



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
of Santa Monica



December 8, 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 8, 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 9: Membership 101 and Congregational Life. Presenters: Norman Richey, Co-Chair, Membership Committee, Barbara Gibbs, Coordinator of Welcoming & Greeter Volunteers.

OWL Meeting, 11:45 am, Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Session. Questions? Beth Rendeiro

Interfaith Vigil for Healing and Peace, 4:00 pm, St. Monica Catholic Community in Santa Monica, 725 California Ave., Santa Monica. Please join us for an interfaith prayer vigil responding to gun violence in our community and the larger world. The service will be held at St. Monica Catholic Community in Santa Monica and will last about an hour.

Second Sunday Supper - Postponed to Sunday, December 15, 2019. Second Sunday Supper in December will not be on the second Sunday. Rather, please join the Music Committee, Choir and Pipes Lecture Committee on the **THIRD SUNDAY** for a potluck dinner preceded by a very special sing-along and organ concert from 4-5:30 on December 15. Questions? Contact Kim Miller who is in the directory.

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

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

Adult Programs - Body-Mind Tune-Up with Bruno, Saturday, December 14, 2019, 12:30 pm, Warren Mathews Conference Room. Bruno Lacombe is conducting exercise classes for seniors, super-seniors, and people with physical difficulties for UUSM members. Contact Bruno Lacombe, (310) 666-7387.

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.

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OWL Meeting, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:30 am Forbes Classroom 1. Check-in Parent meeting. Questions? Beth Rendeiro

OWL Meeting, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:45 am, Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Session. Questions? Beth Rendeiro

December Featured Artist of the Month: Bettye Barclay's Art Wall Opening Reception, The exhibit will be open every Sunday from 9:00 am until noon, and on weekdays by appointment through December 29th.

Parent's Group Meeting Kickoff, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Cottage SE. Are you interested in joining a parenting group at UUCSM? Come join to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting in a group setting! Childcare will be provided.

Children & Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:45 am - 1:45 pm, Cottage NW

FIA: Peace & Social Justice, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm, Warren Mathews Conference Room. Our church's program for integrating peace and social justice concerns into the life of the congregation. The Peace & Social Justice Committee (PSJ) focuses on many activities in the areas of labor and economic issues; racism, police brutality, and mass incarceration; immigration and immigrant detention; and peace and alternatives to war. It also collaborates with the Green Committee on activities focusing on climate change.

Organ Concert and Sing-Along, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Sanctuary.

Second Sunday Supper, Sunday, December 15, 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Forbes Hall and Courtyard. Initial set up time is followed by a communal meal. Attendees should bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share. Please join us! Children are absolutely welcome! Happy hour begins at 5:45 pm.

Adult Programs, "An Enjoyable Dive into Who and What We Are," Monday, December 16, 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.

Science Non-Fiction Book Group, Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:30 pm, Forbes Hall. Contact: Rebecca Crawford, (310) 337-7787. We will discuss "Whatever Happened to the Metric System? How America Kept Its Feet," by John B. Marciano. The metric system was developed and considered for adoption nearly as far back as the Revolutionary War. How does it happen that we still use feet? There is lots of history here. All are welcome.

UU Men's Group, Thursday, December 19, 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.

Dr. Christopher Cameron: Black Freethinkers, Friday, December 20, 2019, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Sanctuary. Join AAHS and friends for an evening with Dr. Christopher Cameron, whose new book, "Black Freethinkers: A History of African American Secularism," argues that, contrary to historical and popular depictions of African Americans as naturally religious, freethought (encompassing atheism/agnosticism/humanism and other non-traditional orientations) has been central to black political and intellectual life from the nineteenth century to the present.

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Ukulele Strum and Sing-Along, Saturday, December 21, 2019 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Forbes Hall.



Prelude		
*Gathering Hymn & Processional	#1011 Return Again	
Call to Worship	Rima Snyder , Worship Associate	
Chalice Lighting	Such Singing in the Wild Branches	<i>Mary Oliver</i>
Music for the Morning	O Magnum Mysterium	<i>Francis Poulenc</i>
Welcome & Announcements		
*Opening Hymn	#218 Who Can Say	
*Covenant	<i>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.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	<i>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.</i>	
Westside Food Bank Offering		
Time for All Ages		
*Song of Blessing	#155 Circle 'Round for Freedom	
	<i>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.</i>	
Responsive Reading	#441 To Worship	<i>Jacob Trapp</i>
Mindfulness Prayer	Guided Meditation for Potential	<i>Martha Kirby Capo</i>
Silence		

Musical Response

Sermon

Transcending Mystery and Wonder

Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae

Musical Response

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening

Eric Whitacre

Adrien Redford, bass soloist

*Closing Hymn

#1008 When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



Greeters:

Sheila Cummins

Ushers:

Tom Early and Erik Paesel

Coffee:

Phyllis Kory, Barbara, and Kim Andres

Visitor Welcome Table:

Barbara Gibbs and Dwight Flowers

Book Store:

Sarah Mae Harper

Service Notes

The Sunday Offering is an impactful way to put your values into action through UUSM. Half of the offering supports the work of our church and half goes to organizations doing great work in the community.

Today, 50% of our offering will go to the Downtown Women's Center, 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.

Now you can give right from your smartphone. Text 844-982-0209 with the amount you'd like to donate and GCC in the body of your text; for example, "20 GCC". The first time you give, you'll be asked to register. Thank you for making UUSM a Generous Congregation.

The Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae serves as UCCSM's Developmental Minister. He joined our congregation in August 2019 after serving for 10 years in congregations in Northern California and teaching at Starr King School of Ministry. In addition to being a Unitarian Universalist minister, Jeremiah is a dervish in the Chishtī Order of Sufism.

Worship Associate Rima Snyder has been a church member at UUSM for 13 years. She sings in the choir and has been active in the music program. She has been a Worship Associate for two years.

Every Sunday



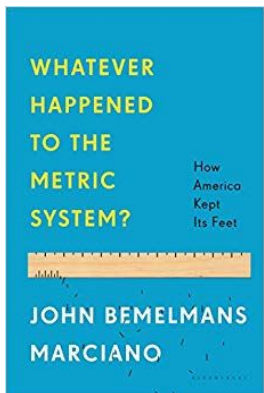
Today at 11:30 AM
Location: Cottage NE



Cookies Needed for Christmas Eve!

Donate cookies for the annual Christmas Eve Cookie Receptions following services at 4 pm, 6 pm, and 8 pm. Drop off by December 22, 23 or 24. You may also call or email Nurit Gordon at admin@uusm.org.

Science Non-Fiction Book Group



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Sundays 11:30-12:30

Last session

12/08 Session 9: Membership 101 and Congregational Life

Sign up at the RE table after services!



Postponed to Sunday, December 15

6-8 pm

COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION
Hosted by the Nominating Committee

Interfaith Vigil for Healing and Peace



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

COME ONE, COME ALL!

4:00 pm • Children's Pageant

6:00 pm and 8:00 pm • Candlelight Service

*Light refreshments will be offered
after each service.*