

October 8th, 2021

UUCOD WEEKLY REMINDER



Monoprinting is a simple and direct method of making Art prints without a printing press. You can make each work unique, but it is also possible to make any number of variations. We will explore and apply principles of good design such as use of line, shape, texture and color. We will be doodling, drawing, stenciling, inking found materials and ready made objects. This is a process that is magical, fun and surprising. It is a method beloved by many artists. No special skills required but enthusiasm and curiosity are very helpful.

Workshop is socially distanced in person on church grounds.
When: 4 sessions, one week in February 2022 (days TBD). Each session is 3 hours long.

Art materials provided by Gene including a variety of art papers, inks and tools.
Minimum participants: 4

Please consider joining Gene in donating to the annual UUCOD Auction. The auction is our biggest fundraiser and helps sustain our beloved community.

SERVICES (In-Person and via Zoom)

The service will be live in the Sanctuary for Members and Friends **ONLY** and live streamed on Zoom. You may choose to attend in person (if you meet the requirements) or online.

Because of continuing Covid infection rates we are keeping our Covid Protocols for the September services. 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 as well as other

mitigations.

Worship Service/Sunday Together

October 10, 2021

Since What We Choose is What We Are: Heresy and Faith

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Betty Bender

Our Unitarian Universalist movement has grown over the decades and centuries, nurtured and fed by ways of thinking that centered choice and conscience over conformity and tradition. Today we explore ourselves as heretics, those who choose.

October 17, 2021

Ingathering

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

The weather has shifted, our desert home is bustling again. Join us as we welcome our community back together and set our sights on the year ahead.

October 24, 2021

What's in a Cup of Coffee?

Worship Leader: Rev. Tania Márquez

Worship Associate: Bryna Blum

Rev. Tania Márquez returns virtually and invites us into a reflection on a trip to Nicaragua and the connections between producer and consumer in our society.

October 31, 2021

Honoring our Ancestors

Worship Leaders: Peter Mathews and Josette Pacino

Join us as we share reflections on ancestors and how they live on in our lives, rituals, and traditions.

COLLECTIONS BASKET



Communication with the Tech Team During Services

To communicate with the Tech Team during the service, please use private chat to AV Tech Monitor. We will not be able to respond or answer questions live but it will be helpful for us to know if there are issues in the stream.

CALENDAR

Meetings

Board Retreat: Saturday, October 9 @ 8:30am

Sunday Worship Service: Sunday, October 10 @ 10:00am

Sunday Together: Sunday, October 10 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm

Finance Committee: Sunday, October 10 @ 11:30am - 12:30pm

Work Party: Monday, October 11 @ 8:00am - 9:00am

Monday Meditation: Monday, October 11 @ 5:30pm - 6:30pm In Person with masks

Chalice Circles Facilitator's Meeting: Tuesday, October 12 @ 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Membership Committee: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Social Justice Committee: Thursday, October 14, 2021 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Life Span Group: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:30am - 11:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collections for October 3rd, 2021: \$220.21

Ingathering Input

We're celebrating the beginning of our church year at our *Ingathering* service on October 17.

Rev. Ian would love your input for part of our service. Please send your response to the two questions below in an e-mail to Rev. Ian before Wednesday of next week.

1. What needs do you carry with you as you return to our religious community this year? (Examples: connection, hope, certainty...)
2. What gifts are you bringing to our community as you return? (Examples: compassion, commitment, a listening ear...)

Thanks!



Join Us For Free Outdoor Concerts in October!

Let's Get Together for a FREE weekly outdoor concert each Thursday in October at the Palm Desert Civic Center at 6pm. Bring your blanket, a lawn chair & maybe a picnic or take advantage of the food offered by various food trucks. Please call or text Sheryl Eaton in advance so that we can find each other in the park.



Afternoon Book Club Meeting October 29th

The afternoon book club will be having it's organizational meeting for the 2021-22 year on the last Friday of the month, October 29th, at 1:30. The meeting will be on the patio at Jim and Lavonne Swanson's home. You can be a part of developing the format in regard to when and where to meet as well as selecting a reading list for the year. We look forward to welcoming men and women to this vibrant discussion group. Contact Lavonne Swanson.

Welcome to New Members from March 2020!



