it so.

**So let's make it so.** In the midst of our questions, let's answer with **relationship**. In the midst of our fear, let us be **courageous**. In the midst of our uncertainty, let us create **certainties**. In the midst of oppression, let us create **liberation**. In the midst of hate, let us create **love**.

In faith, justice, and love,  
Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, UUJMCA Executive Director”

**November 5th POST-ELECTION VIGIL with UU the Vote:**

Save the date for this national time with faithful UU community & organizers at 5:00 pm Pacific. No matter the results of the election this year, we know we will want to gather in community. Please save the date and join the UUA, UU the Vote, Side with Love, and UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray for this event. [Hosted on Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTube.](#)

## SERVICES

**November 1, 2020**

***Honoring Our Ancestors***

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

**Worship Associate: Joni Paddock**

SPECIAL ZOOM WORSHIP

Nov 1st is Day of the Dead, Dia De Los Muertos. Human beings create rituals, formal and informal, to process loss and remember our Ancestors., and rejoice that their memory lives on in us. We here at UUCOD remember those deceased members who have sustained this community, in our annual “In Memoriam” after which you will be invited to share a photo or two of the loved ones you have lost, and briefly say their name/s.

**Worship Zoom Service begins at 9:45 am**

**REMINDER: THIS SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS. TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.**

**November 8, 2020**

***Mission Impossible?***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales**

It is Post Election 2020. No matter the outcome, we have a chosen mission as UU's: To be a sanctuary for diversity, spiritual growth and social justice, to bind up the broken, restore ruins of generations, and build Beloved Community.

**November 15, 2020**

***Thrive: Expanding a Heart, Living into an Embracing Universalism***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast**

**Worship Associate: Bob Rancourt**

It was just over twenty years ago that I was ordained a UU Clergywoman. I have been

blessed by many teachers along the way. I will share what I have learned from two of them.

**November 22, 2020**

***Grateful for Caring***

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Ian W. Riddell & the UUCOD Care Team**

**Worship Associate: Bryna Blum**

We know that we cannot thrive without connection and support from the people and communities that sustain us. Join us this morning as we share gratitude and aspirations for how our own religious community supports us and how we can all take part in caring for each other.

**November 29, 2020**

***The Litany of Resistance***

**Worship Leader: Rev. Tet Gallardo**

**Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales**

We must resist evil by doing good, not just as a response to evil but as a being of care for the self, the planet, and its beings.

The Rev. Tet Gallardo was elected president-executive minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines (UUCP) in Spring 2019. Rev. Tet, as she likes to be known, made history as the first out lesbian and first trans president in the church's history. She believes she may be the first out lesbian and first trans cleric in the non-Western world.

COLLECTIONS BASKET

## "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Helen Keller

## CALENDAR

**Friday, October 30**

11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-  
**ZOOM Meeting**

**Saturday, October 31**

10:00 am-Diversity 101-**ZOOM Meeting**  
5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies Happy  
Hour-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Sunday, November 1**

9:45 am-Worship Service-**Special ZOOM Service**  
11:00 am-Sunday Together-**Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 3**

10:30 am-Poetry Class-**ZOOM Meeting**  
2:00 pm-Stewardship Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 4**

**Saturday, November 14**

5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies Happy  
Hour-**ZOOM Meeting**  
6:00 pm-Live Auction-**ZOOM**

**Sunday, November 15**

10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming. Share the Plate Sunday**  
11:00 am-Sunday Together-**Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 17**

10:30 am-Poetry Class-**ZOOM Meeting**  
5:00 pm-Board of Directors-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 18**

5:30 pm-BIOPOC-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, November 19**

12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-

12:30 pm-Election Support-**ZOOM Meeting**  
6:30 pm-Facilities-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, November 5**  
12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-**ZOOM Meeting**  
3:00 pm-Building Your Own  
Theology-**ZOOM Meeting**  
5:30 pm-WNO-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Friday, November 6**  
8:00 am-Men's Breakfast-**ZOOM Meeting**  
11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Saturday, November 7**  
5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies Happy  
Hour-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Sunday, November 8**  
10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming**  
11:00 am-Sunday Together and **All Congregation Informational ZOOM Meeting**  
11:30 am-Finance Committee-**Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 10**  
10:30 am-Poetry Class-**ZOOM Meeting**  
6:00 pm-Membership Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, November 12**  
12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-**ZOOM Meeting**  
3:00 pm-Building Your Own  
Theology-**ZOOM Meeting**  
6:30 pm-Social Justice Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Friday, November 13**  
10:00 am-**Silent Auction at Church**  
11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

