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Our Church Family

A Celebration of Life for Tomas Firle will be held on Saturday, September 30 at 11 am in the Meeting House. The service will be followed by a reception on the patio and in Bard Hall.

Announcements

South Bay Job Posting!

First UU Church of San Diego is hiring for a bilingual South Bay Ministry Assistant. For the full job description and how to apply click [HERE](#). Please share with anyone who you think may be interested in applying.

Mosaics Art Work Parties

Friday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 26 at 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, join Brennan Hubbell in front of the admin building to help with corner art project for our 150th celebration.

South Bay Quinceañera!

October 7, Saturday, 6 pm — 9 pm, South Bay Campus. Join us for a celebration of South Bay's 15th Anniversary. Registration required [HERE](#)!

Why is there a Big Box on the Patio?

It's wonderful news! Jerry Thiebolt, our memorial wall and garden artist, will soon be installing our Memorial Garden's River of Life (path) and the Big Box contains what will be needed to accomplish this.

Sharia's Closet

Past Generosity Offering partner Sharia's Closet is worthy of a donation! The emergency clothing provider has a matching funds opportunity [right now](#). If you haven't visited, Shamine Linton describes the [mission](#). Sharia's Closet Partners [describe the impact](#) of emergency clothing on their clients.

“The First Source” a podcast created by Tony Bianca

Episode 7, an interview with new Assistant Minister, Rev Kristen Kuriga is available [HERE!](#)

Animal Ministry Seeking Supply Donations!

The UU Animal Ministry of San Diego is seeking donations of fabric scraps, old sheets, pillows, blankets, clothes, etc. to be used in the crafting of pet beds that will be donated to local shelters. There will be a collection bin on the patio each Sunday from Sept. 10 - Oct. 29. Thanks so much!

What’s Happening?

Memory Matters Gathering

September 22, second and fourth Fridays, 10 am — 11:30 am, online. Email hybertsen@att.net for the link.

Front Street Productions Presents!

September 22, Friday, 7:30 pm, Meeting House. Front Street Productions presents “Nishi La Tremenda – Opera Deconstructed.” Don’t miss this! You must register to attend through [Eventbrite](#). Contact [Robie Evans](#).

Take it Away Day

September 23, Saturday, 8:30 am — 5 pm, Hillcrest Patio. We’re cleaning out our spaces and need your help on. To help move things to the patio from 8:30 am — 11 am, contact tony@firstuusandiego.org.
Come any time from 11 am — 5 pm to take any items you’d like for FREE!

Hillcrest In-Person Social Hour

Sundays, following worship, Hillcrest Patio.

Bisexuality Day!

September 24, Sunday, during Social Hour, Patio. Rainbow Action invites all our allies and friends to come join us to help Celebrate Bisexuality Day! Please stop by and enjoy the party!

Virtual Social Hour

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

Steps to Membership Meeting

September 24, fourth Sundays, 11:15 am, Room 323. Come learn about membership at First UU. Have your questions answered and find out what membership is all about.

Investigating Abrahamic Religions Study Group (Previously the UU Christian Study Group)

September 24, Sunday, 12 noon, Room 321. Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Tony Bianca, will lead a discussion of the first two chapters of *Genesis*. Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

Fall Transgender Inclusion Workshop

Sundays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and November 5, 1 pm — 2:30 pm on Zoom.
Contact Les GrantSmith looscann@gmail.com or Louise Titlow lmittlow@gmail.com.

Open Heart Sangha

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

Coping With Chronic Conditions Support Group

September 25, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:30 pm, bit.ly/CopingCCGroup, meeting ID 681-036-9317.

Fourth Monday Meeting of UU Men's Fellowship

September 25, fourth Mondays, potluck 5:30 pm, Common Room. Contact icksdca@gmail.com for more info.

Handbells

Mondays, 5:30 pm — 7 pm, Meeting House. Handbell rehearsals will resume on Mondays. If you're interested in ringing with us, email tony@firstuusandiego.org.

Caregivers/Allies Support Group

September 26, 2nd Mondays, and 4th Tuesdays, 4 pm — 5:30 pm, online. For information contact [Les Vivian](#).

Chalice Choir

Wednesdays, 7 pm — 8:30 pm, Bard Hall.

Organizing for Justice Meeting

September 28, fourth Thursdays, 6:45 pm, online. Please contact [Newt Ferris](#) for further information.

Chula Vista Art Fest

September 30, Saturday 12 pm — 9 pm, Chula Vista City Hall. Join us at the Chula Vista Art Fest! Visit the First UU exhibit, and explore the wonderful artists of Chula Vista! Contact [Rose](#) to volunteer or for more info!

UU Animal Ministry of San Diego

October 1, first Sundays, 12 pm, Library. Join us as we work together to create an animal memorial garden. Bring items, or just bring yourself! We will have plenty of tools to share. Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

Board Chat

October 1, first Sundays, 12:30 pm, bit.ly/FirstUUBoardChat, Meeting ID: 863 0218 5062 Passcode: 203946.

Hillcrest Song Circle

October 1, first Sundays, 3 pm — 5 pm, Common Room. This is a fun chance to sing, we are not a choir.