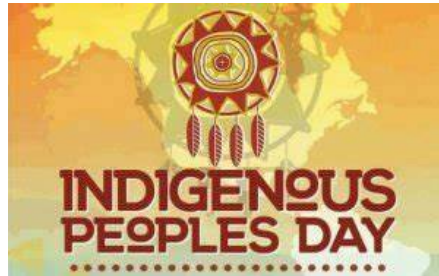
Hello to ALL!

So good to be back in our Sanctuary for in person services this Fall. I would like to remind and again congratulate our March, 2020 New Members listed below. They joined the week before we went into lockdown and wanted all to know they are celebrated and appreciated!! Here's to the future...

Karen Isebrands Brown
Jim Brown
Philip Russ
Jean Russell
Luke Russell
Jonathan Fast
Carolyn Etheridge
Marcia Stone

Jim Stone
Tracy Flynn
Steve Kerr
Lavonne Swanson
Jim Swanson
Diana Leslie
Charlene Master
Susan Trost

CULTURAL CORNER



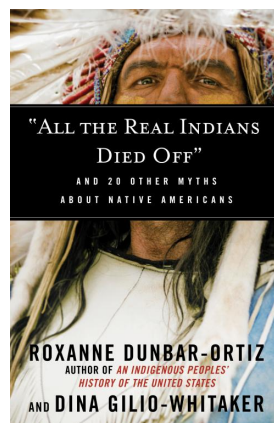
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY October 11, 2021

"Indigenous Peoples Day" reimagines Columbus Day and changes a celebration of colonialism into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of indigenous peoples in the Americas, to organize against current injustices, and to celebrate indigenous resistance.

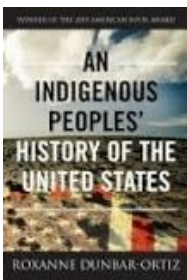
The idea of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day was born in 1977, at a U.N.-sponsored conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on discrimination against indigenous populations in the Americas. Fourteen years later, activists in Berkeley, CA, convinced the Berkeley City Council to declare October 12 a "Day of Solidarity with Indigenous People." Henceforth, there has been a growing movement to appropriate "Columbus Day" as "Indigenous People's Day"; states such as South Dakota, Hawai'i, and Alaska have changed the holiday's name and many more cities have taken similar action.

The Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to fully understand the legacy of Christopher Columbus, just as it calls us to respect and learn from indigenous peoples and support their struggles for social justice and religious freedom. Here at UUCOD, we have been working to learn more about the legacy of the "*Doctrine of Discovery*" as presented in two sermons by our own Kevin Brandt.

In addition, the Lifespan Religious Education Committee is presenting a book discussion on "*An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*" led by Barbara Storms on Monday October 11. If you have not read the book, you can still attend to listen to the discussion. See below for recommended readings from the UUA.



LIFESPAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES AND EVENTS



Book Discussion

October 11 @ 10am - 11:30am
Discussion Leader: Barb Storms

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day by joining in the discussion of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Dunbar-Ortiz adroitly challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was colonialist and designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them. Spanning more than four hundred years, this classic bottom-up peoples' history radically reframes US history and explodes the silences that have haunted our national narrative.

If you have not read the book, please join us by zoom or phone to hear the discussion.

Film Through a Cultural Lens Facilitated by Margaret Manson

This class is full. This interactive film discussion group focuses on films made by diverse film makers.

Awakening to the Grace in Aging Facilitated by Peter Mathews and Bryna Blum

Tuesdays, 10 am to Noon,
November 2, 9, 16, 23

Recommended Reading:
The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older
by Kathleen Dowling Singh

Registration Limit: 20 participants

This potentially transformative workshop will take place on Zoom. They will be invited to share their insights on the advantages of aging, on their challenges and solutions regarding aging, and on their plans to acquire additional spiritual growth in the future. Participants will reflect on their experiences which arose from reading the recommended text.

2021 UUCOD AUCTION UPDATES



DON'T LOOK AWAY! RSVP TODAY!

You must register in order to bid on any of the items listed below. Simply click the Auction RSVP link below to register. It is easy and FREE.

Auction registrants will receive an Auction Packet approximately a week prior to the auction. Included in packet will be a bidding paddle, the auction item list and easy-to-follow instructions.

