

The Window

A Weekly Publication



First
Unitarian Universalist
Church of San Diego

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.

August's Monthly Worship Theme: What Makes You Come Alive?

Hillcrest Campus Location
4190 Front Street
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619-298-9978

South Bay Campus Location
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Hillcrest Services 10 am Sundays

August 27, 2023

"How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Rev. Justine Sullivan, Everardo Aguilar, Deirdre Lonergan, Isabella Furth, Sue Marberry and Kay Chandler

September 3, 2023

"Songs of the Movement"

Marshall Voit, *Music Director*

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"From the Folks Who

Brought You the Weekend"

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August Generosity Offering Uptown Community Service Center

Uptown works to provide services to people experiencing homelessness and economic hardship, in a manner that is respectful and inclusive of all individuals and circumstances. Drop-in services, including showers, clothing, mailboxes, and hygienic supplies, reach more than 150 people a day. Through community partnerships, many of Uptown's clients get additional support in their transitions to permanent housing. Visit m.uptowncsc.org/ for more information. You can donate on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."

The deadline for the next issue is:
August 30 (**Wednesday**) at 8 am

If you would like an
announcement placed
in the Window email:
officeadmin@firstuusandiego.org

**Submission maximum is
60 words**

What's Happening?

Our Church Family

A Celebration of Life for **John Holl** will be held Friday, August 25, at 1 pm. Please carpool if possible. You may watch the service online at: www.youtube.com/live/DGfyIWck4dw?feature=share

Tomas Firle, age 97, died on Wednesday, August 9th. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 30 at 11 am in the Meeting House.

Matching Donations for Vermont Disaster Relief

A generous donor will match up to \$1,000 of our donations to the UUA disaster relief fund to help with the flooding in Vermont. The UU church in Montpelier sustained a lot of damage from the flooding. Click [HERE](#) to give and be counted toward the matching funds.

Summer Camp in Transylvania

In addition to our Partner Congregation in the city of Brassó, there are many Unitarian churches in the villages and towns of Transylvania, some re-growing as families leave expensive urban areas. One sign is the return of congregational Summer Camps, which like our Family Camp might involve several generations in crafts and activities, plus excursions to the local farm or castle! ~ Dan Ratelle, *Chair, Transylvanian Partner Church Comm.*



8-15-23 Board Meeting Review and Digest!

- A heartfelt welcome to Rev. Kristen!
- South Bay Committee met to discuss future plans
- Board retreat weekend of 8/25 - 26
- 5th Tuesday Board meeting 8/29 (all welcome)

Podcast

Listen to "The First Source" a podcast created by Tony Bianca in conversation with First UU congregants around issues of spirituality, church life, faith and life in general. Episode 7, an interview with new Assistant Minister, Rev Kristen Kuriga is available [HERE!](#)

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Support for Communities Impacted by Wildfires in Maui

Over the past week we have witnessed the impact of wildfires in Maui that have devastated communities. If you are looking for ways to support recovery and relief efforts, UU religious leaders in Hawaii recommend supporting the below organizations. What is most needed right now are financial donations.

www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong

<https://giving.uua.org/disaster-relief>

You can also read a statement from the UU Service Committee with further recommendations:

<https://www.uusc.org/press/uusc-statement-on-the-wildfires-in-maui/>

Update your confidential Personal Emergency sheets. www.firstuusandiego.org/caring.html

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Open Heart Sangha

August 27, 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.

Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

August 28, second and fourth Mondays, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, URL bit.ly/CopingCCGroup, or call 669-900-6833 with meeting ID 681-036-9317. New participants contact Chris Smith prior to attending at 619-300-7477 or email to discuss our covenant, mission statement, and password.

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Fourth Monday Meeting of UU Men's Fellowship

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UU Animal Ministry of San Diego

September 3, first Sundays, 12 pm, Library. Join us for our first meeting where we will discuss the visioning of the UU Animal Ministry of San Diego and decide on our first service project! Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

Board Chat

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Hillcrest Song Circle

September 3, first Sundays, 3 pm — 5 pm, Common Room. As always, bring your guitar/and or voice. This is a fun chance to sing, we are not a choir. We have music books but you may bring a song you would like to teach the group or a song you would like to perform for the group. Wombated@gmail.com or cmack5913@gmail.com.

