

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF STUDIO CITY



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Monthly Newsletter

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A Note from Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn



JOIN THE BRIGHT FUTURE FOR UUCSC

Welcome to 2016! It's a New Year and a new opportunity to be inspired by what we do as a community here at UUCSC. This is such an amazing congregation, filled with talented, warm, fun and caring people. We have everything we need among us: committed congregants, capable staff, and inspired leaders. From what you have shared with me, here are some of your dreams for the coming year.

Visualize with me an abundant year at UUCSC during which:

- Worship is creative, transformational, and spiritually nourishing
- Our dynamic RE program is flourishing, with kids and teachers who are resourced and engaged
- We offer regular Adult RE classes and Chalice Groups that help deepen our faith, connect our community, and explore our spirituality
- Our Social Justice program is thriving and making a difference in the world
- We have numerous visitors each week, who feel welcome and at home here, and who have regular newcomer and membership classes to attend
- The sanctuary has been remodeled and is bright and beautiful
- We are projecting hymns, images, and videos during worship, which makes worship more contemporary and appealing to younger generations

- We have a visible presence on social media
- We are able to hire a full-time minister again so that we can support all the programming we wish to do
- Our staff is fairly compensated, according to UUA recommendations
- Our congregation is generously funded so UUCSC and its excellent programs will exist long into the future.

Imagine....

These and other dreams are possible. And YOU can help make them come true!

On Sunday, January 10, we will celebrate Inspiration Sunday, a culmination of our year-end fundraiser, with a lively service full of surprises, special music, and brunch. It will be an opportunity to share our dreams and celebrate the bright future of this special congregation.

If everyone reaches into their pockets and makes a meaningful gift to UUCSC, these dreams will become a reality. Regardless of the size of your gift, our goal is 100% participation so that everyone can feel a part of creating our future.

Give until it feels good, knowing that you are making this congregation flourish! If you have donated already, thank you! If you want to make a contribution you can go to: uustudiocity.org, click on Donate, and select "Inspiration Sunday Campaign" from the drop-down menu..

I look forward to you joining us in making UUCSC's dreams a reality.

In gratitude and inspiration for all you are and all you give,

In faith,

Reverend Nica



INSPIRATION SUNDAY

FREE FOOD.
FREE MIMOSAS.
FREE FELLOWSHIP.
FUN PRIZES.
FEELING REALLY GREAT ABOUT
YOURSELF AND YOUR CHURCH.

The culmination of the four-week period of giving on Inspiration Sunday, one last exciting and fun way to give: There will be a display in the church foyer with envelopes listing donation amounts ranging from \$20 to \$5,000+ that you can simply take down and fill with the indicated amount and hand in to the office. We'll be gifting you with incentives depending on the amount you give—fun items such as UUCSC t-shirts, choir CDs, UU pins, and maybe even dinner with the minister for you big spenders—as well as a celebratory brunch for all, complete with mimosas!

Can't give of your treasure this time around? Then commit to sharing more of your time and talent to offset the needs of the church that might otherwise have to come from our budget. Regardless, we want everyone there to share their dreams for the future...and enjoy fellowship with our UUCSC family. **THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR.** And if we can hit our goal of \$50K, then you won't hear from our team again until the annual pledge drive in May.

Think of the many ways you benefit from being part of this amazing community. This is a chance to fund its inspirational future. Give until it feels good!

We look forward to seeing you all on January 10th...and remember to keep an eye on your email over the coming weeks for further opportunities to fund our future.

With gratitude from your 2015-2016 Stewardship Team,

Judy Leslie
Carla Poole
Beth Meurer
Heather Stewart Jorden
Lindsey Black
Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn



CASA of Los Angeles – Information Session

Become a volunteer advocate for a child in the foster care system! CASA of Los Angeles is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports community members to transform the lives of children in the foster care system in LA County. Volunteers gather information about the present circumstances of foster children in order to advocate for their best interests both in the courtroom and in the community. There are 30,000 children who are wards of the dependency court in LA County and CASA currently has more than 100 children waiting to be paired with a volunteer advocate.

Join us at an information session where you can learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

When:

Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Where:

Unitarian Universalist Church
(12355 Moorpark St, Studio City, CA 91604)

To sign up or learn more about CASA, visit www.casala.org/volunteer or call (323) 859-2888.