If you are local please respond by 10/31
If you are out of town please respond by 10/21

[AUCTION RSVP](#)

2021 DONATIONS

- PS Museum Tour
- Moon 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-Rev. Riddell
- 'Solitary Pursuits' Collection
- Take & Bake Enchiladas
- High quality framed print of an original painting: "Night Sky at Joshua Tree"
- Homemade Bread
- Sunnylands Garden Tour
- John Hummel Phot
- Generosity Challenge @ \$1,900
- How To Sell On Ebay Instruction
- Homemade Ice Cream
- East Valley Social (In)Justice Tour
- \$50 Panera Gift Card
- \$50 Stater Bros. Gift Card
- Original Painting: "Gemini, Andreas Canyon"
- 3 Linoleum Prints
- S2S2S Season Tix
- DJ'd Audio Entertainment Experience
- Pool Party
- Lasagna Dinner to Your Door
- Banana Bread
- Rhino Keeper Talk & Tour @ The Living Desert
- 5 Course French Dinner + Wine
- Midwest 'Comfort Food' Dinner
- Drawing of your home
- 1 hour massage
- Homemade Soups to Your Door
- JAZZ a film by Ken Burns - DVD Set
- Macrame Wall Hangings
- Coach Leather Flight Case
- 2 \$100 Ebay Gift Cards
- 'A Souper Evening'
- Decorative Pillow
- Shepherds Pie
- Palm Springs Air Museum Tour
- Neck Pillows
- Idyllwild Lunch
- 'Picnic in the Park' for 15
- Georgia O'Keefe Art Prints
- Tamale Pie & Cornbread
- Super Bowl Party
- Blueberry Breakfast Cakes
- American Eagle Sculpture
- Homemade Berry Cheesecake
- Sunday Brunch
- Computer Help
- Nambe Cheese Board
- A premium ticket package including 4 tickets to 'Always, Patsy Kline' and much more
- Sermon of Your Choice-Rev. Stouder
- 3 Art Glass Vases
- 'Garden Fruits' Print

- Joshua Tree National Park Tour
- Paella Dinner
- Peanut Butter/Choc. Chip Cookies
- Mission Hills CC Dinner
- Cookies-Batch a month for 7 months
- 2 Sets of Dishes
- Pickleball Lessons
- 2 Art Photos - Sunnylands & Untitled
- 2 Photos: Pueblo in Taos, NM

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES



Socks on the Second Returns to UUCOD On October 10th!

Beginning Sunday, October 10th, Socks on the Second will return. Socks on the Second is a program of the Social Justice Committee whereby we collect new socks for women, men, & kids on the second Sunday of each month that you bring in. They will be delivered to *Well in the Desert* at their lunchtime site at The Church of Saint Paul's in the Desert in Palm Springs and distributed to any person experiencing homelessness who comes in.

Can't make it to church on the second Sunday of the month? We've got you covered. Simply drop them off in the brown bin in the lobby at UUCOD the next time you are there. Easy Peasy!

So the next time you are shopping, add a pair or 2 of socks to your cart then bring them to UUCOD the next time you are there.

A person in need will thank you.



UUCOD Will Again Walk in Palm Springs Pride Parade Will You Be There?

Join fellow UUCODers on Sunday, November 7th as we carry our UUCOD banner walking in the 35th Annual Palm Springs Pride Parade. Celebrating strength, equality and self-determination of the LGBTQ community, the parade begins at 10am and will conclude around noon. Masked & unmasked, we will assemble in the Uptown Design District north of Tachevah & Palm Canyon Drive then walk 5 blocks south through downtown ending at the entrance to the Pride Festival at Amado.

For more information, contact Gloria Kapp.

2021 - 2022 Share the Plate Calendar



This is the calendar of recipients our Congregation elected last May leading up to UUCOD's Annual Meeting.

October 17: Well in the Desert - Liaison: Chris Eager

November 21: SafeHouse of the Desert - Liaison: Robert Rancourt

December 19: Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest
Liaisons: Margaret Manson & Sandy Sladen

Christmas Eve: TBD - Rev. Ian Riddell

January 16: Martha's Village & Kitchen - Liaison: Joni Paddock

February 20: Safe Schools Desert Cities - Liaison: Gloria Kapp

March 20: FIND Food Bank - Liaisons: Ros & Earl Hoover and Mel Wilkinson

April 17: TODEC (Training Occupational Development Educating Communities)
Liaison: Sarita Gonzales

May 22: Community Food Bank at the Center in Palm Springs - Liaison: Linda Savard

June 19: Galilee Center - Liaison: Sue Caspari

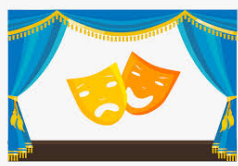
Thank you for your commitment to & financial support of our Share the Plate program.
If you would like to assist with the program, please contact Denise Janssen Eager.