ZUUMERS

September 4, first Mondays, 7 pm, online. "ZUUMERS" is a new name for an old neighborhood group that has continued meeting on Zoom for several years. All are welcome to join us for interesting conversations. We meet on the first Monday of each month from 7 pm — 8:30 pm. Contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Creative Writing Group

September 9, second Saturdays, 10:30 am — 12:30 pm, <http://bit.ly/CreativeWritingFirstUU>, Meeting ID: 868 9505 3014, Passcode: 361410. For anyone with a desire to create and experiment with writing. RSVP to evagarciamayers@yahoo.es. Three attendee minimum.

Women Together Meeting

September 9, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Come see old friends, meet new friends, and experience sharing and caring. Bring your favorite song(s) and share why it is special to you. For more information, contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Do You Need to Add Your Group to the Window?
Send your info to Rose to be included in The Window!

Kirtan And Chanting For Peace

September 9, second Saturdays, 6 pm — 7 pm, Common Room. Donation-based community event. Come and engage in the spiritual practice of Kirtan, a nondenominational practice that has been passed down since time immemorial and a constant in all paths and religions. Getting together as a group is a fun way to do this and we can sing mantras (transcendental spiritual sound vibrations) using all kinds of instruments and genres of music. Dancing and movement is highly encouraged!

Rainbow Action Group's Koffee Klatch

September 10, second Sundays, 11:15 am — 12:15 pm, Room 323. Our in-person Koffee Klatch will be upstairs in Room 323, so bring some refreshments and join us. All family, friends and allies are invited.

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) of San Diego

September 10, second Sundays, 12 pm, Common Room. Join the San Diego CUUPS as we discuss the first chapter of *Pagan and Earth Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism* (email Rose if you need a copy). We will also discuss our individual plans for Mabon. For all pagans and spiritual seekers! Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

What Are Our Energy Rights?

September 10, Sunday, 3:30 pm, <https://bit.ly/1stUUClimateJustice>. The Climate Justice Team welcomes Dave Rosenfeld, Executive Director of the California Solar Rights Alliance. He'll discuss the proposed "Utility Tax" pushed by SDG&E, its likely effect on energy conservation and renewable incentives, and what we can do about it. He'll also explain the effects of the California Public Utility Commission's recent NEM3 decisions on rooftop solar, and when rooftop solar batteries make sense. Bring your questions!

UU Humanist Book Discussion Group

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Medical Equipment for Loan

Our church has an inventory of medical equipment for loan. If you would like to borrow a wheelchair, walker, crutches, knee scooter, toilet riser, bedside commode, etc., call Chris Smith 619-300-7477 or Peggy Holl 619-787-5770.

What's Happening?

“Death and Resurrection of Unitarian Universalism”

September 16, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and Zoom at <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube will lead a discussion on the future of Unitarian Universalism. Hosted by UU Seniors. Coffee and tea available at 9:45 am, in Bard Hall - come early and socialize! All are welcome. If you miss the program, the recording will be available on the church website.

Board Meeting

September 19, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, online. Open to congregants. Link in the member section of the [website](#)

Fall Transgender Inclusion Workshop

Sundays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 1 pm — 2:30 pm on Zoom. Join us in the Fall Transgender Inclusion Workshop. An informative seven week course which we haven't offered in two years. Sign up now. Contact Les GrantSmith looscann@gmail.com or Louise Titlow lmittlow@gmail.com.

Organizing for Justice Meeting

September 28, fourth Thursdays, 6:45 pm, online. Organizing for Justice (O4J) meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Contact [Newt Ferris](#) for information.