ZUUMERS

October 2, first Mondays, 7 pm, online. For Zoom link, contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Rainbow Action Group Koffee Klatch

October 8, Sunday, 11:15 am, Room 323. Bring your coffee and tea and join us.

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) of San Diego

October 8, second Sundays, 12 pm, Common Room. We will be working on beautifying the Peace Garden, as well as crafting magikal items. Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

UU Humanist Book Discussion Group

October 10, second Tuesdays, 6 pm, Room 320. For our next meeting we will discuss the [The Good Book: A Humanist Bible](#). Contact rose@firstuusandiego.org.

Neighborhood Groups without Borders

October 11, 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 available spaces each month.

Book Club

October 12, Thursday, 6 pm, Zoom. Please join us for a lively discussion of *Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. He won his second Pulitzer for this novel. Contact Minastaylor@gmail.com for information or link.

Finance Committee Meeting

October 12, Thursday, 6:30 pm, link in the members area of the [website](#).

Women Together Meeting

October 14, second Saturdays, 12 pm — 2 pm, Common Room. We will share our favorite travel memories and talk about special places we've been. For more information contact Claudia at obata.claudia@gmail.com.

Worship Arts Workshop

October 14, Saturday, 9 am — 2 pm, Hillcrest Campus. Join the Ministers and Staff of First UU for this day focused on the various skills, arts and processes involved in planning and leading worship! This workshop is open to all! Register <https://form.jotform.com/232135155979059>

Kirtan And Chanting for Peace

October 14, second Saturdays, 6 pm — 7 pm, Common Room. Donation-based community event. Come and engage in the spiritual practice of Kirtan. Dancing and movement is highly encouraged!

Board Meeting

October 17, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Bard Hall and online. Open to congregants. Link in the [website](#) member area.

Conversation with Rev. Kristen Kuriga

October 21, Saturday, 10 am, Bard Hall and <https://bit.ly/UUSeniors>. Rev. Kristen Kuriga, Assistant Minister, will be with us to share about her areas of focus at the church. Hosted by UU Seniors. Coffee and tea available at 9:45 am, in Bard Hall - come early and socialize!

The Keyboard Extravaganza

October 21, Saturday, 7 pm, Meeting House. Barbara Scheidker and Ken Herman will present Keyboard Extravaganza. A freewill offering will benefit First UU's Partner Church program.

South Bay Campus

South Bay Neighborhood Group Potluck

September 24, Sunday, 2 pm — 5 pm, 2530 Coyote Ridge Ter, Chula Vista. Great conversations and good food. Bring your favorite food and drink to share. Bring an object or photo to talk about. RSVP to hosts: uuyankee@gmail.com, cbwoodbury@gmail.com, 619-370-9622, 619-370-9623.

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Gracias y Bendiciones

Saturdays, 9:45 am — 10 am, 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 Singers Rehearsal

Sundays, 11:45 am — 1 pm, South Bay Campus.

Family & Lifespan

Parent Night Out

THIS Friday, September 22, 6:30 pm - 9 pm, Hillcrest Campus. Email tony@firstusandiego.org if you'd like to bring your children.

Sunday RE

This Sunday, Sept 17th, we'll start our Fall RE Program with three Groups: Chalice Children (PreK - 1st); Riddle & Mystery (2nd - 5th) and Heeding the Call (Jr & Sr High). Our Coming of Age program will also begin this Sunday from 12:00 - 2:00 PM for those registered.

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

Reproductive Transparency Now

October 24, Tuesday, 6:30 pm — 8 pm, Zoom. Reproductive Transparency Now is a volunteer-run organization based in Chicago, focused on protesting and raising awareness about anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), which are creating harmful barriers to abortion access in all 50 states. Representatives will talk with us about some of the deceptive tactics used to prevent individuals from accessing abortion and other reproductive care. This program is free and open to all ages, but we do accept free-will donations to help support our programming. Sign up [HERE](#) for zoom information.

Aids Walk

September 30, Saturday. Come join Rainbow Action in participating and supporting the AIDS Walk. HIV is spreading to youth and young adults in transgender/ nonbinary communities of color because of cultural reasons and lack of education. You can donate to help local HIV/AIDS service providers and educational outreach, honor or memorialize a beloved at our Unitarian Universalists Team page at <https://donate.thecentersd.org/team/520467>.

South Bay Food Pantry

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@firstusandiego.org or 619-271-5017.

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 by the welcome table in Hillcrest on Sunday morning.

You are the Pantry!

Food and diapers (and more) go to 400+ families each week through intensive efforts of a gazillion volunteers. Join us some Saturday morning? Prefer smaller groups or weekday volunteering? Available Friday or Saturday evenings? Or early Sunday mornings? We got you. Contact foodpantry@firstuusandiego.org to get on board.

Our Larger Faith

UURise DACA Updates

September 27, Wednesday, 6 pm, zoom. UURISE is presenting on DACA Updates and Advance Parole. We will also cover how DACA applicants can get their application renewed with us for free, including USCIS fees.

Register [HERE](#).