



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
of Santa Monica



December 1, 2019

One Service at 10 am

Our church is supported through the generosity of those who believe in liberal religion. Membership is open to all who wish to call this church their home. More info at: (310) 829-5436, office@uusm.org.

If you are visiting, you are welcome. We invite you to remain after the service for fellowship in the courtyard. Parents of infants are welcome to keep their children with them during the service, or to drop them off in our warm & loving nursery, located in the cottage.

Visitor meetup every Sunday, from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Cottage NE. First time visitors are encouraged to attend this informal get-together held on each Sunday of the month. Looking forward to meeting you. Norm Richey & Sarah Robson, Co-Chairs, Membership Committee.

Free parking: 1311-16th St. (between Arizona Ave. & Santa Monica Blvd.) Enter 8:30am - 12:30pm. Parking passes are available in the church lobby, at the garage entrance, or at www.uusm.org

Please turn cell phones & other electronic devices to SILENT or OFF during services. Large print orders of service & assistive listening devices available via ushers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Please note that for now, we remain on the summer schedule of one Sunday service only, at 10:00am, until further notice. The church offices will be closed December 25 - 27, 2019, and January 1, 2020, in observation of the holidays.

Visitor Meetup, 11:30 am. Visitors and prospective members are encouraged to attend this informal get-together held on each Sunday of the month in the NE Cottage Room. It is a time to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, our Church Community, and the opportunities for growth and connection through many of our Adult programs. There will be time for any questions you may have, and information about the steps to membership. Come, let us get to know you, and you to get to know us. Everyone is welcomed. Looking forward to meeting you. Norm Richey & Sarah Robson, Co-Chairs, Membership Committee.

Faith Forward - Inquirers Group, 11:30 am, Forbes Classroom 1. Session 8: Pastoral Care, CareRing, Healthy Congregation. Pastoral Care with Ron Crane and Healthy Congregation with Vilma Ortiz and Audrey Lyness, Co-Chairs. Participants will learn about the Pastoral Care Program, what are Pastoral Care needs, services offered to members to address those needs, and how to request assistance. They will also learn about the history of the Healthy Congregation Program, formally known as Right Relations, its change from Right Relations to Healthy Congregation, and programs offered to members.

OWL meeting, 11:45 am Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Sessions.

December Featured Artist of the Month: Bettie Barclay's Art Wall Opening Reception, 11:00 am - 1 pm, Forbes Hall. Come chat with the artist. At the reception, fused glass and jewelry by Bettie will also be available. Light snacks will be provided. The exhibit will be open every Sunday from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon and on weekdays by appointment through December 29th.

Green Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, Cottage SE. We strive to inform others of the simple changes that can be made to decrease their carbon footprint and to implement social action to green our community.

JOYS AND SORROWS

The Milestone Book is on the greeter table near the front door each Sunday. If you have a joy or sorrow that you would like to have mentioned during the meditation time please write it in the Milestone book prior to entering the sanctuary. You may also send it to pastoralcare@uusm.org and indicate you would like to have it mentioned on Sunday. If you prefer to share your joys or sorrows without having them mentioned from the pulpit please send the information to pastoralcare@uusm.org and indicate your desire for privacy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Programs, "An Enjoyable Dive into Who and What We Are," Monday, December 2, 2019, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Forbes Classroom, 3. Bill Blake helps participants master specific meditation skills. This class will include meditations that explore participants' spiritual goals.

Healthy Congregation Council, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Forbes Hall. Holidays Dialogue: "What Do The Holidays Mean to You?" For some, they herald family reunions, religious exaltation, good food, festive outings. For many, this time of year amplifies an existing sense of loneliness, alienation from Christian belief and rituals, disgust with commercialism and/ or generalized stress. Reverend Jeremiah will provide a pastoral frame for the conversation. Treats will be served. For further information, please contact rightrelations@uusm.org, or speak to any Council member.

UU Men's Group, Thursday, December 5, 2019 - 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Cottage NE. The Men's Group offers the men of the congregation and other like-minded men to join in provocative and stimulating discussion and to get to know others with UU perspectives in a more meaningful way. Topic: How did you meet your wife/significant other and when did you know that you wanted to be together as long as possible/marry?

Adult Programs, Body-Mind Tune-Up with Bruno, Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 12:30 pm, Forbes Hall. Bruno Lacombe is conducting exercise classes for seniors, super-seniors, and people with physical difficulties for UUSM members. Contact Bruno Lacombe, (310) 666-7387.

