

Sunday Services, October 2023



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October 1—Indigenous Peoples' Day 2023 Preview

Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sunland-Tujunga returns for its third year next Sunday, October 8, and it promises to be the biggest celebration yet. Co-organizer KT Travers tells us what to expect under the Mother Oak, shares stories of the significance of the site, and shows us footage of IPDs past.

October 8—Discussion Sunday: The Covenant of Right Relations with Mary Madill

UUVerdugo's Covenant of Right Relations, like the Constitution and various Holy Books, was written long ago, is oft-invoked, and is just as often misunderstood or misused. Let's get to know it!

October 15—Making Holidays More Hopeful Starts Now with Pattee Colvin and guests

The cost of just getting by is staggering compared to what it was just a generation ago, and many of our neighbors are food/housing/hope-insecure. Special guests drop by to share how you can help with your time, treasure, and/or talent.

October 22—Letting Your Body Decide: More Sex After 60 with Kim Airs

After her wonderful presentation (with visual aids and puppets) last year, senior sex educator Kim Airs returns for seconds. Bring your questions, be prepared to laugh, and leave with your inherent worth and dignity intact!

October 29—You've Got Ofrenda: A Dia de los Muertos Altar-Building Event

Bring a photo or other small reminder of a departed loved one for a joyful ofrenda-building service here at UUVerdugo, and leave with the inspiration to build one at your home. Many of us believe—because we need to—that our ancestors and treasured friends and relatives are still connected to us after they've died, and we honor the rich Latin-American version of that tradition.

From the Board President

Hello everyone!

Welcome to Fall. We kicked off the season with Friendship dinners. Many thanks to our three host families. Italian was the theme at Howard and Terry's. I hear the food was lovely at Alan and Ann's. Corey treated everybody by hosting dinner in her art studio!

Our new community gardening group is starting to get their hands dirty and work the earth. Since it's late in the season, they went to the nursery to get plants that are already on their way. This spring, the gardening group plans to start from seeds!

Fall generally brings a return to school for the kids. Unfortunately not for the Urban Homeschoolers group that inhabited our building last year. The lingering effects of the Hollywood unions' strikes affected many of the families, so much so that they have had to cancel the fall semester. We will miss them and their friendly presence. We wish the families well with the ongoing negotiations.

You will likely see some new events coming to Friendship Hall. An Arts and Crafts drop in with Valerie is planned. Reiki will be coming back also on a monthly basis. Join us for an hour of peace, calm, and healing energy. Marty has a bunch of exciting things in the works as he continues to reach out into the local community.

See you around the church.

In Fellowship and Peace,

—Mary Madill

Social Justice

Social Justice Workshop: Get Out the Vote: Wednesday, October 18, at 1 p.m. in Friendship Hall: write letters to Virginia voters in re: gun safety, women's health, and climate change. All materials and snacks provided. RSVP by 10/16. arpeggiata@yahoo.com

Organic Garden Team: Our plot at the Howard Finn Community Garden is up and running. Thanks to Patriciaa Soares and her might team for planting winter veggies and flowers to keep the critters away. Contact Patriciaa for more detail and how you can help.

Shoes for *Souls*: Leave your used shoes (both pairs and and solo shoes) in box in Sanctuary labeled Shoes for Souls. Vickie will collect for refurbishment and sole replacement.

Making It Happen Mondays

Please bring non-perishable food as well as clean, bagged clothes and leave in boxes at back of sanctuary. Pickups every third Monday at 11 a.m.

2nd Friday Ascencia Shelter Cooking: We need volunteers to cook and serve October 13, 2 pm. Contact Howard Richman.

Recycle bottles and cans: Back of the sanctuary. Proceeds go to Social Justice actions.

Respectfully submitted,
—Madeline Dow, SJ Chair

Board Briefs: September 2023

The UU Verdugo Board of Directors met on September 17, 2023. The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good condition and that the finance committee was still consulting with the Committee Chairs to revise the current year's budget. The Outreach Director reported that the Urban Home Schoolers were no longer able to continue renting our space.

The Property Management Committee reported that the fire extinguishers had been certified and that several repair projects had been completed around the building and that a safety rail along the parking lot is being planned and that quotes are being obtained to replace the air conditioning unit in the sanctuary. The social justice "get out the vote" action projects continue and the Community Garden project has begun. The Bylaws revision committee is still at work. Items from the Suggestion Box were reviewed.

