

February 12, 2021



UUCOD Weekly Reminder

SERVICES

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

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-

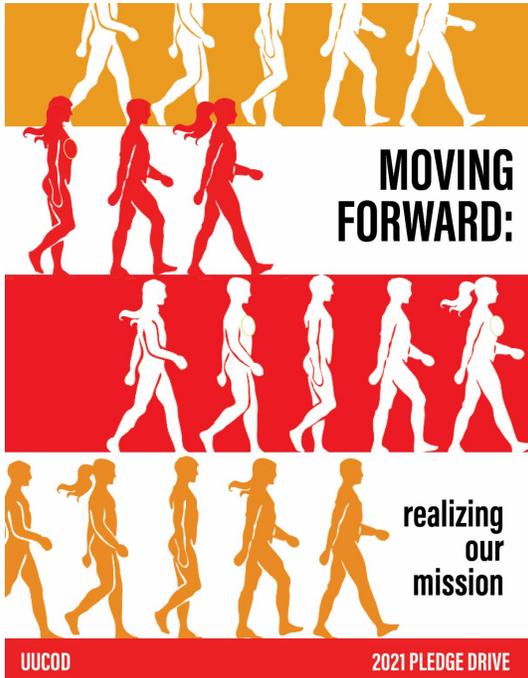
to honor our bodies, our selves, and our incarnational lifetimes.

COLLECTIONS BASKET

"INSPIRATIONAL" QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The growth of love is the essence within the soul.
~ Hawaiian Proverb

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 are **MOVING FORWARD 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 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

PROGRESS TO DATE:
48 Pledges Received
\$109,540 Amount Pledged
59.2% of Goal (\$185,000)

[Download & Print a Pledge Form](#)

CALENDAR

Sunday Worship: Sunday, Feb. 14 @ 10:00 am
Finance Committee: Sunday, Feb. 14 @ 11:30 am
Chalice Circle: Monday, Feb. 15 @ 3:00 pm
Board of Directors: Tuesday, Feb. 16 @ 5:00 pm
Chalice Circle: Tuesday, Feb. 16 @ 7:00 pm
Chalice Circle: Wednesday, Feb. 17 @ 12:00 pm
Chalice Circle: Thursday, Feb. 18 @ 2:30 pm
Chalice Circle: Friday, Feb. 19 @ 1:00 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, February 7, 2021: \$205



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)

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, for questions and/or concerns.

General Assembly Virtual Choir Opportunity

Calling all UUCOD Choristers. The Virtual General Assembly in June will again have a virtual choir. Remember watching some videos of those GA choirs from last June? Here's your chance to join up and have some fun singing with UU's from all over the country.

Meet the GA Choir Director, Susan T. Mashiyama, PhD

Susan T. Mashiyama is a Bay Area harp player and singer/songwriter who believes that nurturing spirituality and fellowship through music is one of the best things about church. Trained classically in piano and violin, Susan later became entranced by Irish music, and her compositions are influenced by the Celtic sound. Susan is Music Director at the Berkeley Fellowship of UUs and sang with the 2018 GA Choir in Kansas City.

Virtual Choir Registration will open March 1. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

susansharpsongs.bandcamp.com

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.

UUCOD COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends,

We are all quite weary with stay home, quarantine, no contact with family and friends except our ZOOM life for nearly the past year. Our human need for belonging is stressed! With gratitude, there is a vaccine on its way to all of us in the near future. We see the beginning of the infection rates falling.

The California restrictions are not based on vaccinations but on infection rates. Vaccination rates will drive infection rates over time as more people get vaccinated but only 10% of the California population has the first vaccine yet and it takes over one month for an individual to develop full immunity (about 2 weeks following the second shot according to most recent CDC guidelines).

While there is improvement, Riverside County remains in a purple tier of "widespread infection". California has a formula based on multiple factors to move from one tier to another. To reach the next red tier of "substantial infection" requires a six-fold drop-in infection rates and will take more time than we would prefer.

The UUCOD Board has adopted the policy of triangulating the most conservative guidance from the County, State, UUA and CDC. In May of 2020 the UUA guidance's for congregations was to plan on being out of your buildings for one year. While that seemed forever, we are nearly there.

Given the status of the virus over this winter, the UUA cannot advise an exact date when we may all return to our buildings for Worship, but they have created guidance for congregations to plan on re-entry based on metrics in communities. UUA guidance is based on our 1st and 7th Principle of the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the interdependent web of all existence. Gathering in person creates the opportunity for a ripple effect on other people whom we may not even know.

The UUCOD Board understands the importance of getting together physically. We have a two-stage set of detailed protocols for outdoor activities ready to go when it is safe. Re-entry into the building is likely to be slow with very small groups in the early stages. As we plan and prepare for the necessary steps to re-enter the building, let us all have patience.

Here are the words of Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA:
"Our deep hope that we as a country, and as a world, will not return to "normal" when the pandemic is over. We seek to live into "a new normal" of more justice, more love, more equity, more sustainability, and more peace."

[Video from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of UUA](#)

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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