

May 7, 2021

## UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



## SERVICES

Join Our Worship Service at 10 AM

**May 9, 2021**

**"To Accept the Past: Gifts from Our Grandmothers"**

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

**Worship Associate:** Joni Paddock

We carry with us the lives and dreams of those who have come before, their stories--stories of joy and pain, love and fear--are part of our personal and collective stories. How do they nurture us? How do they challenge us?

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**MAY 15th 2PM- 4PM.**

**Don't Miss It!**

Come to the virtual screening *Mama Gloria the Film* and stay for a Q & A with *Mama Gloria* and The Director, Luchina Fisher.. All funds go to Safe Schools. **See Lifespan Article for Tickets**

**May 16, 2021**

**"Believe The Bird. Part 2"**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast

**Worship Associate:** Peter Mathews

**Introduce Share the Plate:** Gloria Kapp

When the Book and the Bird Disagree, Believe the Bird is part caution, part encouragement. I found it in an Audubon calendar. It has been one of my mantras for congregational ministry for my past 20 years serving. It seems to hold its usefulness through all kinds of times.

Our Share the Plate is supporting Safe Schools of the Desert. *See Social Justice article for more information about Safe Schools of the Desert.*

Our Annual Congregational Meeting takes place after the service. I hope I see you there.

**May 19, 2021 - See below for further details**  
**DRUUMM Worship Service**

**May 23, 2021**

**"Covid and Me"**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Dr. Don Stouder

**Worship Associate:** Bryna Blum

In April of this year, The Rev. Dr. Don Stouder opened a virtual show of his photography and digital art at @PositiveSpace Gallery; he released a new book entitled "Avalon: Collected Poems"; and he had been selected to show his art at the annual Rancho Mirage Art Show through May. April is also the month of his wedding anniversary, his late father's birthday, and his son's birthday. The timing was not accidental.

In this unique sermon, part poetry reading, part storytelling, part reflecting in real time, Rev. Don will share his journey as a chaplain and as an artist over the rough and redemptive terrain that has been the Covid-19 pandemic.

**May 30, 2021**

**"MUSIC SUNDAY"**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Barbara Fast,  
Choir and Special Guests

**Worship Associate:** Betty Bender

Join us for a celebration of the tunes and voices that held us together and lifted our spirits this past year.

**VOTE NOW BEFORE MIDNIGHT**  
**SHARE THE PLATE**  
**NOMINATIONS FOR**  
**2021-22**

**Last Chance to Cast your Ballot for *Share the Plate***  
Voting Closes on Friday, May 7 at midnight

**LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**Hurry!**

**Only 7 days left to purchase tickets!**



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

**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**

**SAFESCHOOLS  
DESERT CITIES**

To Get Your Tickets go to the Upcoming Events page

*Only those who purchase tickets will receive the webinar link.*

*No one should be unable to participate in this event because they cannot afford to buy a ticket. Send an email request for tickets to [gloria@safeschoolsdc.org](mailto:gloria@safeschoolsdc.org).*

## **SOCIAL BUUTERFLIES**



**Let's Get Together, Wednesday, May 12 at 2pm  
for a presentation on Tanzania.**

African S.M.I.L.E. is an Oregon based charity that for the past 15 years has been changing lives in a village in Tanzania.

JOIN us to learn about the work they are doing & fabulous animal pictures from safari.

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

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

**May 16, 2021 following the Sunday service**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert will be held by ZOOM. ***It is important that you attend or request an absentee ballot so that we will have a quorum to proceed with the business of the church.*** If you are a member and unable to attend, please consider contacting any Board member and requesting an absentee ballot. One will be mailed or delivered to you with a self-addressed stamped envelope that must be postmarked by May 10th.

## DRUUMM WORSHIP AND FUNDRAISER



Rev. Mitra Rahnema



Nicole Rumeau



Joshua Long

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:30 PT.  
"Becoming Human, Again and Again"  
Online**

It's easy to become so overwhelmed by the tragedies of the day that we no longer feel human. We must find ways to return to our present human experience; becoming a softer and stronger human, again. This worship will lift up the DRUUMM community and explore the journey toward our human-ness. All are invited and welcome to experience, return, and give to the BIPOC community. We look forward to being with you in worship

DRUUMM (**D**iverse **R**evolutionary **U**nitarian **U**niversalist **M**ulticultural **M**inistries) is a Unitarian Universalist People of Color Ministry and anti-racist collective bringing lay and religious professionals together to overcome racism through resistance and transform Unitarian Universalism through our multicultural experiences. We developed from several older ministries, namely the African American UU Ministries and Jubilee World anti-racism change trainings.

