



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
of Santa Monica



December 15, 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 15, 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, 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. Everyone is welcomed. Looking forward to meeting you. Norm Richey & Sarah Robson, Co-Chairs, Membership Committee.

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

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

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

Children & Youth RE Committee Meeting, 11:45 am - 1:45 pm, Cleo Anderson's office

FIA: Peace & Social Justice, 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm, Warren Mathews Conference Room. 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, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Sanctuary. Holiday concert and sing-along featuring Bach, Pachelbel, and Vierne, with Dr. Jeffrey Parola on the organ.

Second Sunday Supper, 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.

JOYS AND SORROWS

Congratulations and best wishes to Helen Brown on her 98th birthday.

Steve White is celebrating 40 years of membership at UUSM. A big thanks for all your contributions through the years Steve.

Happy Birthday to Linda Van Lighten, who is celebrating her birthday today.

Thank you to Alyssa Wood (Linda's daughter) for the flowers. Flower dedication: "Happy birthday, I love you mama." -Alyssa

Sharon and John Hart are happy to announce they were married here in this church 25 years ago by The Reverend Judith Meyer. In celebration, they are providing a selection of pastries in Forbes Hall following the December 15 service. All are invited to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 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, to discuss his new book, "Black Freethinkers: A History of African American Secularism."

Adult Programs - Body-Mind Tune-Up with Bruno, Saturday, December 21, 2019, 12:30 pm - 1:30 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.

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

Visitor Meetup, Sunday, December 22, 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.

OWL Meeting, Sunday, December 22, 2019, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm, Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Session. Questions? Ask Beth Rendeiro.

Discussion and Support for Persons with Disabilities, Sunday, December 22, 2019, 11:45 am - 1:15 pm, Cottage, SE. Come and join us as we share stories, inspirations and find community with each other. The group offers a forum in which members can feel the benefit of its mutual support. Previous topics include: how to improve the quality of one's life overall and how to use structure, aides and devices more successfully/productively/efficiently in one's life.

AAHS Freethinker Forum, December 22, 2019, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Warren Mathews Conference Room. The Peace & Social Justice Committee (PSJ) puts UU principles of justice, human rights, and sustainability into action in our local community and beyond. We organize activities and support campaigns in the areas of labor and economic issues; anti-racism, police reform, and mass incarceration; immigration and immigrant detention; and resisting war. Everyone is welcome to join us in working to heal our world, and newcomers are encouraged.

Open Meditation, Monday, December 23, 2019, 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm, Forbes Hall. 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.

Christmas Eve Services and Children's Pageant, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm, Sanctuary. Children's Pageant will be at 4 pm, led by Cleo Anderson, Director of Religious Exploration. Candlelight Services will be held at 6 and 8 pm, led by the Rev. Jeremiah Kalendae, Saunder Choi, Director of Music, Cleo Anderson, DRE, and Worship Associate Rima Snyder. Light refreshments will be offered after each service.

Adult Programs - Body-Mind Tune-Up with Bruno, Saturday, December 28, 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.

But home is an idea rather than a place. It's where you feel safe. Where you're among people who are kind to you – they're not after you; they don't have to like you – but they'll not hurt you. And if you're in trouble they'll help you... It's community – that's another word for home.” Toni Morrison



Prelude		
*Gathering Hymn & Processional	#1054 Let This Be A House of Peace	
Call to Worship	Abby Arnold , Worship Associate	
Chalice Lighting	From <i>Storming the Gates of Paradise</i>	<i>Rebecca Solnit</i>
Music for the Morning	Creation of Peace	<i>Mark Miller</i>
Welcome & Announcements		
*Opening Hymn	#1060 As We Sing of Hope and Joy	
*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>	
Reading	#442 We Bid You Welcome	

Mindfulness Prayer

Silence

Musical Response

Sermon **A Home for the Holidays** *Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins*

Musical Response

Offering

Offertory Anthem I'll Be Home for Christmas *Gannon/Lent arr. Paul Langford*

*Closing Hymn Love is Christmas *Sara Bareilles*

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand in body or in spirit*



Greeters: *Roberta Frye and Audrey Lyness*
Ushers: *Gretchen Goetz and David Goetz*
Coffee: *Eileen McCormack and Sheila Cummins*
Visitor Welcome Table: *Barbara Gibbs*
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. All Generous Congregation contributions on Christmas Eve's services will go to the UUSM Minister Discretionary Fund.

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. Dr. Kikanza Nuri-Robins is a consultant to people and organizations in transition. She works with non-profits and faith-based organizations around the country helping them address issues of leadership, communication, and cultural competence. Her most recent book is ***Fish Out of Water*** and she is currently collaborating on a book about Gender Identities. She is a member of our UUSM community.
www.KikanzaNuriRobins.com

Worship Associate Abby Arnold is a third-year Worship Associate and an at-large member of our Board of Directors. She works as a fundraising consultant and grant writer for nonprofit organizations and local governments.

Every Sunday



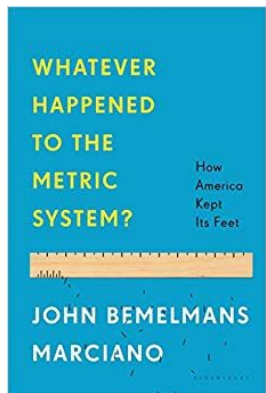
Today at 11:30 AM
Location: Cottage NE



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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7:30 pm, Forbes Hall.

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CHALICE LIGHTERS KEEP

THE UU FLAME BURNING



Look for Barbara Kernochan after the service to learn about this PSWD program. Through 60 or more individual annual contributions of just \$20 per year, we will help other PSWD member churches to thrive, while our UUSM congregation will become eligible for grants to further our own work. Barbara can enroll you directly or steer you to the enrollment website.



Sunday, December 15

6-8 pm

COMMUNITY & CONVERSATION
Hosted by the Nominating Committee

Parent's Group Meeting Kickoff



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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.*

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

Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sat: Closed