

# 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.

## December's Monthly Worship Theme: The Gift of Mystery

**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

**December 10, 2023**  
"Not Knowing is the Most Intimate"  
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*

**December 17, 2023**  
"Tis the Season"  
Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

### South Bay Services 10 am Sundays

**December 10, 2023**  
"Not Knowing is the Most Intimate"  
Livestream of Hillcrest Service

**December 17, 2023**  
"A Rose in the Wintertime:  
The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe"  
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*

## December Generosity Offering South Bay Food Pantry

First UU and SJET are proud to be supporting the South Bay Food Pantry this holiday season through our Generosity Offering, as well as the Pantry's Blanket and Toy Drive. For nearly four years, the pantry has met vital food security needs to anyone who needs it out of the South Bay parking lot each Saturday afternoon. The operation steadily continues to grow in numbers of families served, and the vast majority of the finances that have made this possible have come from the giving spirit of our church. In celebration of the pantry's success and its strong relationship to our church and the thousands of people it feeds, make a donation during our Sunday service or anytime through our website or Window newsletter, and bring by some new, warm blankets or (\$10-20 value) toys to bless our community this holiday season. Just as importantly, all of our community members are encouraged to donate their time to the various volunteer efforts that take place throughout the week to make the pantry's mission possible. Currently, there is a huge need for volunteers to help pick up and package the bread we provide to the 400+ families that receive food support from the pantry. This particular opportunity is on Fridays and Saturdays, with some flexibility regarding times of day. Contact [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org) to get involved, or get in touch with a volunteer, staff or minister to learn more about how you can support the Pantry's mission this season. Donate on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."

## What's Happening?

### Our Church Family

#### Celebration of Life for Kathryn (Katie) M Jaques

Saturday, December 16 at 4 pm, Hillcrest Campus. Join us to Celebrate the Life of Katie Jaques, long-time member of our congregation. Katie died on March 6, 2021, and we will gather as a community of family and friends for a service in the Meeting House followed by a reception in Bard Hall. You can read Katie's obituary [HERE](#).

#### Staff Transition

As of December 5, 2023, Chris Chambers is no longer serving as the Social Justice Coordinator at First UU. We wish Chris well. During this time of transition, Rev. Kristen will be providing support to the Social Justice Executive Team. If you have questions you can contact: [kristen@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:kristen@firstuusandiego.org), 619-398-4435.

#### Call for Artists

##### January-March 2023

##### "People and Places" Exhibition

Bard Hall Gallery of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego is proud to announce its new show for the New Year! We are seeking wall hangable art portraying "People and Places." This could be a single person or a group of people. It could also be a landscape, cityscape, room with no one in it. If you have a work you THINK might fit our theme, let us be the judges. Submissions are limited to space available.

Please send us jpeg photos of your top three works that you would like to enter. Last date for submissions is December 14, 2023. For more information or any questions and to submit your work contact [keaslerart@gmail.com](mailto:keaslerart@gmail.com).

#### What is the Caregivers/Allies Support Group and might it be good for me?

Do you have cares and concerns and sometimes responsibilities for someone with a chronic or acute medical/mental condition? Are you carrying the weight of that situation because "that's what you do?" The Caregivers/Allies Support Group is a safe, friendly supportive place, facilitated by a Lay Minister, and we have a covenant of mutual response and confidentiality. We welcome visitors. We meet on the Second Monday and the Fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Please contact [Les Vivian](#) for more information.

#### Everyone Loves Ice Cream!

Friends of de Benneville Pines and the Youth Groups are sponsoring a series of Ice Cream Socials during Social Hour to raise money for scholarships to camps at de Benneville. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 by next summer to make sure all our youth can attend camps in the wilderness. The first three socials have made \$450 so we have a way to go. The next social is this Sunday, December 10. Please bring cash for a scoop to help send more kids from our growing youth groups to attend camp.

Contact [Rose](#) to add your group's info to the Window!

#### Interfaith Shelter Network Congregational Rotation

First UU and the Social Justice Executive Team are proud to announce that our Hillcrest campus will once again host the Interfaith Shelter Network's rotational shelter in Spring 2024, from March 10 — March 24. And we will need all the help we can get! Hosting the shelter is a serious community and congregational effort, and volunteers interested in helping prepare meals, stay overnight, or otherwise facilitate operations are encouraged to reach out now so we can start planning! Contact [kristen@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:kristen@firstuusandiego.org) for more information or learn more at the [Interfaith Shelter Network website](#).

