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;
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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.

Hillcrest Campus Location
4190 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92103
619-298-9978

Hillcrest Services
9:30 am and 11:30 am

September 22, 2019
"Jewish New Year: The Art of Falling Forward"
Rev. Tom Owen-Towle, Minister Emeritus
Music: JUULTones

September 29, 2019
"What Local Justice Looks Like"
Rev. Kathleen Owens, Lead Minister
Music: Handbell Choirs

South Bay Campus Location
970 Broadway, Suite 104
Chula Vista, CA 91911
619-271-5017

South Bay Bilingual Service
9:30 am

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September Generosity Offering
Environmental Health Coalition
Borders are extraordinary places. They are the nexus of culture, politics, economics, and people. Yet, because of globalization, increasing pollution and toxic waste, threaten life and health on both sides of the San Diego-Tijuana border. Environmental Health Coalition’s Border Environmental Justice campaign works to reduce toxic pollution by increasing awareness, uniting communities, and mobilizing them to take action.

Journey Toward Wholeness (JTW)
What Can I Do?
A willingness to explore & learn is how we grow. “Ten Myths White People Believe About Racism”
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The Specialty Bazaar Is On Its Way!
First UU will hold a Specialty Sale on October 12 to raise money for the church. We’re seeking art and collectibles, jewelry, scarves, hats, and handbags, and will be accepting donations in Room 115 at these times: Friday, October 4, 1 pm — 6 pm; and Saturday, October 5 — Wednesday, October 9 from 10 am — 4 pm (except for Sunday, October 6, when donations will be accepted between services.) Don’t miss the Volunteer Pre-Sale on Friday, October 11, 5 pm — 7 pm! To quality, all you need to do is volunteer to help! To volunteer or arrange for a different donation time, contact Rhea Kuhlman at 619-491-0664 or rheakuhlman2@gmail.com.

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Signing Social
Sunday, September 22, 1 pm — 2 pm, Library. Signing Social! Join us to practice communicating in American Sign Language, and build our signing community. All levels welcome - "voices off." Contact Laurie Gerber at gerbl@pacbell.net.

Pagan Conversations
Sunday, September 22, 1 pm — 2:30 pm, Room 320. Please join us this Sunday for Pagan Conversations. We will be discussing our church theme, Brave, Honest Community, and what it means to our Circle.

The Unitarian Universalist Christian Study Group
Sundays, September 22, 1 pm, Room 321. Join us as we share and discuss the topics we covered this past year from preparing for death to contemplative prayer to what the Bible really says about homosexuality. We’ll also look at what is coming up.
The Greater Beach Neighborhood Group
September 22, 5 pm, at the Struve’s, 5520 Via Callado. The Greater Beach Neighborhood Group (including Pacific Beach, Clairemont, and La Jolla) will meet. For details contact Alec at harootuniana@yahoo.com.

Coping with Chronic Conditions
September 23, (second and fourth Mondays) 1 pm — 2:30 pm, Common Room. A support group for members and friends of First UU Church of San Diego who deal with chronic and long-term physical conditions. Contact Chris Smith at 619-300-7477 or Marilyn Hanson at 619-692-8101. This is a fragrance-free event.

Fourth Monday Meeting of the UU Men’s Fellowship
Monday, September 23, 6 pm, Common Room. The Men’s Fellowship (UUMF) will be having their usual Monday Potluck & Discussion led by Andy French. We'll eat between 6 pm and 7 pm, followed by a presentation led by Mike Dorfi and others on the “Man Box,” that is the limitations on what a man is supposed to be and what he believes. These expectations are taught to men, sometimes unconsciously, and reinforced by society.

Chalice Choir
Wednesday, September 25, 7 pm — 8:40 pm, Chapel. Join us for Chalice Choir rehearsal! Adult singers of every level of experience are welcome. We meet every Wednesday. Come sing with us!

Candlelight Kirtan
Thursday, Sept 26, 7 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. Join us for an evening by candlelight and experience manta meditation, gaurangna breathing, japa meditation in a non-denominational practice, with award-winning Spirit Soul and Friends. Contact James Long at kvolong1@gmail.com.