**ZOOM Meeting**  
3:00 pm-BYOT Class-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Friday, November 20**  
11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Saturday, November 21**  
5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies Happy  
Hour-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Sunday, November 22**  
10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming**  
11:00 am-Sunday Together-**Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 24**  
10:30 am-Poetry Class-**ZOOM Meeting**  
4:30 pm-Worship-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, November 26**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
12:00 pm-Loving Kindness Meditation-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Friday, November 27**  
11:00 am-Coffee and Conversation-**ZOOM Meeting**  
1:30 pm-Afternoon Book Club-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Saturday, November 28**  
5:00 pm-Social BUUterflies Happy  
Hour-**ZOOM Meeting**

**Sunday, November 29**  
10:00 am-Worship Service-**Live Streaming**  
11:00 am-Sunday Together-**Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, November 30**  
2:00 pm-Super Seniors-**Zoom Meeting**  
5:00 pm-Art Talk-**Zoom Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 1**  
10:30 am-Poetry Class-**ZOOM Meeting**  
2:00 pm-Stewardship Committee-**ZOOM Meeting**

## STAYING CONNECTED

### Staying Connected

**Election Support:** Wednesday Nov. 4 @ 12:30 pm

**Women's Night Out:** Thursday Nov. 5 @ 5:30 pm

**UUCOD Men's Breakfast:** Friday Nov. 6 @ 8:00 am

**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

## ALL CONGREGATION 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

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, October 25:** \$125.00

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Worried? Stressed from TV Election Coverage? Join us on Wednesday November 4th at 12:30 for a ZOOM ELECTION SUPPORT. Let's Care and Support each other!!

**Election Support:** Wednesday Nov. 4 @ 12:30 pm

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### **News from the Care Team:**

The Care Team is currently reaching out to members and friends of the congregation to see how you are and how you're doing. Please, if you are in need of support of any kind, let us know. We are here for you, so don't be shy...

Stay well and stay safe.

Bryna Blum  
Chair, Care Team

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### **Women's Night Out**

Women's Night Out is first Thursday at 5:30pm. We share our concerns and support each other. Come and join us!!

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### **Mens Breakfast**

First Friday Men's Breakfast & Discussion, Now hosted by Mack Rogers, 8:00am on Friday. November 6th. Get your coffee mug on and Come join us....all men always welcome!

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### **Social BUUterflies Happy Hour**

Join us for zoom Happy Hour to warm up for the annual auction.  
Saturday, Nov 14, 5:00-6:00 pm.

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### **UUCOD Afternoon Book Group**

The afternoon book group will be having a Zoom meeting the last Friday of the month, November 27th, at 1:30 p.m. Please join us to discuss *The Sympathizer*. It is the 2015 debut novel by Vietnamese American professor Viet Thanh Nguyen. It is a best-selling novel and recipient of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

The novel fits the expectations of a number of different novel genres: immigrant, mystery, political, historical fiction, dark comedic, spy, and war. The story depicts the anonymous narrator, a North Vietnamese mole in the South Vietnamese army, who stays embedded in a South Vietnamese community in exile in the United States. Nguyen weaves an intricate, layered story of a character who faces the cataclysmic dread of being found out on a daily (if not hourly) basis, yet who also desperately wants to find his own identity and place himself within a familiar and familial context. Yes, he identifies as a double agent, but he also identifies as "illegitimate, bastard, Eurasian, Amerasian, love child, natural child."

**Contact Lavonne Swanson** if you would like to receive the needed Zoom information to join in the discussion.

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### **Art Talk Blurb**

Calling all UUCOD creative types! Join us for an informal Zoom conversation of ArtTalk on Monday, November 30, 5:00 pm PT. Works in progress welcome. We'll talk about what we are doing artwise, however we define that. Let's share, inspire, and support.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Screen sharing will be available. Have a few jpgs in your photo library. If you're uncertain how screen sharing works, especially for iPads, join the meeting early and we'll walk you through it. Having something to show is not a requirement.

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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

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## Say Their Names: Honoring Black Lives Lost to Violence

On July 19, 2020 Insight Community of the Desert honored black lives lost to violence. The powerful zoom presentation included saying the names of the victims and what they were doing before their death. Many in the UUCOD community have been interested in viewing the video of that event. It has recently become available on the ICD blog. The video can be downloaded at the end of the blog.



## Say Their Names: Honoring Black Lives Lost to Violence

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...

## BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR (Special Interest Group)

### BIOPOC --

Do you identify as Black, Indigenous or Other People of Color? In this time when the whole nation and our denomination is exploring ways to work toward racial justice, we have found that Black, Indigenous and Other People of Color may need a safe space to hang out, have time for self-care and honest loving conversation. The group meets monthly for spiritual practices that refill, renew, and support wholeness from our unique perspective as People of Color.

