

July 16, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

July 18, 2021

Worship from the Wider World

Join us as we share a powerful, healing, and uplifting service from our recent Unitarian Universalist General Assembly.

July 25, 2021

Empty Lands: The Prequel

Worship Leader: Kevin Brandt

Worship Associate: Jane Zaun

In this sermon Kevin Brandt discusses the 11th Century Papal Encyclical "Terra Nulles," as well as other Encyclicals. The Encyclicals are the chronological predecessor to the Doctrine of Discovery. With Jane's help, he will explore their authorization to enable Christian Leaders to plunder "Empty" lands, and engage in the slave trade. Kevin will discuss the effects of the Encyclicals and their enduring legacy to this day.

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 Ian would love to see our faces on Sundays.

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.

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](#). Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, July 18 @ 10:00 am

Sunday Together: Sunday, July 18 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Immediately Following
Worship Service**

Chalice Circle: Monday, July 19 @ 3:00 – 4:00pm

Monday Meditation: Monday, July 19 @ 5:30 – 6:30 pm **In Person**

Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, July 20 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm

BIOPOC: Wednesday, July 21 @ 4:30 – 6:00pm

Afternoon Book Club: Friday, July 23 @ 1:30 – 2:30pm

Staying Connected

(Reminder: July 20th is the last week that the Mid-Week Reminder will be sent out)

Coffee & Conversation: Friday @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Social BUUterflies Happy Hour: Saturday @ 5:00 - 6:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for July 11, 2021: \$656.51
\$478.25 will go to our July Share-the-Plate recipient, Los Médicos Voladores del Sur de California aka The Flying Doctors of Southern California

AV UPDATE

We have made good progress on the AV install. The new audio system and the new big screens are ready for use. They sound and look great! Stay tuned for any possible activities during the summer.

September 12th is the target date to have our first hybrid service, including both online and in-person. For the summer, many worship leaders are guest speakers who will record remotely, as will the musicians. The summer production will look largely like it has for the past year.

The audio closet is taking shape. A separate high speed AV network is in place. Steve has pulled nearly a half mile of cable (!). It is coming together. We will take a bit of a pause with vacations during the summer and then finish the install and start training a few weeks before September 12. We will keep the initial services simple as we practice our new craft and slowly tune the quality and add more capabilities. It's coming together!

SAVE THE DATE! UUCOD GARAGE SALE APRIL 2, 2022



It's not too early to start setting things aside for our annual garage sale! Perhaps you would like to set aside a box in the garage that you drop things in when you realize you have been holding on to too many things for too long.

Popular items: sports equipment, tools, collectibles, decorative/household items, bikes, small pieces of furniture (we do not have the ability to pick up items), books, CD's, toys, clothing (in good condition with no stains or rips).

If you are up to it please price items before putting them in your box. Blank price stickers are available at any drug stores or dollar stores. A good rule for pricing is 10% of original retail price. **Do not price clothing or books.** We will price those items for you. Of course, we will be happy to accept any unpriced items!

For additional information contact: Jane Betts-Stover or Carol McLavoie.

Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE CARE TEAM

Friends,

I hope you have gotten your Covid shots. That doesn't mean the rules have totally changed. Wear a mask and/or keep your distance if you are unsure of your environment and continue to wash your hands to be extra safe.

PLEASE reach out if you're not well, need a meal or just want someone with a caring heart to chat with for a while. We're YOUR Care Team. So PLEASE don't be shy. Your well-being is important to us.

Bryna Blum

SUMMER ZOOM SCHEDULING NOTICE

Between July 7 and August 7, 2021 to schedule a zoom time on the Administrator account, please send an email to Jane Zaun, contact information is in the Directory.

Office Administrator Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

There are times she may be on errands

Newsletter Deadlines: The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning. If you are going to be late, call or email Pam asking to reserve space. The newsletter is on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.

"One is wise to cultivate the tree that bears fruit in our soul." Henry David Thoreau

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