

What's Happening?

Our Church Family

It is with a heavy heart the we share **Eva Garcia Mayers** died this week. We're sending care to her family and close friends. We will have the Candle of Life for her on Sunday, 5/19. Plans for a Celebration of Life will be forthcoming.

Longtime member **Clarence (Clancy) Finley** died last month and news about the Celebration of Life will be coming soon. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

D4\$ Bidding Through Sunday, May 19!

D4\$ 2024 Summer/Fall Auction is here and it's time to bid! Over 45 events and services have been created and the auction commenced Sunday, May 5th in person immediately following services at Hillcrest and continues through May 19. Help for bidding will be available in Bard Hall after worship services every Sunday - come and see the folks at the D4\$ table after service! 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 <u>Auction website</u>. And, if you've been a bidder in the past, you may have already received an email from us with a direct link to the 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 <u>Dave Hunt</u> or <u>Robie</u> <u>Evans</u>. Thank you and good luck in bidding on your favorite events!

Join us for Fun on the Membership Committee

Our recent meeting was so much fun, we decided to invite you to join us on the Membership Committee! Besides hanging out with Lynda Gilgun, Karen Thurston, Rhiannon Smith, Steve Howard, and Swamini Adityananda Saraswati, you will experience the satisfaction of helping to welcome new folks into our Beloved Congregation. We would love to have new members as well as long-time members. Contact Swamini at <u>Swamini@FirstUUSanDiego.org</u>.

Welcoming our new Membership & Social Justice Coordinator!

We are excited to welcome Valeria Aguilar as our new Membership & Social Justice Coordinator. Valeria will begin in this full-time role with the church on Tuesday, May 14.

Valeria is a San Diego native, now back in her hometown after completing her double bachelor's degree in Political Science and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. While in the Bay Area, she gained experience in community organizing and leadership while further developing her interest in social justice, education, and collective action. In her spare time she practices yoga, enjoys arts and crafts, and loves going to the beach! Valeria is happy to begin her post-grad journey at the church.

Bard "Summer" Show Call for Artists

This month's theme is "Summer." Think "light, bright, airy and warm." We are looking for any work from photography, abstract and representational assemblage, drawing or painting. Online submission Deadline is Thursday, May 23. installation is Thursday, June 6 from 10 am until noon. Reception is Thursday, June 13th. Closing and de-installation is August 29th. *CLICK HERE* for information or to submit work.

D4\$ Hosts and Participants - We Need Your Photos! We are hoping to sell out every one of our D4\$ events this year and we need your photos from previous events to help in promotions. Images should show happy people engaged in the event - the higher quality the better! Please email them to Ame Stanko at <u>ame@pixellava.com</u>.

More Delegates needed for General Assembly (GA)

Three reasons you'll love GA: June 20-23 Virtual Only

- 1. Passionate about Article II? Vote to have your final say.
- 2. Newbie: World/national impact of UUs.
- 3. Groupie: Enjoy usual inspirational workshops, social justice discussions, and prominent speakers.

...and it's free! Register at <u>www.UUA.org/GA</u> as delegate and get full reimbursement from First UU SD. For more information, contact <u>johnschaibly@gmail.com</u> or 858-453-5990.

Memory Matters Gathering

May 10, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online, with Kathy Gilbert, LCSW, and Gay Hybertsen, LCSW. For those who worry about memory problems and their care partners. Email <u>hybertsen@att.net</u> for the link.

Women Together Meeting

May 11, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Please bring photos of your mothers and grandmothers to share, along with fond memories and experiences from your lives together. If not your mother, a woman in your life who was special. Enjoy sharing in a caring group of women. Contact <u>obata.claudia@gmail.com</u>.

Kirtan Chanting

May 11, second Saturdays, 6 pm — 7:30 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

May 12, Sundays, following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community after the service for coffee and conversation.