Memory Matters Gathering
Fridays (second and fourth), September 27, 9:30 am — 11:30 am, Bard Hall, with Kathy Gilbert, LCSW, and Gay Hybertsen. This is a place for those who worry about memory problems and forgetfulness; and their care partners. The gathering, therapeutic and educational, enables members to make new contacts, build trust, and learn to deal with the consequences of memory loss. Ongoing, drop in.

UU Men’s Fellowship Annual Fall Renewal
September 27 to 29, Camp Stevens, Julian CA. All men of the church (UUMF members or not) are welcome to a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, celebration, and discussion in the mountains of San Diego County back country. The theme is Exploring my Man Box, Redefining myself as a Man. For more information or registration, please stop by the table on the Sunday patio or contact Mike Dorfi 619-466-5952 or John Holl 619-546-6525.

D4$ Noche bohemia (Bohemian Night) with Rev. Tania
Saturday, Sept 28, 6 pm, Bard Hall – There are spaces left! Please join Rev. Tania for an evening of music, poetry, and stories from Latin America to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. We’ll be alternating music and readings and conversation with our guests. Snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided. Cost is $25, which was the minimum bidding price! Please RSVP to Robie at robie@firstuusandiego.org.

Eastern SD Neighborhoods Potluck
Sunday, September 29, 6 pm, Madrigal, the La Mesa home of Ellen Arcadi, where “Middle East” and “Far East” Neighborhoods will hold their monthly potluck. Ellen’s home reflects her creativity, has much art and is most interesting. Bring an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to serve 6-8 people. Water will be provided. Parking is available on the street. DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY. For address please RSVP to Ann McDonald, amcd92119@gmail.com or 619-464-1937.

Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action
Wednesdays (first), October 2, 6:30 pm, Common Room. Please join us for Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action. Contact Connie, cjmack13@icloud.com.

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Medical Equipment For Loan
This is a reminder that the church has various medical equipment items for short term loan. Contact Chris Smith at chris.smith7@cox.net or Peggy Holl at peggyholl@cox.net.
Cosmos
Sundays (first), October 6, 1 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. Cosmos is dedicated to exploring the scientific story of the birth and evolution of the universe for knowledge and inspiration to fulfill the promise of humanity, the whole earth community and the universe itself. We will be exploring Canticle to the Cosmos as presented by physicist and cosmologist Brian Swimme. All are welcome and no previous attendance is required. We meet every month on the first Sunday of the month, with occasional interruptions.

Conscious Communication
Mondays, October 7 — November 25, 7 pm — 9 pm, Chapel. Based on the distinctions of Non-Violent Communication, the mindfulness and cognitive practices of the Zen Center of San Diego, and the teacher’s study with Oren Jay Sofer, Marshall Rosenberg and Focused Attention, students will learn: A systematic approach to align our communication and actions with our personal values and spiritual aspirations; Identify how habitual patterns of mind, behavior and language impede effective communication; Develop effective tools for Compassion and Empathy; Make “Do-able” Requests. No previous experience is required. This is an eight week class, not a drop-in practice group. Enrollment will close after the first two weeks. Please purchase a copy of *Nonviolent Communication* by Marshall Rosenberg.

Vespers Service: Responding to Gun Violence
Tuesday (second), October 8, 6 pm — 6:30 pm, Chapel. Your ministers will hold a monthly vespers service in response to rising gun violence in our country. This service will be a time for lamentations, prayer and opportunities for action. Our community partners, SD4GVP (San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention) will join us and offer ways to connect with this work.

Book Lovers Affinity Group
Thursday, October 10, 6 pm, Room 320. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion of “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” by Atul Gawande, a non-fiction book in which a doctor discusses what else matters to patients facing their mortality besides survival. For our November 14 meeting, we’ll discuss “Robinson Crusoe” by Daniel Defoe. Maureen McNair 619-427-1769 or memcnair948@gmail.com.

