



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
COMMUNITY CHURCH
of Santa Monica



December 29, 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 29, 2019

Please note that for now, we remain on the schedule of one Sunday service only, at 10:00am, until further notice. The church offices will be closed January 1, 2020, in observation of the holidays and January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King Day.

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JOYS AND SORROWS

Stephen Saldo, brother to Gerald, died after suffering cardiac arrest in his home in South Carolina. He was sixty-eight years old. Stephen is survived by his daughter, Caitlin, her mother Ardina, and his older brother Richard. Please reach out to Gerald Saldo with your thoughts of care.

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 30, 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.

UU Men's Group, Thursday, January 2, 2020, 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.

Adult Programs - Body-Mind Tune-Up with Bruno, Saturday, January 4, 2020, 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.

Visitor Meetup, Sunday, January 5, 2020, 11:30 am, Cottage NE. 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.

January Featured Artist of the Month: Jessie Kendall-Bar's Art Wall Opening Reception, Sunday, January 5, 2020, 11:00 am - 1 pm, Forbes Hall. Join us to explore where science meets art and chat with the artist. The exhibit will be open every Sunday from 9:00 am until noon and on weekdays by appointment.

OWL meeting, Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 11:45 am Forbes Classroom 4, Mural Room. General Youth Sessions.

Green Committee Meeting, Sunday, January 5, 2020, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, Cottage SE. 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.

Adult Programs, "An Enjoyable Dive into Who and What We Are," Monday, January 6, 2020, 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.

Collage Group with Stan Bemis, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 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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Adult Program RE Series - Esoteric Spirituality - The Diamond Approach, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Sanctuary. The Diamond Approach offers an immense and precise body of knowledge about the nature of reality and the process of spiritual realization. Vince Draddy, will give us an introduction to this approach along with a Q&A session. Free parking provided at *1311-16th St. (between Arizona Ave. & Santa Monica Blvd.)*

Adult Program RE - Esoteric Spirituality Reception, Saturday, January 11, 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Forbes Hall.

**It takes love to hold on when you want to let go. It takes love to let go when you want to hold on.”
-Kate McGahan**



Prelude		
*Gathering Hymn & Processional	#147 When all the people on this earth	
Call to Worship	Kikanza Nuri-Robins, Worship Associate	
Chalice Lighting		
Music for the Morning	Lost in the Stars <i>Saunder Choi, solo</i>	<i>Kurt Weill</i>
Welcome & Announcements Greet Your Neighbor		
*Opening Hymn	#38 Morning has Broken	
*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	Adapted from “Instructions” by Neil Gaiman	
*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 / Reflection	In Blackwater Woods	<i>Mary Oliver</i>
Mindfulness Prayer		
Silence		
Musical Response		

Sermon

Ecotones

Michael Eselun

Musical Response

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Stars and the Moon

Jason Robert Brown

Saunder Choi, solo

*Closing Hymn

On the Sunny Side of the Street

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit*



Greeters:

Ushers:

Coffee:

Welcome Table:

Bookstore:

*Barbara Gibbs, Bryan Cahill
Ned Wright and Peggy Kharaz
Sheila Cummins, Amy Lacombe
Kim Andres, Barara Andres
Sarah Mae Harper*

Service Notes

Today, 50% of our offering will go to The Downtown Women's Center (DWC), 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>

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.

Michael Eselun, has served as the chaplain for the Simms/Mann-UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology for the last ten years. Highly regarded as a keynote speaker, Michael speaks extensively to healthcare professionals, patient populations and faith communities across the country. He weaves stories with vulnerability, insight, and humor-- stories to wrap around the deeper questions of life, mortality, and meaning. Michael has also worked as an activist/educator addressing anti-LGBTQ bias and homophobia in the larger community for over 30 years. Michael was recently inducted into the UCLA-Semel Institute Eudaimonia Society, in recognition of having lived a meaning-driven life. He has two TED talks available online via YouTube. He will have 4 volumes of CD's available for purchase after the service—each including 3 of his talks. www.michaeleselun.com

The Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins is a trans-traditional spiritual leader who works with groups from many faith traditions. She is an author, a consultant to mission-driven organizations, and a member of our beloved community.

Every Sunday



Today at 11:30 AM
Location: Cottage NE

Showcase Sunday



January 12, 2020

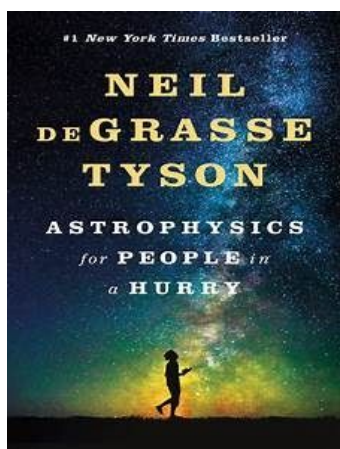
11 - 1 pm

Forbes Hall & Courtyard

Get answers to your questions about the

church's many committees and how you can become involved.

Science Non-Fiction Book Group



Tuesday January 21,
7:30 pm, Forbes Hall

Contact: Rebecca Crawford, (310) 337-7787. We will discuss "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry," by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson quickly gives us just what we need to be

fluent for the next cosmic headline. All are welcome.

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, January 5

ART WALL RECEPTION
11:00 am - 1 pm, Forbes Hall



Jessie Kendall Bar

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Our Whole Lives

General Youth Sessions



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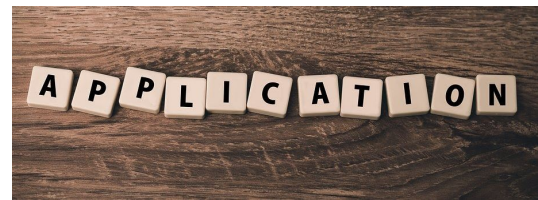


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Pastoral Associates Applications Open



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.



**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.

Green Committee Meeting



**Sunday, January 5
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Cottage SE**

Learn about the simple changes that can be made to decrease our carbon footprint, and how to implement social action to green our community.

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)

Jacki Weber, *President* Abby Arnold, *Member at Large*
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Mon-Thurs: 10:00am-5:00pm

Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm

Sat: Closed