

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

#### **Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour**

Following worship, Bard Hall. Join your community for coffee and conversation.

#### **JUUL Tones Rehearsal**

11 am - 12:30 pm, Clark Chapel

Weekly. Contact: [andrea@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:andrea@firstuusandiego.org)

#### **Rainbow Action Group's Meeting**

11:15 am, Room 323. Second Sundays. All are welcome!

#### **Israelism: Film Screening & Discussion**

11:30 am, Common Room. Hosted by the First UU Palestine-Israel Justice Team. Follow two young American Jews who were raised to unconditionally love Israel, join a movement after witnessing Israel's treatment of Palestinians. Rabbi Alexis Pearce will lead a discussion. Pizza provided!

#### **California's War on Rooftop Solar Meeting**

3:30 pm, Zoom. Last year, the California Public Utilities Commission made rooftop solar unaffordable for many, but new data disproves claims it raises electricity bills, which Cailey Underhill will present at January's Climate Justice meeting [bit.ly/1stUUClimateJustice](https://bit.ly/1stUUClimateJustice)

#### **Open Heart Sangha**

Weekly, 4 pm - 5:30 pm, Bard Hall. Contact *Marge*,

[margewur@gmail.com](mailto:margewur@gmail.com)

### Monday, January 13, 2025

#### **Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group**

1:30 pm - 3 pm, Zoom. Second & fourth Mondays. For those who deal with chronic and long-term physical conditions. Contact *Chris Smith* prior:

[chris.smith9209@gmail.com](mailto:chris.smith9209@gmail.com)

#### **Caregivers/Allies Support Group**

4 pm - 5:30 pm on Zoom

Second Monday & fourth Tuesdays. For those with caregiver responsibilities or if you have concerns for a friend or relative. Please contact *Les Vivian*.

#### **Women's Choir Rehearsal**

Weekly, 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Bard Hall. Contact

*Tomás Acosta*, [tomas@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:tomas@firstuusandiego.org)

### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

#### **Young Adult Group**

6 pm - 7:30 pm, Room 114b. Weekly. We continue to connect, brainstorm, plan and schedule events via our private Discord server. Contact *Lara* for more.

### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

#### **Chalice Choir Rehearsal**

Weekly, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in Bard Hall. Contact *Tomás Acosta*, [tomas@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:tomas@firstuusandiego.org)

### Thursday, January 16, 2025

#### **Cancelled - Rainbow Action Twilight Walk**

This meetup is cancelled for January and February, resuming in March when the weather is warmer.

#### **Finance Committee Meeting**

5 pm, Zoom. Link in the members area of the website.

### Saturday, January 18, 2025

#### **Panel Discussion on Retirement Communities.**

10 am, Zoom. A panel discussion on retirement communities. The panel members will be current residents of various local retirement communities. Hosted by UU Seniors. [bit.ly/UUSeniors](https://bit.ly/UUSeniors).

### Upcoming Events

#### **Parents as Spiritual Guides**

January 19, Sunday, 11:15 am - 12:30 pm, Room 114A.

This curriculum explores spirituality through the lens of parenthood and allows participants to reflect on their own spirituality as well as their role as spiritual guides for their children.

#### **Youth Book Club**

January 19, Sunday, 11:15 am - 12:30 pm, Room 114B.

For more info, contact: [lara@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:lara@firstuusandiego.org).

#### **Invitation to Community at First UU: Getting to Know You**

January 19, Sunday, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Common

Room. This monthly series is designed to help new visitors connect with our congregation. Refreshments will be provided! Please RSVP to:

[valeria@firstuusandiego.org](mailto:valeria@firstuusandiego.org)

#### **Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

January 20, Monday. There will be no staff on duty, no in-person meetings, and both campuses will be closed.

#### **Board Meeting**

January 21, Tuesday, 6 pm - 8 pm, Bard Hall and Zoom. Board of Trustees meetings are open to congregants. The link is in the members-only section of the website.

