

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.

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4190 Front Street
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South Bay Campus Location
970 Broadway, Suite 104
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Hillcrest Services 10 am Sundays

July 14

"PRIDE: Making History Now"
Lay Leaders from Rainbow Action

July 21

"Upside of Apocalypse"
Rev. Celia Young, *Guest Minister*

South Bay Summer Workshops 10 am Sundays

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"Circle Singing"
Lexi Pulido, *South Bay Music Coordinator*

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"Collaging as Spiritual Practice"
Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*

July Generosity Offering Pink Haven Coalition

Throughout the month of July our offering is being received in support of Pink Haven Coalition, a collective of organizations and individuals who are committed to trans liberation and to growing community defense and alternative systems of care for gender diverse people. They are working together to create networks of safety and direct support for all those who need to relocate, access healthcare across state lines, or stay as safe as possible where they are. You can learn more about Pink Haven here: <https://www.pinkhaven.org/>. You can donate at church or on our [website](#), under gift designation select "Generosity."

Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW) What Can I Do?

John Lewis National Day of Commemoration and Action
Wednesday, July 17, 5 pm PT, Virtual from Seattle
Since January 6th, 2021, anti-voter laws have been passed in states all over the country, and the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings have made it clear that it will not act to protect the sacred right to vote. Join others in events across the country to commemorate John Lewis and his work to secure voting rights for all people. This gathering will educate, motivate, and activate our community to work towards the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Freedom to Vote Act, the Native American Voting Rights Act, and DC Statehood. Hosted by numerous organizations. Register at: [John Lewis National Day of Commemoration and Action - John Lewis Actions](#).

What's Happening?

PRIDE Parade

Come join your friends from First UU and our sibling Cluster Congregations at the San Diego Pride Parade on Saturday, July 20th and celebrate the 2024 Pride theme of Making History Now. We will be riding on wooden benches in our Board President Valerie Jaques' truck and trailer. We'll be meeting at 10:45 am — 11 am in the Pink Staging Area at #187 spot on Centre Street, close to the intersection of Lincoln Avenue. Rides on City Buses or by Uber/Lyft are recommended. There will be free parking at Inspiration Point in Balboa Park, and free shuttles available to and from the Parade but you'll need to get there very early. For more information on parade: <https://sdpride.org/parade/>. Please contact Louise Titlow, Co-Chair of Rainbow Action, at lmittlow@gmail.com if you're interested in participating.

Art Guild News

Artistic entries for the next show entitled "Upcycling" should be submitted by August 15 by sending a picture of the work to John Keasler at BardArtGuild@gmail.com. Upcycled art is the practice of repurposing recyclables, or things that are not usually seen as art into an art piece. Submit to: <https://forms.gle/xnD5PvqahLwHeDra8>. Artists' Reception will be Thursday, September 12, 6 pm — 8 pm.

Memory Matters Gathering

July 12, 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 for the link.

Women Together Meeting

July 13, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. We will share whatever is comfortable to share about our closest and most intimate partners in life - spouses or not, living or passed on. Bring photos if you wish. Contact obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Dances of Universal Peace

July 13, second Saturdays, 4 pm — 6 pm, Bard Hall. A heart-centered circle dance combining movement, sound, and breath. This practice promotes peace with live music and open-hearted friends. No experience is necessary.

Pride Parade Poster Making Party

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Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

July 14, Sundays, following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community after the service for coffee and conversation.

Virtual Social Hour

Due to low attendance we will no longer be hosting virtual social hour. Remember, you can always connect with other members through the membership directory!

Exciting Staff News!

Corina Macias, who is currently serving as the South Bay Ministry Assistant, will be coming onto staff full time starting on July 29 as the "Outreach and Pantry Coordinator." This position includes coordination of the South Bay Food Pantry, supporting bilingual worship services at the South Bay Campus, and developing an outreach strategy that helps both church campuses and the pantry grow and thrive. We are excited that Corina will bring her experience as a senior legal assistant at an immigration law firm, administrator at a faith-based non-profit, and marketing experience into this new position. Join us in welcoming Corina!

Calling All Musicians, Singers, Poets, and Entertainers!

Please come perform at our own Front Street Production's Third Annual Summer Arts Festival on the Patio on Saturday, August 17 from 3 pm — 5:30 pm. This is a favorite summer event — please sign up by July 31, 2024 to be included in the lineup! Contact [Robie Evans](mailto:RobieEvans@gmail.com) for more information.

Front Office Lost and Found

The lost and found closet in the front office is very full! Are you missing an item? Stop by during office hours, Tues — Fri, 10 am — 2 pm, to check the lost and found.

Plan for the UU CLIMATE JUSTICE REVIVAL

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Open Heart Sangha

July 14, 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.

Summer Choir Session 2

July 15 and July 22, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Performance: Sunday, July 28. Led by Marshall Voit.

Light Up the Cathedral for PRIDE

July 17, Wednesday, 7 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral (2728 6th Avenue, enter on 5th Avenue side). You are invited to join LGBTQ Faith Leaders for an in-person Interfaith Pride Celebration at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. After, the Cathedral will be lit in rainbow colors.

