

# Sunday Services, September 2023



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**September 3—Discussion Sunday: “Things You Remember from Childhood”  
with Howard Richman**

Returning to our roots as a UU Fellowship, we begin the month with a moderated congregational discussion downstairs in Friendship Hall. Longtime member Howard Richman, 80, suggested and will lead this fascinating, fossilized forum, followed by food!

**September 10—We Don’t Deserve Dogs: How Animals Make Us Human  
with Anne Moratto**

The Seventh Principle of Unitarian Universalism is a respect for the interdependent web of existence, settling the question of whether our pets are dependent on us or the other way around. Unleash your stories and pictures for a Blessing of the Animals, UU-style.

**September 17—Joseph Campbell’s Library: The Hero with a Thousand Books  
with Marty Barrett**

The late myth-aggregating scholar, Joseph Campbell, left his library to a little college in Santa Barbara. We go on a virtual visit, talk about The Hero’s Journey in our own lives, take aim at a couple of dragons, and read the notes in the margins of Campbell’s fascinating life.

**September 24—Last Night A DJ Saved My Life: Autumn Edition  
with Madeline Dow and others**

A semiannual audio-video odyssey about music, how it defined points in our own lives, and how it continues to affect us. This evergreen service is a study in the interdependent web of existence through record players, boom boxes, transistor radios, and Airpods.

# From the Board President

Hello everyone!

JAugust was full of joys and surprises. The weather certainly being one of them. Tropical Storm Hilary had us moving online again for the Sunday service, just like COVID days. We made the most of it, with a joyful singalong to YouTube UU Hymns. Thank you Linda Hunt and Patriciaa Soares for all the support. We let our Little Lights Shine!

Then the heat wave has pushed our 26-year-old AC units to their limits. Paula is getting bids to upgrade.

I am really enjoying our First Sunday discussion services. Liz Conejo led a discussion about navigating the world as a blind person. Liz lost her vision gradually in her early twenties. She talked about technology tools such as a currency reader which tell her the denomination of a paper bill. She also uses an app called Be My Eyes which calls a volunteer who can read a recipe on a box or describe the color of a shirt when she points the phone camera at it. You can volunteer to be someone's eyes! How cool is that!

Other people shared their disabilities, most of which may not be immediately visible. More than half of the congregation raised their hands when asked who had some type of disability. It was a sharing of compassion as we all deal with our own challenges. Everyone said they really appreciate it when a person asks them, "How can I help?"

Howard is hosting Childhood Stories this month. Next month we are planning to discuss the UUCVH Covenant of Right Relations which was developed several years ago. It affirms way we agree to work, support, and communicate each other as a community. I hope you can join us and bring your own Little Light to Let it Shine!

In Fellowship and Peace,

—Mary Madill

# **Social Justice**

**Organic Garden Team**

**Sunday, September 3 at 1 p.m. (following service and potluck)**

**We are sponsoring and tending a community garden plot in Sunland-Tujunga to aid food-insecure families and individuals. Short tutorial followed by workshop in Friendship Hall and seedling planting on garden table. Contact Patriciaa Soares or office.**

**Social Justice Workshop: Get Out the Vote**

**Wednesday September 20 at 1 p.m.**

**All are welcome. Join us to write letters to Virginia voters in re: gun safety, women's health, and climate change. All materials and snacks provided.**

**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.**

**Ascencia Shelter**

**Every 2nd Friday: Help needed to prepare, cook, and serve dinner. See Howard Richman to volunteer.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
—Madeline Dow, SJ Chair

## Board Briefs: August 2023

The UUCVH Board of Directors met on August 21, 2023. The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good condition. **It was agreed that this year's budget be revised in consultation with the Committee Chairs.** The Outreach Director reported that the Urban Home School will be reducing its use of our building to 3 days a week beginning in September. The Sunday Services Director reported that services have been arranged for the next several weeks.