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Board of Trustees Candidates Meet & Greet

May 12, Sunday, after service, Patio. Meet Board of Trustees candidates Armin Kuhlman, Jim Davis, Les Vivian, Rhiannon Smith, and Rose Van Oss. Converse and socialize. Get your church governance questions answered and concerns addressed.

Rainbow Action Group's Koffee Klatch

May 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*.

What Would Happen if President Biden Declared a National Emergency for the Climate?

May 12, Sunday, 3:30 pm, <u>https://bit.ly/ERClimate</u>. The Biden administration recently announced that declaration of a National Climate Emergency is being considered. Jon Findley will present the case for declaring a National Climate Emergency and the implications of declaration.

Open Heart Sangha

May 12, 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

May 13, second and fourth Mondays, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, zoom. Contact <u>*Chris*</u> <u>*Smith*</u> prior to attending 619-300-7477.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

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Women's Choir

May 13, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women. No experience required.

Chalice Choir

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Philippine Partner Church Presentation

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Waking from the Dream of Zionism

May 19, Sunday, 11:30 am, Common Room. Please join the Palestine-Israel Justice Team of First UU for a talk by Rabbi Alexis Pearce, Spiritual Services Director for Wesley Palms retirement community and former Rabbi of Congregation Dor Hadash. Rabbi Alexis has been active in interfaith, social justice, and Jewish-Palestinian dialogue efforts in San Diego. She will discuss her own journey of learning about Israel's history and the suffering of Palestinians, and her changing relationship to Zionism. Pizza will be provided. Questions? Email us at *pi.justice.team@gmail.com*.

Spiritual Agnostics Film Study and Discussion Group May 19, Sunday, 11:30, Room 323. The film will be: *"Journey Into Buddhism; Vajara Sky Over Tibet"* from The

Acclaimed Yatra Trilogy of John Bush.

Board Meeting May 21, third Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, online. Board of Trustees meetings are open to congregants. Zoom link in the members only section of the <u>website</u>.

Our Grief Journeys

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Burrito Project

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Front Street Productions Presents!

May 25, Saturday, 7 pm, Meeting House. Front Street Productions presents "Chimáera Ensemble" orchestra concert. This new Tijuana-based semi-professional orchestra is conducted by Ibis Laurel and is made up of talented instrumentalists who are passionate about making music together. You will hear well known classics along with music by Latin American composers. You must register to attend this open-seating show through *Eventbrite*. For information contact *Robie Evans*.

Men's Fellowship 4th Monday Meeting

May 27, Monday, 6 pm — 9 pm, Common Room. Potluck starts at 6 pm. Fourth Monday Meeting runs from 7 pm — 9 pm. Newcomers are welcome and they only need to bring an appetite. Please contact Les Vivian, *lesvivian@gmail.com*, with questions.

Animal Ministry

June 2, first Sundays, 11:45 am, Peace Garden (behind room 113). Come and join us as we continue to develop our Animal Memorial Garden, which will be a place for us all to remember and honor our beloved animal friends.

Board Chat

June 2, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, *bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat*, Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

Follow us on Instagram @firstuusd and @uus_south_bay

What's Happening?

Hillcrest Song Circle

June 2, first Sundays, 2 pm — 4 pm, Room 323. Bring your guitar/and or voice. <u>Wombated@gmail.com</u> or <u>cmack5913@gmail.com</u>.

Annual Membership Meeting – June 9th

June 9, Sunday, 11:30 am, Meeting House and livestreamed. Please plan on attending. All are welcome and only voting members are allowed to vote. Voting begins at the conclusion of the annual meeting and continues for 24 hours. Results to be announced via global email on Tuesday, June 11th.

Neighborhood Group without Borders

June 12, second Wednesdays, 11 am — 1 pm, 4349 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116. BYO snack or lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Susan Riegel Harding at 619-987-6234.