#### First UU Survey Results Right Relations Team

Below are the results of our congregational survey.

*All survey questions used this scale: 1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Undecided 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree*

- I am aware of and understand our shared vision for right relations at First UU.**  
47% strongly agree/agree. FYI--We will revise our Vision Statement in 2024!
- Conflicts are natural in any church community.**  
81% strongly agree/agree. Whew! If we know it's to be expected, then we can work with it.
- I have a role to play in contributing to good relations at First UU.**  
A whopping 84% strongly agreed/agreed. A great reflection of our UU values!
- I have new skills for addressing conflict and**
- We currently have good relations among our congregants at First UU.**  
The answers to both were spread almost evenly across the five options.
- At First UU, we are good at addressing tough issues between congregants.**  
60% strongly disagreed/disagreed. Our work ahead is clear.
- I know who to talk to if I have an unresolved conflict with someone at First UU.**  
Almost half said yes and almost half said no. The revised Covenant of Right Relations (in 2024) will include a protocol for who to see and where to go if there's an ongoing conflict.

Fifty-seven responses were received; fewer than we would like, but still providing a valuable baseline.

[Right Relations Team web page](#)

Comment [HERE](#)

## What's Happening?

### Memory Matters Gathering

December 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](mailto:hybertsen@att.net) for the link.

### Looking Glass Theatre's Christmas Cookies & Chaos

December 8, Friday, 7 pm, Meeting House. Do you love Hallmark movies? Do you love to make fun of Hallmark movies? Don't miss the world premiere of Christmas *Cookies & Chaos: A Holiday Camp Musical!* \$10 at the door. Contact [info@lookingglasssd.org](mailto:info@lookingglasssd.org) with questions.

### Women Together Meeting

December 9, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Come and share what brings you joy! You can join us in our community service project by bringing a new unwrapped toy or holiday wrapping supplies for the Angel Tree event at the Salvation Army Kroc Family Center. Contact Claudia, [obata.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:obata.claudia@gmail.com).

### 30th Annual Posada Sin Fronteras

December 9, Saturday, 2 pm — 4 pm, "Whiskey 8" Southeast of Monument Road and Dairy Mart Road. Optional: UU Meet and Carpool at South Bay Campus, 1:15 pm. The 30th Annual Posada Sin Fronteras (Posada Without Borders) will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th from 2pm - 4pm at the border site known as "Whiskey 8," which is directly behind the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant. Join us for this historic binational event that has been a First UU tradition for over a decade! We will be celebrating the Posada through the border wall, sharing food and solidarity with migrants facing the dangers of the border wall in an attempt to access the asylum system. A simultaneous posada will be taking place on the Tijuana side at Friendship Park. Members of our community will be gathering at 1:15 pm at our South Bay Campus and coordinating carpools from there. **Warm, comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended, but walking is not necessary.** More info: [prios@afsc.org](mailto:prios@afsc.org). [MAP](#).

### Annual Christmas Kirtan Party and Vegetarian Potluck

December 9, Saturday, special time 6 pm — 8 pm, Common Room. Join us for Kirtan chanting in the beautiful transcendental sound vibrations of sacred mantras that feed and nourish the spirit soul. VEGETARIAN POTLUCK: Bring your favorite Vegetarian dish and share! Please refrain from bringing any dishes which contain meat or eggs. Also, no alcoholic beverages please. Bring your drum, guitar, etc. and your voices.

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### Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

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

### Virtual Social Hour

December 10, Sundays, 11 am, [bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour](https://bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour). Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD. Come one, come all to virtual Social Hour, and share your thoughts about the service or whatever is on your mind each Sunday just after the service. Let's keep connecting!

### Rainbow Action Group's Koffee Klatch

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

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### Open Heart Sangha

December 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](mailto:margewur@gmail.com).

### Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

December 11, second and fourth Mondays, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, URL [bit.ly/CopingCCGroup](https://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](mailto:email) to discuss our covenant, mission statement, and password.

### Caregivers/Allies Support Group

December 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](mailto:Les Vivian).

### Women's Choir

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

### Blue Holiday Vespers Service

December 12, Tuesday, 7 pm, [Zoom](https://zoom.us). Join us for a reflective service that allows space for all of our experiences this holiday season. The holidays may bring sadness, grief, or feelings of isolation. Come together to hear readings and poems, sit in the darkness, and connect with community.