As a result of the Board Planning Meeting several property improvements were approved. The Social Justice chair reported that new writing campaigns promoting voting for young voters, women's health and gun safety were beginning and that a Community Garden plot had been acquired. It was announced that updated Covid Protocols would be posted in various places in our building and included in rental contracts. It was agreed that Board meetings would be scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. It was agreed that a Friendship Dinner be held on September 23. Items from the Suggestion Box were reviewed.



# Committees, Personnel, And Board Liaisons 2023-24

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Anne M: Marty, Anna S

Linda

Outreach & Sunday Services

Marty: Madeline, and a cast  
of thousands

Mary

# Outreach & Sunday Services

Hey Pals,

This month's newsletter features the return of Board Briefs, laboriously compiled and penned by newly-installed Board Secretary Florence Chase. I'm really happy to see this testament to the professional underpinnings of this community center, church, spiritual nexus, foundation of careful thought, or what have you. While it might concern the large number of vegetarians in our midst, knowing how the sausage is made behind the scenes is very helpful in an era where we are redefining what "church" is. We look forward to your monthly contributions, Florence, and thanks to the board for returning to glorious transparency. In that vein, please study and memorize the enclosed committee chart for UUVerdugo, painstakingly crafted in backroom confabs redolent of cigar smoke, vice, and shrieking.

In September's Sunday services we focus on the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism, the respect for the interdependent web of existence, with services reflecting shared experiences with other humans as well as our animal companions, the universality of archetypes throughout cultures, and memory.

Be sure to join us September 3 after the potluck for Patriciaa Soares's intro to our Organic Gardening plot. For Movie Night on the 20th, our friend Abby Diamond has suggested the documentary "Jews of the Wild West" to celebrate the High Holidays on this western coast (as well as her birthday).

And we again bring L.A.'s finest musicians together in their own interdependent web for a night of World Premieres at the Verdugo HUUT! on September 16. Now in its 6th year, the HUUT is a great night of entertainment and frivolity and specialty cocktails.

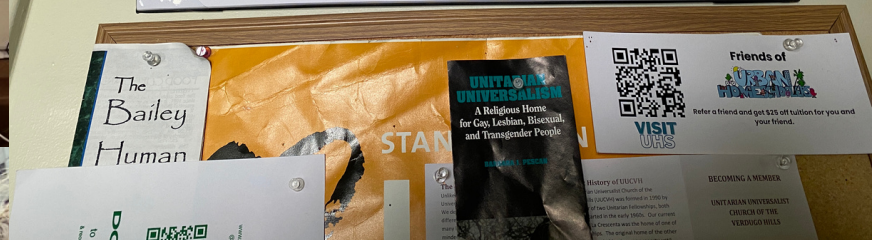
Finally, a fond welcome back to the Urban Homeschoolers, who are launching their second year at Campus UUVerdugo.

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



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	ZOOM SERVICE MEETING ROOM: 897 9181 4237 // PASSWORD: 935066		NOTE: PRIVATE RENTALS ARE NOT LISTED ON THIS CALENDAR. CHECK W. MARTY FOR AVAILABILITY.		1	2
3 DISCUSSION SUNDAY & POTLUCK!	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 ASCENCIA FOOD PREP 2-6	9
10 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30	11	12	13	14	15 THIRD FRIDAY POTLUCK-NOON	16 VERDUGO HUUT! 7 P.M.
17 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 BOARD MTG. 12:30	18 MAKING IT HAPPEN MONDAY (FOOD/CLOTHING DONATIONS)	19	20 SOCIAL JUSTICE-1 P.M.  MOVIE NIGHT! "JEWS OF THE WILD WEST" 6:00/\$5 DONATION	21	22	23 FRIENDSHIP DINNER(S) TBA
24 SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30	25 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE	26	27	28	29	30



**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: AUTHOR BRUCE CRAVEN ON LEADERSHIP TRICKS FROM "GAME OF THRONES" THAT MAY BE/MAY HAVE BEEN APPLIED AT UVERDUGO; NEW WALL CALENDAR PLACEMENT— FASCINATING!; SOME BARRETT'S IN PHILADELPHIA**



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