Want to Dive into Our Seven Principles at UUCOD?

Then join the Social Justice Committee on Thursday, October 14th as we begin our new year of taking action on behalf of those on the front lines throughout the Coachella Valley. We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. For more information, call Chair Denise Janssen Eager.

SCRIPT2STAGE2SCREEN UPDATES



Script2Stage2Screen Reopens Oct. 22

Script2Stage2Screen reopens at UUCOD with "Auntie" Oct. 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. each night, in the sanctuary. The new play by Marty Martin of El Paso, Texas, asks the question 'Was Auntie Mame really Auntie Marion, a lovable kook with a heart of gold?' Returning to the UUCOD stage are Jan Briggs, Steven Cicerone, Dan Graff, Stan Jenson, Shirley LeMaster (in the title role), Hal O'Connell and Rupert Smith. Norma Marcus is making her S2S2S debut.

Tickets remain at \$10 each, and they are on sale at [on our website](#).

Following UUCOD's and Rancho Mirage's guidelines, Script2Stage2Screen is requiring proof, in advance, that attendees are fully vaccinated against COVID. If you plan to attend, you must join the S2S2S Audience Bubble, by sending the information below to Terry LeMaster at (terryshirleyL@aol.com) as soon as possible. Terry will maintain an Audience Bubble list and check attendees off as they arrive. This list will form the basis for contact tracing if needed.

Required information to be placed on the list: name, email address, telephone number, and copies of (1) your vaccination card; and (2) a government-issued photo ID, such as a California driver's license. To submit your vaccination card and ID, place them together on a flat surface, take a photo with a cell phone, and email the photo to Terry with your contact information.

For those who don't like to buy tickets online, you may buy them at the door. But first you MUST (1) be on the S2S Audience Bubble as described, and (2) make a reservation in advance by sending an email to script2stage2screen@gmail.com.

Any questions about the Audience Bubble, please email or call Terry LeMaster. For other questions, send an email to script2stage2screen@gmail.com or call Dori Smith.

Script2Stage2Screen 2021-22 Season

Script2Stage2Screen's Executive Committee, directors, actors and fans are excited that the group will return to UUCOD for its 2021-22 season. "It has been so long...and we're so appreciative of our partnership with the Church for more than 10 years," said Dori Smith, an S2S2S Executive Committee member.

Here is the planned 2021-22 season:

Oct. 22-23, 2021: "Auntie," by Marty Martin. Was Auntie Mame really Auntie Marion, a lovable kook with a heart of gold?

Dec. 3-4, 2021: "Crying on Trains," by David Hanson. A heartfelt story of courage, sacrifice, true friendship and love.

Jan. 21-22, 2022: "I'm Not Rick Springfield," by Vicki Vodrey. A bag of laughs driven by hero worship, mistaken identity and family dysfunction.

February 25-26, 2022: "A Night in Puglia," by David M. Wolgin. A love story for the ages and all orientations. Sensual and sweet, and set in Italy.

April 22-23, 2022: "Inez's Birthday...and Then Some," by Jason Hull. A family curse, a pompous minister, a gay nephew, a redneck brother, a case of gout, and Loretta Lynn. What could possibly go wrong?

NEWS FROM THE CARE TEAM



What is "Care?"

It is looking out for the others in your community, whose health is a matter of great importance.

This is why ONLY members and friends may attend services in the sanctuary on Sundays until further notice.

Come if you are vaccinated and if you are willing to stay masked while indoors in seats where we are all socially distanced from one another.

Those are the rules for now....because we CARE about our UU family.

Bryna Blum
Care Team Chair

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, please call or email Pam asking to reserve space. The newsletter will be posted on the website by 3pm on Friday.

"We are often called to do the difficult, if not the seemingly impossible, and it is vital to our spiritual growth that we not ignore these challenges."

~Janice Marie Johnson~

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