

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Hillcrest In Person Social Hour

Sundays, following service, Bard Hall.
Coffee and tea provided.

Virtual Social Hour

Sundays, 11 am, bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour.

Meeting ID 824 042 297.

Password: FUUSD

The Agnostics Film Study & Discussion Group

December 17, Sunday, 11:30 am, Room 323.
The Film will be *Journey Into Buddhism, Part 1 - Dharma River* (81 Min.)

Open Heart Sangha

Sundays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, Bard Hall.

margewur@gmail.com.

Monday, December 18, 2023

UUMF "Fourth Monday" Meeting

Will be on the Third Monday in December!

December 18, Monday, potluck 6 pm, Common Room. Join us for the First UU Men's Fellowship's annual "Yule Log Ceremony" to reflect on 2023. Please contact: [Les Vivian](#), [Chris Gulick](#) or [Mike Dorfi](#) for additional information.

Combined Choirs Christmas Rehearsal

December 18, Monday, 7 pm, Meeting House.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Young Adult Group

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm, Room 114b.

Young Adults aged 22-35 are gathering in room 114b every Monday. Contact [Lara](#).

Board Meeting

December 19, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Bard Hall and online. Board meetings are open to congregants. Link in the member section of the [website](#).

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Combined Choirs Christmas Rehearsal

December 20, Wednesday, 7 pm, Meeting House.

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Food Pantry 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.

foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org.

First UU San Diego Bereavement Group

December 21, Thursdays through December, 3 pm — 4:30 pm, <https://bit.ly/3s5AL6u>. Led by Rev. Justine Sullivan and pastoral care team member Karen Thurston.

Upcoming Events

Memory Matters Gathering

December 22, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online. This is a place for those who worry about memory problems care partners. Email hybertsen@att.net for the link.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, Sunday, 6:30 pm, Meeting House on the Hillcrest Campus. Join us starting at 6:30 pm with a half-hour concert of Christmas music featuring our Handbell Ensemble, Penny Whistlers, and other musicians. At 7 pm, we'll celebrate the season with a service filled with our favorite Christmas songs, readings, and lighting of candles.

Christmas Day Potluck and Carols!

December 25, Monday, 12:30 pm, Baird Hall. We are so pleased to announce that we will host a beautiful Christmas Day potluck luncheon.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

December 26, second Mondays & fourth Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, online. For additional information contact [Les Vivian](#).

Chalice Choir Rehearsal

January 3, Wednesdays, 7 pm — 8:30 pm, Bard Hall.

Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group

January 5, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. Come join the Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group's discussion of *The House of the Broken Angels* by Alberto Urrea. Contact lmittlow@gmail.com for more information.

Board Chat

January 7, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat. Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

Cosmos

January 7, first Sundays, 1 pm — 3 pm, <https://bit.ly/CosmosFUUSD>. Passcode: 976520. The only prerequisite is an open heart and mind. Contact [James Long](#) for information.

Welcome / Bienvenida-o to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

Create community, nurture spiritual growth, heal the world.

Crear comunidad, fomentar el crecimiento espiritual, sanar el mundo.

December's Monthly Theme: The Gift of Mystery

"'Tis the Season"

Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Andrea Spiero, *JUUL Tones Director*

Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

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10 am Hillcrest Meeting House with Patio Viewing



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Prelude / Preludio

"In the Bleak Midwinter" — m. Gustav Holst
~ Andrea Spiero, *Flutist*
~ Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting / Llamado a la Adoración y encendido del Cáliz

"The Season of Remembrance" — Howard Thurman
~ Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Gathering Song / Canción de reunión

"Solstice Chant" — Anne Bearheart

Words of Welcome and Land Acknowledgment / Palabras de bienvenida y reconocimiento de tierra

— Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*
— Andrea Spiero, *JUUL Tones Director*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath / Iluminación de la corona de adviento

— Tony Bianca, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*

Church Hymn and Aspiration / Himno y Aspiración de la iglesia

Time for All Ages & Affirmation / Tiempo para todas las edades y afirmación

"Ritual of Farewell for Mindy & Sebastian Hochgesang"
— Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*
— Tony Bianca, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*

Offering Words / Palabras de oferta

— Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Offering Music / Ofreciendo música

"Vamos pastores vamos" Spanish Carol
~ Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

Reading / Lectura

"Christmas, 1974" — May Sarton
~ Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Special Music / Música especial

"Moonlight Whispers" — Rev. Wendy Bartel
~ Andrea Spiero, *Vocalist*
~ Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

Meditation / Meditación

— Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Sung Meditation / Meditación cantada

"Circling the Sun" — Diane Lowrie

Sermon / Sermón

"'Tis the Season" — Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Closing Hymn / Himno de clausura

#1068 "Rising Green"

Blessing and Extinguishing of the Chalice / Bendición y extinción del cáliz

— Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

Postlude / Postludio

"Mary, did you know? / The little drummer boy
/ Do you hear what I hear?" — arr. Jason Lyle Black
~ Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

Church Hymn

From all who dwell
below the skies,
Let faith and hope
with love arise,
Let beauty, truth, and
good be sung,
Through ev'ry land,
by ev'ry tongue.

De todos bajo el gran sol,
Surja esperanza, fe, amor
Verdad y belleza cantando,
De cada tierra, cada voz.

Our Affirmation

We are Unitarian
Universalists, a people of
open minds, loving hearts,
and welcoming hands.

Somos Unitarios
Universalistas, personas de
mentes abiertas, corazones
amorosos, y manos que dan
la bienvenida.

Church Aspiration

May love be the spirit of this
church,
May the quest for truth be its
sacrament,
And service be its prayer
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in
freedom,
And to help one another in
fellowship,
This is our Aspiration.

Que el amor sea la doctrina
de esta iglesia, la búsqueda
de la verdad su sacramento, y
el servicio su oración.
Vivir juntos en paz, buscar la
verdad con libertad,
y ayudarnos mutuamente en
comunidad, a eso aspiramos.

**Our sign language interpreter today is Paul Lambert
** Join us for In Person Hillcrest Social Hour after Worship

** Join us for Virtual Social Hour at 11 am

<https://bit.ly/FirtUUSocialHour>