Our Mission

Our mission is to create community, to nurture spiritual growth, and to act on our values to help heal the world.
Nuestra misión es crear comunidad, fomentar el crecimiento espiritual y vivir nuestros valores para ayudar a sanar el mundo.

Our Seven Principles

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

March's Transformational Theme: Loss

Join Us Online!

Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 am Sunday Morning Online Worship [https://www.firstuusandiego.org/]

All In-Person Meetings on Both of Our Campuses Are Suspended Until Further Notice

Please join us online!
Visit [https://www.firstuusandiego.org/] on Sunday mornings to join us for virtual worship, and also to check the blog to keep up with the First UU staff! Some groups will be meeting virtually, watch The Window for instructions & meeting times.

Fifth Sunday Generosity Offering

Partner Church in Brassó, Romania

This week's Generosity Offering goes to support our Partner Church in Brassó, Romania. While their life in Transylvania seems truly a world away, we have maintained this special relationship for over 25 years! Our support has helped in the construction of their multipurpose building. This year, they have been working to refurbish and better heat their Sanctuary.

How to Donate:
[https://www.firstuusandiego.org/donations.html]
Select "Generosity Offering" as Gift Designation.

The deadline for the next issue of

The Window is:
April 1 (Wednesday) at 8 am

If you would like an announcement placed in the Window, please email: [rose@firstuusandiego.org]

The Window submission maximum is 60 words
Staying Connected
We know this is a time of anxiety and uncertainty. As a community, we can stay connected in Love, even with physical distance. We want to know how you are doing. A team of callers has already been reaching out and spoken to many of you, but it is possible that we may not have your contact information. If you have been attending our church and haven’t received a call or email in the last week, please reach out to us with your contact information so we can add you to our outreach list. We are here for you, we can remain connected even with physical distance. Please contact jenner@firstusuandsiego.org to provide us your contact information.

A Greeting Rev. Benedek Andrási from our Partner Church in Brassó, Transylvania
“I hope you are well in this hard period. We are staying in our houses and we are keeping sermons only on the internet. In every day I am praying online at the Brassó Church facebook page (Unitáriusok Brassój). I pray also for you and for your community. Please, give my best wishes for the members of your church in San Diego!

Best regards: Benedek”

Feeling Good and Wanting to Help?
Friends, if you fall outside of the parameters of being susceptible to COVID-19 (meaning you’re younger than 60, don’t have underlying health issues or a compromised immune or respiratory system) and want to help those who are self-isolating, please check in with Rev. Tania Márquez tania@firstusuandsiego.org or Chris Smith chris.smith7@cox.net to volunteer for our Practical Care Network. You may be asked to pick up and / or deliver some supplies or food to those who are not getting out and about. Thank you.

First UU San Diego Facebook Group
Our online community for First Church is available for connecting and socializing at this time. Please feel free to use it for socializing, sharing calming or joyful photos, asking for specific assistance, or sharing information about resources. To join, search for First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego – Community Board or visit this link https://www.facebook.com/groups/1683518391763014/.

First UU Youth
Youth are meeting online via Zoom on Wednesdays and Sundays. To get more info, contact Kätthe at uukathe@gmail.com.

Families with Children or Youth
You can find lots of activities and stories, and can stay connected with other families by joining our Parents or Youth Facebook groups! Friend "Tony Bianca" on Facebook and send him a message requesting to join (as these are private groups). RE lessons can also be found on our website.

Upcoming in Religious Education
We want to stay in loving connection. The Parent Lounge will meet via a Zoom meeting as scheduled on Sunday, March 29, 11 am — 12 pm, Zoom url https://zoom.us/j/955607364. We'd also like to keep our kids connected. The youth group is meeting twice a week via Zoom and we’d like to offer this to the K-5 crowd. Keep alert for an email regarding this — we will be sending out a survey monkey to get an idea of the best time and day. Also, watch the website for more activities for young children as well as older elementary kids.

