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Announcements

Annual Reports Are Due May 17!

It's time for preparation and submission of your Ministry Team / Affiliate Group / Committee reports for our 2023 - 2024 Annual Report. Click [here](#) for your report instructions and template. Refer to our 2023 Annual Report [here](#), and submit your reports and pictures no later than Friday, May 17 to Rose Riedel at rose@firstusandiego.org.

Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW) What Can I Do?

Join JTW on the next Fifth Tuesday, April 30, for a short presentation and discussion about microaggressions. What is a microaggression, anyway? How can we respond when we see one happening? This Zoom meeting will be an hour long, from 7 pm — 8 pm, on Tuesday, April 30. <https://bit.ly/5thTuesday>

Did you know that JTW now has a book table on the patio after the Hillcrest Sunday service? Come peruse different selections every week and borrow any that interest you for as long as you like. Reading such books offers us an opportunity to address the gaps in what we were taught about race, both in our country's history and in the present.

D4\$ Bidding Begins Sunday, May 5!

D4\$ 2024 Summer/Fall Auction is here and it's time to bid! The auction commences Sunday, May 5th in person following service at Hillcrest and South Bay will continue through May 19. Here's the link to our [D4\\$ webpage](#).

If you remember your bidding number from past auctions, it's the same one! You can register and review the catalog at our [Auction website](#). Please make sure you're registered!

We appreciate your participation in this important fundraiser and church community-building project. If you have any questions, please email [Dave Hunt](#) or [Robie Evans](#).

One More Candidate Needed for Board of Trustees Ballot

Four prospective candidates for upcoming Board of Trustees positions are currently being vetted. Only one more person is needed for inclusion on the June ballot. Are you that person? Yes, you are! For more information, email B25Mitchellman@gmail.com or call 858-449-0431.

Lay-Led Summer Services in July and August - Need Leaders

Over the summer months, your ministers will be taking time off, and there is an opportunity for members and friends of First UU to lead worship services. This is your chance to share that which makes you come alive! Please let Rev. Justine or Rev. Kristen know if you are interested in participating in a summer worship service.

04-16-24 Board Meeting Review and Digest

- Update from the Nominating Committee
 - Board Goals Review
- Our Sustainable Future Core Team Update

Delegates Needed!

We would like eight more delegates for General Assembly - ZOOM only, June 20-23. This year First UU is offering full reimbursement of the registration fees to delegates. Delegates must fill out the application form at: <https://bit.ly/FUUDelegates>.

Register for All Church Camp

Join us for All Church Camp at de Benneville Pines May 31 — June 2! For more information and to register, visit: www.firstuusandiego.org/all-church-camp.html.

What's Happening?

Memory Matters Gathering

April 26, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online. Email hybertsen@att.net for the link.

Front Street Productions Presents!

April 26, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Meeting House. Front Street Productions presents "Emma's Revolution" concert featuring Pat Humphries and Sandy O. Register to attend through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). For information, contact Robie.

Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

Sundays, following worship, Hillcrest Patio.

Virtual Social Hour

Sundays, 11 am, bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour, Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD.

UU the Vote Interest Meeting

April 28, Sunday, 11:30 am (after service), Room 323. Join the Social Justice Executive Team for a meeting to learn more about the UU the Vote Campaign and how to help make a difference: <https://uuthevote.org/>

Open Heart Sangha

Sundays, weekly, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, Bard Hall. Contact Marge, margewur@gmail.com for information.

Women's Choir

April 29, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women. No experience required.

Israel and Gaza: The Question of Genocide, International Law, and the Struggle for Palestinian Liberation

April 30, Tuesday, 6 pm, Zoom. Join us for a virtual event with guest speaker Dr. Raz Segal. Register for the event at <https://bit.ly/49fHwSN> to receive the Zoom link. Questions to pi.justice.team@gmail.com.

5th Tuesday Board Meeting

April 30, Tuesday, 7 pm — 8 pm, on Tuesday, April 30. <https://bit.ly/5thTuesday>. Join JTW for a short presentation and discussion about microaggressions. What is a microaggression, anyway? How can we respond when we see one happening?

Chalice Choir

May 1, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for singing and fun with First UU's largest musical ensemble. All God's critters got a place in the choir - come and take yours! No prior singing experience is required.

The Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group

May 3, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford will be discussed. Please come and join us, and contact Louise Titlow if you're interested.

Board Chat

May 5, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat, Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

Hillcrest Song Circle

May 5, first Sundays, 2 pm — 4 pm, Common Room. This is a fun chance to sing, we are not a choir.