Dances of Universal Peace
Saturdays (second), October 12, 7 pm — 9 pm, Bard Hall. The Dances of Universal Peace use sacred chant, song, simple circle dances, and music to create an opportunity where hearts open, spirits can soar, and a deeply-rooted peace can be experienced. No experience is necessary.

Rainbow Coffee Klatch
Sundays (second) October 13, 10:30 am — 11:30 am, Room 323. Enjoy conversation and coffee with other LGBTQ friends and allies.

The Hillcrest Folksong Circle
Sunday, October 13 (Second Sundays) 6 pm — 8:30 pm, Common Room. Bring your acoustic instrument and/or your voice. We have song books and we use “Rise Up Singing” and “Rise Again.” We go around the circle and you may teach or perform a song, or request a song from one of the songbooks. Come and sing, just for fun. Connie Mack cmack5313@gmail.com or Ed McCarroll EdMcC@comsimplicity.com.

Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesdays (third), October 15, 6 pm, Bard Hall. All are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

Tarot Group
Tuesdays (third), October 15, 6 pm, Room 323. Come enjoy an evening spent discussing tarot, sharing readings, and learning about what the cards tell us.

Burrito Project
Thursdays (third), October 17, 7 pm, Common Room. Help to assemble and distribute hundreds of burritos for those living with hunger and homelessness. All ages invited! Follow “Burrito Project San Diego” on Facebook.

Educational Grief Support Group
Saturday October 19, 1 pm — 2:30 pm, First UU Campus, James Crosley and Alyse Ford will be facilitating an Educational Grief Support Group. The group will run for six consecutive Saturday meetings ending on November 23. This group will offer both support as well as coping tools for people who are navigating the difficult waters of grief. To ensure confidentiality and trust, participants are expected to attend all six sessions. For more information or to sign up, email James at jcrosley@hotmail.com or Alyse at alysefs@hotmail.com, or call Alyse at 858-689-2451.

Our latest Annual Report is available on our First UU website. Find it in the members area! http://www.firstuuusandiego.org/members-area

*Did you know First Church has an Instagram? You can follow us on Instagram, our user name is @firstusuad. Tag us in your pictures! #firstusuad*
**Beloved Conversations**

*Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race & Ethnicity*

Developed by Dr. Mark Hicks of Meadville Lombard Theological School, the program is serving more than 140 UU, Jewish, and Quaker congregations. Using a small-group format, 31 participants in the first of three First UU sessions explored the role of race and ethnicity in the themselves and the congregation.

You can learn more about *Beloved Conversations* and its impact on participants in other congregations from the following videos:


Why Beloved Conversations: [https://vimeo.com/162554100](https://vimeo.com/162554100) (10:22)

Contact Jan Garbosky ([jgarbosky@cox.net](mailto:jgarbosky@cox.net)) or Steve Howard ([steveh4544@icloud.com](mailto:steveh4544@icloud.com)) with your questions about *Beloved Conversations* and/or to let them know of your interest in the program.
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UPCOMING SUNDAYS at SOUTH BAY at 9:30 am

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Community Garden
South Bay just became part of Mosaic Community Garden, by renting a plot from them. Besides this garden being the only community garden in Chula Vista, it is also a sanctuary for a variety of butterflies. We are very excited about the different classes and workshops offered, having the opportunity to volunteer, participate in Community Outreach, garden organization, learning how to compost, and more! We are looking to add a sign with the Church name, topsie turbie pots, and all kinds of fun and helpful items. If you are a master gardener or a beginner and are interested in planting and propagation of different plants, fruits, and vegetables contact Karla Alvarez-Malo at karla@firstuusandiego.org, we would love to have more people join our gardening group!

Chi Gung at South Bay with Lolly Brown
Thursdays at 9 am, South Bay Campus. Incense Chi Gung is easy to learn, and can be practiced by people of any age or physical condition, in standing, sitting, or prone positions. The exercise uses breath, movement, postures, and meditation.