Outreach & Sunday Services

Hello all,

While we are saddened that our beloved “skoolies” have had to cancel their school year, I’m so happy UUVerdugo got to share a year with them. Having kids, art, science, cooking, music, and even *math* (I never thought I’d say that) swirling around our buildings four days a week was pretty glorious. I am exploring new opportunities to share our space with tenants who, though they may not identify as Unitarian Universalists, live the Seven Principles in the work they do.

I visited our side yard the other day, which skoolie families had lovingly weeded and landscaped several months ago. Since the end of the term in June, the yard has rather *enthusiastically* returned to nature. I look forward to the day when we can have outside events there, perhaps installing a deck, gate, and fence. The view of the Verdugos is lovely from our yard, but from what I understand, the last congregant who stayed overnight there became *The UUVerduGhost*.

Our September Verdugo HUUT was great fun and we invite you to stop by—but only if you dare—its October apparition on the 21st. The outing is themed “Hello, Darkness!” and will feature spooky songs and stories from HUUT regulars as well as newcomers. Perhaps there might even be an appearance from *The UUVerduGhost*.

This month’s movie night (I wanted to rename Movie Night “Kino Verdugo” but that sounds too fancy for the Costco pizza we shovel out) is the poignant and funny ghost story “Truly! Madly! Deeply!” from 1990. Juliet Stevenson’s portrayal of a widow learning to live without her partner (Alan Rickman) is very affecting. I won’t spoil it, but there’s a happy ending.

I was very happy to see so many people putting together a thousand-piece puzzle over the past few weeks, and was shocked, I tell you, when one day the puzzle disappeared (at first we thought it was *The UUVerduGhost*). Not to worry: Several puzzles *and even a puzzle table* are coming soon to satisfy you thrill-seeking hedonists.

We wish a fond farewell to our spitfire nonagenarian poet and agitator, Sally Currie, as she moves closer to relatives up in the Bay Area. I hope we can see you on Zoom from time to time, Sally, but I’m sure that the SF UUs will soon be currie-ing your favor.

And, it seems, mere moments after she alighted on our doorstep, the delightful *muchachita picante* Liz Conejo is moving south. Never fear, though! She will not only be back on Zoom but in person for a flute recital on November 12. *Pura Vida*, Liz!

Saving the best for last, our 5-Sunday October is devoted to services celebrating your inherent worth and dignity in many forms as well as bolstering that of your neighbors. I hope you’ll take part in as many of these events as you can, and I’m happy to see all the new faces. Don’t forget to bring a memento of a departed loved one for our Ofrenda service at the end of the month.

Your Obedient Servant,
Marty Barrett, Director of Outreach & Sunday Services



OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 POTLUCK	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 DISCUSSION SUNDAY FRIENDSHIP HALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY UNDER THE MOTHER OAK	9	10	11 ARTS-N-CRAFTS 2-6	12	13 ASCENCIA FOOD PREP 2-6	14
15 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 BOARD MTG. 12:30	16	17	18 SOCIAL JUSTICE-1 P.M.	19	20 THIRD FRIDAY POTLUCK-NOON	21 VERDUGO HUUT! 7 P.M.
22 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30	23 MAKING IT HAPPEN MONDAY (FOOD/CLOTHING DONATIONS)	24 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE	25 MOVIE NIGHT! TRULY MADLEY DEEPLY 6:00/\$5 DONATION	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30	30	31 PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE UOVERDUGHOST 	1 ZOOM SERVICE MEETING ROOM: 897 9181 4237 // PASSWORD: 935066	2	NOTE: PRIVATE RENTALS ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS CALENDAR. CHECK W. MARTY FOR AVAILABILITY.	



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: JUSTICE ROCK COLLABORATION BETWEEN MADELINE AND PATRICIAA, VICKIE'S DISPLAY FOR THE OCTOBER 1 SERVICE, T-SHIRT DESIGN FROM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY 2023



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: PUZZLE PEOPLE PUZZLING, UVERDUGHOST WAITS TO EMBRACE YOU, GORDON THUNDERFOOT REMAINS AN ELEGANT, CONVIVIAL GENTLEMAN AS HE BEGINS HIS FAREWELL TOUR



**SEPTEMBER HUUT PERFORMERS
AFTER BEING BLEACHED**

YOUR VERDUGO HUUT PRESENTS

***Hello
Darkness!***



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7 P.M. | THE SANCTUARY AT UOVERDUGO
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