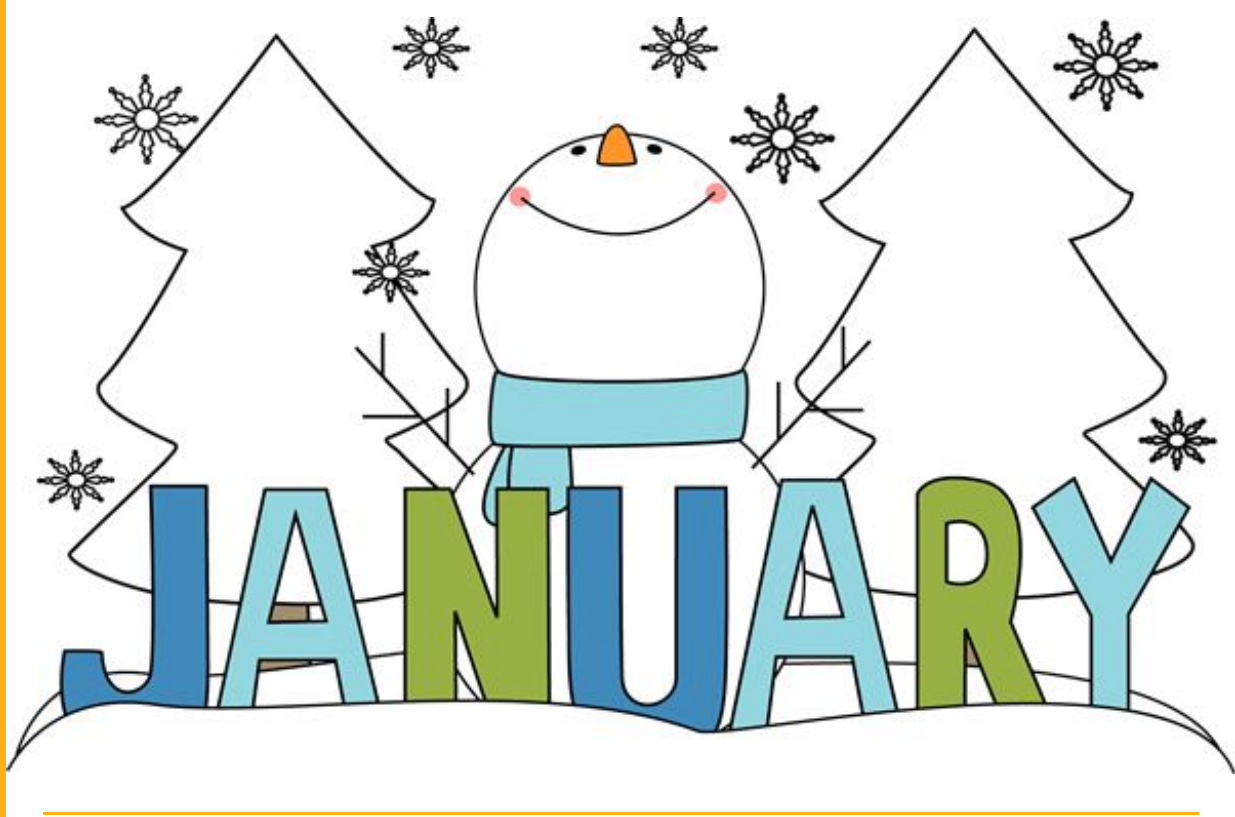


UUCOD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 7, 2022



SERVICES

[Zoom Link for Worship Service/Sunday Together](#)

January 9, 2022

We Are How We Treat Each Other and Nothing More

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Bob Rancourt

As we begin a new year, we set goals for ourselves. What are the standards by which we'll measure the success of those goals? What if rather than wealth or fame or having more stuff, we decided to measure success by the richness and lovingness of our relationships? What would be different if those were our criteria?

January 16, 2022

In Ourselves and In Our Institutions: The 8th Principle

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Sarita Gonzales

Our congregation is beginning the work of engaging with an eighth Unitarian Universalist principle. Why is it important for us to affirm and promote justice and commit to the building of beloved community? How might we be different as individuals and as a community if we made this commitment out loud? Please join Rev Ian and others immediately following the service for further discussion about the sermon and 8th Principle.