#### **Rhiannon Smith Celebration of Life**

January 25, Saturday, 2 pm - 3 pm, Meeting House and Online. It is with great sadness that we share the news of Rhiannon Smith's passing. Her Celebration of Life will be held in the Meeting House and livestreamed. Refer to the Window newsletter or the Church's website for the livestream link.

#### **Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Featuring Our Sustainable Future Presentation**

January 26, Sunday, 11:45 am, Meeting House and Online. Read the full article in January's *First Words* Magazine. Refer to the Window newsletter or the Church's website for the livestream link.

#### **Men's Fellowship Fourth Monday Meeting**

January 27, Monday, 6 pm - 9 pm, Common Room. The potluck will begin at 6 pm – please bring finger foods to share. Newcomers are welcome and only need to bring their appetites! Our discussion topic will be: "Fun and Games in a Stressful World." If you have a favorite game, such as Trivial Pursuit or GO, and would like to bring it, please reach out to *Andy French*. For any questions, contact *Andy*: [afrench@gmail.com](mailto:afrench@gmail.com) or *Les Vivian*: [lesvivian@gmail.com](mailto:lesvivian@gmail.com).

#### **Front Street Productions Presents: Tret Fure Concert**

February 1, Sunday, 7 pm - 9 pm, Meeting House. This concert is free, but please register to attend this open-seating show through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) (found on the website).

# Welcome / Bienvenida-o to the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego

*Create community, nurture spiritual growth, heal the world.  
Crear comunidad, fomentar el crecimiento espiritual, sanar el mundo.*

*January's Worship Theme: The Practice of Story*

## “Living with Grief”

*Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister*

*Chris Smith, Worship Associate*

*Tomás Acosta, Andrea Spiero, Bella*

*Furth, Charlize Esquillo, Musicians*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10 am Hillcrest Patio Viewing and Livestream



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619-298-9978

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Visit [firstuusandiego.org](https://firstuusandiego.org) for more information

**Bell / Campana**

~ Rev. Kristen Kuriga, *Assistant Minister*

**Prelude / Preludio**

Air (from Orchestral Suite #3 in D Major)

— J.S. Bach

~ Andrea Spiero, *Flute*

~ Tomás Acosta, *Piano*

**Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting /**

**Llamado a la Adoración y Encendido del Cáliz**

“We Meet on Holy Ground” — Richard S. Gilbert

**Gathering Hymn / Himno de reunión**

#1051 We Are

**Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement /**

**Palabras de Bienvenida y Reconocimiento de Tierras**

~ Chris Smith, *Worship Associate*

~ Tomás Acosta, *Musician*

**Church Hymn / Himno de la iglesia**

**Church Aspiration / Aspiración de la Iglesia**

**Time for All Ages & Affirmation /**

**Tiempo para todas las edades y afirmación**

“The Memory Tree” — Britta Teckentrup

~ Tony Bianca, *Director of Lifespan Faith Formation*

**Announcements and Offering Words /**

**Anuncios y palabras de ofrenda**

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

**Offering Music / Ofreciendo música**

“To a Wild Rose” — Edward MacDowell

**Candle of Life for Mike and Georganne Hocter /**

**Vela de la vida para Mike and Georganne Hocter**

**Meditation Hymn / Himno de meditación**

#1002 Comfort Me

**Meditation / Meditación**

**Reading / Lectura**

“The Blessing You Should Not Tell Me”

— Jan Richardson

**Special Music / Música especial**

“Wanting Memories” — Ysaye M. Barnwell

~ Andrea Spiero, Bella Furth, Tomás Acosta,

Charlize Esquillo, *Musicians*

**Sermon / Sermón**

“Living with Grief” — Rev. Kristen Kuriga

**Closing Hymn / Himno de Clausura**

#1021 Lean on Me

**Blessing & Extinguishing of the Chalice /**

**Bendición y Extinción del Cáliz**

**Postlude / Postludio**

“You Are Not Alone” — Kate Munger



*Generosity Offering Donations*

*Our sign language interpreter today is Paul Lambert.  
Join us for In Person Hillcrest Social Hour after Worship*