Social Justice

Climate Action: Repeal the Utility Tax NOW

In 2022, a provision was buried in California Budget Trailer Bill 205 and passed without public notice. It requires the CPUC to add a fixed charge to electricity bills based on household income. Private utilities including SDG&E have proposed the *highest fixed charges in the country*, \$400-\$1500/year. That's 3-12 *times the national average!* This “Utility Tax” would increase energy bills for low-moderate income California apartment-dwellers who use less energy than average, and would *discourage energy conservation*. [Demand California legislators repeal this tax NOW.](#)

Sharia's Closet

Remember Sharia's Closet, a 2022 Generosity Offering Partner offering free emergency clothing to those in need? Sharia's Closet needs a new home! Do you know of multi-use spaces 3,000-5,000 square feet? Or how to find one? Details and contact [HERE](#).

Our Faith

Uptown Walkathon

September 9, Saturday, 8 am. For neighbors experiencing homelessness or in need. Groups will meet up at University Christian Church in Hillcrest and will walk to the Uptown CSC for a tour of the facilities. After a continental breakfast, the walk concludes with the groups walking back to University Christian Church. For more information contact Dave Karpinski at davekarpinski@yahoo.com or Alan Nicol at glenview_7@yahoo.com.

Family & Lifespan

Children's RE

This Sunday, August 27th, we will have two groups for Children & Youth RE during the 10 am service. Kate is away, so Tony and Lara will lead RE groups which will dismiss from service after the Time For All Ages.

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. If you are interested in gathering with us, contact Youth and Young Adult Coordinator, [Lara Anderson](#).

Exploring AI

August 31, Thursday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm on Zoom. Join DLFF, Tony Bianca, to explore some of the philosophical, ethical and practical questions surrounding Artificial Intelligence and get a chance to see how a few AI programs work. This program is free, but registration is required. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/221945094745160>.

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Youth Outing

September 16, Saturday, 9:30 am, South Bay Food Pantry. Youth aged 12-17 planned our next outing. We will meet at The Hillcrest Campus at 9:30 am where we will be carpooling to the South Bay campus. We will be present for a service, serve the community, and then enjoy a meal together. Expect your child(ren) to be back at the Hillcrest Campus for pick-up at 2:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, email lara@firstuusandiego.org.

South Bay Campus

Gracias y Bendiciones

Saturdays, 9:45 am — 10 am, South Bay Campus. Every Saturday morning led by Social Justice Coordinator, Chris, and musicians from our FUUSD and South Bay worship teams. Saturday's services are bilingual.

South Bay Worship Gathering

Sundays, 10 am, South Bay Worship Hall. Join the South Bay community to watch the livestream of the Hillcrest service together every Sunday this summer.

South Bay Singers Rehearsal

August 27, Sundays, 11:45 am — 1 pm, South Bay Campus. Contact Lorelei@firstuusandiego.org.

South Bay Food Pantry News

Sponsor a Family at the Food Pantry By Rhea Kuhlman, Pantry Volunteer

Families come in all shapes and sizes at the Food Pantry. Some are grandparents raising their grandkids. Some are single parent households or even two parent households. Some are elderly on fixed incomes, or extended families with three or more generations living together. But there's one thing these families all have in common. With San Diego rents among the highest in the nation (average \$2,917/month per rentcafe.com), electricity rates the highest in the U.S. (thanks, SDG&E), and ever-rising food prices, people earning minimum wage or less cannot afford to provide nutritious food for their families. Read the rest on our [Blog](#).

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 or 619-271-5017.

You are the Pantry!

Food and diapers (and more) go to 400+ families each week through intensive efforts of a gazillion volunteers. Join us some Saturday morning? Prefer smaller groups or weekday volunteering? Available Friday or Saturday evenings? Or early Sunday mornings? Contact foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org to get on board.

Food Pantry Collecting Supplies for Unsheltered Folk

Thanks for the plastic bags! The pantry can always use easy-open, no-cook food, hygiene items (soaps, toothbrushes & toothpaste, baby wipes, hand sanitizer), and adult diapers/briefs and other incontinence supplies. Drop off at Hillcrest on Sunday morning - **the bin is now at the back of the meeting house.**

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.



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Contact the Main Office (Hillcrest Campus):

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