January 23, 2022

Ministry for the Earth, Part Two: "Aldo Leopold and the Ethics of the Land"

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Donald Stouder

Worship Associate: Joni Paddock

Rev. Don will be joining us on January 2 and January 23, 2022 to present a series of sermons addressing different themes in climate change and climate justice. His sermons will be built around one overarching theme: that our 7th principle has to be urgently embraced, and that we will never get a break to build a better world. We have to do it while still surviving in this one.

January 30, 2022

A Commitment to Generosity

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian W. Riddell

Worship Associate: Betty Bender

Our community thrives because we practice generosity. We bring our hearts and minds and hands to the work of nurturing our community and sharing our vision. Join us as we reflect on generosity.

Collections Basket

An Updated Announcement from Your COVID Team



Your Board of Trustees and your COVID Response team are continuing to pay attention to our congregation's health during the ongoing pandemic. Omicron is clearly hitting a sharp peak, amplified by holiday gatherings. But the peak is also expected to pass through very quickly. **Sunday Worship services for the next 2-4 weeks will only be on**

Zoom, not in-person, as we let the peak pass. For non-worship activities we advise group leaders to suspend in-person indoor activities during the same 2-4 weeks.

It appears that an intense Omicron peak may be followed by reduced Covid risk. We are quite optimistic that after this short pause we will be able to resume in-person services and perhaps coffee hour and maybe even singing! There is light at the end of the tunnel!

Staying Connected

Sunday Service: Sunday, January 9 @ 10:00am

Sunday Together: Sunday, January 9 @ 11:00am

Finance Committee: Sunday, January 9 @ 11:30am

Work Party: Monday, January 10 @ 9:00am

Rev. Ian's Life Span Class: Monday, January 10 @ 2:00pm via zoom

Monday Meditation: Monday, January 10 @ 5:15pm

Chalice Circle Facilitator's Meeting: Tuesday, January 11 @ 2:00pm

Membership Committee: Tuesday, January 11 @ 5:30pm

Rev. Ian's Life Span Class: Thursday, January 13th @ 6:30pm via zoom

Social Justice Committee: Thursday, January 13th @ 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plate Collections for January 2, 2022: \$293.00

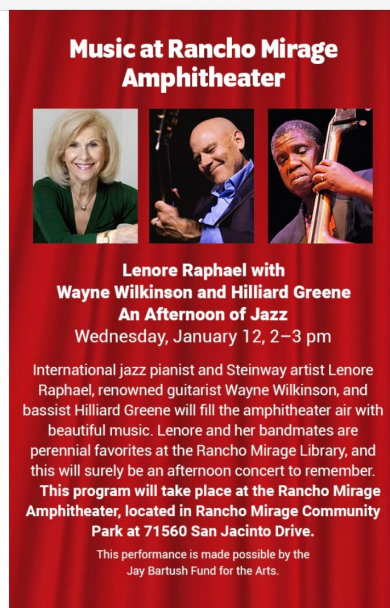
From Fear to Faith

There will be an interfaith forum on our Polarized Culture at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on January 27, 2022, from 4:00-6:30 PM. If you think this is something you might be interested in attending, there is a flyer in the foyer with more information.



Social BUUTerflies Event

Join your UUCOD friends for this FREE OUTDOOR Jazz Event!! Text or email Sheryl Eaton if you will be attending then we can find each other & sit together.



Music at Rancho Mirage Amphitheater

Lenore Raphael with Wayne Wilkinson and Hilliard Greene
An Afternoon of Jazz
Wednesday, January 12, 2-3 pm

International jazz pianist and Steinway artist Lenore Raphael, renowned guitarist Wayne Wilkinson, and bassist Hilliard Greene will fill the amphitheater air with beautiful music. Lenore and her bandmates are perennial favorites at the Rancho Mirage Library, and this will surely be an afternoon concert to remember. This program will take place at the Rancho Mirage Amphitheater, located in Rancho Mirage Community Park at 71560 San Jacinto Drive.

This performance is made possible by the Jay Bartush Fund for the Arts.



Start the Pledge Drive with a BASH - a Zoom BINGO BASH!

Saturday, January 29th from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Everyone is invited! There is no charge to participate. A Zoom link will be sent out the Wednesday prior to the Bash.

To ensure you received your bingo card pre-registration is required. Register either through the link below or by contacting Carol Lavoie.

If you are out of town and would like to participate please register before 1/17/22 so we have time to mail your bingo card to you.

Once you have registered Bingo cards can be picked up on foyer table between 10:00am and 1:00pm Monday through Friday. Cards may also be picked up on Saturday, January 22 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the church parking lot.