Book Club

June 13, Thursday, 6 pm, Zoom. Our next book: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Hurston. Contact Mina Taylor at *minastavlor@gmail.com*.

South Bay Campus

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? Perhaps you meditate, make art, do qi gong, journal, or sing? We would love to learn with and from you. Contact Rev. Kristen to learn more or sign up: <u>kristen@firstuusandiego.org</u>.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Sign-up at South Bay

We invite you to share your time and talents to help this community thrive. 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. You can sign up **HERE**

South Bay Worship

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

South Bay Singers Rehearsals

May 12, Sunday, 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.

South Bay Leadership Meeting

May 15, Wednesday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, on zoom <u>https://zoom.us/j/7434659479</u>. Join us to reflect on our next steps together as a community. Some topics include our location search, summer worship services, volunteer sign-up for Sunday morning, and outreach events for the summer & fall. The meeting will be facilitated by Rev. Kristen. All are welcome!

South Bay Wisdom Circle

May 19, Sunday, after service, 11:30 am — 1 pm, South Bay Worship space. 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 is a drop-in circle and is facilitated by our Intern Minister, Swamini Adityananda Saraswati. For more information: *swamini@firstuusandiego.org*.

Family & Lifespan

Register for All Church Camp

We hope you can join us for All Church Camp at de Benneville Pines May 31 — June 2! For more info and to register, visit:

www.firstuusandiego.org/all-church-camp.html

Sunday Religious Education

On May 12 we'll have two Religious Education groups during the Sunday Service: one for Grades 5 and younger, and one for Jr & Sr High.

Parents' Night Out

May 17, Friday, 6:30 pm — 9 pm, Common Room. We provide dinner and childcare so you can have the evening free to do whatever you like! RSVP to **tony@firstuusandiego.org**.

Burrito Project

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Youth Book Club

May 26, Sunday, after service, 11 am — 1:30 pm, Room 114A. For our next youth book club meeting we'll be discussing "*One of Us is Lying.*" For info and to participate email *lara@firstuusandiego.org*.



Social Justice

Climate Action: Reduce Plastic Waste

A new study has shown that 50% of the branded plastic found in rivers, the ocean, and on land comes from just 56 companies. The top polluters are Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Nestle, Danone, and Altria. Pressure on these companies has the potential to significantly reduce plastic waste. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.



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.

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.

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. For more information, contact Rhea Kuhlman, <u>rheakuhlman2@gmail.com</u>

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 - donations gratefully received.

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*.





Front Street Productions

The Chimæra Ensemble



7 pm Saturday May 25th 2024

The Tijuana-based Chimæra Ensemble is a new, semi-professional orchestra of talented instrumentalists who are passionate about making music together. They will share a program of some well known classical repertoire, along with music by Latin American composers not typically included in the Western classical canon.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego 298 W Arbor St. San Diego, CA 92103 Free parking in our accessible lot. 占 Conductor Ibis Laurel



Funded by the First UU Outreach and Growth Fund

Free admission. Register for your seats at: FrontStreetProductions.org

Week at a Glance Calendar

Friday, May 10, 2024

Memory Matters Gathering

May 10, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online. For those who worry about memory problems and their care partners. Email <u>hybertsen@att.net</u> for the link.

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Women Together Meeting

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Dances of Universal Peace

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Kirtan Chanting

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Sunday, May 12, 2024

Worship Service & Livestream In person or <u>online</u> at 10 am! Outdoor viewing available.

South Bay Worship Service

Sundays, 10 am, South Bay Worship Hall.

Hillcrest In Person Social Hour Sundays, following service, Bard Hall. Coffee and tea provided.

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Women's Choir

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Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Young Adult Group

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm. Contact *Lara* for location info.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Chalice Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays, 7 pm — 8:30 pm, Bard Hall.

<u>Thursday, May 16, 2024</u>

Food Pantry Midweek Bagging

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May 16, Thursday, 6:30 pm, link in the members area of the *website*.

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