Virtual Meetings with Rev. Tania
To schedule a virtual appointment with Rev. Tania, you can do so online here: https://calendly.com/tymt77/30min.

Singletarian Singles Lunch
The singletarian senior Sunday lunches are canceled for the duration.

WitchCRAFT and Tea Talk
Sunday, March 29. 1 pm — 2:30 pm, Zoom url https://zoom.us/j/995057665 Meeting ID 995-057-665. It’s like a bonus Pagan Conversations, but with more arts and crafts, and less guidance on the discussion! Maybe chaos! We’ll see! Sit down with a cuppa tea or coffee, whatever craft project you're working on (or just grab a coloring page), and let's chat and enjoy each other’s company.

All Church Camp “Spirit at Play”
Save the date and come join us at Camp deBenneville Pines, May 29-31 with an optional evening on Thursday May 28th. For more information, or to register, visit our website: https://www.firstusuandsiego.org/all-church-camp.html
Call for Delegates
Annual District Meeting has Been Canceled
Yes, the PSWD/de Benneville annual assembly scheduled for April 20 — 24 has been canceled. The UUA General Assembly, however, is still scheduled for June 24 — 28 in beautiful Providence RI. We still need delegates from First Church. If you are interested, please:
1. Register at uua.org/qa and
2. Fill out a delegate application form at www.firstuusandiego.org/denominational-relations.html
~ John Schaibly, LUUC Lay Leader

Training: Immigration Court Observation
Postponed
Postponed for the time being because immigration courts are closed. We'll share information about a new date when we reschedule.

South Bay Food Pantry News
Food Donations Wanted to Keep Pantry Open
Our South Bay food pantry is open! Right now, we cannot purchase bulk orders from retailers. Please think of adding a few items to your grocery shopping trips and dropping them off for the pantry.

Drop Off Donations in the Hillcrest Parking Lot
Saturday, March 28, 10 am — 12 pm, look for Dana Tomlinson & her dark grey Ford 250 pickup truck. Place bagged food directly in the truck bed to practice social distancing.

Drop Off Donations at the Food Pantry
970 Broadway, Ste 101 Chula Vista 91911
Sundays, 11 am — 12:30 pm; Mondays, 3:30 pm — 6:30 pm; Tuesdays, 10:30 am — 11:30 am
Please deliver your donations in bags or boxes so we can practice social distancing. We are trying to provide pantry food from which clients can make meals. Our storage space is very limited. Please adhere to donating items listed below. We gratefully accept:

Canned
Tuna, salmon, chicken, chili, stew, soup, fruit, vegetables, corn, tomato sauce and jars of peanut butter.

Bags & Boxes
Pasta, rice, beans, oatmeal, and other cereals.

Hygiene Item
Baby wipes are flying off our shelves!

Our Food Pantry is Open For You!
970 Broadway Suite 101, Chula Vista 91911
Sundays 11 am — 12:30 pm
Mondays 3:30 pm — 6:30 pm
Tuesdays 10:30 am — 11:30 am
And by appointment.

Food Pantry Volunteers Always Welcome!
If you are in a low-risk health group and would like to volunteer in our pantry using social distancing precautions, your help is welcome Sundays 11 am — 12:30 pm; 3:30 pm — 6:30 pm; Tuesdays 10:30 am — 11:30 am. Please let Maureen know when you are available.

Financial Donations are Gratefully Accepted
Both one-time and monthly sustaining donations help us stay open! No amount is too small, or too large. Please make checks payable to FUUSD and write “SB Food Pantry” in the memo line. Mail checks to Robie Evans, FUUSD, 4190 Front St., San Diego, CA 92101. Online credit card donations can be made at: https://www.firstuusandiego.org/donations.html
Under "Fund" click on "other" and then in the comments section put "SB Food Pantry." Also, please select the frequency for your donation.

Contact
If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Maureen McNair at 619-427-1769 or memcnair948@gmail.com.
Our Staff

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Rev. Tania Márquez, Assistant Minister
Rev. Jim Grant and Rev. Lôme Broussard, Affiliate Ministers
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