***DRUUMM is a collective of people who identify as People of Color. Allies are welcome*** and organized as **Allies for Racial Equity**. Together we are open to all people.

We are grounded in the Unitarian Universalist tradition, and maintain a close relationship with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

Register at <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk>

## CALENDAR

**Sunday Worship Service:** Sunday, May 9 @ 10:00am Live Streamed

**Sunday Together:** Sunday, May 9 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Finance Committee:** Sunday, May 9 @ 11:30am

**Chalice Circle Facilitators:** Tuesday, May 11 @ 3:00pm

**Membership Committee:** Tuesday, May 11 @ 5:30pm

**Let's Get Together Travel to Tanzania:** Wednesday May 12, @ 2:00pm

**Social Justice Committee:** Thursday May 13 @ 6:30pm

**MAMA GLORIA:** Saturday, May 15 @ 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, May 2, 2021: \$238**

### CARE TEAM NEWS

#### Friends...

PLEASE if you are willing to support the Care Team by supplying meals, driving to appointments, writing notes or calling those "under the weather" please send me a note. We are into staffing for 2021-22 and we need you.

Also.... offering support to members and friends feels good. You never know when you might be the one in need. My contact info is in the directory.

Contact: Bryna Blum

## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Two Ways to Support Safe Schools Desert Cities for May's Share the Plate

Safe Schools Desert Cities will be our Share the Plate recipient on Sunday, May 16. They work directly with area schools to empower LGBT+ youth, allies, and advisors through education, guidance, and opportunities for self-

expression. They work with over 30 GSAs (Gay Straight Alliances) in high schools and middle schools in the Coachella Valley and the surrounding area, including Banning, Beaumont, Yucca Valley and Twenty-nine Palms. These campus-based organizations provide safe environments for students to explore their sexuality and their gender identification.

Safe Schools Desert Cities also provides educational and social activities including the annual Rainbow Youth Summit and Pride Prom as well as the "Youth Zone" during the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Pride Parade. Due to COVID restrictions, in-person events were canceled this school year. They look forward to sponsoring these events again beginning with the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade in November 2021.

### **Two Ways to Help**

In addition to Sharing the Plate with them on Sunday, May 16, UUCOD invites you to a special showing of the film ***Mama Gloria and discussion afterwards***. *Complete information and a link to tickets is in the article found elsewhere in this newsletter.*

*If you are unable to attend the film or just want to do more, please support Safe Schools Desert Cities during Share the Plate on Sunday, May 16.*

## **UUCOD BOARD UPDATE ON COVID PROTOCOLS**

### **UUCOD Indoor Phase 1 Covid Protocols April 20, 2021 Requirements for Church-Sponsored Indoor Gatherings:**

This applies to all indoor Church-sponsored activities, whether on UUCOD premises or elsewhere. This does not apply to Sunday Worship Services.

- Each group should designate a Safety Coordinator and maintain contact tracing information.
- Everyone entering the building must show proof of vaccination (defined as two weeks after the final vaccination). In reaching this policy, the Board deliberated the exclusion of people who could not safely attend without knowledge that everyone is vaccinated versus the exclusion of people who are unvaccinated.
- If anyone in the group requests, then all attendees will wear masks or maintain distance.

#### **Guidance**

- The Board is allowing indoor activities, not necessarily encouraging them.
- The Group leader needs to consult with the entire group membership and see what best meets the needs of the group, with a serious concern of not excluding people nor making anyone feel unsafe.
- The Group Leader should discuss the wearing of masks and/or distancing before the event to establish comfort for everyone and eliminate surprises.

#### **Details**

- These protocols apply equally to renters.
- Facilities will follow CDC procedures for re-opening a building that has been closed.
- For more specifics, contact Rod Belshee, the Facilities Chair.

# 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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