

February 5, 2021



## UUCOD Weekly Reminder

### SERVICES

[Click here to join our Worship Services at 10:00 AM](#)

**February 7, 2021**

***"Nature as Healer"***

**Worship Leader:** Sandy Sladen

**Worship Associate:** Bryna Blum

Come explore our 7th principle, the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Let's experience how nature resides within us and how, as such, we are able to heal ourselves as nature is able to heal itself.

**February 14, 2021**

***What's Love Got to Do With It***

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

**Worship Associate:** Bob Rancourt

Every week we light our chalice with the words "May love be the spirit of this church." More than an emotion we celebrate each year on this day, we call on love to guide the larger circles of our lives. Join us as we explore love as the grounding for community.

**February 21, 2021**

***Wonder Woman***

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast

**Worship Associate:** Sarah Gonzales

This sermon is a very incomplete reflection on Wonder Woman, the movie, women's power and moral agency and what we encounter when we exercise it. We will also welcome our newest members and generously share this month's Sunday Offertory with

Planned Parenthood.

**February 28, 2021**

***Sacred The Body***

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast

**Worship Associate:** Derek Moore

I like to say, all theology is grounded in autobiography. This is a sermon of remembrance. I share it as a spiritual affirmation to remind and encourage us – at every age and ability- to honor our bodies, our selves, and our incarnational lifetimes.

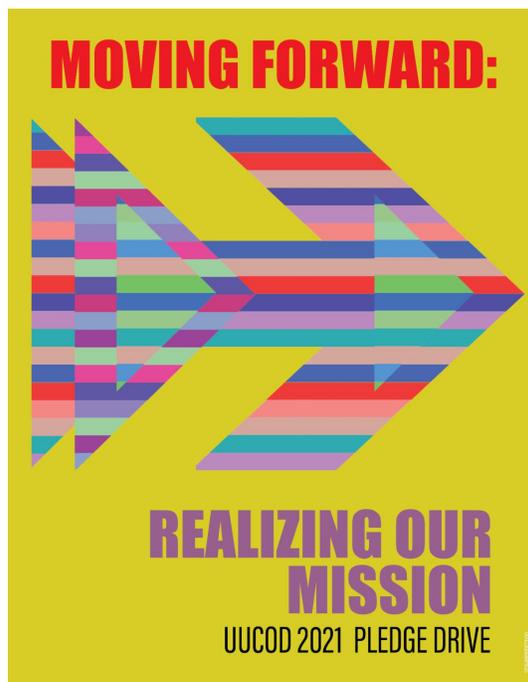
COLLECTIONS BASKET

## "INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug.

Helen Keller -

## ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE REPORT



Our 2021-22 Annual Pledge Drive is in full swing and we need your help! Your financial assistance to our beloved community is vital so that together we **MOVE FOWARD TO REALIZE OUR MISSION.** You can help by sending in your pledge form as soon as possible. If you've lost your pledge form you can download it here by pressing the button below and mailing it to our treasurer at:

PO Box 2853  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Or if you're technically savvy, you can scan your pledge form and email it to our treasurer at: [treasurer@uucod.org](mailto:treasurer@uucod.org)

**PROGRESS TO DATE:**  
20 Pledges Received  
\$47,600 Amount Pledged  
25.7 % of Goal (\$185,000)

Download & Print a Pledge Form

## CALENDAR

**Sunday Worship:** Sunday, Feb. 7 @ 10:00 am

**Membership Committee:** Tuesday, Feb. 9 @ 6:30 pm

**Social Justice:** Thursday, Feb. 11 @ 6:30 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 BUUterflies Happy Hour:** Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections for Sunday, January 31, 2021: \$224**

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### **New Day Rising Conference National 2021**

Is your congregation ready to take a new step in changing white supremacy culture? Want to learn what your fellow congregations are working on, and how you might apply it at home?

Join a continent of UUs as we explore next steps in creating Beloved UU Communities  
Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:00am--6:00pm PT  
Registration is individual. Follow the link for full Information.  
Youth may attend with written permission.

[New Day Rising Conference National 2021 | LeaderLab | UUA.org](#)

Contact Jane Zaun, [jnzaun@yahoo.com](mailto:jnzaun@yahoo.com), for questions and/or concerns.

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### **Exploring Southeast Asia and Putting Compassion Into Action**

Please join Peter and Hiroshi on their exploration of Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand. We'll mostly share about the work we are doing in Cambodia with schools, children and their families to help girls and boys stay in school and in some cases to pursue post secondary education.

Join us Wednesday, February 24, 10-11 am (zoom link will follow)

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### **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

## February 21st Share the Plate: Planned Parenthood

With 600 Health Care Centers across the U.S, Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading provider of sex education and high quality health care for all people regardless of financial circumstances. Within the local branch of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest there are 19 health centers in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties, serving over 130,000 people. Within our Coachella Valley, there are two Planned Parenthood Family Planning Centers - one in Coachella and the other in Rancho Mirage - together serving over 15,000 men and women.

Planned Parenthood's mission is to ensure broad public access to sexual and reproductive health care through three approaches:

- Direct Health Care Services
- Educational Services
- Political Advocacy

Regardless of COVID 19, Planned Parenthood has not closed its doors. They have improved upon their already-pristine protocols to make their Health Care Centers even safer for those who choose to visit their healthcare provider in person. They have also implemented Telehealth so those who wish to be seen and treated virtually, talking with healthcare providers from their homes via a secure internet link.

Planned Parenthood needs our help and support to continue these essential programs. It is important to know that all money goes to help local and regional Centers, helping our neighbors.

Please donate as generously as you are willing and able. Thank you.

## 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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