Finance Committee Meeting

July 18, Thursday, 5 pm, link in the members area of the [website](https://www.uu.org). Non-committee members do not take part in discussions or have a vote.

Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

July 22, Monday, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, zoom. Contact [Chris Smith](mailto:ChrisSmith@uu.org) prior to attending 619-300-7477.

What's Happening?

Men's Fellowship 4th Monday - Summer Picnics

July 22, Monday, 5:30 pm, BBQ at Morley Field (in front of the tennis courts). Burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be grilled. Bring salads, beverages, snacks or treats to share. Games, conversation and fire ring. Visit the UUMF patio table or contact Chris Guelich chrisguelich@gmail.com or Les Vivian lesvivian@gmail.com.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

July 23, Tuesday, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, zoom. Contact [Les Vivian](mailto:LesVivian) or [Mary Ann Harper](mailto:MaryAnnHarper) for information.

Board Meeting - New Date and Time!

July 23, Tuesday, 6 pm, online. Board of Trustees meetings are open to congregants. Zoom link in the members only section of the [website](http://www.uu.org).

Front Street Productions Presents!

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Racialised Identities Awareness Book Group

August 2, Friday, 6:30 pm, JTW room in the Welcome Center. We'll be discussing the novel "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. We'll discuss another novel, "Our Missing Hearts," by Celeste Ng on Friday, September 6. If you're interested, please contact [Louise Titlow](mailto:LouiseTitlow).

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Animal Ministry

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Board Chat

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Hillcrest Song Circle

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Neighborhood Group without Borders

August 14, 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.

The News and Your Sanity!

August 24, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Rev. Arvid Straube, First UU's former minister, will lead a discussion on "How to Relate to the News Without Going Insane!" Hosted by UU Seniors, coffee and tea available at 9:45 am, in Bard Hall - come early and socialize! All are welcome. If you miss the program, the recording will be available on the website.

Kirtan Chanting - Cancelled for July and August

Resuming September 14, 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.

South Bay Campus

Summer Spiritual Workshops at South Bay

Throughout July & August lay leaders and staff will offer spiritual workshops at our regular worship time of Sunday at 10 am at the South Bay Campus. Join us for these participatory experiences that will offer nourishment and deepened connection.

July 14: "Circle Singing," facilitated by Lexi Pulido, South Bay Music Coordinator

July 21: "Collaging as a Spiritual Practice," facilitated by Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister

July 28: "Meditation & Kirtan," facilitated by Swamini Adityananda Saraswati, Intern Minister, and Patita Pavani Das

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](http://www.uu.org)

Social Justice

Climate Action:

Consider EVs for a Cleaner Environment

Do electric vehicles cut pollution when the electricity is produced with fossil fuels? Yes, even when charged on the dirtiest Grids. A medium size EV produces less than half the CO2 of an equivalent gas vehicle. Even plug-in hybrids generate 230 grams of CO2 per mile, versus 195 for an EV. [LEARN MORE AT EARTHJUSTICE](http://www.uu.org).

Follow us on [@firstuusd](https://www.instagram.com/firstuusd) and [@uus_south_bay](https://www.instagram.com/uus_south_bay)

Family & Lifespan



Sunday RE

This Sunday, July 14th, is our Pride Service! Tony is away on vacation July 10 - 17, but Kate and Lara will have two groups during the Sunday Service: PreK-5th Maker Space and Jr/Sr High Youth Group.

Young Adult Group

Tuesdays, 6 pm — 7:30 pm. Contact Lara for location information.

Civita Park Gathering

Saturday, July 20, 6:30 pm — 9 pm, Civita Park. Bring a blanket, chair and some food to share! Civita Park is in Mission Valley. Parking is available at the park and on the surrounding streets and all areas of the park are accessible by ramp. We'll meet about 3/4 of the way up the park above the playground area.

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, 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.

Cluster News

**Summit UU Fellowship is pleased to announce...
An Afternoon with Joe Ferrara**

July 28, Sunday, 2 pm — 4 pm, Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 8778 Cottonwood Ave. Santee, CA 92071, suggested donation \$15. San Jose native, Joe Ferrara, has been entertaining Northern California audiences for more than five decades. Joe's rich baritone voice and comfort with his audience have attracted fans of all ages. His repertoire of over 1,300 songs includes a variety of standards, folk songs, country, show tunes, Disney, classic rock, contemporary and original compositions. Come out, bring family and friends, enjoy our air conditioning and wonderful music.



Front Street Productions



Barbershop Harmony Showcase featuring

LOS BORDERSHOP QUARTET

7:30pm Saturday July 27th 2024



Formado en 2019, Los Bordershop es el primer cuarteto mexicano de barbershop, y uno de los únicos del mundo que canta en español.

Formed in 2019, Los Bordershop is Mexico's premier barbershop quartet, and among the only quartets in the world to sing in Spanish.

**Free admission! Register at:
FrontStreetProductions.org**

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

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Worship Service & Livestream

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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*
Lexi Pulido, *South Bay Music Coordinator*

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