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Spanish Song Circle
Sunday, September 22, 4 pm — 6 pm, South Bay. It is informal, just for fun, we are not a performing group. We will be learning a variety of songs in Spanish from different countries and genres. Bring your guitar, acoustic instrument and/or your voice. We are making our own songbook and members are encouraged to bring their favorite songs for us to include. Lyrics for the Spanish Song Circle are on the South Bay page of the UU Website www.firstuusandiego.org/uus-of-the-south-bay We will be adding songs as we go. For info contact Connie Mack cmack5313@gmail.com or Angela Garcia-Sims agarciasim@aol.com.

Coffee Conversation
Sunday, September 29, 10:45 am — 11:30 am, South Bay Campus. Coffee Conversation with a representative from Circulate SD.

Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action
Sundays (third), October 20, 11 am (after service), South Bay Social Hall. Please join us for Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action. Contact Connie, ejmack13@icloud.com, for information.

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Social Justice

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UU Justice Ministry of CA (UUJMCA)
Regional Justice Training
Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm – 9 pm; workshop on Saturday, September 21, 11 am – 5:30 pm, at Palomar UU Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Dr., Vista, 92081). In-gathering and spiritual grounding dinner. Both days are free of charge and open to all; resources, practices and opportunities relevant to UU justice-makers across multiple issue areas will be shared. Led by UUJMCA’s new Executive Director: Rev. Ranwa Hammamy and UURISE CEO: Katia Hansen; more info here.

30th Annual AIDS Walk & Run San Diego
Saturday, September 28, 6 am, Hillcrest Pride Flag. Interested in joining the First UU Rainbow Action Group team to walk or run? Follow this link - click “Register” and then “Join a Team,” scroll until you find “First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego - Rainbow Action Group.” Can’t participate in person but want to donate to support our effort? Click here.

Social Justice Sunday (SJS), 9/29
At Hillcrest: Organizations nominated to receive a Generosity Offering next year will be invited to have a patio presence to answer questions and engage in conversation. We’ll also have a panel discussion on affordable housing, transit & density from 1:30 pm — 3 pm in Bard Hall, featuring speakers from Circulate SD, SD City Council President Gomez’s office, City Heights CDC and the Environmental Health Coalition.
At South Bay: We’ll be hosting a coffee conversation on themes similar to the Hillcrest panel with a representative from Circulate SD from 10:45 am — 11:30 am.

Social Justice Fall Meeting
Sunday, October 6, 1:30, Bard Hall. Join us to select Generosity Offering recipients for next year, hear updates from our action teams and get involved to take action! Contact: angela@firstuusandiego.org.

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Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Children's RE
Here comes RE! We kick off the 2019-2020 Religious Education Year this coming Sunday, September 22! Kids in grade 6 are invited to join the middle school youth, which starts at 9:30 am in the middle school room, 114A. Childcare will be provided for both services as usual.

RE Leaders
It's that time of year again when we start planning for the fall semester. If you'd like to be a part of our Religious Education team by leading or assisting in our Sunday classes, contact Kathleen kswift@firstuusandiego.org or look for a sign-up sheet on the RE table this Sunday.

Parent's Lounge
Our next Parent's Lounge will take place on October 6 between services.

Tony Needs Your Help
Tony Bianca is collecting empty (clean) cans, plastic bottles (water, soda, etc), with lids, and jar lids for his Music classes. He'll be using them with children to make homemade instruments. Bring your donations by his office or look for a collection bin on the patio on Sunday morning.

Children's Choir
Our Children's Choir will begin rehearsing for the upcoming season on Sunday, September 22 at 10:45 am in Room 113. All children ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join us! We're also excited to announce that this year, in addition to singing together, the children will have the opportunity to learn how to play the Penny Whistle!! Adding an instrumental component to Choir will be an excellent way to help our children build skills around reading music and performing as an ensemble. For more information, contact Tony Bianca at tony@firstuusandiego.org.

For more information about any of our Children's Programming contact Kathleen Swift.

