

May 21, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

[Click Here to Join Our Worship Service at 10 AM On Zoom](#)

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.

WORSHIP SERVICES MOVE TO ZOOM

The Sunday Worship Services will be available on Zoom going forward. You can use this same link every Sunday

Why?

- Facebook has stopped our services several times and there is no way to prevent it. The algorithm scans for any content that is copyrighted and halts the stream, even though we have licensed the material. This is an issue for churches everywhere.
- We get to see each other! In particular, Reverend Barbara would love to see our faces for her final sermons.

Public versus Private

- We are open and welcoming, and invite the public to attend our Worship Services. You may share the Sunday Worship link with anyone, and we will post it on Facebook and our website.
- While we encourage you to turn on your camera, you may turn it off if you are uncomfortable.
- Note, the Sunday Together coffee hour is a separate Zoom link and will remain private.

Zoom (live)

- We have greatly restricted the controls for the public Worship Service.
- You will not be able to unmute or share your screen during the service.
- You will be able to chat and post emojis, similar to Facebook Live.

Facebook (for viewing later)

- We will post the Worship Service on Facebook around noon. If Facebook shuts it down, getting it restored can take up to a week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD

BOARD TREASURER

As you are likely aware, on May 16, 2021 we conducted our Annual Business Meeting and election of Board candidates for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 with an open position for Treasurer.

Since our meeting, we have been notified by the Nominating Committee of a volunteer

who has stepped forward to fill the position of Treasurer. ***We are incredibly grateful to Fred Bloss for volunteering!!*** Fred has been a member of UUCOD for 8 years and he brings extensive experience in Information Technology as well as back-office banking and bookkeeping.

For transparency, the Board has again decided to conduct congregational approval by voting with Election Buddy and absentee ballots. **Look for additional information very soon in your mailbox or by email.**

WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The Board has hired *Pamela Bibo* as our Office Administrator. She will start on June 1st. Her hours that first week will be 1:00pm-5:00pm for orientation purposes. Ongoing hours will be published later.

Pamela comes to us with experience as an office administrator of a non-profit company where she also had experience in bookkeeping.

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, May 23 @ 10:00am

Climate & Environmental Justice: Monday, May 24 @ 9:30am

Art Talk: Monday, May 24 @ 5:00pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, May 25 @ 4:30pm

Afternoon Book Club: Friday, May 28 @ 1:30pm

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 16, 2021: \$695.25

SafeSchools Desert Cities will receive a check for \$1,859.07. \$347.63 as our Share the Plate recipient and \$1,511.44 in proceeds from the Mama Gloria fundraiser.

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

2021 Summer Share the Plate

Recently, UUCOD's Board of Directors gave the Social Justice Committee permission to select & hold Share the Plate during the summer months, July - September. Here are the 3 organizations you will be seeing this summer:

Los Médicos Voladores aka The Flying Doctors. July 11. Liaison: Mack Rogers

The Ecomedia Compass. August 15. Liaison: Mack Rogers

Galilee Center ,September 19. Liaisons: Carol McDaniel & Linda Moretti

The Share the Plate Slate October 2021 - June 2022

Thirty-five people voted for these top nine nonprofit organizations:

FIND Food Bank - Nominators & Liaisons: Ros & Earl Hoover and Mel Wilkinson

Galilee Center - Nominator & Liaison: Sue Caspari

SafeHouse of the Desert - Nominator: Sarita Gozales, *Liaison Needed*

Well in the Desert - Nominators: Bill Smith & Rusty Kaplan, Liaison: Chris Eager

Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest - Nominator: Jane Betts-Stover & Liaisons: Margaret Manson & Sandy Sladen

Martha's Village & Kitchen - Nominator & Liaison: Joni Paddock

The Community Food Bank at the Center - Nominator & Liaison: Linda Savard

Safe Schools Desert Cities - Nominator & Liaison: Gloria Kapp

TODEC (Training Occupational Development Educating Communities) - Nominator & Liaison: Sarita Gonzales

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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