Neighborhood Groups without Borders

May 8, second Wednesdays, 11 am — 1 pm, 4349 Adams Ave, 92116. Susan Riegel-Harding invites you to a brown bag lunch at her home. Text RSVP to 619-987-6234 to reserve one of 14 spaces each month.

Our Grief Journeys

May 9, 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. For information contact karenthurst@gmail.com.

Book Club

May 9, Thursday, 6 pm, Zoom. Our next two books: *Curious Incident of the dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Hadon, scheduled for 5/9, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Hurston for 6/13. minastaylor@gmail.com.

Women Together Meeting

May 11, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Join us to share joys, concerns, and friendship. For more information contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Dances of Universal Peace

May 11, second Saturdays, 4 pm — 6 pm, Bard Hall.

Kirtan Chanting

May 11, 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

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

Cosmos

May 12, second Sundays, 1 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. Join us as we explore the birth and evolution of our universe. Contact [James Long](#).

Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

May 13, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30 pm, bit.ly/CopingCCGroup.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

May 13, 2nd Mondays, and 4th Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, online. For information contact [Les Vivian](#).

Philippine Partner Church

May 18, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Church members Liz Jones and Rich Zemlin will share their experiences visiting our partner church and review our current projects with the church.

Board Meeting

May 21, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, online. Open to congregants. Link in the [website](#) member area.

Men's Fellowship 4th Monday Meeting & Potluck

May 27, Monday, 6 pm, Common Room. Newcomers are welcome and they only need to bring an appetite. Please contact Les Vivian, lesvivian@gmail.com, with questions.

South Bay Campus

South Bay Worship

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

Sunday Morning Volunteer Sign-up at South Bay

We are signing up Sunday morning volunteers at South Bay for roles like serving as a greeter, providing social hour, getting trained as a worship associate, or learning how to be a technology volunteer. Sign up [HERE](#)

South Bay Singers Rehearsals

May 5 & May 12, Sundays, after service, 11:45 am, South Bay Campus. Do you love to sing? Join the South Bay Singers for upcoming rehearsals led by Tomás Acosta. All are welcome!

Summer Spiritual Workshops at South Bay

Over the summer (July & August), we will be offering Spiritual Workshops on Sunday mornings at South Bay during our regular worship time. This will be an opportunity to share our passions, nurture our spiritual growth, and deepen our connections. Do you have a spiritual practice that you would like to share with others? Contact Rev. Kristen to learn more or sign up: kristen@firstuusandiego.org.

Family & Lifespan

Youth Book Club

Youth will be choosing a book for discussion in May. For info and to join, email lara@firstuusandiego.org.

Young Adult Group (ages 22 - 35)

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm. Room 114b was impacted by the recent rainstorm. If you are interested in attending young adult group contact Lara Anderson for guidance on temporary meeting locations.

Burrito Project

Join the Young Adults to make and distribute burritos to those experiencing food insecurity on the last Thursday of the month at 5 pm in the Common Room. Email lara@forstuusandiego.org for info and to join.

Social Justice

Climate Action: Take Meaningful Action for the Earth

This Earth Month, your actions can have real impact if you forward [THIS PACKAGE](#) of California State Bills to your CA state legislators, and ask that they co-sponsor or support them. If all of these bills are passed, they will have a meaningful impact on climate change and the environment, and provide a model for other states.

Our Larger Faith

Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries

invites you to our Spring Retreat "Echoes of Belonging: Home, Connection, and Spiritual Sustenance" - A Bay Area DRUUMM gathering for BIPOC Unitarian Universalists. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/baydruumm>

South Bay Food Pantry

Need Support?

Could you or someone you know use support with food, blankets, or other basic needs? The South Bay Food Pantry wants to help! Feel free to let a minister or staff person know, or leave a voicemail: (619) 271-5017.

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 us foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org or 619-271-5017.

Shopping Idea: Buy Two, Donate One

Most of what food banks provide doesn't help if you don't have a stove or a fridge. Our "no-cook" bags are stocked with easy-open pop-top soups and stews, protein bars and drinks, tuna, and peanut butter that come from you. Hillcrest has a bin as you enter the Meeting House or leave at South Bay.

Want a Pantry Job That's Only Two Hours a Month?

Sign up to distribute diapers at South Bay one Sunday morning a month. You'll work with an experienced team to provide these essential baby supplies to needy families. Contact Rhea Kuhlman, rheakuhlman2@gmail.com

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.