

# The Window

A Weekly Publication



**Our Mission**

Our mission is to create community, to nurture spiritual growth, and to act on our values to help heal the world. Nuestra misión es crear comunidad, fomentar el crecimiento espiritual y vivir nuestros valores para ayudar a sanar el mundo.

**Our Eight Principles**

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another, and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience, and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part;
8. Building a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and oppressions.

**February's Monthly Worship Theme: Justice & Equity**

**Hillcrest Campus Location**  
 4190 Front Street  
 San Diego, CA 92103  
 619-298-9978

**South Bay Campus Location**  
 970 Broadway, Suite 104  
 Chula Vista, CA 91911  
 619-271-5017

**Hillcrest Services**  
 10 am Sundays

**South Bay Services**  
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**February 18**  
**"Mottos to Live By"**  
 Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube, Guest Minister

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**"Mottos to Live By"**  
 Livestream of the Hillcrest Service

**February 25**  
**"Black Lives Matter is a Prayer"**  
 Rev. Justine Sullivan & Swamini Adityananda Saraswati

**February 25**  
**"The Spirit of Justice"**  
 Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister

**February Generosity Offering**  
**San Diego Flood Response Fund**

In January, parts of San Diego, especially Southeast San Diego, experienced catastrophic flooding causing damage to homes, vehicles, businesses, farms, and communities. Throughout the month of February our offering will be received in support of the San Diego Flood Response Fund organized by the San Diego Foundation. The fund was created to rapidly get resources into the community and support organizations responding to unprecedented flooding in San Diego County. The fund will make emergency grants to nonprofit service organizations engaged in disaster response and relief. To learn more: [www.sdfoundation.org/ways-to-give/give-now/donate-online/san-diego-flood-response-fund/](http://www.sdfoundation.org/ways-to-give/give-now/donate-online/san-diego-flood-response-fund/). You can donate at church or on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."

**Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW)**  
**What Can I Do?**  
**Afro-Mexicanos:**

**Mexico Officially Recognizes Its Black Citizens**  
 Join Jorge Gonzalez, the Afro-Mexican program ambassador at the Worldbeat Cultural Center, for a stimulating discussion on the presence and history of people of African descent in Mexico. For the past 500 years, Afro-Mexicans have been omitted from Mexican history, governmental rights, and society. According to the 2020 census, which was the first time the country's Black population was officially recognized, there are 2,576,213 self-identified Afro-descendants. Mexico was previously one of only two Latin American countries (with Chile) to not officially count their Black citizens. Monday, February 26, 6 pm — 8 pm, Central Library. Register [HERE](#).

## What's Happening?

### Our Church Family

#### Celebration of Life for Rev. Jim Grant

Saturday, February 24, 1 pm, Meeting House and livestreamed: <https://www.firstuusandiego.org/live-stream.html>. You are invited to join us in celebrating the life of Rev. Jim Grant, Affiliated Community Minister. Following the service there will be a reception in Bard Hall. To send a card to Jim's family, drop it off at the church office or mail it to the church: Family of Rev. Jim Grant, First UU Church of San Diego, 4190 Front St, San Diego CA 92103

#### It's time to get together!

**Registration** is open for our Pacific Western Regional Assembly this April 19th and 20th! Attend either in person, at First Universalist in Denver, or remotely. We are planning a family friendly event and children are welcome. This is a great chance to connect with our larger faith and connect with new and old friends. Stay up to date on all the PWR RA Plans [HERE](#).

#### Seeking Board of Trustees Candidates

Please consider becoming a candidate for a Board of Trustees position that begins in July. Four church members, including one with a financial background, are being sought for Trustee-at-Large positions to work with five incumbent Board members. The Board provides congregational oversight and direction as per our policy governance guidelines. Informational forums about the Trustee positions are coming soon. For more information, e-mail [nomcom@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:nomcom@firstuusandiego.org) or call 858-449-0431.

#### First UU Hosts Interfaith Homeless Shelter March 10-24

This winter/spring our congregation will again host the Interfaith Shelter at our congregation. We will provide shelter for up to 12 guests and breakfast, lunch and dinner for 2 weeks, from March 10-24. During this time, the common room and room 113 on the Hillcrest Campus will be our guests' home. This is one important way our congregation acts on its values and we need your help!