The Buildings and Grounds Committee Sanctuary Work Party

Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary?

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is holding a Work Party. We need volunteers to help re-stain worn spots on the wainscoting woodwork.

It is easy and rewarding- no experience necessary!

The water based stain is odor free.

We hope to see you there!



A note from Your DRE

“PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS AS SEXUALITY EDUCATORS”

UUCSC is offering a new workshop series .

The data is in, and it's really good news: Your kids are actually paying attention to you!

The Journal of the American Medical Association examined 52 studies, spanning 30 years and covering over 25,000 adolescents. It found a “significant positive association” between parent-adolescent sexual communication and safer sex behavior among youth.

Not sure how to start the conversation?

5 weekly workshops will provide information, skill building, and broad perspectives on these topics:

Gender Identity
Sexual Orientation
Relationship Constellations
Decision Making
Consent Education
Social Media

This new program comes from the people who created Our Whole Lives, the comprehensive fact-based and inclusive human sexuality curriculum. It's especially helpful for parents/caregivers of young teens but worthwhile for those with children of all ages.

Grounded in Unitarian Universalist values, it provides parents and caregivers a unique understanding about teenagers, sexuality, and parenting.

Facilitator: Jill Herbertson

Registration Fee: \$30

Dates: Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 and Mar 6 (Sundays from noon till 1:30PM) Please register on or before Feb 3. Minimum enrollment of 13 or the program will be cancelled. Childcare will be provided upon request.

To register and request childcare contact Debbie Rice: uucscdre@gmail.com or (818) 769-5911, Ext. 104.



IIIUUnations Dinner

Saturday, January 23, 2016 At 6:00 pm.

Come celebrate the uniquely Unitarian Universalist practice – IIIUUnations on Saturday January 23, 2016. IIIUUnations was conceived in the 1990's as a festival of lights for the winter season. It was born of the recognition that the single most commonly shared symbol of the winter holiday traditions is some form of light or fire. With the universality of the flaming chalice in the Unitarian Universalist tradition the chalice flame has become the central symbol for our own winter festival-IIIUUnations. The chalice flame represents the light of reason, the warmth of community and the flame of hope.

Please bring a dish, main or side, that is a favorite for your family or represents an ethnic tradition in your family (and a note explaining the tradition and the ingredients). Because everyone is bringing a dish we ask that you prepare it before hand in order to eliminate confusion in the kitchen. Appetizers, bread, lemonade, water and wine will be provided. We request a donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (whichever is less). If you care for anything else to drink please bring your own beverage. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

The social hour will be from 6:00 -6:45 followed by a procession of children, the lighting and blessing the family chalices (please bring your own chalice) before we eat at 7:00 pm.

Any questions please call
Jeanne McConnell at 818-232-7388.

SUNDAY SERVICES



Sunday, January 10

Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn: Inspiration Sunday: Co-Creating Our Future

This Sunday will be a celebration of our fundraising campaign, honoring all we have achieved and all we hope to do at UUCSC this year. It is an opportunity to share our dreams and fund the future of the congregation. Please RSVP for the champagne brunch immediately following the service. Join us!

Sunday, January 17

Paul Von Blum: The Civil Rights Movement: A Personal History

Sunday, January 24

IllUminations

Sunday, January 31

Rev. Nica Eaton-Guinn: Community Matters



MARILYN SHIELD

JUDY LESLIE

ALEXIS RODRIGUEZ



EVENTS

THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE SANCTUARY WORK PARTY

Saturday, January 9, 9 am in the Sanctuary

We need volunteers to help re-stain worn spots on the wainscoting woodwork. It is easy and rewarding- no experience necessary!
The water based stain is odor free. We hope to see you there!

INSPIRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, January 10, 11am in the Sanctuary

UU ministers Reverend Mike Young and Reverend Nica Eaton-Guinn will lead us through the special service and March and Rally. After the service, we will gather out front, pick up signs, and march to the corner at Laurel Canyon/Ventura Blvd. The commemoration will culminate in a short Rally with short speeches at the Chase Bank Building at noon. The event is organized by The Social Justice Group to Prevent Gun Violence.
Contact Dorothy Wait for more information at uucsc.socialjustice@gmail.com
On-site and ample street parking at church

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 5pm in the Big Room

RE TEAM MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 13, 7pm in the Big Room

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM MEETING

Thursday, January 14, 7pm Offsite

For more information Contact: Lindsey Black at lindsey818@att.ne

ILLUMINATIONS DINNER

Saturday, January 23, 6 pm in the Sanctuary

Appetizers, bread, lemonade, water and wine will be provided. We request a donation of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family (whichever is less). If you care for anything else to drink please bring your own beverage. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. The social hour will be from 6:00 -6:45 followed by a procession of children, the lighting and blessing the family chalices (please bring your own chalice) before we eat at 7:00 pm. Any questions please call Jeanne McConnell at 818-232-7388.

WELCOMING CONGREGATION'S LAUGH OUT PROUD

Saturday, January 30, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Hosted by Kim Diaz and organized by Welcoming Congregation, this event gives the church a chance to open our doors to those who are often marginalized by society and by many organized religions. Doors open at 7:30 for drinks and conversation, and the show starts at 8:00pm. Entry is free, but donations are requested at the bar. All proceeds go to the performers. is sure to amuse, offend, and promote laughter from everyone. For more information, please contact: Karen Renee (310) 308-6292.

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS & MEETINGS



Choir Rehearsals

Sundays, 8:45am & Mondays, 7pm in the Sanctuary

If you enjoy singing, please come!

We have a wonderful group of people who are ready to welcome you to our musical group. Studies show that choir singers live longer, happier lives.

Here's your chance!

New singers welcome!

Please contact Nancy Holland at nholland22@gmail.com for details.

Schedule for January: (Rehearsals will continue on MONDAYS)

Sunday, Jan 10: "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban (with Michael Guinn, soloist)

8:45 am - Rehearse in the FELLOWSHIP HALL

9 am - Rehearse with Michael and the Band in Sanctuary

12 pm: BRUNCH (Be sure you have RSVP'd to the office: info@uustudiocity.org)

We sing: Wouldn't it Be Lovely and Get Your Pledge to Us On Time (see Pledge tunes below)

Sunday, Jan 17: "We Will Stand with You" in the service

8:45 am - Rehearse in the Sanctuary

3:30 pm MEET at UUCSC to Carpool to Emerson

4 pm Rehearsal at Emerson (7304 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park)

6 pm Choir Festival (including 8 UU Church Choirs)

We sing: "We Will Stand With You

"Heal the World"

Combined Choirs: "Shout Out Loud"

Saturday, Jan 23: Illuminations Dinner

We sing: "Rise Up O Flame" and "Where is the Light?"

Sunday, Jan 24: Illuminations Sunday

We Sing: "Pass on the Light" and "Where is the Light?"

Sunday, Jan 31: Community Matters

We Sing: "We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other"

The Social Justice Group to Prevent Gun Violence

We invite you to join us at our next meeting at 11:30am on January 17 in the Big Room upstairs.

Our page on the Church website is under Get Involved. Visit us and check it out at:

<http://uustudiocity.org/get-involved>

Dorothy Wait, Chair

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY GROUP



Thursdays, 7pm in the Rainbow Room

Spiritual reading, discussion and meditation

Contact: Carol Holland

[818-358-4738 ccaarroollh@yahoo.com](mailto:ccaarroollh@yahoo.com)

Gentle Yoga



Gentle Yoga
with Bonnie Pierone

Sunday Mornings at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall

Would you like to meditate, stretch, explore yoga as a spiritual practice, all of the above?

Practicing yoga in a community setting is the perfect ministry for our church.

Bonnie Pierone is teaching a class at 7:30 on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, no previous experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a yoga mat (and blanket if you have it – no worries if you don't). \$5.00 suggested donation, half the proceeds will go to the church. No member will be turned away for lack of funds. This class is open to the whole community.

Email Bonnie with questions or concerns at bonniebarks@gmail.com.



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Minister's Office Hours by appointment: Twice a month

The afternoons of preaching Sundays plus Mondays 10am-12pm

If you'd like to set up an appointment, please email Reverend Nica at minister@uustudiocity.org

Church Staff

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