Kathleen Swift
Director of Family and Lifespan Ministry
(619) 398-4438
Email: kswift@firstuusandiego.org

Tony Bianca, Program Assistant, Children's Choir & Handbell Choirs Director
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Our website

Youth

On Saturday, September 21 – All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to explore the Mosaic Community Garden of South Bay. Our South Bay campus has a plot there and all youth are invited to attend this event. We'll till the soil in the South Bay plot, plant some plants and create a vertical planter tower for the plot. Things start in the garden at 9:30 am, and we'll be there until 12:30 pm. Then we'll go back to the South Bay campus for pizza. The Mosaic Community Garden is located at 960 5th Avenue in Chula Vista on the campus of the Shadow Mountain Community church. Please let Käthe know if you plan to come so that they can arrange carpools and order enough pizza!

On Sunday, September 22 – the youth program will celebrate the beginning of the new church year with some changes in meeting times and structure. At 9:30 am, the Junior High “Lodestone” youth group (Grades 6-8) will begin their year together by exploring the September worship theme, “Brave, Honest Community” and enjoying a UU Brunch. They will meet in Room 114a to start the process of creating their covenant, enjoy some getting acquainted activities and games and then make brunch together. At 11:30 am, the Senior High Group (Grades 9-12) will meet in Room 114b to check-in, create their covenant, explore their vision for the church of the future, and enjoy some stimulating discussion.

On Sunday, September 29 - the 9:30 am Jr. High youth group will meet in Room 114a to discuss the joys of community and diversity. They will continue to get to know each other and then celebrate the 1st principle and the group’s diversity by creating a Mentos Geyser explosion of joy! The 11:30 am Sr. High Youth group will meet in Room 114b for fun, fellowship and planning for next month’s special events.

Käthe Larick
Youth Programs Coordinator
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and all at once, summer collapsed into fall.
- oscar wilde
Generosity Ministry Team

Generosity Through Time, Talent and Treasure

TALENT Do you know how to transform stuff into cash, through the internet? There are many ways to sell goods online, and your talent could help the Generosity Ministry Team AND First UU! Contact robie@firstuusandiego.org and tell me more.

TIME A few minutes of your time could help First UU receive income when you shop online - without additional cost to you! iGive donates a % of your purchases from over 1,875 online stores to First UU. To get started, go online to www.iGive.com, follow the directions to register, and select the church as beneficiary. Then, you can click “Shop via iGive” on the bottom of ANY First UU webpage, log in, & start shopping!

Treasure "I think you have a moral responsibility when you've been given far more than you need, to do wise things with it and give intelligently." — JK Rowling, who recently became an ex-billionaire due to her generosity.

Thoughts on Autumn, from Rev. Margaret A. Beckman: "There is time for reflection, introspection, and gratitude. We are invited to take stock of where we are and what we have. We are invited to find intentional ways to put by what will be needed and to let go of what is no longer necessary. We are invited to celebrate the gifts of life."

Connections

Coming Soon:
Building Sacred Ground - Fall Series
Three Sundays: September 29, October 6, October 13
1 pm — 2:30 pm in Room 323

Building Sacred Ground is an experiential multi session program to help people explore Unitarian Universalism, share personal foundations of faith, and get to know a small group of people well. The series ends with a private tea with ministers where you have a chance to visit, socialize and dialogue. This series is appropriate for newcomers and longtime UUs. It is strongly suggested for those in the process of becoming members. By attending these sessions, you will become more deeply involved in church life and have a better understanding of your place in Unitarian Universalism.

Session 1: September 29 – UU 101
This first session is both an introduction to Unitarian Universalist principles, values, and theology, and an opportunity to get acquainted with the rest of the group!

Session 2: October 6 – Sharing Our Journeys - Engaging and thoughtful activities will help participants reflect on their spiritual lives, spiritual development and future spiritual explorations.

Session 3: October 13 – Tea with a Minister - participants are invited to share casual social time with a minister in a small group setting, snacks and tea will be provided. Bring your burning questions about First UU, Unitarian Universalism, or how this faith relates to your life.

RSVP by September 25
Limited space! To register, please contact Jenner Daelyn at jenner@firstuusandiego.org.