Volunteers provide potluck evening meals, serve as greeters, overnight hosts, and can help with a variety of small projects, including: washing bedding, organizing laundry, shopping for food and supplies, and set-up and clean-up of the shelter. We also need daytime volunteers for shifts on weekend days.

Questions? Check out our [frequently asked questions sheet](#).

Not able to volunteer but want to contribute? We especially need twin size fitted sheets (new or gently used and clean) and washcloths. We are also collecting toiletries which you can donate at bins on either campus. Monetary donations help us buy food for breakfast and lunch, as well as supplies.

For more information or to sign up, contact Alex Bates-Lamparella, Shelter Project Coordinator: [SJET@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:SJET@firstuusandiego.org)  
Laura Ball: [earlyworm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earlyworm@sbcglobal.net), 619-548-3231

#### Help Solve a Mystery

Do you know who left in the Archives room a white table cloth signed by First Church women? It is hard to add something to the archives when there is no date or context. Please contact [Liz Jones](#) if you can help. This is not the Women Ministers' table cloth. Thanks for your help! *Liz Jones*

#### We're Hiring!

We're hiring for a fulltime Membership and Social Justice Coordinator. Here is a [link](#) to the position description and how to apply. Please share with your networks or anyone you think might be interested in applying. Questions? Contact Rev. Kristen Kuriga, [kristen@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:kristen@firstuusandiego.org), 619-398-4435.



#### We need OWL Facilitators!

Are you trained to facilitate OWL at any level or would you like to be?

Email:  
[Tony@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:Tony@firstuusandiego.org)

#### GA 2024 Coming Right Up — June 20-23

UUA General Assembly will be all virtual this year and Article II will be the hot topic for consideration (among other issues). We are asking for members to fill 10 delegate slots for First UU.

If you only want to attend business sessions, you are asked just for a donation to defray GA expenses. If you want to attend all sessions and programming, you must pay full registration fee. Full online registration includes access to the business sessions and on-demand programming including featured speakers, and major workshops. If you register before March 15, the fee is \$280. Between March 15 — May 15, \$315 and after May 15, \$400. It pays to register early! More information at [www.uua.org/ga/registration](http://www.uua.org/ga/registration)

Only delegates can vote on business items. To be a delegate from First UU (with either registration), our church must provide credentials to you. An application form with requirements is available on the church website after February 18 or please contact [johnschaibly@gmail.com](mailto:johnschaibly@gmail.com). Church reimbursement will not be available this year for GA expenses.

## What's Happening?

### Transforming Conflict Learning Series

What's your relationship with conflict? As a congregation, we want to learn how to engage with conflict in loving and covenantal ways. Join us for a learning series on the book *Transforming Conflict: The Blessings of Congregational Turmoil* by Terasa Cooley. Copies of the book are available at church or you can purchase a copy here: <https://a.co/d/e0INIEv>

We explored chapters one & two at our first session during the Fifth Tuesday Board Meeting in January. With over 30 members attending, we agreed we want to continue this work together. Mark your calendar and join us for the below zoom sessions where we will read, reflect, and practice new skills. You are welcome to join us even if you couldn't make the first session. Before each session, please read the chapters and bring a quote with you to share. Each session will be on zoom and will be co-facilitated by Rev. Justine Sullivan and Rev. Kristen Kuriga: <https://zoom.us/j/7434659479>

- Session 2: Chapters 3-4, 2/27, 6:30 pm — 8 pm
- Session 3: Chapters 5-6, 3/12, 6:30 pm — 8 pm
- Session 4: Chapters 7-8, 3/26, 6:30 pm — 8 pm
- Session 5: Chapters 9-10, 4/9, 6:30 pm — 8 pm

### Review of Medical Decision Forms Related to End-of-Life Care

February 17, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Melissa Favela-Ayala will review the documents that pertain to End-of-Life medical care. She will cover Advanced Healthcare Directives, and other important forms. Hosted by UU Seniors.

### Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

February 18, Sundays, following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community in Bard Hall after the service for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

### Virtual Social Hour

February 18, Sundays, 11 am, [bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour](https://bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour). Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD.

### Spiritual Agnostics Film Study and Discussion Group

February 18, Sundays (third), 11:30 am, room 323. We will screen the critically acclaimed film "Far from Men." The screenplay was adapted from the short story "The Guest," by Albert Camus [1913-1960]. He is considered one of the most important writers & activists of the 20th century.

### Special Membership Meeting – Please vote!

February 18, Sunday, 1 pm, Zoom only [bit.ly/SCM1UU](https://bit.ly/SCM1UU). We will approve and open the voting for two proposed amendments revisions. Please join us for this important work. More info on our members only page of the [website](https://www.uu.org).

### Open Heart Sangha

February 18, Sundays, weekly, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, Bard Hall. The Open Heart Sangha, practicing mindfulness meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. All are welcome! Contact Marge, [margewur@gmail.com](mailto:margewur@gmail.com).

### D4\$ Returns! Start Those Creative Juices Flowing!

Mark your calendars. We're switching to a semi-annual auction this year. We'll collect events during the months of March and April. These events will be held starting June 2024 through December 2024. Bidding will begin in May. For more information, [visit our website](https://www.uu.org).

### Women's Choir

February 19, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women who create community through joyful, spirit-filled singing. No experience required.

### Board Meeting

February 20, third Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Bard Hall & online. Board of Trustees meetings are open to congregants. Zoom link in the members only section of the [website](https://www.uu.org).

### Chalice Choir

February 21, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for singing and fun with First UU's largest musical ensemble.

### Our Grief Journeys

February 22, second & fourth Thursdays, until May 28, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. This is a safe, supportive space for sharing our unique experiences of grief & loss, co-facilitated by Marcia Biller and [Karen Thurston](https://www.uu.org).

### Film & Discussion: Power to Heal

Thursday, February 22, Thursday, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for a screening of the documentary, *Power to Heal*, followed by a discussion. A collaboration between our Adult RE Program and the JTW Team. Find out more about the documentary at: <https://www.blbfilmproductions.com/>. No pre-registration is required.

### Memory Matters Gathering

February 23, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online, with Kathy Gilbert, LCSW, and Gay Hybertsen, LCSW. This is a place for those who worry about memory problems and their care partners. The gathering enables members to learn to deal with the consequences of memory loss. Email [hybertsen@att.net](mailto:hybertsen@att.net) for the link.

### Front Street Productions Presents!

February 24, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Meeting House. Front Street Productions presents "Transformation." International opera singer Tamara Haskin takes you on an inspiring musical journey from darkness to light, sorrow to happiness, death to life and earth to heaven. You must register to attend this open-seating show through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact [Robie Evans](https://www.uu.org).

### Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

February 26, second and fourth Mondays, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, zoom. Contact Chris Smith prior to attending 619-300-7477 or [email](mailto:chris@uu.org).

### Men's Fellowship Annual Banquet

February 26, Monday, 6 pm, Bard Hall. Food provided. Reconnect with old friends, meet new ones and to learn what we do. (We welcome men who identify as straight, gay or transgender.) The event is free but please [register](https://www.uu.org).



## What's Happening?

### Caregivers/Allies Support Group

February 27, second Mondays & fourth Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, zoom. The Caregivers/Allies Support Group is welcoming prospective new participants. For additional information about participating contact [Les Vivian](mailto:Les.Vivian).

### JTW & Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group

March 1, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. Susan Straight's novel *Mecca* will be discussed prior to her Author Talk on Saturday, March 16. Join the Racialized Identities Book Group discussion. Contact [Louise Titlow](mailto:Louise.Titlow).

### Board Chat

March 3, Sunday, 12:30 pm, [bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat](https://bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat).

### Hillcrest Song Circle

March 3, first Sundays, 2 pm — 4 pm, Room 323. As always, bring your guitar/and or voice. This is a fun chance to sing—we are not a choir. For information contact [Wombated@gmail.com](mailto:Wombated@gmail.com) or [cmack5913@gmail.com](mailto:cmack5913@gmail.com).