**Meets:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm via Zoom

Contact: Sarah Gonzales

## VOLUNTEERS 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.

## SOLAR SUCCESS

In the first eighteen days of operation, our solar installation has produced 1.9 MWh! We already reduced carbon emissions by 1.5 tons, the equivalent of planting 23 trees (more than one a day)! That is a huge demonstration of our commitment to our Seventh Principle and effort to combat Climate Change.

Since we also reduced the cooling of the building we do not expect an electric bill for the rest of this fiscal year – instead, we will likely have refunds from excess production! With the reduced A/C usage plus solar production, we project savings of as much as \$2,000 against our annual electricity budget, which helps partially offset the loss of rental income.

## 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?  
Contact Peter Mathews

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **The Migrant Education Program Christmas Party & Toy Drive Is Back!!!!**

We are thrilled to announce that UUCOD will be participating in CVUSD's Migrant Education Program's Christmas Party & Toy Drive. This much-loved program helps our migrant families who live in the East Valley have a more joyful Christmas. In past years, volunteers served a buffet dinner to all the families who attended the party held in early December. Leading up to it, we held a Toy Drive and you, our beloved Congregation, would bring in hundreds of unwrapped toys which the children and youth could pick from at the party. Due to Coronavirus and the need to practice social distancing, this year's plans have changed. Instead of holding a traditional party, families will have a Caravan Christmas Party. Plated dinners and special surprises will be given to each family member in their car upon their arrival at the Migrant Education Center.

For the Toy Drive, instead of purchasing toys and bringing them to UUCOD, we will be collecting donations electronically via a **TOY DRIVE DONATIONS** button, much like the weekly Virtual Offering Basket for Sunday Services. The total funds collected will be converted into a Scrip e-gift card and emailed to the Migrant Education Program. They will then shop for toys, which will be handed out to each child and youth when they drive up. Additionally, the funds in the Migrant Education Reserve account will be added to this to help make as many children as possible have a Christmas toy. Currently, there are 1,650 migrant children & youth in Kindergarten through grade 12 within CVUSD. For a majority of them, if it wasn't for our generosity, they would simply not receive anything at Christmas.

### **TOY DRIVE DONATION**

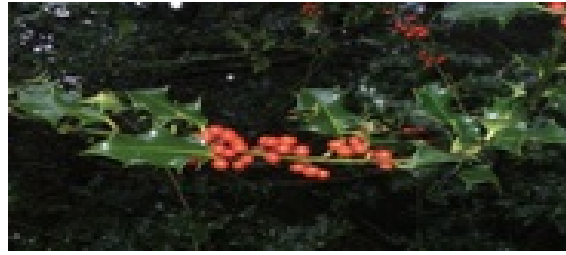
This year we have added another fun way for you to support migrant families. We are holding our **First Annual Thanks & Giving Food Donation Calendar** which will donate greatly needed non-perishable foods to these families. The calendar is below this article. On it is a list of items that are to be placed in a box each day in November. You are to fill the box with all the items (no substitutes) making sure they are not expired. Your box filled with all the items will be dropped at UUCOD on December 4 and the Social Justice Committee will take them to the Migrant Education Center for distribution to the families at their Christmas Party. You must sign up to participate so we can let the Migrant Education Program know how many boxes will be collected.

We hope to have another successful year for this much-loved UUCOD tradition. For more information, email co-coordinators Joni Paddock or Carol McDaniel.

### **Thanks & Giving Food Donation Calendar for CVUSD's Migrant Education Program's Christmas Party**

**Each day in November until Thanksgiving, please add the unexpired  
item listed to a box.**

**On December 4, bring the completely filled box to UUCOD between 3 - 6 pm.  
We'll Deliver it to CVUSD's Migrant Education Program before their Christmas Party.  
Email Joni Paddock for Details & to Sign Up**



- November 1 - Box of Cereal
- November 2 - Peanut Butter
- November 3 - Cooking Oils (corn, canola, vegetable)
- November 4 - Flour (corn or regular flour)
- November 5 - Macaroni & Cheese
- November 6 - Canned Fruit
- November 7 - Canned Tomato Sauce/Paste
- November 8 - Canned Tuna
- November 9 - Dessert Mix
- November 10 - Jar of Applesauce
- November 11 - Canned Sweet Potatoes
- November 12 - Dried Herbs/Spices (cinnamon, oregano, bay leaves, salt, sugar)
- November 13 - Bag of Beans (beans, lentils)
- November 14 - Box of Crackers
- November 15 - Package of Rice
- November 16 - Package of Oatmeal
- November 17 - Package Pasta
- November 18 - Spaghetti Sauce
- November 19 - Chicken Noodle Soup
- November 20 - Canned/Powdered Milk (evap, condensed)
- November 21 - Can Corn
- November 22 - Can Mixed Vegetables
- November 23 - Can Carrots
- November 24 - Can Green Beans