Visitor Meetup, Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 11:30 am. Visitors and prospective members are encouraged to attend this informal get-together held on each Sunday of the month in the NE Cottage Room.

Faith Forward - Inquirers Group: Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 11:30 am, Forbes Classroom 1. Session 9: Membership 101 and Congregational Life

OWL meeting, Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 11:45 am - 1:30 pm, Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Sessions.

Second Sunday Supper - Postponed to Sunday, December 15, 2019

Open Meditation, Monday, December 9, 2019 - 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm, Forbes N, S, W. We gather twice a month to sit together quietly for 20 minutes, to walk with gentle awareness for seven minutes, and to explore the integration of meditation with ordinary life through reading and sharing. Anyone who senses they would benefit from 20 minutes of silent, non-guided sitting is welcome to join us.

Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 6:45 pm - 9:30 pm, Forbes Hall.

CPR Meeting, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Forbes Classroom 1.

Collage Group with Stan Bemis, Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Cottage NE. We welcome you to create your own collages with Stan Bemis! Stan works to bring joy and peace into people's lives by creating art. He has taught many who didn't realize they had creative talent, from all across the world - from California to Palestine/Israel. He welcomes any age, from youths to older adults. The goal of this group is to help foster personal worth and empowerment, entering into that holy place within and having sacred fun. The objectives are 1) to create works of art and 2) create cards for events or celebrations. Contact: Stan Bemis, 310-395-1546

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International Folk Dancing with Instructors, Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Forbes Hall. They say that dancing is combining fun with exercise and friends! Learn international folk dancing with instructors Sandy Helperin and Teri Hoffman. Folk dancing is for anyone who loves to move to traditional music. New dancers are welcome – there are no partners required. Donations accepted. Please enter from the Arizona door.



Prelude

*Gathering Hymn

& Processional

#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Call to Worship

Dr. Ghazala Anwar and Cassie Winters, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Open To Unexpected Answers

Julianne Lepp

Music for the Morning

Illahi

Jamie Papish, daf; Leo Chelyapov, duduk

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbor

*Opening Zhikr

Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Rahim

(In The Beautiful Name of the Infinitely Compassionate

& the Tenderly Merciful)

*Covenant

Love is the doctrine of this church.

The quest for truth is its sacrament,

And service is its prayer.

To dwell together in peace,

To seek knowledge in freedom,

To serve humankind in fellowship,

Thus do we covenant with each other.

*Hymn of Praise

From all that dwell below the skies

Let songs of hope and faith arise

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

Westside Food Bank Offering

Time for All Ages

*Song of Blessing

Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,

for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,

circle for the planet, circle for each soul,

for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Responsive Reading

#607 Beloved Presence

Shams Ud-Din Mohammad Hafiz

Mindfulness Prayer

Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae

Silence

Musical Response

Quranic Recitation

Sermon Al-Rahman: The Infinite Compassion
Dr. Ghazala Anwar, Preaching

Musical Response

Offering

Offertory Anthem **Sufi**
Jamie Papish, daf; Leo Chelyapov, duduk

*Closing Hymn Hu Hu Hu Allah
(The Gender-Inclusive Pronoun & Beautiful Name)

*Benediction

Postlude
**Please stand in body or in spirit*



Greeters: *Denise Helton, Barbara Andres, Kim Andres*
Ushers: *Ned Wright and Barbara Kernochan*
Coffee: *Deirdre Dietel, Amy Lacombe, and Hugo Contreras*
Visitor Welcome Table: *Barbara Gibbs*
Book Store: *Sarah Mae Harper*

Service Notes

Homelessness is a societal problem that is especially hard on women. In addition to the intersections of mental health, underemployment, and domestic violence, cisgender and transgender women are targets of misogyny and sexual violence on the streets, and an inadequate number of shelters and services for women. Only through the collaboration of committed communities and allies like us can we change inequitable systems and individual lives

Today, 50% of our offering will go to The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is the only organization in greater Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women experiencing homelessness and formerly homeless women. They work for a community so that every woman is housed, well, and on a path to personal stability. <https://www.downtownwomenscenter.org>

Please give what you can to help. Thank you!