Follow us on *Instagram* [@firstuusd](https://www.instagram.com/firstuusd) and [@uus\\_south\\_bay](https://www.instagram.com/uus_south_bay)

Update your confidential Personal Emergency sheets.  
[www.firstuusandiego.org/caring.html](http://www.firstuusandiego.org/caring.html).

## What's Happening?

### Neighborhood Group without Borders

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

### Chalice Choir

December 13, 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.

### First UU San Diego Bereavement Group

December 14, Thursdays through December, 3 pm — 4:30 pm, <https://bit.ly/3s5AL6u>. Led by Rev. Justine Sullivan and pastoral care team member Karen Thurston.

### Book Club

December 14, Thursday, 6 pm, zoom. Hope to see you for our December read: *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. As is our tradition, this is a short book. Email [minastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:minastaylor@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### Bard Hall Art Guild Reception

December 14, Thursday, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for our Artists Reception. Bring a festive snack to share. The artists will be discussing their works.

### Finance Committee Meeting

December 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.

### Tree Decorating & Sing-Along

December 15, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. We'll decorate our tree and sing some holiday favorites around the piano with Drew! Bring your favorite holiday foods to share or just come along and join in the holiday cheer.

### South Bay Food Pantry Volunteer Meeting

December 16, Saturday, 9:30 am — 10:15 am, South Bay Campus Social Hall. South Bay Food Pantry organizers and church staff invite you to participate in our monthly pantry volunteer meeting. The goal is to revisit our community agreements, strategize to adapt to changing needs, and get input from all of our volunteers and collaborators who keep this project running. We encourage any and all prep, distribution, and mid-week volunteers to participate. We will not be facilitating Gracias y Bendiciones on this day. Hope to see you there!

### 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. Our potluck begins at 6 pm (Newcomers only need to bring their appetite.) Our regular meeting runs from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please contact: [Les Vivian](#), [Chris Gulick](#) or [Mike Dorfi](#) for additional information.

### Combined Choirs Christmas Rehearsal

December 18, Monday, 7 pm, Meeting House.

### Board Meeting

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

### Combined Choirs Christmas Rehearsal

December 20, Wednesday, 7 pm, Meeting House.

### Rainbow Action's Twilight Walk

December 21, Thursday, 5 pm, Balboa Park under the big Moreton Bay Fig Tree. Friends, family and allies please come and enjoy the Holiday Lights in Balboa Park with Rainbow Action's Twilight Walk. It's an easy walking tour of the Museum circle. Contact [lmittlow@gmail.com](mailto:lmittlow@gmail.com).

### 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. Please come with your favorite dish, and even friends and relatives bearing their favorite dishes! Together, we'll dine, sing, and have lovely conversations. Contact [swamini@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:swamini@firstuusandiego.org) if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions.

### New Year's Eve

December 31, Sunday, 10 am, Bard Hall. We'll be having a Watch Party only to view a New Year's Service from the UUA. There will be no live service. Kate will be available for Childcare in 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](mailto:lmittlow@gmail.com) for more information.

### Board Chat

January 7, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, [bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat](https://bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat), 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.

### Hillcrest Song Circle

January 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](mailto:Wombated@gmail.com) or [cmack5913@gmail.com](mailto:cmack5913@gmail.com).

### ZUUMERS

January 7, first Sundays, 6 pm — 7:30 pm, online. We are a neighborhood group online. Join us for interesting conversation and sharing. Visit with old friends and meet new ones. For info and Zoom link, contact Claudia at [obata.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:obata.claudia@gmail.com).

### 5th Tuesday Board Meeting

January 30, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, [online](#).

## Family & Lifespan

### Sunday RE

This Sunday, December 10, we'll continue our Fall RE Program with three Groups: Chalice Children (PreK - 1st); Riddle & Mystery (2nd - 5th) and Youth Group (Jr & Sr High).

### 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](#).

### And Here's What the Remainder of 2024 Looks Like in Lifespan Ministries:

#### Tree Decorating & Sing-Along

December 15, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. We'll decorate our tree and sing some holiday favorites around the piano with Drew! Bring your favorite holiday foods to share or just come along and join in the holiday cheer.

### Sunday RE

Sunday, December 17, regular Sunday RE groups.

### Christmas "Eve"

Because December 24 is a Sunday this year, our traditional Christmas Eve, MultiGen Family Service will be our 10 am Sunday service that morning. We'll mix it up this year with our traditional "No-Rehearsal Pageant" as well as telling the story of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

### New Year's Eve

December 31, Sunday, 10 am, Bard Hall. We'll be having a Watch Party only at Hillcrest at 10 am to view a New Year's Service from the UUA. There will be no live service that Sunday. However, if you'd like to come to the Watch Party, Kate will be available for Childcare in Bard Hall.

