

# The Window

A Weekly Publication



### 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.

## May's Monthly Worship Theme: Pluralism

**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

### South Bay Services 10 am Sundays

**May 26**  
"Mending That Which Has Been Torn Asunder"  
Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*

**May 26**  
"She Who Hears the Cries of the World"  
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*

**June 2**  
"Spiritual Growth"  
Rose Littler-Riedel, *Seminarian*

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"Spiritual Growth"  
Livestream of the Hillcrest Service

## May Generosity Offering Doors of Change San Diego

Throughout the month of May our offering is being received in support of Doors of Change, a local San Diego non-profit working to address youth homelessness. Doors of Change provides rapid, empathetic care to homeless youth who are looking for a way off of the streets. Since 2001, they have helped place over 2,800 homeless youth in safe housing. You can learn more about Doors of Change here: <https://doorsofchange.org/>. You can donate at church or on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."

## Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW) What Can I Do?

On May 26, 2024 at 1 pm, Skyler McCurine will be performing "Lola and Me" — an autobiographical sketch about two Black women, a grandmother (Lola) and granddaughter (Skyler) at the Marie Hitchcock puppet theater/Fringe Festival. Skyler is a fourth generation proud Southeast San Diegan.

Here is the link:

<https://sdfringe.org/events/party-of-two/>

## What's Happening?

### Campus Closed and Staff Not Working on Monday, May 27, in Observance of Memorial Day.

#### Budget Forums – Please Attend!

In preparation for the vote on the FY 24-25 General Operating Budget on June 9th, we will hold two separate budget forums:

- \* Wed, June 5, 10 am, Bard Hall – IN PERSON!
- \* Thurs, June 6, 6:30 pm, [bit.ly/SpecialBudgetForum](https://bit.ly/SpecialBudgetForum)

We will not be going into detail on the budget at the annual meeting, so please plan to attend one of these important informational forums, as there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

#### D4\$ Last Chance to Bid!

Thank you – we've raised almost \$17,000! We have 16 events left with spaces to bid on – at the minimum price! So, bid now to grab your spot(s)! Go to the auction website and fill up your "dance card." Let's build community together in these special ways. This last chance bidding will close at midnight on June 2nd. Please go to [auctria.events/D4D\\_SummerFall\\_2024](https://auctria.events/D4D_SummerFall_2024).

#### 05-21-24 Board Meeting Review and Digest

- We need Nominating Committee candidates!
- Received the report from the Governance Study Team with gratitude
- Heard the Financial Report and accepted the Draft FY 24-25 General Operating Budget for presentation to the congregation at the June 9th Annual Meeting
- Two budget forums will occur in early June to hear about the budget in more detail; please see the notices in the Window
- Heard about an exciting opportunity from the Our Sustainable Future team's work

#### 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 [www.UUA.org/GA](https://www.UUA.org/GA) as delegate and get full reimbursement from First UU SD. Contact [johnschaibly@gmail.com](mailto:johnschaibly@gmail.com) or 858-453-5990.

#### Memory Matters Gathering

May 24, 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 [hybertsen@att.net](mailto:hybertsen@att.net) for the link.

#### Staff Transition

Our beloved Director of Music, Marshall Voit, has exciting news. Marshall has been accepted into a master's degree in choral conducting program at Northern Arizona University beginning this fall. This is a great move for Marshall, but sadly, it means he will be leaving us at the end of July. Marshall wrote these words in his message to the choirs: **You should know that working with you has been the most rewarding and fulfilling part of my role here at the congregation. Our work together has inspired me to focus on choral leadership with renewed passion and love for the craft. I'm immensely proud of the music we've made together, and also aware that formal training would make me a more effective choir director and communicator.**

Congratulations, Marshall, and thank you for all you have done to make our music program come alive! We will miss you.

#### Front Street Productions Presents!

May 25, Saturday, 7 pm, Meeting House. Front Street Productions presents "Chimæra Ensemble" orchestra concert. This is a Tijuana-based semi-professional orchestra 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](https://Eventbrite). For information contact [Robie Evans](mailto:RobieEvans).

#### Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

May 26, Sundays, following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community after the service for coffee and conversation.

#### Virtual Social Hour

May 26, Sundays, 11 am, [bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour](https://bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour), Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD.

#### Open Heart Sangha

May 26, 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).

#### Caregivers/Allies Support Group

May 28, second Mondays & fourth Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, zoom. The Caregivers/Allies Support Group is welcoming new participants. Contact [Les Vivian](mailto:LesVivian).

