

August 6, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



SERVICES

Worship Service/Sunday Together

August 8, 2021

Belonging: Our Longing for Community

Guest Worship Leader: Mariela Pérez Simons

Worship Associate: Sarita Gonzales

The Rev. Mariela Pérez Simons is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister residing in Michigan. She was born in Cuba and has a mixed ancestry (Indigenous, African, and Spanish). She grew up in Cuba during a time when religion was forbidden, which instilled in her a commitment to the freedom of individuals to seek truth and meaning on their own terms. She and her family became political refugees in the United States in 1995.

Her sermon addresses our longing for community as we come out of this period of isolation after nearly a year and a half of coping with COVID-19. We all have a longing in our hearts to be part of a greater whole, to be part of loving community. Rev. Mariela will share with us her inspiring story about needing to belong and searching for a spiritual home.

August 15, 2021

The Salton Sea

Guest Worship Leader: Kerry Morrison, Executive Director of the EcoMedia Compass

Worship Associate: Denise Janssen Eager, Social Justice Committee Chair

In drawing from Salton Sea experiences, Kerry Morrison discusses the interconnectedness we all share with each other and the natural world. Healthy environments provide the best place for healthy and happy communities in which we are all given the opportunities to live our best lives. Though many challenges face our environment, we can each make significant impacts. Habits lead to actions, lead to the joining of hearts with others who believe we can heal our planet, together. We will also be Sharing the Plate with The EcoMedia Compass today.

August 22, 2021

Voice Still and Small: Summer Hibernation

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

In our part of the world, the summer sun and heat often cause us to retreat and shelter. How can this be a time of rest and renewal and reflection?

August 29, 2021

Joy and Woe are Woven Fine: The Blessings of this Year

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Derek Moore

Many religious traditions call us to understand that our joys and blessings are often interwoven with our pain and challenges. How can we see and be grateful for the blessings that have come while we honor and attend to the griefs that this past year has brought?

COLLECTIONS BASKET

CALENDAR

Meetings

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, August 8 @ 10:00 am

Sunday Together: Sunday, August 8 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Immediately Following
Worship Service**

Finance Committee: Sunday, August 8 @ 11:30am – 12:30pm

Monday Meditation: Monday, August 9 @ 5:30 – 6:30 pm **In Person**

Staying Connected

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLATE COLLECTIONS ON AUGUST 1, 2021: \$223.50

Rev. Ian on Study Leave August 7-13

Rev. Ian will be away on study leave Saturday, August 7 through Friday, August 13. Study leave is a time for the minister to take longer time to do deeper reading, writing, and planning without participating in meetings or other events and without responding to e-mail or phone calls except in an emergency. If you need something while Rev. Ian is away, please contact Pam in the office. For pastoral needs, please reach out to the Care Team. Rev. Ian will respond to e-mail and phone calls when he returns on Saturday the 14th.

Covid-19 Update

I know many of you keep a careful eye on how the covid-19 virus is manifesting around us. Numbers in Riverside County are consistently rising. Our current protocols indicate that fully vaccinated people are allowed in the church building unmasked. To keep everyone safe and to err on the side of caution, we are asking that groups larger than 6 social distance and/or wear masks while inside. We will continue to keep an eye on the trends and keep you posted if we need to make any other changes to our current protocols. Be safe everyone!

UUCOD Board President, Linda Savard

August Craft Circles

Bring your hand crafting and join Rev. Ian for a time of crafting and connection! Knitting, crochet, embroidery, origami, sketching, doodling, beadwork, and more! All are welcome to bring their small crafting project and join Rev. Ian on **Monday, August 16**, or **Tuesday, August 31**, from **1pm to 3pm** at the church. There will be cool drinks and sweet treats and we'll hang out crafting and connecting. Or you can join us on **Monday, August 23 from 1pm to 3pm on Zoom**. Come to one, come to all three!! At the church we'll follow the UUCOD Covid protocols and ask that only those vaccinated join us. Bring a mask, too, please, just in case. To sign up or ask any questions, please contact Rev. Ian.

Sunday Sanctuary Flowers

When we return to Sunday mornings together we want our space to be beautiful and welcoming. So, we'd love to have volunteers sharing flowers in our Sanctuary each Sunday. If you'd be interested in volunteering to bring flowers on a Sunday in September (12, 19, 26) or October (3, 10, 17, 24, 31), please contact Rev. Ian.