### Volunteers Needed as Ushers and Greeters! Contact [Rose](#) to find out more!

### Podcast

Listen to "The First Source" a podcast created by Tony Bianca. Episode 7, an interview with Assistant Minister, Rev. Kristen Kuriga is available [HERE!](#)

### Sharia's Closet

Volunteer with Laurie at Sharia's Closet! Email Laurie Gerber [gerbl@pacbell.net](mailto:gerbl@pacbell.net).

### Beware of Email Scams!

Scammers are pretending to be our Ministers! Be aware that real staff email addresses all have the ending of [@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:@firstuusandiego.org) - no gmail accounts!

Staff and ministers will never reach out to you via email or text message for money or gift cards.

## South Bay Campus

### New Date--South Bay Tamalada

The South Bay Tamalada has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 6th from 1 pm — 6 pm at the home of Carlynn Ashley. Save the date and join us on Dia de los Reyes/Epiphany for an afternoon of community and nourishment. More details coming soon!

### South Bay Singers Rehearsal

December 17, 11:30 am — 12:30 pm, South Bay Campus. The South Bay Singers will be rehearsing after service with Marshall on December 17th in preparation for singing at the services on December 24th and January 7th. All are welcome!

### South Bay Worship

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

### South Bay Wisdom Circle

First Session: Sunday, December 10, after service. 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. At the first meeting the group will decide on the schedule for the monthly meetings going forward. For more information: [swamini@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:swamini@firstuusandiego.org).

## Social Justice

### Vigil for Gun Violence Victims

#### Organized by San Diegans 4 Gun Violence Prevention

December 9, Saturday, 4:30 pm — 5:45 pm, Mission Hills United Methodist Church, 4044 Lark Street, San Diego 92103. San Diegans 4 Gun Violence Prevention is holding its annual Vigil for Gun Violence Victims, with this year's focus being on the perspectives and hopes of youth. Those lost to gun violence will be remembered and honored by affected community members and allies through music and reflection, with contributions from Congresswoman Sara Jacobs and Assemblymember Chris Ward.

### Amnesty International's Global WRITE 4 RIGHTS with an Award Ceremony for SOLACE

December 10, Sunday, 4 pm — 6 pm, Rancho Buena Vista High School, 1601 Longhorn Dr, Vista, CA 92081. Amnesty International in North County has awarded their 2023 Digna Ochoa Human Rights Award to SOLACE, for their "clear example of compassion in action and tireless dedication to provide real, practical support and advocacy to individuals in immigration detention, to create safer and more resilient communities." The award ceremony is followed by a group letter-writing activity on behalf of people suffering human rights abuses.

## South Bay Food Pantry News

### 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! Let a minister or staff person know, or leave a voicemail at the pantry office: (619) 271-5017.

### Save the Bread

Con Pane bakery in Liberty Station would throw out hundreds of pounds of bread but UUs are there to rescue it every Friday and Saturday! Contact [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org) to get involved.

### 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.

### 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.

### Food Pantry Collecting Supplies for Unsheltered Folk

The pantry can always use 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).

### Blanket Collection

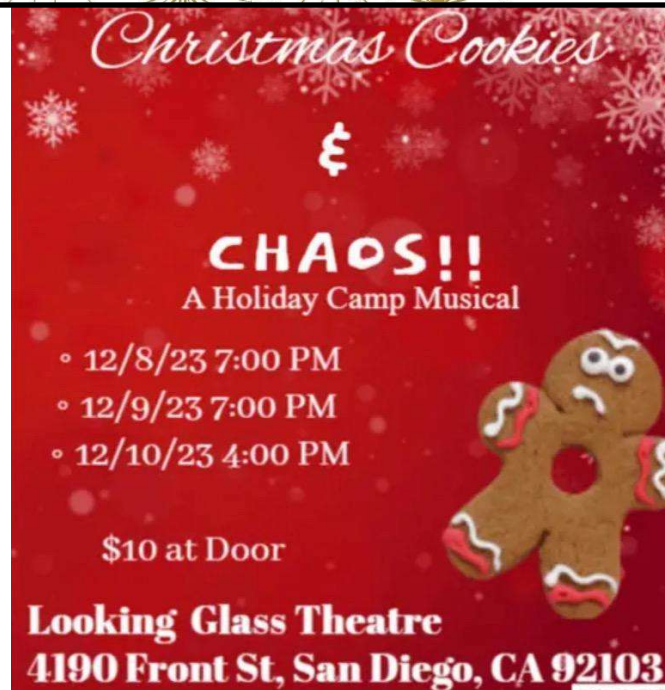
The South Bay Food Pantry is collecting blankets for distribution to the hundreds of families that will receive food from us this holiday season. If you can, share some warmth with our neighbors by leaving a new blanket or two for the Pantry's donation box in the meeting hall, or get in touch with a volunteer or staff to learn more about how you can support the Pantry's mission this season.



