

January 15, 2021



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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January 17, 2021

Where Do We Go From Here?

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: DIBM (Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Ministry)

The Rev Dr. King asked that question in 1967. As we reflect on his vision and sacrifice, we are invited to reflect on what that means in our individual and communal lives here at UUCOD. We are invited to cultivate a state of mind that moves us away from preconceptions and resistance, often called 'beginner's mind'. It can help us be more willing to be curious and open to possibilities. Members of the DIBM will share some of our process and discernments so far in relation to the UUA's Widening the Circle of Belonging.

January 24, 2021

Searching for Walden's Instagram

Worship Leader: Matthew Pargeter-Villarreal

Worship Associate: Betty Bender

"Henry David Thoreau is a much celebrated figure in UU history. His rugged determination that led him to renounce the world and move to a small cabin where he would write *Walden* has served as an inspiration to generations of future UUs. Although he may not seem to have much in common with the endless stream of social media influencers that we see today, join Matthew Pargeter-Villarreal for a discussion of how the two are more alike than they appear to be different."

January 31, 2021

Gathered Here

Worship Leaders: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Sarah Gonzales & Chris Eager

It is still a bit of a mystery to me, the sustaining strength that comes from a gathered community of common purpose and shared values. That, even as we struggle to stay connected virtually, we find renewed power as we are and a clarified vision of who we want to become. Now is the time that we are asking you to reflect on and consider renewing your financial commitment to this community so that we can continue to say: "Whoever you are, however you are, whoever you love, wherever you are on your faith life journey, you are welcome here."

COLLECTIONS BASKET

Circles of Concern and Support

Power without love is reckless and abusive and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Rev Dr King, 1967, Where Do We Go From Here.

In the face the recent insurrection at the Capital, the 2nd impeachment of the current president and the upcoming Inauguration of a new President, we decided that folks might need time to share with each other.

After worship this Sunday come to Sunday Together and let's circle around, share our concerns and support each other. **Sunday, January 17 at 11:00 am.**

And there will be listening/sharing circle of Concern and Support ZOOM this coming **Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm.**

In the days to come let us offer up thoughts and prayers for a peaceful transition of power, for healing in our nation and let us do our part in building a more just and peaceful America. To borrow and adapt the wisdom of Dr. King. Let us stick to love. A strong and demanding love. We have seen too much of hate.

Rev Barbara & President Jane

"INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be mindful of intention. Intention is the seed that creates our future.

~ Buddhist Proverb

CALENDAR

Sunday Worship: Sunday @ 10:00 am

New Member Orientation: Sunday @ 11:30 am

Chalice Circle: Sunday @ 2:00 pm

Chalice Circle: Monday @ 3:00 pm

Board of Directors: Tuesday @ 5:00 pm

Chalice Circle: Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

BIOPOC: Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

Chalice Circle: Thursday @ 2:30 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 BUterflies Happy Hour: Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for Sunday, January 10, 2021: \$206

Let's Get Together

Because of popular demand, we are adding another regularly scheduled zoom meeting that we have named "Let's Get Together"

Time & dates are yet to be determined, but your stewardship committee's vision is for a time when we can gather to have a simple "how to" class, or a showing of travel photos or a game night. If you have an idea, or would like to volunteer to host a session, please contact Sheryl Eaton & Let's Get Together soon.

New Years Eve Zoom Trivia Party

The New Years Eve Zoom Trivia Party was lots of fun, with about 20 attendees. There were a few hiccups - sorry about the different zoom links, I still don't know how that happened, but happy some if you eventually found us.

I was surprised to learn we UUs are not into sports.

Sue Caspari was the winner for the night. Congratulations, Sue & Thanks To Vicki for the use of her trivia game. There were a few complaints that the answers were wrong, but then I'd just take another sip of champagne & reply that "I didn't write the questions, I'm only reading them"

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation classes will be available for January 17th and 31st.

Please contact Randy Steele through email at randy_steele@yahoo.com or by calling him with questions at 760-534-4199.

Randy Steele
Membership Committee Chair

Lifespan Spiritual Growth Opportunities

If Rev. Ian's sermon on January 10, *The Promise of Imperfection*, spoke to you, there is still room for 7 more in his class on Perfectionism. The class starts on Wednesday January 27 at 10 am. For more details and to register go to the [Lifespan website](#).