Becoming A Member Orientation
If you have been thinking about membership, this informational orientation will answer any questions you may have about the process and requirements. It is not required for membership, but is recommended. First Sundays – October, January, April, July 30, Room 321, after each service - 10:45 am and 12:45 pm.

Making Connections at First UU
Perfect for newcomers and visitors, this orientation is focused on the many groups and activities that take place on Sunday and throughout the week at First Church. First Sundays – November, December, Room 321, after each service - 10:45 am and 12:45 pm.
### Saturday, September 21, 2019

**Insight SD Sitting Group/Dharma Study**  
Saturdays, 9:30 am — 11:30 am, Room 323. This weekly **Insight SD** group begins with 30 minutes of sitting meditation (late arrivals welcome) and continues with introductions, a dharma talk, and sharing. To sign up or find out more, [click here](#).

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### Sunday, September 22, 2019

**Sunday Morning Meditation Sangha**  
Sundays from 9 am — 9:20 am, Room 323. All are welcome for a silent sitting meditation before Worship each Sunday. For more information, contact John Holl [johnholl@cox.net](mailto:johnholl@cox.net) or call 619-546-6525.

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**South Bay Worship Service: 9:30 am (see front page for topics)**

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Sunday, September 22, 12:30 pm, Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, 858-278-6988. Contact Mac Downing 619-542-9320.

**Pagan Conversations**  
Sunday, September 22, 1 pm — 2:30 pm, Room 320. Please join us this Sunday for Pagan Conversations. We will be discussing our church theme, Brave, Honest Community, and what it means to our Circle.

**The Unitarian Universalist Christian Study Group**  
Sunday, September 22, 1 pm, Room 321. “Our Year in Review and where are we going?”

**Signing Social**  
Sunday, September 22, 1 pm — 2 pm, Library. Signing Social! Join us to practice communicating in American Sign Language, and build our signing community. All welcome - “voices off.” Contact Laurie Gerber at gerbl@pacbell.net.

**Open-Heart Buddhist Sangha**  
Sundays from 4 pm — 6 pm, Room 323. Practicing in the tradition of Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. Bring a cushion or mat to sit on. Chairs will be available. Open to everyone; drop in.

**The Greater Beach Neighborhood Group**  
September 22, 5 pm, at the Struve’s, 5520 Via Callado. The Greater Beach Neighborhood Group (including Pacific Beach, Clairemont, and La Jolla) will meet. For details contact Alec at harootuniana@yahoo.com.

### Monday, September 23, 2019

**Yoga With Toni Turbyfill**  
Mondays, 10 am — 11 am, Common Room. Yoga with a focus on self-care and stress relief, guiding our minds to focus on positive thoughts.

**Coping with Chronic Conditions**  
September 23, (second and fourth Mondays) 1 pm — 2:30 pm, Common Room. A support group for members and friends of First UU Church of San Diego who deal with chronic and long-term physical conditions. Contact Chris Smith at 619-300-7477 or Marilyn Hanson at 619-692-8101. This is a fragrance-free event.

**Fourth Monday Meeting of the UU Men’s Fellowship**  
Monday, September 23, 6 pm, Common Room. The Men’s Fellowship (UUMF) will be having their usual Monday Potluck & Discussion led by Andy French. We’ll eat between 6 pm and 7 pm, followed by a presentation led by Mike Dorfi and others on the “Man Box.”
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**
Sufi Healing with Jamil Larry Sweet
Tuesdays, 7:15 pm — 8:15 pm, Room 321. Explore ancient individual healing practices of the Sufis. Ongoing. Drop in, no registration required. Contact lsweet@cox.net.

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**
Wednesday Morning Meditation Sangha
Wednesdays from 10 am — 12 pm, Room 323. All are welcome for a silent, sitting meditation, followed by a discussion of practice, after which will be a Dharma talk, and discussion. Contact johnholl@cox.net or 619-546-6525.

Young Adult Group — Ages 24-35
Wednesdays, 7 pm — 9 pm in Room 323. Connect, grow, and unwind. Each week, someone leads a discussion, introduces a game, and we share food and laughter. Come build community with us!