We're collecting  
**Blankets  
&  
Toys**

We're collecting new, unwrapped blankets and toys to be distributed on Dec 23rd at our Diaper Pantry! Bring your donations to either Hillcrest or South Bay and put them in the large donation box you'll find there.

If you'd like to donate, but don't want to go shopping, you can use the QR Code to order from Amazon and have your toys and blankets delivered to 4190 Front St, San Diego, CA 92103 by Dec 21st.

Christmas Cookies  
£  
**CHAOS!!**  
A Holiday Camp Musical

- 12/8/23 7:00 PM
- 12/9/23 7:00 PM
- 12/10/23 4:00 PM

\$10 at Door

Looking Glass Theatre  
4190 Front St, San Diego, CA 92103

# Art & Collectibles Online Auction

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## Bid on Amazing Items

Our members are travelers and collectors! Don't miss this rare opportunity to find unique gifts for art lovers and pick up antiques and collectibles with no dealer markups for the holidays. All proceeds go to the First UU general fund. The auction is now open! Please peruse the [catalog](#) and Bid, Bid, Bid! Bidding closes Dec 9th.

## Week at a Glance Calendar

### Friday, December 8, 2023

#### **Memory Matters Gathering**

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### Saturday, December 9, 2023

#### **Food Pantry Food Distribution**

Saturdays, 11 am — 1 pm, South Bay Campus. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30 am to staff a station. Youth under 18 may volunteer with a parent. [foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org).

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### Sunday, December 10, 2023

#### **Hillcrest In Person & Simultaneous Livestream Worship**

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

#### **South Bay Worship**

Sundays, 10 am, South Bay Worship Hall.

#### **Hillcrest In Person Social Hour**

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#### **Virtual Social Hour**

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#### **Open Heart Sangha**

Sundays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, Bard Hall. [margewur@gmail.com](mailto:margewur@gmail.com).

### Monday, December 11, 2023

#### **Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group**

December 11, Mondays (second & fourth), 1:30 pm — 3 pm, URL <https://bit.ly/CopingCCGroup>, meeting ID 681-036-9317.

#### **Caregivers/Allies Support Group**

December 11, second Mondays & fourth Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, online. For additional information contact [Les Vivian](#).

#### **Women's Choir**

Mondays, 7 pm — 8:30 pm, Bard Hall.

### Tuesday, December 12, 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](#).

#### **Blue Holiday Vespers Service**

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### Wednesday, December 13, 2023

#### **Neighborhood Groups without Borders**

December 13, second Wednesdays, 11 am — 1 pm, 4349 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116. Text RSVP to 619-987-6234 to reserve one of 14 available spaces each month.

#### **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**

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

### Thursday, December 14, 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](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org).

#### **First UU San Diego Bereavement Group**

December 14, Thursdays through December, 3 pm — 4:30 pm, <https://bit.ly/3s5AL6u>. Led by Rev. Justine Sullivan and pastoral care team member Karen Thurston.

#### **Book Club**

December 14, Thursday, 6 pm, zoom. Hope to see you for our December read: *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. As is our tradition, this is a short book. Email [minastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:minastaylor@gmail.com) if you are interested.

#### **Bard Hall Art Guild Reception**

December 14, Thursday, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for our Artists Reception. Bring a festive snack to share.

#### **Finance Committee Meeting**

December 14, Thursday, 6:30 pm, link in the members area of the [website](#).

### Upcoming Events

#### **Tree Decorating & Sing-Along**

December 15, 6 pm — 8 pm, Bard Hall. We'll decorate our tree and sing some holiday favorites around the piano with Drew! Bring your favorite holiday foods to share or just come along and join in the holiday cheer.

#### **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.

#### **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](#).

#### **Combined Choirs Christmas Rehearsal**

December 20, Wednesday, 7 pm, Meeting House.

#### **Christmas Day Potluck and Carols!**

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

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