

June 11, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

Worship Service at 10 AM On
Zoom

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.

A Celebration of Our Time with Rev. Barbara and Jonathan



Saturday, June 19 at 9 am

***Join us in person and
Please arrive promptly***

Please read on as there has been a change in plans.

Let us share a morning with Rev. Barbara who has inspired us at the intersections of strength and gentleness, leadership and democracy, passion and calm, wisdom and humility, direction and love, and so much more!

Bring a dish of goodies to share - such as fruit, crackers, cheese, or baked goods. Drop your food offering at the table just inside the front door. There will be someone there to receive it. Remember that coffee, tea, and juices will be provided.

We will all gather outside for the opening words. After we are all assembled **we will move indoors for socializing and sharing food.**

We request that attendees be fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination and the wearing of masks are not required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD

Congratulations to Fred Bloss UUCOD's NEW TREASURER

Gratitude to those of you who participated in our democratic process and voted by absentee ballot and through Election buddy on Sunday, June 6.

You approved, by overwhelming numbers, Fred Bloss as Treasurer for a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

A Note From the Incoming UUCOD Treasurer Fred Bloss

Beginning July 1, 2021, please address ALL official electronic communications to the position of Treasurer of UUCOD to: TREASURER@UUCOD.ORG. If you have been doing so all along, kudos to you, continue to do so! Any communications directed to another email address may or may not be received and/or acknowledged.

I want to thank (along with many, many other UUCOD members, I'm sure) Jerry L'Hommedieu for the countless hours of volunteer work & dedication to the job that Jerry has performed over the past few years. Recently, Jerry has graciously spent a great deal of time showing both myself and our new office administrator, Pam Bibo, the myriad of detailed tasks that the treasurer performs on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert.

Jerry has graciously assured us that he would still be available for questions by both Pam & myself as we begin to share the burden of responsibility he has shouldered these past years. I would shower you, Jerry, with low-denomination currency \$\$\$ as a thank-you, but that act is usually reserved for another place & circumstance. (insert smiley emoji here)

Suffice it to say: Thank you, thank you, thank you!



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](#).

JUNE SHARE THE PLATE

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!

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, June 13 @ 10:00am

Sunday Together: Sunday, June 13 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Finance Committee: Sunday, June 13 @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, June 15 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm

BIOPOC: Wednesday, June 16 @ 4:30 – 6:00pm

Rev. Barbara Celebration: Saturday, June 19 @ 9:00 at the Church

Common Read Discussion: Tuesday, June 22 @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for June 6, 2021: \$132.00

CARE TEAM NEWS

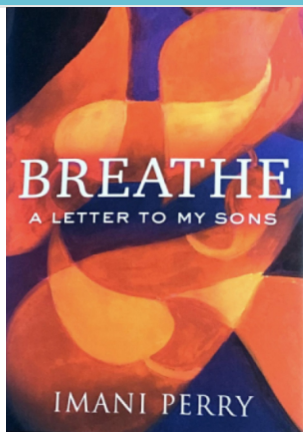
Friends...

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.

Bryna Blum

LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



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

Book Discussion of Breathe: A Letter to My Sons
June 22 at 10:00 am
Discussion Leader: Fran Hoag

The meeting time has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Please contact the discussion leader for the new time.

Questions? Contact Fran Hoag

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!



FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
V. MANUEL PEREZ
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MECCA-OASIS COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



When:
Saturday, June 12, 2021
7AM - 12PM

Two (2) Locations:
64th Avenue in Mecca
and
68th Avenue in Oasis area

Let's take pride in our community!
Join us as we do our part to beautify Mecca and Oasis.

Please contact Esmeralda Perez to register at
760-863-8211 or email Esperez@rivco.org



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WARE LECTURE

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.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest each year since 1961 to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer. **This year the Ware Lecturer will be Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade.**

Read about the Ware Lecture:

[Ware Lecture | General Assembly | UUA.org](#)

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.

Go to Upcoming Events on the website to register

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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