### First UU SD presents A Celebration of Song

March 3, Sunday, 4 pm, Meeting House. Join us as our church's musical ensembles share music to uplift and inspire. Led by Music Director Marshall Voit, and music staff Tony Bianca, Andrea Spiero, and Tomás Acosta, the concert will feature Las Campanas Handbell Ensemble, the South Bay Singers, the JUUL Tones, the Women's Choir, and the Chalice Choir. Refreshments will be served at intermission; the concert will conclude before 6 pm. Join us for A Celebration of Song!

### Women Together Meeting

March 9, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Come visit old friends, meet new friends, and experience sharing with a caring group of women. New members are welcome. Contact Claudia, [obata.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:obata.claudia@gmail.com).

### Dances of Universal Peace

March 9, second Saturdays, 4 pm — 6 pm, Bard Hall.

### Kirtan Chanting

March 9, second Saturdays, 6 pm — 7 pm, Common Room. Join Patita Pavana of Spirit Soul And Friends along with our event host, James Long, for an evening of Kirtan.

### Rainbow Action Group's Koffee Klatch

March 10, second Sundays, 11:15 am — 12:15 pm, Room 323. Bring some refreshments and join us. All family, friends and allies are invited.

### Cosmos

March 10, second Sundays, 1 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. Join us as we explore the birth and evolution of our universe and what it means for us as a species. Contact [James Long](mailto:James.Long).

### Neighborhood Group without Borders

March 13, second Wednesdays, 11 am — 1 pm, 4349 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116. Susan Riegel Harding invites you to a brown bag lunch. Chat, play games, plant succulents, whatever we feel like doing. Coffee, water, and beverages will be provided. Text RSVP to 619-987-6234.

### Book Club

March 14, second Thursdays, 6 pm, Zoom. We will be discussing *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, on April 11 we will discuss *Mecca* by Susan Straight. Contact [Minastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:Minastaylor@gmail.com) for info.

### Finance Committee Meeting

March 14, Thursday, 6:30 pm, link in the members area of the [website](#). Non-committee members do not take part in discussions or have a vote.

## South Bay Campus

### South Bay Worship

Sundays, 10 am, South Bay Worship Hall. Join the South Bay community for Worship every Sunday.

### South Bay Wisdom Circle

March 10, Sunday, 11:30 am, South Bay Worship Hall. Join us for a new year of inspiring conversations and fellowship. Each month offers the gift of connecting with members of our beloved community to discuss inspiring and important issues, and revel in the wisdom that emerges. The South Bay Wisdom Circle will be facilitated by our Intern Minister, Swamini Adityananda Saraswati. For more information: [swamini@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:swamini@firstuusandiego.org).

## South Bay Food Pantry News

### Join us Feb 24th for Love Your Heart Day

Saturday Feb 24th is an especially good day to join us — the Pantry is a Love Your Heart screening site. Volunteers from the County will conduct blood pressure screenings and educate about high blood pressure. We'll need extra volunteers. Contact [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org).

### Need Support?

Could you or someone you know use support with food, blankets, or other basic needs? Let a minister or staff person know, or call the pantry office: (619) 271-5017.

### How to Donate to the South Bay Food Pantry

Donate online or by check payable to FUUSD with "SB Food Pantry" in the memo. Mail to 4190 Front St., 92103.

### The South Bay Food Pantry...

is located at 970 Broadway, Suite 101, Chula Vista 91911. Open to the public Saturdays 11 am — 12:30 pm. Contact [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org) or 619-271-5017.

### Food Pantry Needs Your Grocery Bags!

The pantry can use the plastic grocery bags you're collecting! And we always need easy-open no-cook food, hygiene items, and adult incontinence supplies. Drop off in Hillcrest on Sunday morning in the Meeting House.

### Midweek Bagging

Thursdays, 11 am — 12:30 pm, South Bay Campus Room 105. Join us putting together bags of healthy food for Saturday's distribution. Drop by or check ahead with [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org).

## Family & Lifespan

### Sunday RE

This Sunday, February 18, we'll offer two Sunday RE Groups for children Ages PreK - 5th, and Jr & Sr High Youth during the 10 am service.

