

April 16, 2021

## UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



## SERVICES

**April 18, 2021**

**"Within, Among and Beyond: Sharing, Serving, Shining, Blooming"**  
A service of appreciation. Rev Barbara & all ya'all.

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast  
A ZOOM Worship.

We will celebrate our UUCOD Volunteers! There are so many of you and so much to celebrate!

**Worship Associate: Robert Rancourt**

**Everyone bring a FLOWER to share on ZOOM.**

**Todos traen una FLOR para compartir en ZOOM.**

*If you wish, during the zoom service, you are invited to briefly tell us what the flower means to you this year.*

**April 25, 2021**

**"To Go On"**

**Worship Leader: Rev Tania Marquez**

**Worship Associate: Derek Moore**

A message about life after loss. This pandemic year has been a year of losses for all of us, and for some the loss has been greater and unimaginable. Loss is inevitable and this message explores the ways in which humans learn and move through grief and the role that our communities can play in the road towards healing.

Rev. Tania Y Márquez is the assistant minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. She is also a group leader of the UU College for Social Justice. She has a background on Latin American Literature and Spanish Linguistics, is married and has two teenage daughters. She has lived most of her life in the border region and her frontera experience has greatly influenced her ministry.

## JOIN REV. IAN RIDDELL'S CLASS

**Setting Boundaries in Community**

**Saturday April 17 @ 1 - 4 pm**

**“Have any of you wondered how to maintain boundaries in relationships with others with whom you are in a caring relationship?”**

How do we maintain proper and appropriate boundaries when providing care? Where are our limits in terms of our expertise and expectations? How do we assess the appropriateness of levels of care? How do we practice self care, so that our priorities are others' needs? Join Rev. Ian as we explore these questions and build some skills.

Last month Rev. Ian offered a class on Listening. He presented information on deep, active listening skills, including how to really pay attention. During class we had the opportunity to practice active, non judgmental listening. Setting Boundaries is a natural follow-up to active listening.

Please consider joining us for this class. Care Team members and *all congregants* are invited to this Zoom workshop.

*Please see the Webpage for Upcoming Events to find the registration link.*

## EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

### April 18 - 24

**"THE VANISHING SALTON SEA"** (8 minutes, 23 seconds long)

**SUNDAY APRIL 18 after the worship service**

*DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to view this film and participate with our guest panel speakers.*

This film gives a great overview of the current challenges facing our nearby Salton Sea and what can be done to help. The discussion following will be exciting, as you'll hear from a local expert who is knowledgeable and working for environmental justice.

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**First Annual UUCOD Earth Day Film Fest & Celebration**  
**Earth Day**  
**Thursday, April 22nd @ 2:30 - 4:00pm,**

*Join us for a special presentation of two short films about the water & land around us. Then share your creative ideas on ways you reduce, reuse, & recycle.*

***"it's not what it looks like"***  
Film by Daniela Uribe, 2020

Daniela, a high school student, documents a science experiment that compared the water taken from different regions around the Salton Sea to the water taken from resort cities within the Coachella Valley. Her results will shock you!

Afterwards, we will meet & talk with Daniela about the implications her video has for all of us.

***"Saving the Salton Sea" 2021***

This film focuses on problems with sea shrinkage and dust hazards from several different viewpoints, including local affected residents, public officials, and project proponents. People living nearby are directly affected by the Salton Sea's hazardous air pollution. The video explores what is currently being done to save the wildlife, the abatement of the wind-blown toxic dust created by erosion of the Salton Sea shoreline sediments (playa), & explores proposed solutions, projects underway, current obstacles, and what you can do to help protect humans and wildlife.

Afterwards, we will discuss the film and explore what we can do to assist our neighbors in the eastern Coachella Valley and in Imperial County to our south who are affected daily by toxic hazards from the Salton Sea..

**Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**

Finally, together we will share ways we reduce, reuse & recycle in our daily lives. So bring your ideas!

