

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

## UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



**UUCOD  
2021 Auction**

**Full Moon Hike**

Experience a hike by moonlight! See the beauty of the shadows and wash of moonlight over our mountains.

We will be looking for all types of night creatures along the trail. This is a family friendly hike. Bring 2 liters of water, a headlamp or flashlight, blacklights (if you have one), and wear closed-toed shoes.

Sorry, dogs are not allowed on the trail.

donated and led by Rod Belshee

## SERVICES

### Worship Service/Sunday Together

**September 5, 2021**

**Labor Day...Why it Matters**

**Worship Leader:** Ginger Hemingway

**Worship Associate:** Linda Savard

What does Labor Day mean to you? When did it become a holiday? Learn a bit of history and how the UUA principles connect with the fight for workers.

**September 12, 2021**

**We Share the Sacred Breath: Returning to Presence**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Ian W. Riddell

**Worship Associate:** Bryna Blum

It is the breath of life that binds us together. And it is something carried by our breath that has kept us apart these past long months. as we start our journey back to begin with each other face to face this week let's ponder together our connections and greet each other as we enter new realities together.

**September 19, 2021**

**Housing is a Human Right**

**Worship Leader:** Megan Beaman Jacinto

**Worship Associate:** Sarita Gonzales

What is a home? Do we have a human right to housing and shelter? In her work as a civil rights attorney, Megan Beaman Jacinto will share some of her experiences working to ensure that everyone in our valley has access to safe housing. She will share a historical context for the health and safety concerns in the Oasis Mobile Home Park and other

mobile home parks in the east valley.

**September 26, 2021**

**Atonement and Forgiveness**

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Ian W. Riddell

**Worship Associate:** Bryna Blum

Our Jewish neighbors and kin recently honored the traditions of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. As we build and rebuild our community each day, how can we learn from a practice of seeing and being accountable for the wounds we give and experience?

COLLECTIONS BASKET

## SEPTEMBER 12th SUNDAY SERVICE JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY



The service will also be live streamed on Zoom – you may choose to attend in person or online.

Covid infection rates continue to rise so we are tightening up our Covid Protocols for the September 12th re-opening to do it safely. Attendees must be fully vaccinated, wear masks, maintain six feet of separation, and only one family may enter a restroom at a time. Only UUCOD members and friends at this time, no guests or general public. Please do NOT attend if you feel ill or if you recently traveled or attended a large indoor event. We will also take other steps such as Contact Tracing, providing hand sanitizer and masks if you forget, and other mitigations.

Please take a minute to RSVP to help us plan the seating arrangements. If you responded to the RSVP in August 20th Newsletter or the September Newsletter you do not need to RSVP again.

## CALENDAR

Meetings

**Sunday Worship Service:** Sunday, September 5, @ 10:00 am

**Sunday Together:** Sunday, September 5, @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Labor Day:** Monday, September 6: Office will be closed

**Monday Meditation:** Monday, September 6 @ 5:30pm – 6:30 pm **In Person with masks**

**Care Team:** Monday, September 6 @ 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**DIBM Meeting:** Tuesday, September 7 @ 9:30am – 10:30am

**Stewardship Committee:** Tuesday, September 7 @ 2:00pm – 4:00pm

**Communications Meeting:** Thursday, September 9 @ 9:30am – 10:30am

**Coffee and Conversation:** Friday, September 10 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm

### Staying Connected

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

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



The office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

Rev. Ian will be available via phone or email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share the Plate Collections for August 29, 2021: \$148.25



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**SUNDAY ZOOM HOSTS**

Starting September 12th, while some of us will attend Sunday services in the building others will continue to participate via zoom. Therefore every Sunday we need someone to be the zoom host. It is not a complicated or time consuming job. It's perfect for those of you who will continue on zoom and only have limited time to be of service to the church.

If this is something you are willing to do please contact Linda Savard. You can find her phone number in the directory. Feel free to call or text.