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**
Chi Gung at South Bay with Lolly Brown
Thursdays at 9 am, South Bay Campus. Incense Chi Gung is easy to learn, and can be practiced by people of any age or physical condition, in standing, sitting, or prone positions. The exercise uses breath, movement, postures, and meditation.

Insight SD Greeting the Heavenly Messengers Affinity Group
Thursdays (second and fourth), September 26, 9:30 am — 11:30 am, Room 323. This twice-monthly *Insight San Diego* group welcomes anyone open to exploring Buddhist wisdom on illness, aging, and death. Current reading: *In Love with the World: A Monk’s Journey through the Bardos of Living and Dying* by Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche. To sign up or find out more, click here.

Candlelight Kirtan
Thursday, Sept 26, 7 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. Join us for an evening by candlelight and experience manta meditation, gauranga breathing, japa meditation in a non-denominational practice, with award-winning Spirit Soul and Friends. Contact James Long at kvolong1@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Events**

**UU Men’s Fall Renewal**
Friday, September 27, 4 pm - Sunday, September 29 noon. Camp Stevens, Julian CA. All men are welcome for relaxation, fellowship, celebration and discussion. The theme is Exploring my Man Box, Redefining myself as a Man. More information and registration or contact Mike Dorfl (619) 466-5952 or stop at the display on the Sunday patio.

**Memory Matters Gathering**
Fridays (second and fourth), September 27, 9:30 am — 11:30 am, Bard Hall, with Kathy Gilbert, LCSW, and Gay Hybertsen. This is a place for those who worry about memory problems and forgetfulness; and their care partners. The gathering, therapeutic and educational, enables members to make new contacts, build trust, and learn to deal with the consequences of memory loss. Ongoing, drop in.

**D4$ Noche bohemia (Bohemian Night) with Rev. Tania**
Saturday, Sept 28, 6 pm, Bard Hall — There are spaces left! Please join Rev. Tania for an evening of music, poetry, and stories from Latin America to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. We’ll be alternating music and readings and conversation with our guests. Snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided. Cost is $25, which was the minimum bidding price! Please RSVP to Robie at robie@firsttuusandiego.org.

**Eastern SD Neighborhood Potluck**
Sunday, September 29, 6 pm, Madrigal, the La Mesa home of Ellen Arcadi. The “Middle East” and “Far East” Neighborhoods will have a potluck. Ellen’s home reflects her creativity, has much art and is most interesting. Bring an appetizer, a main dish, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to serve 6-8 people. Water will be provided. Parking is available on the street. DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY. For address please RSVP to Ann McDonald, amcd92119@gmail.com or 619-464-1937.

**Coffee Conversation**
Sunday, September 29, 10:45 am — 11:30 am, South Bay Campus. Coffee Conversation with a representative from Circulate SD.

**Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action**
Wednesdays (first), October 2, 6:30 pm, Common Room. Please join us for Organizing4Justice / SDOP / Faith in Action. Contact Connie, cimack13@icloud.com, for information.

**Insight SD Social and Climate Justice Affinity Group**
Mondays (first) October 6, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. This monthly *Insight San Diego* group welcomes anyone interested in exploring the deep connections between Buddha dharma practice and social and climate justice. For more information, click here.

**Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries**
Thursdays (first), October 3, 6 pm, Room 323. DRUUMM is a Unitarian Universalist People of Color Ministry. A multi-generational collective of BIPOC from Black/African American, Indigenous & Native American, Latinx, Asian & Pacific Islander, Southwest Asian & North African, and multicultural backgrounds. All programs are BIPOC only spaces, unless otherwise noted. Our purpose in gathering is to build & strengthen community through spiritual exploration & faith formation. Our goal is to work towards anti-racism & healing in our shared UU faith. Help us lay the groundwork for a revitalized (metaphorical) “Cultural Community Garden” to help sustain us in these troubled times. Contact Kia Bordner kikialii@gmail.com.
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