

June 4, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

Zoom link is on the main page of the website

June 6, 2021

Gathered Knitted Given

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Bob Rancourt

Chaucer wrote, "The lyfe so shorte, the crafte so long to learn." That is true about the crafte of knitting, ministry and living.

June 13, 2021

The Name of the Tree: The Practice of Belonging

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Riddell

Worship Associate: Sarita Gonzales

We take inspiration from many sources. Scripture, songs, poetry, and stories give us glimpses into the world and our place in it and share about the rich realities of our neighbors' lives. Join us as we share the Bantu tale "The Name of the Tree" and explore what it tells us about commitment, history, and the spiritual quest.

June 20, 2021

A Love too Big to Fit

Worship Leader: Rev. Barbara Fast

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

Well, this is my last sermon with you. At this time, I don't know whether we will be live or on tape, but I hope you will receive it, as the blessing I intend for you, your future paths, and mine.

June 27, 2021

General Assembly Sunday Worship Service

Join us as we share in the Sunday service from the **2021 Unitarian Universalist**

Association General Assembly, presented by the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis and shared with Unitarian Universalists around the country and the globe. More information and a link will be sent closer to the date of the service. We're so grateful for the work of our Worship Production Team and delighted to give them the week off!

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

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING FOR BOARD TREASURER

On Sunday June 6, 2021, Election Buddy emails with a link to vote will be sent to members at 12:30pm. Election Buddy system will be open until 12:30pm on Monday June 7, 2021.

As you are now 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.

Absentee Ballots have already been mailed to those who received absentee ballots for the May 16, 2021 Congregational Business Meeting.



WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome to Pamela Bibo, our new Office Administrator. We are very excited to have her with us! Her office hours will be 10:00am--2:30pm Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 9:30--4:00. Please remember that she may need to be out of the office running errands so call first. You may also call and make an appointment with her.

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

LET'S PAY-OFF THE MORTGAGE



On May 18, 2021, the Board of Directors authorized the Finance Committee to organize a capital campaign to raise funds to pay off the existing mortgage on our building. We would like to enlist your help and generosity to raise at least \$75,000 to be applied to the mortgage by

May 2022. A generous couple in the congregation has already pledged \$10,000 towards this effort to be matched by other individuals who can give any amount. If you would like to be part of this exciting project, please contact [Chris Eager](#) or [Sarita Gonzales](#). Just click on our name and you can send us an email.

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, June 6 @ 10:00am

Sunday Together: Sunday, June 6 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Care Team: Monday, June 7 @ 6:30 – 7:30pm

Membership Committee: Tuesday, June 8 @ 6:30 – 8:00pm

Meditation: Thursday, June 10 @ 12:00 – 1:00pm

Social Justice Committee: Thursday, June 10 @ 6:30pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Plate Collections received for Music Sunday, May 30, 2021: \$469.17
All funds will be directed to support UUCOD's music program**

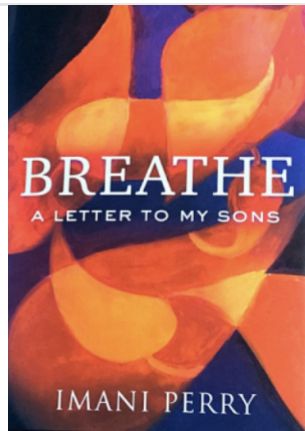
CARE TEAM NEWS

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



**Join us in June as we
participate in the UUA
Common Read**

**Purchase this book from an
independent bookseller or
through Amazon.**

**Book Discussion of Breathe: A
Letter to My Sons
June 15, 10 am - Noon
Discussion Leader: Fran Hoag
What Is a Common Read?**

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. The UUA Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, to meaningful conversations.

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

Palm Springs Animal Shelter is Our June 13th Share the Plate

UUCOD will be Sharing the Plate with Palm Springs Animal Shelter on Sunday, June 13. What makes it so special is it's among the few that are no-kill shelters that cater to the needs of the greater Palm Springs area.

The original shelter, built in 1961, over time became woefully inadequate in meeting the needs of Palm Springs' animal population. In 2009, the City of Palm Springs allocated \$5 million in a capital improvement bond and the resulting shelter now stands as a model for all of Southern California.

Committed to being a humane and compassionate animal care and adoption center, the shelter does not euthanize for space or if an animal has been there for a long period of time.

The Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter are so committed to the welfare of all animals, they have adopted an animal-friendly vegan menu policy for all their events.

To meet the challenge of compassionately operating a public shelter, Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter relies on donations, volunteers, community support and of course, ADOPTIONS! Please give generously on our final Share the Plate Sunday of the 2020-2021 year!

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage is the theme for General Assembly 2021.

GA is a time to circle 'round in community. We circle 'round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage.

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles.

That remains true even when we cannot gather physically. Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable.

It's here! The 2021 **[GA Program Book \(PDF\)](#)** is now available for viewing and download. Sit back with your beverage of choice and peruse over 100 pages of program listings, messages from our advertisers, and helpful information about

GA. Learn all that's in store for 2021 and start a list of "can't miss" events.

Registration is \$200 per person. Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available. General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive, and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) GA mobile app.

Register now!

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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