Please note that the first Perfectionism class was moved back a week so that everyone could enjoy the inauguration ceremonies.

Bingo Bash -- Kick off to the 2021 Pledge Drive

In past years we have crowned chili champions and cornbread champions. Now is the time to crown the first Bingo Bash Champ!

Date: Saturday, January 30th

Time: Games start at 6:00 pm. Zoom will open at 5:30 pm.

RSVP: No later than January 22. The links to RSVP will be available in the newsletter and in the Constant Contact that will be sent out next week.

Pick up Materials: Bingo Cards and markers can be picked up at UUCOD on Saturday, January 23 from 2:00-4:00 pm or Monday, January 25 from 12:00-2:00 pm

Please have a friend pick up your supplies if those times are inconvenient.

Out-of-Towners: Please contact Carol Lavoie ASAP if you are planning on playing. Your cards will be mailed to you.

The Zoom link will be sent out on Thursday, January 28.

There is no charge for participating.

Please Contact Carol Lavoie at mclavoie@aol.com with questions.

RSVP TO BINGO BASH

News from the Care Team:

Friends,
Looks like we'll be sheltering in place and being extra careful for a while longer.

PLEASE reach out if you're not well, need a meal or just want someone on the other end of the phone to listen with a caring heart.

Don't be shy. We are YOUR Care Team. Your well-being is important to us.

Bryna Blum

760 485 9289 for both phone/text.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

January's Share the Plate is Ophelia Project

The Ophelia Project, which is our Sunday, January 17 Share the Plate recipient, was established in 1997. The project gets its name from Dr. Mary Pipher's book "Reviving Ophelia" that describes the emotional damage done to young girls in early adolescence through lower expectations, sexual harassment and harmful social gender norms. Ophelia was a character in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" who ends her life when she cannot cope with the trials and tribulations suffered by young women of her age.

The Ophelia Project was launched as a support system to build self-esteem in young women and to improve their academic achievement. Since 1998 the Ophelia Project has quietly made the difference for 4,900 teen girls in the Coachella Valley. The Ophelia Project is a team mentoring program focused on providing educational and skill-building opportunities for adolescent girls to acquire positive values, increase self-esteem, and broaden their horizons. The program is delivered by professional women who have been certified in the Ophelia Project model of Coachella Valley and volunteer their time as

mentors.

Ophelia Project programs address many of the issues young women face while providing a support system to compliment family and school. Program content is revised annually to remain current with the circumstances of our social environments. Program delivery is structured through activities planned and led by volunteer mentors throughout the school year. Ophelia Project activities are normally held on school grounds during school hours and help to guide young women in Grades 8-12 through high school graduation, and to prepare them for college and careers. The Ophelia Project also has several community partners who contribute to the Scholarship Program each year to support project participants, all of whom are the first in their family to go to college, to continue their education beyond high school.

Most of all, the Ophelia Project provides a program where young women are treated with dignity and respect, in alignment with our first principle, so that they can flourish and become the leaders for justice. Please give generously.

Climate Change : What can UU's do NOW?

The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 3:30pm(PST) for a free screening of the short film ***Unbreathable**** followed by the webinar, **Unbreathable No More: The EPA and Clean Air in 2021**.

The right to clean air is an environmental justice issue, affecting communities of color and low-income communities at much higher rates. Air pollution directly contributes to health issues such as asthma, heart ailments, and cancer. We see this in our Eastern Coachella Valley. Justice calls people of faith to work in solidarity with these communities to create a world where all can thrive.

[Join this screening and webinar to learn how you/we can plan to take action in 2021.](#)

The 30-minute film will screen on January 19, at 3:30pm PT and the 60-minute webinar will follow directly afterward at 4pm PST.

YOU need to [sign up](#) yourself, to get your own ZOOM link to participate: (Highlight the address then right-click & open "Go To Open Link")

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***Unbreathable:** *The Fight for Healthy Air* is a timely, powerful look at fifty years of the Clean Air Act and the challenges we still face to ensure healthy air for everyone. Weaving historical milestones with current day stories of environmental injustice, the film is an excellent tool for educational and community engagement.

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 asking to reserve space. The newsletter needs to be on the website by 3:00 pm, Fridays.

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