*Please join us in both events and discuss what is being done and what we can do to support action to preserve health and the sea itself. For more information, call Mack Rogers, chair.*

## CALENDAR

**Boundaries in Community with Rev. Ian:** Saturday, April 17 @ 1:00pm

**Sunday Worship Service:** Sunday, April 18 @ 10:00am

**Sunday Together:** Sunday, April 18 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**"Vanishing Salton Sea":** Sunday, April 18 @ 11:00am

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- This week The Worship Service and Sunday Together share one link.
- The Vanishing Salton Sea is at the same time as Sunday Together, but has a

different zoom link.

- At 11 am, you may attend one event or the other.

**Chalice Circle**, Sunday, April 18 @ 2:00pm

**Chalice Circle**, Monday, April 19 @ 3:00pm

**Board of Director's**: Tuesday, April 20 @ 5:00pm

**Chalice Circle**: Tuesday, April 20 @ 7:00pm

**Chalice Circle**: Wednesday, April 21 @ 12:00pm

**BIOPOC**: Wednesday, April 21 @ 5:30pm

**Earth Day Film Fest and Celebration**: Thursday, April 22 @ 2:30pm

**Chalice Circle**: Friday, April 23 @ 1:00pm

**Afternoon Book Club**: Friday, April 23 @ 1:30pm

**Church Council**: Saturday, April 24 @ 2:00pm

### **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

**Plate Collections for Sunday, April 11, 2021: \$708.17**

**Our Share the Plate recipient, Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, will receive a check in the amount of \$354.09.**

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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.

**Contact Bryna Blum**

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### **CARING FOR OUR GROUNDS**

**When: Monday April 19 @ 9:00--11:00am**

**Where: UUCOD Parking Lot**

We have been given the green light to resume our weekly handy persons get together. All are welcome. We find it's a good opportunity for some fellowship while contributing to the care of our grounds.

We will be doing some light weeding, picking up and anything else that appears to need some attention.

If interested, you are welcome. Be sure to wear sun screen and a hat, and bring some water.

**LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

# Mama Gloria: the Story of Legendary Trans Activist Gloria Allen



## Online Documentary and Panel Discussion Saturday, May 15 @ 2 - 4 pm Panel: Luchina Fisher, Director and Gloria Allen

### Official Trailer



### 2021: a Record Breaking Year for Anti-transgender Legislation

Transgender rights are under attack. State Legislatures in 20 states introduced 82 anti-transgender bills. Most legislation is aimed at preventing trans youth from accessing life-saving health care. *The most appalling bill would require require every student athlete in the state to "verify their biological sex through an anatomical exam, genetic or hormone testing"*

*These bills are not addressing any real problem, and they're not being requested by constituents.* This effort is being driven by national far-right organizations attempting sow fear and hate. Many of the bills draw language from model legislation created by the "Promise to America's Children" coalition, whose leading partners include the Heritage Foundation and the Alliance Defending Freedom (which has been designated as a hate group by the

### From Luchina Fisher and the Mama Gloria Team

"...despite the growing visibility of transgender people, there remains an increase in violence and discrimination toward the community. Please, call your senators and tell them to support the Equality Act. And tell your friends and family about MAMA GLORIA so that the film can do the work of changing hearts and minds — and saving lives."

**SAFESCHOOLS**  
DESERT CITIES

### All Proceeds go to Safe Schools Desert Cities

Your donation will be used in the general fund for program expenses and annual events, such as Pride Prom, Rainbow Youth Summit, and the Youth Zone @ Palm Springs Pride.

**Click on the Safe Schools logo to  
learn more**

*If you register, you will receive your zoom link a week before the event.*

Southern Poverty Law Center.)

Click [here](#) to find out more about the legislation.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### 16 Non-Profits on the Share the Plate Ballot Voting is April 30th - May 7th

Thank you to everyone who nominated an organization for Share the Plate. You are living our 7 principles!