### Young Adult Group (ages 22 - 35)

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm, Room 114b. This is an open, welcoming space to share meaningfully, play games, consider social and climate justice issues, and plan events. Contact Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, [Lara Anderson](#).

### Film & Discussion: Power to Heal

Thursday, February 22, Thursday, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for a screening of the documentary, Power to Heal, followed by a discussion. This in-person-only event is a collaboration between our Adult RE Program and the JTW Team. Find out more about the documentary at: <https://www.blbfilmproductions.com/>. This event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.



GATHER ROUND

### Register for All Church Camp

We hope you can join us for All Church Camp at de Benneville Pines May 31 — June 2! For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.firstuusanidiego.org/all-church-camp.html>

First Unitarian Universalist  
Church of San Diego presents

# A Celebration of Song

4-6pm Sunday  
March 3rd, 2024

Featuring

- The JUUL Tones A Cappella Ensemble
- Las Campanas Handbell Ensemble
- FUUSD Women's Choir
- The South Bay Singers
- FUUSD Chalice Choir

298 W Arbor Street San Diego, CA 92103  
Free accessible parking in our lot

Public welcome - Free admission  
[FirstUUSanDiego.org](http://FirstUUSanDiego.org)

## Social Justice

### Climate Justice: Power Hungry AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an immensely power-hungry technology that uses specialized microchips to process mountains of data. Electricity consumption at US data centers is projected to triple from 2022 levels. To meet this surge in demand, some utilities plan to delay closing coal fired power plants or build new gas-powered ones, leading to greater emissions. New data centers put more pressure on our stressed electrical grid that needs building up to carry more renewable energy from wind and solar.

### Upcoming Candidate Forums: SD City Council District 4, CA 79th Assembly District, CA 39th State Senate District, and San Diego Mayor

Election Day is Tuesday, March 5! Learn more about the issues and candidates on your primary ballot.

On Thursday, February 15, San Diego Voice and Viewpoint is sponsoring a candidate forum for SD City Council District 4, the 79th State Assembly District, and the 39th State Senate District. 6 pm — 8:30 pm, at the George L Stevens Senior Community Center; 570 S. 65th Street (off Skyline Drive), San Diego CA 92114.

On Saturday February 24, the Community Budget Alliance is holding a forum for candidates in the race for San Diego Mayor. 6 pm — 8 pm, at Porter Elementary School, 4800 T Street, San Diego CA 92113. Register and submit a question at: [bit.ly/cba-mayoralforum24](http://bit.ly/cba-mayoralforum24)

### UU Justice Ministry of California Border Pilgrimage

"Building Homes, Creating Community" House Build Project April 4 — 7, 2024. In partnership with Casas de Luz & UU Refugee & Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE), we are excited to offer an in-person immersion experience for UUs and UU-aligned individuals interested in engaging with the realities of immigration at the California border. We will be staying at Casa Hogar La Gloria, a local orphanage, where we will be provided dinner and breakfast each day. From Casa Hogar La Gloria, we will make our way back and forth from the home build site and Border Church at Friendship Park. Registration is free but please don't hesitate to make financial contribution if you can. Youth and Adults are welcome to attend the Pilgrimage (Youth will need a chaperone during the Pilgrimage). To learn more: <https://uujmca.org/building-homes-creating-community/>



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## Week at a Glance Calendar

### Saturday, February 17, 2024

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### Sunday, February 18, 2024

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In person or [online](#) at 10 am! Outdoor viewing available.

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### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

#### **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**

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# Front Street Productions Community Concert Series

## Spring/ Summer 2024



**Tamara Haskin**  
Acclaimed Soprano  
7:30pm Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Free concerts  
and events in  
our  
acoustically-  
optimized  
auditorium



**Susan Straight**  
Author Talk & Book Signing  
7:30pm Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Onsite book sales by: **THE BOOK CATAPULT**

Enjoy  
incredible  
music in a  
family-  
friendly  
setting.



**Emma's Revolution**  
Folk Music Duo  
7:30pm Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Holly Near**

Legendary Folk Singer/Songwriter  
With Tammy Hall and Jan Martinelli  
5pm Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>



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