Please email Carol Lavoie with questions or to register.

Voting Rights and Build Back Better



We continue to watch for further developments on the **Freedom to Vote Act** and the **John Lewis Voting Rights Amendment Act**. Support for these will be needed in January as Congress reconvenes. These bills would set minimum standards nationwide for access to voting and securing voting systems so that all lawfully-cast votes are counted. We are also watching to see what the final form will be of the Build Back Better package of budget reconciliation legislation designed to support workers, families, seniors and more. Please watch this space in the coming weeks for ways you can take action to strengthen the democratic process and to support legislation that will respect the inherent worth and dignity of all persons by providing needed support to health care coverage, child care services and more.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

More UUCOD news than your electronic device can display at once! If you don't see Pam's office hours at the bottom of the newsletter, look for a [blue link](#) at the bottom to click to display all the goodies we have to tell you about! Don't miss the news "below the fold" on activities led by Rev. Ian or by UUCOD leaders like yourselves, Lifespan Learning opportunities, book study offerings, and Social Justice news and service opportunities. Some activities are held in-person and some by Zoom. It's amazing how much our UUCOD member volunteers are up to throughout the week! Find out what's up. You may find something that piques your interest. Please read our stirring newsletters to the end



Women's Night Out Updated Date:

February 14, 2021

Due to the fact that Riverside County is back into the purple tier as a result of the omicron variant, most ladies who had RSVP'd to the WNO for January 10 agreed that we should cancel it for January. At this time, we're planning to go to Back Street Bistro on El Paseo on February 14. Any questions, please call or email Joni.

THE 8th PRINCIPLE ANNOUNCEMENT

What is it and Should UUCOD Adopt it?



The proposed 8th Principle for all Unitarian Universalists reads:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountability dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Rev. Ian will be preaching on the 8th Principle on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

PLEASE JOIN US following this service on Zoom for further discussion with Rev Ian and 8th Principle Ambassadors about the 8th Principle, to ask questions, and

imagine what it could mean for our congregation.

For more information contact Sandy Sladen or Hiroshi Yamaguchi.

LIFE SPAN SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Explore Unitarian Universalist Worship with Rev. Ian

A three-session class exploring Unitarian Universalist worship. What is it? Why do we do it? How can we deepen our experience to broaden our appreciation? How can we make it accessible and powerful for everyone?

Instructor: Rev. Ian

All Classes will be now held via Zoom:

Mondays: Jan 10, 17 and 24 from 2:00pm-4:00pm

Thursdays: Jan, 13, 20 and 27 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Materials Needed: notebook and things which you can use to write and draw. Hymn book and other resources will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact: **Carol Lavoie**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



PSST! Socks on the Second is this Sunday!

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 one of their five lunchtime sites Palm Springs and distributed to any person in need who comes in.

Can't make it to church then? 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 go shopping, add socks to your cart then bring them to UUCOD. A person in need will thank you.



Martha's Village & Kitchen is January's Share the Plate Recipient

On January 16 we will be Sharing the Plate with Martha's Village & Kitchen located in Indio, CA.

As per their website:

"Martha's Village & Kitchen is one of the largest providers of homeless services in the Coachella Valley and Riverside County. The organization began in 1990 when the founders served meals to their homeless neighbors. Today, from its campus in Indio, CA, Martha's Village offers unique life-changing programs based on the nationally-recognized "continuum of care model" breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Through this gateway to hope, people regain their lives becoming responsible, self-sufficient and productive citizens while passing on their newfound independence and life skills to their children and families. Changing one person's life, changes generations of lives."

George Sinatra, their Senior Director of Development, will join us during the service to tell us more about their vision, mission and services. He will also be available afterwards to answer any additional questions.

We hope you will support this organization as generously as you can.

CARE TEAM NEWS



Dear Friends,

These days can be difficult. Be kind of yourself and practice self care. Please reach out if you're not well, need a meal or just want someone to talk to through out the week.

Don't be shy. We are your Care Team and we are here for you.

Bryna Blum



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:

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?

Office Administrator Hours:

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

Friday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

(There are times Pam may be on errands. Please call first to ensure she is in the office.)

Newsletter Deadlines: The deadline for the Newsletter is always Wednesday morning **before 12:00pm**. If you are going to be late please call or email Pam asking to reserve space. The newsletter will be on the website and emailed by Friday at 3:00pm.

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving

happier.” Mother Teresa

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