## CHALICE CIRCLE

Chalice Circles are a time for members to share their experiences with one another, Around topics such as, living



with uncertainty, forgiveness, and belonging. There is no offering of advice. This is a time to listen and to personally reflect. These thoughtful and heart-full conversations bring us closer to one another, help create community and offer opportunities for our own spiritual growth.

Last year there were six chalice circles with over 40 participants. Circles meet monthly from October to May and have 8 to 10 participants with a facilitator. A few days before your circle meets you will receive an email with the topic and a few brief readings and some questions that will help you reflect on the topic and how it has affected your

life.

Depending on preferences and the pandemic some circles may meet in person and others by zoom. There will be options for day of the week and time. Hopefully there will be a circle that meets your specific needs. We hope you will consider joining a circle this year.

If you are interested in continuing or joining a Chalice Circle please contact Steven Toporoff.

## 2021 UUCOD AUCTION NOTES



Please consider joining Rod in donating to the annual UUCOD Auction (see top of newsletter)! The auction is our biggest fundraiser and helps sustain our beloved community.

### Donation ideas:

- meal delivery (homemade or takeout)
- dessert delivery
- errand running
- a few hours of "help around the house"
- cooking/art class (virtual or in-person)
- hand made creations, basket of favorite literature, gift certificates
- theme baskets (mystery lovers, exotic teas, chocolate treats, etc)

### The sky is the limit!!

### How to donate:

~Pick up a donation form from the auction display on the UUCOD foyer table. Completed forms can be returned to the rear of the same display.

~Contact Carol Lavoie with any questions. (She has a ton of 'wish list' items if you are stumped.)

Donations will be updated weekly and listed in the newsletters as well as on a poster in the lobby.

### Donations as of 8/31:

- PS Museum Tour
- Scorpion Walk
- Fondue Set
- Colorado Buddha House Getaway
- St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Monoprint Workshop
- Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Jules @ Bryna & Marty's
- Rev Ian's 'Blessed Socks'
- Sermon of Your Choice
- 'Solitary Pursuits' Collection
- Rhino Keeper Talk & Tour @ The Living Desert
- Take & Bake Enchiladas

## FORMS DUE BY OCT. 7 (the earlier the better)

'Best Bid' Silent Auction (at UUCOD) Friday, November 5 from 10 am- 4 pm

Live Zoom Auction Saturday, November 6 from 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm

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Are you looking for a way to ease back into life at UUCOD and ease the boredom of isolation? Join other volunteers in preparing our building for re-opening. We also have a few on-going tasks that may interest you. Contact Fran Hoag for more details.

**Now:**

- Paint new conduit in the sanctuary
- Apply tinted film to Rev Ian's office window
- Water Sacred Grounds
- Work with the UU Handypeople

**Ongoing:**

- Greeting at worship services
- Distribute food and sock donations to charities
- Write newsletter articles on the comings and goings of our Members and Friends

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## GRIEF LABYRINTH WALK

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Monthly on the Third Thursday, 8-9am.  
UU Church of the Desert  
72425 Via Vail, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Reliance Hospice and UU Church of the Desert invite those grieving the death of a loved one to participate in a monthly experience of remembrance and healing with a labyrinth walk. This is a free community event.

The journey of walking the labyrinth becomes a metaphor for one's grief. The feelings of not knowing the way, feeling lost, or simply feeling as though no progress is being made are common in grief---and in walking the labyrinth. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only a single path to the center. It has no dead ends, and there is no possibility of getting lost. Instead, the path leads us to the center, a sacred place, where tears, regret, sadness, guilt and anger are often released. When walking out of the labyrinth many become aware of a sense of release, a letting-go of at least some of what was brought into the labyrinth. Many report feeling a sense of peace and hope for the future.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Don Stouder, Grief Counselor at Reliance Hospice and UUCOD Community Minister. For more information, please call Dr. Stouder at 760-423-6924. There is no cost, and no RSVP is required.



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## 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

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### **Pam's Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:15 am - 2:00 pm

Friday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

(Please note Pam may be on errands during office hours so please call to ensure 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.

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[Visit our website](#)

*"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."*

*~Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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