Dr. Ghazala Anwar has been supporting queer rights and animal rights since the early 1990s when she was a graduate student at Temple University. She led a mixed-gender prayer at an al-Fatiha conference in New York in 1998 and was quoted in the New York Times as saying that Islam and homosexuality were compatible. In 2003 she led a public Friday prayers at Salaam conference in Toronto and in her sermon she urged the queer community to organize their own Friday services which became the inspiration for the Tawheed Juma circle. She similarly inspired the Inclusive Mosque Initiative in the UK. In 2006 she was the first person to be quoted in the Pakistani press as supporting the rights of women, religious minorities and sexual minorities. As a scholar and professor of Quranic Studies she supports an open, critical and intimate engagement with Quranic texts from a queer, animal and earth rights perspective. and for the past two years has offered free Quranic studies classes for the queer Muslim community online.

Every Sunday



Today at 11:30 AM
Location: Cottage NE



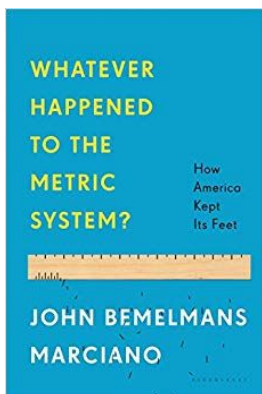
let's talk

Healthy Congregation Council

*"What Do The
Holidays Mean to
You?"*

However you feel about the holidays, you are invited to a facilitated dialogue with the Healthy Congregation Council. Reverend Jeremiah will provide a pastoral frame for the conversation. Treats will be served. Join us Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Forbes Hall.

Science Non-Fiction Book Group



**Tuesday December 17,
7:30 pm, Forbes Hall.**

We will discuss "Whatever Happened to the Metric System? How America Kept Its Feet," by John B. Marciano.



Sundays 11:30-12:30

Upcoming sessions

12/01 Session 8: Pastoral Care, CareRing, Healthy Congregation
12/08 Session 9: Membership 101 and Congregational Life

Sign up at the RE table after services!

Pastoral Associates Applications Open



Are you interested in serving in a ministry of compassion dedicated to your fellow congregants? Rev. Jeremiah and the Pastoral Associates are recruiting applicants interested in possibly joining our Pastoral Associates program. We hope to expand our Pastoral Care and PA program offerings this church year and we hope you might consider applying. Please speak with Rev. Jeremiah or Bettye Barclay if you're interested in learning more.



**OWL Meetings: Parent and Youth
Orientation, Sunday, from 11:45 am
to 4 pm, Forbes 4 and Forbes Hall.**

Sunday, December 1

ART WALL RECEPTION

11:00 am - 1 pm, Forbes Hall



Bettye Barclay

Bettye moves between images and abstraction. She enjoys the different qualities and potential that each brings to the process of painting.

December GC



This month,
50% of our Sunday offering will go to
**The Downtown Women's
Center.**



*Memorial
Brick*
\$350

Donate a brick engraved with your loved one's name. Engraved bricks at \$350 per brick, only this October. Bricks will be installed in our Garden of Eternity.



Christmas Eve Service Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas
Eve

4 pm - Christmas Eve Children's
Pageant (Officiated by Cleo
Anderson)

6 pm - Christmas Eve Service (Rev. Jeremiah
Kalendae)

8 pm - Christmas Eve Service (Rev. Jeremiah
Kalendae)

International Folk Dancing

Saturday, December 14, 2019

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Forbes



Postponed to Sunday, December 15

6-8 pm

COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION

Hosted by the Nominating Committee

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SANTA MONICA

From the historical affirmation of the unity of God (Unitarian) to the universal salvation of all souls (Universalist), Unitarian Universalist beliefs have expanded to the broader concept of a unity in diversity which affirms the supreme worth of all persons, held together through love and a spark of divinity that resides in us all. Bound neither by creed nor dogma, our intentionally inclusive community honors and celebrates the right of individual thought, joins in shared concerns and respects the ever present need to deepen our understanding of the awe and wonder of life. Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in our society at large*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*

Minister: The Reverend Jeremiah Kalendae
Minister Emerita: The Reverend Judith E. Meyer
Minister Emeritus: The Reverend Ernest D. Pipes

Director of Religious Exploration: Cleo Anderson
Religious Exploration Staff: Teri Lucas
Director of Music: Saunder Choi
Accompanist: Ryan Humphrey
Choir Section Leaders: Colleen Keene, Jyvonne Haskin,
Gabriel Paredes, Adrien Redford
Church Administrator: Nurit Gordon
Administrative and Financial Assistant: Cyndee Hayes
Communications Coordinator: Sibylla Nash
Sextons: Kevin Roller, Thomas Ahern

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (Meets second Tuesday of the month, 6:45pm in Forbes Hall)

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Summer Services at 10 am

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Mon-Thurs: 10:00am-5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sat: Closed