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Our Church Family

Celebration of Life for Rev. Jim Grant

A Celebration of Life for **Rev. Jim Grant** is planned for Saturday, February 24th at 1 pm in the Meeting House with a reception to follow. The service will also be livestreamed.

Announcements

CANCELLED - Jud Caswell, Singer-Songwriter

Due to unforeseen circumstances this event has been cancelled. Jud will be joining us at a future date.

Pacific Western Region UUA Regional Assembly

It's time to get together! [Registration](#) is open for our Pacific Western Regional Assembly this April 19th and 20th! Attend either in person, at First Universalist in Denver, or remotely. We are planning a family friendly event and children are welcome. Stay up to date on all the PWR RA Plans [HERE](#).

Front Street Productions Welcome Team

Do you want to have some fun greeting visitors on our campus at some fabulous events? If your answer is yes, come join the Front Street Productions Welcome Team. Contact [Louise Titlow](#) for more information.

Interfaith Shelter Network Congregational Rotation

First UU and the Social Justice Executive Team are proud to announce that our Hillcrest campus will once again host the Interfaith Shelter Network's rotational shelter in Spring 2024, from March 10 — March 24. Questions?

Check out our [frequently asked questions sheet](#). For more information or to sign up, contact Rev. Kristen Kuriga: kristen@firstuusandiego.org 619-398-4435 or Laura Ball: earlyworm@sbcglobal.net, 619-548-3231.

What's Happening?

Memory Matters Gathering

January 26, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online. Email hybertsen@att.net for the link.

Adult RE

January 26, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Zoom. Join us for “Article II 2.0: A Look at the Revisions.” For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.firstuusandiego.org/adult-faith-formation.html>

Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

Sundays, following worship, Hillcrest Patio.

Virtual Social Hour

Sundays, 11 am, bit.ly/FirstUUSocialHour, Meeting ID 824 042 297. Password: FUUSD.

Don't Miss Our Special Congregational Meeting

January 28, Sunday, 12:30 pm, Meeting House in person, and [via livestream](#). “State of the Congregation” congregational meeting. We will present two proposed amendments revisions of our Constitution, plus we'll talk about other exciting and important programs of the church, including a financial update from our Treasurer. More info on our members only page of the [website](#).

Open Heart Sangha

Sundays, weekly, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, Bard Hall. Contact Marge, margewur@gmail.com for information.

Women's Choir

January 29, Mondays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join this warm and welcoming group of women who create community through joyful, spirit-filled singing. No prior experience is required.

5th Tuesday Board Meeting

January 30, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, <https://bit.ly/5thTuesday>. Led by Rev. Kristen and Rev. Justine on *Transforming Conflict* by Terasa Cooley. Copies of the book are available from Rev. Justine or by ordering [here](#).

Chalice Choir

January 31, Wednesdays, 7 pm, Bard Hall. Join us for singing and fun with First UU's largest musical ensemble. All God's critters got a place in the choir - come and take yours! No prior singing experience is required.

Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group

February 2, Friday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Room 323. Please come join the Racialized Identities Awareness Book Group's discussion of *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation* by Imani Perry. Contact Louise Titlow at lmittlow@gmail.com for more information.

Board Chat

February 4, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat, Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

Hillcrest Song Circle

February 4, first Sundays, 2 pm — 4 pm, Common Room. This is a fun chance to sing, we are not a choir.

Our Grief Journeys

February 8, second & fourth Thursdays, until May 28, 1:30 pm — 3 pm, Room 323. This is a safe, supportive space for sharing our unique experiences of grief & loss. For information contact karenthurst@gmail.com.

Book Club

February 8, second Thursdays, 6 pm, Zoom. We will be discussing the one San Diego book: *The Sum of Us*. Please join us for a lively discussion. Email minastaylor@gmail.com if you are interested.

Women Together Meeting

February 10, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. Join us to share joys, concerns, and friendship. For more information contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Dances of Universal Peace

February 10, second Saturdays, 4 pm — 6 pm, Bard Hall.

Kirtan Chanting

February 10, second Saturdays, 6 pm — 7 pm, Common Room. Join Patita Pavana of Spirit Soul And Friends along with our event host, James Long, for an evening of Kirtan.

Rainbow Action Group Koffee Klatch

February 11, Sunday, 11:15 am, Room 323. Bring your coffee and tea and join us.

Cosmos

February 11, second Sundays, 1 pm — 3 pm, room 323. Contact James Long, kyolong1@gmail.com, for information.

California Setbacks on Climate Change Efforts: The Road Forward

February 11, Sunday, 3:30 pm <https://bit.ly/1stUUClimateJustice>. Wendy Mihalic of San Diego 350 will explain recent government decisions disincentivizing rooftop solar and thwarting efforts towards building electrification, among other things. She'll also lead a discussion on the way forward, despite these roadblocks.

Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

February 12, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30 pm, bit.ly/CopingCCGroup, meeting ID 681-036-9317.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

February 12, 2nd Mondays, and 4th Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, online. For information contact [Les Vivian](mailto:LesVivian).

