

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.

March's Monthly Worship Theme: Transformation

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

South Bay Campus Location
970 Broadway, Suite 104
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Hillcrest Services 10 am Sundays

March 10
"Risking Transformation"
Rev. Justine Sullivan, Lead Minister

March 17
"Uncovering Authenticity"
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister

South Bay Services 10 am Sundays

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"The Gifts of Transformation"
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister

March 17
"Singing for Our Lives"
Rev. Justine Sullivan, Lead Minister

March Generosity Offering UU Justice Ministry of California

Throughout the month of March our offering is being received in support of the UU Justice Ministry of California (UJMC). Their mission is to advance justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles. In April, UJMC will be partnering with Casa de Luz and UU Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education (UURISE) to offer a border pilgrimage and home build. Our offering will go towards the supplies needed to build a home for a family in Tijuana. You can learn more about the pilgrimage [HERE](#). You can donate at church or on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."



SPRING FORWARD-2024
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

What's Happening?

From the Family of Jim Grant

Dear Friends of First UU San Diego,
 Along with his wife Betty, my brother James, and all of our family want to share our gratitude for the care and support you have shown us after our Dad, Jim Grant, passed away. Your lovely cards and notes and presence at the Celebration of Life in February mean so much to all of us. This congregation was central in his life and he was saddened when changes in his (and Mom's) health meant that he could no long be present with you. Thank you for everything you are. Peace,
Martha Fuller, daughter

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](#).

D4\$ 2024: Events are Now Needed!

D4\$ is our beloved community-building fundraising auction of different events between June 2024 and December 2024. We're trying a semi-annual format this year for the first time. We need You! Consider being a host for a fun-filled event at your home, on a hike, at the beach, or a myriad of different activities or destinations that folks can bid on during the month of May. Please go to our [D4\\$ webpage](#) for a link to the online event submission form and creative ideas on what to offer. Submit your event(s) no later than April 15. If you'd like to volunteer in-person at church on Sundays to help folks with this, contact [Laurie Crehan](#) or [Robie Evans](#).

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

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 or please contact johnschaibly@gmail.com. Church reimbursement will not be available this year for GA expenses.

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. Email 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 two weeks, from March 10-24. During this time, the common room and room 113 on the Hillcrest Campus will be our guests' home.

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.

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

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

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>

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 two sessions. 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 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

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

March 8, 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 for the link.

Women Together Meeting

March 9, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Bard Hall. Come visit old friends, meet new friends, and experience sharing with a caring group of women. New members welcome. This month we'll contribute a dinner for the Interfaith Shelter on March 21. Several volunteers have already signed up. Contact 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.

Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

March 10, Sundays, following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community in Bard Hall after the service for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

Virtual Social Hour

March 10, Sundays, 11 am, bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour. Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD.

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. Contact [James Long](mailto:James.Long).

BIPOC Centered Environmental Equity

March 10, Sunday, 3:30 pm, bit.ly/1stUUClimateJustice. Climate Justice will hear two local BIPOC-centered groups discuss their current programs working towards environmental justice. Eddie Price, CEO of the [Urban Sustainability Coalition](#) and Sister Marie Muhammad, COO of [I Am Green](#) will explain how we can serve as allies in this important work.

Open Heart Sangha

March 10, 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

March 11, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, zoom. Contact [Chris Smith](mailto:Chris.Smith) prior to attending 619-300-7477.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

March 11, 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](#).

Women's Choir

March 11, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women who create community through joyful, spirit-filled singing. No experience required.

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.

Chalice Choir

March 13, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for singing and fun with First UU's largest musical ensemble.

Our Grief Journeys

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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 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.

Adult RE: Governance

March 15, Friday, 6:30 pm — 9 pm, Zoom. DLFF, Tony Bianca, will explore the policies, practices and procedures that form the governance structure of our congregation. This event is free and open to the public but registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the evening. To register, visit: form.jotform.com/221945094745160

Estate Planning Documents

March 16, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Richard Scott Stewart, Esq., a local attorney specializing in elder law, will lead a discussion on wills, trusts, and other legal documents for estate planning. Hosted by UU Seniors.

Front Street Productions Presents!

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Spiritual Agnostics Film Study & Discussion Group

March 17, Sunday, 11:30 am, Room 323. The film will be "Our Brand Is Crisis", starring Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton, and Joaquin de Alameda. It's a dark comedy, critically & viewer acclaimed, based on the involvement of the American Corp. of G.C.S., in the 2002 Bolivian Presidential Election.

Board Meeting

March 19, 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](#).

Men's Fellowship 4th Monday Meeting

March 25, Monday, 6 pm, Common Room. Reconnect with old friends, meet new ones and to learn what we do. (We welcome men who identify as straight, gay or transgender.)

The Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group

April 5, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates will be discussed. Please come and join us, and contact [Louise Titlow](#) if you're interested.

Board Chat

April 7, Sunday, 12:30 pm, bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat.

Hillcrest Song Circle

April 7, 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 or cmack5913@gmail.com.



Family & Lifespan

Sunday RE

This Sunday, March 10, we'll offer our usual three Sunday RE Groups for children and youth: PreK - 1st; 2nd - 5th, and Jr & Sr High School during the 10 am service.

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 Young Adult Coordinator, [Lara Anderson](#) for guidance on temporary meeting locations.

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Social Justice

Climate Action: Campaign Kickoff Against Big Oil

Big Oil is using the ballot box to endanger the health and safety of vulnerable communities. You can help defend California's oil well safety setback law against a repeal referendum on the November ballot on Saturday, March 23, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Centro Cultural de la Raza (Balboa Park). Register [here](#).

UU Justice Ministry of California Border Pilgrimage

"Building Homes, Creating Community" House Build Project. April 4 — 7, 2024. We are excited to offer an in-person immersion experience for individuals interested in engaging with the realities of immigration at the California border. Registration is free but don't hesitate to make a financial contribution if you can. Youth and Adults are welcome to attend the Pilgrimage. Learn more: uujmca.org/building-homes-creating-community/

South Bay Food Pantry News

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 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.

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 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.

Week at a Glance Calendar

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Worship Service & Livestream

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

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and Rev. Katy Swanson, *Community Ministers*
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Contact the Main Office (Hillcrest Campus):

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Tuesday—Friday, 10 am to 2 pm and Sunday after Services

Contact the South Bay Campus (Chula Vista):

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