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**November's Share the Plate to Benefit Holiday Gift Drive  
for SafeHouse of the Desert & Harrison House**

Remember last year when there was a little Christmas tree on the patio, filled with tags of names and gift requests from young people at SafeHouse and Harrison House? You bought & brought them back to UUCOD and we wrapped and gave them to the residents at Christmas time. Unfortunately due to Coronavirus restrictions, things will be a bit different this year. But one thing will remain the same: we will still be able to give these teenagers and young adults the love and support they so desperately need.

Our Sunday, November 22nd Share the Plate will benefit SafeHouse of the Desert & Harrison House. Instead of buying the requested items, your generous giving will be used to purchase Target e-gift cards from our Scrip program, which residents will use to buy their own present. It's just like when your Aunt Edna or Grandpa gave you money at Christmas. You bought what you wanted and needed.

Safehouse of the Desert is a life-saving shelter for youth ages 11 to 17 who have run away from home or whose parents no longer want them there. Some have been victims of human trafficking and have no place to go once they are picked up by police. It is a small shelter, housing 7 girls as of mid October. Harrison House is transitional housing for young adults 18 to 21 years of age, some who have "aged out" of the foster care system and have limited ability and resources to live on their own. There are currently 16 young people living there. As the holidays draw closer, both facilities expect to see more youth and young adults walk through their doors.

Sadly, they have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Program Director Shawn Johnson says that Coachella Valley organizations that have regularly donated funds to the two programs have been unable to provide their typical level of financial support, which staff at Safehouse and Harrison House rely upon to keep these much-needed programs operating. They have had to cut staff, repairs have been postponed, and they are unable to purchase new furniture for the housing units, which has been worn out over years of continued use. Keeping the programs going has been paramount as they can literally be lifesavers for youth in our community. They need financial support now more than ever before.

This is the second Share the Plate that we, the Congregation voted on last May. Your donation will provide a happier holiday for these youth and young adults who have literally nowhere to go and are in need of everything. Please give as generously as you are able. For more information, please email Denise Janssen Eager.

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### **Don't Sit Around on Election Day - Join our Final Texting Party!**

Don't sit around and fret on election day about what might happen. Instead, join your fellow UUCOD the Vote Texting Team on 11/3, 2-4pm & tell people in swing states it's their last chance to make their voice heard.

New to texting? A little intimidated by technology? Don't worry! We'll get you set up on your computer or phone & you'll be a pro in no time! Call Denise Janssen Eager for more info.

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### **COACHELLA VALLEY VOTING INFORMATION**

**You Have 3 Ways to Vote & 1 Way to Track Your Ballot!**

#### **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**

## AUCTION NOTES

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

**RSVP**

### **DONATIONS as of October 28:**

- 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
- Mystery Themed Basket
- Bed Bath and Beyond Gift Certificate
- 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
- 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.**

## BOARD NOTES

These notes do not constitute official minutes of the October Board of Directors meeting but are intended to inform the congregation of matters discussed at the meeting. Official minutes of this meeting will be available after the next Board meeting on November 17, 2020.

At the meeting of the UUCOD Board of Directors on October 20, 2020 the following matters were discussed and/or decided:

Attitude of Gratitude cards were sent to Gloria Kapp, Jonathan Fast, Denise Janssen Eager, Katy Faas, Diana Leslie, Sarah Gonzales, Jack Fitzsimmons, Carol McDaniel, Sheryl Eaton.

Received a report from Facilities Committee.

Heard an update on UUCOD Copyright Policy.

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between S2S2S Executive Committee and UUCOD Board.

Received a Proposal from Audio Visual Planning Team. Agreed to hold a Congregational Informational Meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am immediately following the Sunday Worship service.

Heard a report from the "Re-Opening" Task Force.

Discussed the planned Conversations with the Board Sunday, October 25 to present to the congregation the 2020-2023 Strategic Goals and an update on the budget.

## SAVE THE DATE

**November 13 -- Silent Auction--In Person at Church**

**November 14 -- Live Auction-- by Zoom**

### **Texting Parties with Reclaim Our Vote**

We don't have all the details yet, but we will spend the final weeks of the campaign season sending text messages to mobilize voters. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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**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 pm, Fridays.

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[Visit our website](#)

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