These are the 16 organizations that are on the ballot. All members & friends who are on the mailing list will receive the ballot on April 30th. I

#### Information on Each Nomination

- Barkee LaRoux's House of Love Animal Sanctuary
- The Community Food Bank at the Center
- Desert TheaterWorks
- The EcoMedia Compass
- FIND Food Bank
- Friends of the Desert Mountains
- Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter
- Galilee Center
- Guide Dogs of the Desert
- LifeStream Blood Bank
- Martha's Village & Kitchen
- Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest
- SafeHouse of the Desert
- Safe Schools Desert Cities
- TODEC - Training Occupational Development Educating Communities
- Well in the Desert

If you are not on our mailing list & would like to vote, send an email to [admin@uucod.org](mailto:admin@uucod.org) saying you want to be on our list. For more info, call Denise Janssen Eager.

## SOCIAL BUUTERFLIES



#### Coming .....

In May, Jim Swanson will surprise us with his presentation.

If you would like to share your travels, an online game or an interesting hobby (& maybe teach us how to), please **contact Sheryl Eaton**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM UUA

**Special Announcement  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President**

I write today with guidance from the UUA about planning for safe operations in alignment with our UU values. The significant disruptions to life in our congregations and communities over the past year has been traumatic. There is, understandably, a deep yearning to gather again in person. Unfortunately, we are in an “in-between” transition time that continues to be risky. Our first concern continues to be safeguarding the well-being of our people and the public.

Last May, the UUA recommended that congregations plan for a year of virtual operations. Moving into the coming year, the UUA recommends that congregations plan for multi-platform operations—a flexible combination of in-person and online engagement based on the needs and risks in your community.

It's important that everyone who gathers in person has the ability to consent to do so.

Here are *key principles* in planning:

As a faith community, we root our decisions in the values of inclusion and consent.

Follow the science.

Go slow and be flexible.

Be humane and realistic with expectations of ourselves and others.

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## UUCOD BOARD UPDATE ON COVID PROTOCOLS

### **When, Oh When, can we gather together inside our lovely building ?**

Locally, there is much good news. Infection rates have dropped, most seniors are vaccinated, and the county has entered the Orange Tier. The Governor predicts that the entire Tier system can be abolished June 15, with businesses open without restrictions other than a recommendation to wear masks.

That said, we still need to be cautious. Waves of new infection have hit Europe and several US States. Dr Fauci highlights data showing spread in younger populations, especially in day care centers and indoor contact sports. Now is a good time to encourage your grandchildren to hang in there a little longer and stay safe. Fortunately, with proper masks and spacing, schools do not seem to be spreaders, so that is extremely encouraging for both children and their parents, especially many mothers who have borne the double burden of childcare and work.

**On April 20, the Board will discuss proposed protocols to allow most indoor activities at UUCOD.** (As always, your attendance at Board Meeting is welcome.) Of course many groups may choose to remain meeting on Zoom. The one thing we are all waiting for, resuming Sunday Services, will be further away since we are not yet equipped to do a live service and broadcast at the same time. We hope to receive our grant money this month, which then allows acquisition, installation, training and practice to take place over the summer.

### **Worship in-person**

As the pandemic restrictions loosen up, when will we resume in-person services? Well, not for quite a while. There are two factors at play. One is the risk of a larger group indoors,

especially with singing. The other is the schedule for the AV system. We will very likely re-open the building for smaller activities first, with in-person worship coming later.

The AV matching grant award moved from January to April and delayed the project three months. (We are not buying the gear until we actually have the award.) That means that the installation, programming, training and time for the production team to get comfortable with the new system all moved out three months as well. We are doing what we can to mitigate part of the delay, such as going ahead with installation of wiring and internet in the building, but it will take a while.

To re-open, the worship services must include both in-person and streaming since some people will want to attend as soon as they can and others will not be comfortable for some time. That means we won't resume in-person services until the AV system is running and the production team is comfortable enough to go live.

We will likely be able to safely re-open the building for other, smaller activities first, with in-person services coming last. We are doing what we can to keep the AV project moving while awaiting the grant, and tracking the latest advice on safe gatherings for larger groups and for singing. We all want to get back together as soon as we can!

## 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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