Neighborhood Groups without Borders

February 14, second Wednesdays, 11 am — 1 pm, 4349 Adams Ave, 92116. Susan Riegel-Harding invites you to a brown bag lunch at her home. Text RSVP to 619-987-6234 to reserve one of 14 spaces each month.

Finance Committee Meeting

February 15, Thursday, 6:30 pm, link in the members area of the [website](#).

Review of Medical Decision Forms Related to End-of-Life Care

February 17, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Melissa Favela-Ayala from SCRC will review the documents that pertain to End-of-Life medical care. She will cover Advanced Healthcare Directives, and other important forms. Hosted by UU Seniors.

Special Membership Meeting – Please vote!

February 18, Sunday, 1 pm, Zoom only <https://bit.ly/SCM1UU>. We will approve and open the voting for two proposed amendments revisions. Please join us for this important work. More info on our members only page of the [website](#).

Board Meeting

February 20, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, online. Open to congregants. Link in the [website](#) member area.

Men's Fellowship Fourth Monday Meeting

February 26, Monday, 6 pm, Common Room. Newcomers are welcome to come for the potluck at 6 pm and stay for our meeting from 7 pm — 9 pm. Contact [Les Vivian](#), [Chris Guelich](#), or [Mike Dorfi](#) for info.

South Bay Campus

South Bay Worship

Sundays, 10 am, South Bay Worship Hall. Join the South Bay community for worship every Sunday at 10 am.

South Bay Wisdom Circle

January 7, Sunday, 11:30 am, South Bay Worship Hall. Join us for a new year of inspiring conversations and fellowship. Each month offers the gift of connecting with members of our beloved community to discuss inspiring and important issues, and revel in the wisdom that emerges. The South Bay Wisdom Circle will be facilitated by our Intern Minister, Swamini Adityananda Saraswati. For more information:

swamini@firstuusandiego.org.

Family & Lifespan

Sunday RE

This Sunday, Jan 28, we'll offer our usual three Sunday RE Groups for children Ages PreK - 1st, 2nd - 5th, and Jr & Sr High Youth during the 10 am service.

Adult RE - "Article II 2.0: A Look at the Revisions"

January 26, Friday, 6:30 pm, Zoom. Lead by Tony Bianca, this will be one of several opportunities to explore and discuss the revised Article II proposal before the final vote at General Assembly 2024. Register [HERE](#).

Parent's Night Out

Feb 2, Friday, 6:30 pm — 9 pm. Let us watch the children so parents can have a night to do whatever they want! RSVP to tony@firstuusandiego.org.

Young Adult Group (ages 22 - 35)

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm, Room 114b. This is an open, welcoming space to share meaningfully, play games, consider social and climate justice issues, and plan events. If you are interested in gathering with us, contact Youth and Young Adult Coordinator, [Lara Anderson](#).

Social Justice

Climate Justice: The Military & Climate Change

350.org has a timely webinar concerning militarism and climate change. The military/defense sector of the economy is a huge contributing factor to our local economy and its attendant pollution. Since the military doesn't report its emissions and NONE of the local climate action plans even acknowledge the military's influence, we are unfairly tasked with the burden of reducing our carbon footprint. Access recording [here](#) with password: ^DCJ3xQy.

Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution

January 31, Wednesday, 4:30 pm, Zoom. JTW invites you to a screening of "Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution." Sponsored by UUSJ, the film tells the story of how Medicare was used to desegregate thousands of hospitals across the country in only months. Register for the Zoom webinar at [Saving Democracy](#).

South Bay Food Pantry

Need Support?

Could you or someone you know use support with food, blankets, or other basic needs? The South Bay Food Pantry wants to help! Feel free to let a minister or staff person know, or leave a voicemail: (619) 271-5017.

The South Bay Food Pantry...

is located at 970 Broadway, Suite 101, Chula Vista 91911. Open to the public Saturdays 11 am — 12:30 pm.

Contact us foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org or 619-271-5017.

Friday Food Rescue

Looking for someone to bring donations from Barons Supermarket in North Park to the food pantry on Fridays (times flexible, but before 4pm). Contact foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org if this might work for you

Midweek Bagging

Thursdays, 11 am — 12:30 pm, South Bay Campus Room 105. Join us putting together bags of healthy food for Saturday's distribution. Drop by or check ahead with foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org.

How to Donate to the South Bay Food Pantry

Donate online or by check payable to FUUSD with "SB Food Pantry" in the memo. Mail to 4190 Front St., 92103

Food Pantry Collecting Supplies

The pantry can use easy-open, no-cook food, hygiene items, and adult diapers/briefs and other incontinence supplies. Drop off in Hillcrest on Sunday morning as you enter the Meeting House (there's a bin!).

Our Larger Faith

Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay

February 3, Saturday, The San Diego Museum of Art. Come out to the Human Rights Watch film festival at MOPA@SDMA to watch the premiere of 'Si Pudiera Quedarme / If I Could Stay.' The film follows two mothers with deportation orders as they enter 'sanctuary' within the walls of two UU congregations in Colorado. If you're interested in immigration issues or doing social justice, this is for you! Get Tickets [HERE](#). Free tickets are available for anyone who would find the cost of a ticket to be a barrier. Email filmticket@hrw.org to access a free ticket.