#### Chalice Choir

May 29, Weds, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for singing and fun with First UU's largest ensemble. No experience required.

#### Animal Ministry

June 2, first Sundays, 11:45 am, Peace Garden. Join us as we continue to develop our Animal Memorial Garden.

#### Board Chat

June 2, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, [bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat](https://bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat), Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

## What's Happening?

### Hillcrest Song Circle

June 2, first Sundays, 2 pm — 4 pm, Room 323. Bring your guitar/and or voice. [Wombated@gmail.com](mailto:Wombated@gmail.com) or [cmack5913@gmail.com](mailto:cmack5913@gmail.com).

### Women's Choir

June 3, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women. No experience required.

### Board Meeting

June 4, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, online. Board of Trustees meetings are open to congregants. Zoom link in the members only section of the [website](#).

### Budget Forum

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### Women Together Meeting

June 8, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Contact [obata.claudia@gmail.com](mailto:obata.claudia@gmail.com).

### Kirtan Chanting

June 8, 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.

### Rainbow Action Group's Koffee Klatch

June 9, second Sundays, 11:15 am — 12:15 pm, Room 323. Bring some refreshments and join us. All family, friends and allies are invited.

### 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 June 11.

### Cosmos

June 9, second Sundays, 1 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. Join us as we explore the birth and evolution of our universe. Contact [James Long](#).

### 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 [minastaylor@gmail.com](mailto:minastaylor@gmail.com)

### Update on JTW and Committee on Right Relations

June 15, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Church member Bill James will update us on recent JTW activities and the Committee on Right Relations. Hosted by UU Seniors.



## South Bay Campus

### South Bay Worship

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

### Board of Trustees Candidates Meet & Greet

May 26, Sunday, after the service, South Bay Campus. Meet Board candidates Karen Lamphere, Armin Kuhlman, Jim Davis, Les Vivian, Rhiannon Smith, and Rose Van Oss. They'll be wearing orange scarves for quick recognition. Share your ideas and vision. Get your church governance questions answered and concerns noted.

### 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](#)

### 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: [kristen@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:kristen@firstuusandiego.org).



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## Family & Lifespan

### Burrito Project

May 23, 5 pm — 8 pm, starting in the Common Room. Join the Young Adults to make and distribute burritos to those experiencing food insecurity. Email [lara@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:lara@firstuusandiego.org) for info.

### Sunday RE

On May 26 we'll have two Religious Education groups during the Sunday Service. The following Sunday, June 2nd, the Lifespan Team will be at Camp. We'll have one childcare room available for children and youth of all ages.

### 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](mailto:lara@firstuusandiego.org).

### Youth Outing to Saddle Up Ranch

June 29. Saturday, 4:30 pm. Ride horses with us! Email [lara@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:lara@firstuusandiego.org) for more details.



## 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](mailto: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, [rheakuhlman2@gmail.com](mailto:rheakuhlman2@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org).



## Front Street Productions



7 pm Saturday  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

In the Meeting House at  
First UU San Diego  
Free with registration

## Week at a Glance Calendar

### Friday, May 24, 2024

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#### **Worship Service & Livestream**

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

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#### **Young Adult Group**

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## Our Staff

### Ministers:

Rev. Justine Sullivan, *Lead Minister*  
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*  
Swamini Adityananda Saraswati, *Intern Minister*  
Rev. Lone Broussard, *Affiliate Minister*  
Rev. Bonnie Tarwater, Rev. Dr. Everett Howe,  
Rev. Frank Placone-Willey, Rev. Julie Forest  
and Rev. Katy Swanson, *Community Ministers*  
Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Owen-Towle, *Minister Emeritus*

### Music Staff:

Marshall Voit, *Music Director*  
Andrea Spiero, *JUUL Tones Ensemble Director*  
Tony Bianca, *Handbell Program Director*  
Tomás Acosta, *Collaborative Pianist*

### Staff:

Robie Evans, *Director of Operations*  
Tony Bianca, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*  
Valeria Aguilar, *Membership and Social Justice Coordinator*  
Rose Littler-Riedel, *Communications Coordinator*  
Lara Anderson, *Youth and Young Adult Coordinator*  
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## Board of Trustees

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(UUs of the South Bay)

### Contact the Main Office (Hillcrest Campus):

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[www.firstuusandiego.org](http://www.firstuusandiego.org)

### Office Hours:

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

### Contact the South Bay Campus (Chula Vista):

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