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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS
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A Welcoming Congregation
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OCTOBER'S THEME

expectations

Sunday Services

What Do We Expect?
Rev Dr Kharma Amos

10/6

The theme of our worship for the month of October will be "Expectations." This week, we'll kick things off by asking ourselves what we expect - of the world, of ourselves, of the people in our lives? We will reflect together about how our expectations might or might not influence our actual experiences of life.

Seasons of Life
Steve Andrews

10/13

What can we expect the various seasons of the year to bring us? This will be reflected primarily through the arts of music and photography combined. What may lay ahead in your journey through the seasons ahead?

Social Justice Sunday - offering goes to Link of Love

Anticipation

Rev Greg Chute

10/20

Much of the pleasure in receiving a gift is in the anticipation of it. However, anticipating what or how something will be can easily lead to disappointment when we are faced with the reality or brevity of the gift. How can we enjoy building our expectations and still maintain our joy about reality?

Trick or Treat?

Rev Kharma Amos

10/27

As we complete our exploration of "Expectations," we'll engage this "Trick or Treat" binary that is so popular during this season of All Hallows' Eve, Halloween, Samhain, and other festivals. Do we expect Tricks or Treats in life? We will also contemplate the ways in which the "Trickster" can help us disrupt our assumptions and open us to a fuller life.

Save These Dates

Wed 10/2, 7-8.30pm

Mindfulness Meditation at
CBS

Mon 10/7

DIMH dinner
Head Chef: Leigh Hesseltine

Sun 10/13, 11.30am

All UUCD Pizza Party

Sun 10/13, 11.30am

Social Justice Committee
meeting

Wed 10/16, 6.30pm

Board Meeting

Fri 10/25, midnight

End of Interim
Stewardship Drive

Check out our updated
online calendar!
<http://uucd.org/calendar/>

a note from our president

What a wonderful start to our church year with our new minister Dr. Rev. Kharma! So exciting to have her with us. The board had our first meeting with her last month and we are really excited to see the desire and fire she is bringing to our services. I hope you all will join in with a few events we have planned, in just a few weeks we will be having a pizza party after church to talk about our pledges and budget needs. Please plan to be there, watch your mail and email for formal announcements. If anyone has been wanting to try something new or revive something that used to be here or at a previous church for you, please suggest it to any board member or our new minister. While we certainly expect to keep doing all the things we have been doing, now is a great time to think about any changes we want to make. We all are in this together, we can't do any of our services or events without all of us. I love the growth we have been creating and am looking forward to see what's next. As the weather changes so will we, time to regroup and plan for the next big things. Blessings to all.

Kerry

uuud interim stewardship drive

Dear Members and Friends,

There is good news and there is hope!

The GOOD news is that the Search Committee has done the job that the Board of Trustees charged them with: they found us a minister!

The GOOD news is that our Negotiating Team has the new Minister under contract.

The HOPE is in the Interim Stewardship Drive so that UUUD can Pay the New Minister a salary. At the 2019 UUUD Annual Meeting, the Congregation passed a Balanced Budget after an almost \$10,000 shortage because of the low total pledges.

The HOPE is that each UUUD Member and Friend will reassess their 2019-2020 pledge and increase their pledge as personal budgets allow. A few dates to be marking on your calendar: October 13th we will have a pizza party after church to kick off this interim stewardship drive.

Please plan to attend and bring your revised pledge amount with you.

If you have ideas for new fundraising ways to fill this shortfall, please contact Jayce or come to the next fundraising meeting. The Interim Stewardship Drive will culminate October 25, to give the BOT time to call the congregational meeting and present the new budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The new budget will be presented at a congregational meeting on Sunday November 10th after the service. We will be having another meal before the meeting, so come, eat, and vote. We hope to see you all at both meals.

With thoughtfulness,

Sandy and Jayce, Stewardship Committee, UUUD

worship training

WORSHIP TRAINING — Sunday, October 27 — from 11:30(ish) - 12:30

Have you ever wanted to participate more fully in worship by leading some element of our service? We would love to include you in our time of celebration, and encourage you to try something new! If you're even slightly curious, please join us after our social time for a brief Worship Training. We'll discuss the various elements of our service, provide some instruction and tips on best practices for leading worship, and answer any questions you may have. This is also a good refresher for those of you who have been doing this for a long time. We would especially like to encourage children and young adults to attend.

calling all children, youth, and families ...

We're having a Pizza Party! Join us on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm at Grotto Pizza (1159 N. DuPont Hwy, Dover). We will meet together with our new minister, Rev. Kharma, and have a time of conversation to get to know one another better, and (as time permits) talk informally about what we want UUCD to offer our kids/families.

(We will ask for separate checks to pay for our own meals, but if this presents a problem to your participation, please confidentially email kharmamos@gmail.com. There should be no barrier to your attending and fully enjoying this event!)

Please RSVP to kharmamos@gmail.com along with the number in your group who will attend so that we can ask for the appropriate sized table/s for our time together.

st. jones river lotus sangha

The Sangha will meet on Wednesday, October 2, 2019
from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Guided, silent and walking meditation
are practiced in the Buddhist tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.
There will be no Sangha on Wednesday, October 9.

The series entitled Cultivating True Love:
Mindfulness in Our Relationships
will continue on the following dates
from 7:00pm to 8:30pm:
October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 2019
All are welcome.

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hymn of the month
Now Let Us Sing



uua news

Rev. David Pyle has taken the job as Lead for the Mid America Region, so he wont be coming back to our region. Our contact will continue to be Paula Cole-Jones through June 30th of next year.

The Common Read Selection Committee is pleased to announce that *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019) are the new Common Read. [Learn more at the UUA website.](#)

#ourdayincourt

On Tuesday, October 8, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on whether to take away existing employment protections for LGBTQ+ Americans. Click [here](#) to learn more from the UUA!

THANKS to our VOLUNTEERS

Hospitality

October 6th. Judy and Wayne
October 13th. Kerry McElwee
October 20th. Jayce Lesniewski
October 27th. Judy and Wayne

Working Groups/Contacts

Social Justice Committee: Mark Jarrell
Worship Committee: Laura Parks
Leadership Development: Wendy Pickett
Stewardship Committee: Sandy Nelson
Caring Team: Gloria Gross
Religious Education Team:
Kelly Blanchies & Heather Thompson
Fund Raising: could be you!

Web Site: Tom Gower
Newsletter: Laura Parks
Social Media: Sheryl Winsby,
Susan Guiteras
Hospitality: Cindy Hesseltine
Greeters: Rose Akerman
Email Updates: Laura Parks
Childcare: Wayne Kling

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