Pacific Southwest District of the UUA (PSWD) Special Business Meeting

The **Pacific Southwest District of the UUA (PSWD)** announces a special business meeting from 10-11am PT on **Saturday, August 21**. Please see below for the **agenda**. For more information and details on registration visit: www.pswduua.org

- 10:00-10:05 Opening & Welcome
- 10:05-10:10 Establish Quorum
- 10:10-10:15 Approve Minutes from April Business Meeting
- 10:15-10:30 PSWD Proposed Dissolution Update
- 10:30-10:55 PSWD Bylaw Amendment Discussion and Vote
- 10:55-11:00 Closing

If you have additional questions or if you would like to be a delegate to this meeting please contact Linda Savard. Her contact information is in the directory. Our congregation can have up to 4 delegates.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Has your contact information changed?

The Membership Committee is working on the new directory that will come out in the Fall. Email changes to or call Barb Storms or Pam our contact administrator.

2021 UUCOD AUCTION NOTES

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Friday, Nov. 5

in-person silent auction
10:00-4:00

Saturday, November 6

Zoom live auction
5:45-8:30

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Water: it's not what it looks like

Our water here in the Coachella Valley is safe to drink, right? Well, the answer to that depends on where you live.

Daniela Uribe, a graduate of La Quinta High School and now first-year student at University of San Francisco, asked herself that very question and she was shocked by her discovery. If you were unable to attend last week's service, or if you just want to learn more about the the water inequity within our Coachella Valley, or you want to share her short film with others

It's not what it looks like: <https://youtu.be/DRcldwmLvUM>

Many of us wondered, so what can we do to improve the situation? Daniela suggested supporting local art programs because so often they bring attention to issues about which we need to pay attention. She also suggested supporting two local nonprofit organizations to help the people most impacted by these environmental issues:

Alianza Coachella Valley: <https://www.alianzacv.org/>

Pueblo Unido: <https://pucdc.org>

To learn more about the environmental issues that impact all of us to one degree or another, be sure to watch the service on Sunday, August 15 at 10 a.m. when Kerry Morrison, Executive Director of EcoMedia Compass, will help us think more about the spiritual connection between our actions and our local environment. Check the emailed August 15 Order of Worship for the Zoom link to join in watching the service that morning.

August Share the Plate

EcoMedia Compass is Our August 15th Share the Plate

Founded in 2011, The EcoMedia Compass, is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing environmental awareness and solutions through music, art and events. Targeting the Salton Sea, its current campaign, *Save Our Sea!*, aims to work with other community groups, volunteers, and agencies to restore the Salton Sea by implementing the support of the entire region, providing jobs, a healthy environment and sustainability for our future generations. The prime goal of the organization is to creatively and effectively share and implement scientific and environmental solutions while developing community involvement through music, art and film. The EcoMedia Compass' Executive Director Kerry Morrison will be our Guest Worship Leader during this special service. Drawing from Salton Sea experiences, he will discuss the interconnectedness we all share with each other and the natural world, which is our seventh principle. On Sunday, August 15th please open your hearts and wallets to The EcoMedia Compass and give as generously as you are able.

Script2Stage2Screen has a New Artistic Director

Steve Fisher, long-time actor, director, stage manager and set designer in the Coachella Valley, has joined Script2Stage2Screen as its new artistic director. He succeeds Gina Bikales, who filled that role for many years.

"We feel very fortunate that Steve will be joining us," said S2S2S Company Manager Shirley LeMaster. "His extensive background in all aspects of theater and his creativity will lead us forward.

Script2Stage2Screen will reopen its doors in October, following closure for more than a year due to the COVID pandemic. The full season will be announced soon. For information contact S2S2S at www.script2stage2screen.com.

NEWS FROM THE CARE TEAM

Friends,

I hope you have gotten your Covid-19 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

Office Administrator:

New Hours beginning 8/16:

Monday-Wednesday: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

There are times Pam may be on errands during these office hours. Please call to confirm she is in the office.

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 will be posted on the website by 3 pm, Fridays.

[Newsletter Calendar](#)

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"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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