



*A Welcoming Congregation*

# HORIZONS Newsletter of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF PHOENIX

4027 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ, 85253  
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## Celebration of Life

**Sundays, 10:30 AM**

### MAY 6: THE PATH BEHIND US AND THE PATH AHEAD

The Coming of Age Graduation  
Service

Service Leaders: Kim St. Clair,  
DRE and Coming of Age Graduates  
Please join our 17 candidates (now  
graduates!), their parents, teachers  
and mentors as they share the joy of  
completing their Coming of Age  
journey. The graduates will provide  
the music, poetry, and their "faith  
statements." A reception hosted by  
COA parents will follow the service.

### MAY 13: COMBINED CHOIR SUNDAY

Service Leader: Dick Gray  
Valley UU's Choir & Children's  
Choir will sing with our Congrega-  
tion Choir for a morning of spiritu-  
als and songs inspired by our Afri-  
can American traditions. WOW!  
This will be more than 60 voices!  
Come prepared to clap, sing,  
stamp your feet and celebrate all  
that is our life!

### MAY 20: CELEBRATING OUR BELOVED RELIGIOUS EDU- CATION MINISTRIES

Service Leader: Kim St. Clair,  
DRE  
We come together each week in  
Sunday school, as UU Pals, in  
Adult Religious Education classes,  
and in covenant groups. Our be-  
loved community could not exist  
without the dedication of an army  
of volunteers to facilitate all of  
these programs. Today is the day  
to celebrate their commitment –  
and ours!

### MAY 27: IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE

By Rev. Jean Wahlstrom  
Memorial or Decoration Day was  
established to honor those who died  
in service to our country. What, ex-  
actly, is the debt we owe to those  
who fought to secure our liberties?

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*Coffee Hour Hosted by UU Pals,  
coordinated by Susan Leung*



## From the Interim Minister...

My friends, I am very happy to share with you the news that I will be the next settled minister of May Memorial UU Society in Syracuse, New York. I was in Syracuse from April 15 through 22 for the Candidating Week. After my second Sunday service there, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to call me as their minister. It feels wonderful to have my future settled, to be headed back to the Northeast, and to have begun the journey of ministry with another great congregation.

“May Memorial” is a congregation of about UUCP’s size, staff, and programs. Syracuse, of course, is a much smaller city than Phoenix. It does, however, boast (?) an average 100 inches of snow per year. (Snow brushes, shovels, and full-spectrum light bulbs will be on my Christmas list!) It even snowed several inches there this past Monday. But by the end of the week, the ground was greening, daffodils were blooming, and the sun was warm and bright.

Our UU search process is rugged for both ministers and congregations. This year, the way has been eased considerably, at least for me, by our being able to share what we have been going through. So, let me say

again how very grateful I am for all your support, encouragement, and well-wishes this past few months.

UUCP is among the one-in-five UU congregations which did not succeed in finding their settled minister this spring. (That’s a much higher percentage than in recent years.) Naturally, to be going another year without a settled minister is an acute disappointment for you and your leaders. You will, however, be the stronger for it, as a congregation; and your future ministry, stronger, too. You will have the opportunity work with an interim minister who can take you the next steps into your future... towards firming up your committee structure and focusing the Board more on matters of policy; towards helping you set fiscal priorities in line with your Strategic Plan; towards breaking ground on your long-delayed building renovation and accessibility work.

I will be here in Phoenix and at UUCP through the end of the church year – through June, essentially. I will be going to the UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon the third week of June – as will several

others from the congregation. I’ll return to share news from our wider Unitarian Universalist movement, to say goodbyes, and to pack up for my move into the next phase of my life. Don’t wait until then, however, to schedule a time for us to connect and converse. Time – doesn’t it? – has a way of flying on by. Let us seize these days and relish all the gifts they bring. . .

*Look to this day, for it is life – the very life of life.*

*In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of existence: the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty.*

*For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.*

*Look well, therefore, to this day.*

~Blessings,  
Jean

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### **These Unitarian Universalists, whose ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden these month in past years, are still remembered...**

Emma La Duke Ames	Wilhelmina (Mimi) Muth
Ralph P.E. Dickinson	Ki Hermann
Thaxter Robinson	Jean Berry
Margaret (Peggy)	D. Wilkinson DonaldJ. Jackel
Louise Bauer Bercaw	Kathy Van Kerkwyk (Grobe)

## Coming of Age at UUCP

The highlight of the month so far for me has been sitting in on the Coming of Age review sessions. We have an impressive group of 7th and 8th graders who are entering adulthood as part of our community. The Coming of Age program is demanding. It requires many hours of internal and external service, interviewing congregation members, visiting other religious communities, studying UU principles, choosing and memorizing quotations, writing an essay, and passing a review panel. In their final review, each candidate recites one quotation and explains why it is meaningful. Thus far, I have heard the words of Gandhi, Einstein, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Thomas Carlisle, among others, chosen by some remarkably thoughtful and articulate young teens. I have been particularly struck by those whom I first got to know when they were in second grade. What a change from the squirmy kids with crayons!

Part of the review process requires the candidate to explain how he/she would handle several ethically challenging situations and how one or more UU principles apply. I have been impressed by how many of them begin by saying that they would first try to understand the other people's point of view. "Acceptance of one another" seems to be a principle that the young folk hold very dear. It is basic to the UU approach to life, and our children seem to have internalized it.

The youth are not the only inspiring

people in this process. Each of the candidates has a mentor from the congregation, and it has been a joy to witness the affection and respect with which they regard each other. This, folks, is "community" at its best. The Sunday service in May in which the Coming of Age youth speak to us is always an extraordinary experience, and I really look forward to it.

The latest issue of "Scientific American Mind" magazine has an article challenging the popular notion of the "teen brain" as being naturally prone to poor judgment. Bogus, they write, "troubled adolescence" is a modern phenomenon, a product of our peculiar culture. Teens in a culture that expects them to be capable usually are. I think we do the right thing by expecting our youth to be thoughtful and responsible, and I hope they hold us to the same standard.

One of the responsibilities of the Board is to ensure that the congregation has the resources it needs for its ministries. As I write this, the stewardship canvass is in progress and doing well, so the financial outlook is good. Thanks to all who have, or will have, pledged by the time this newsletter comes out.

Finding human resources is another challenge. We could use help in publicity, maintaining the website, and any number of other facets of congregational life. That will be a topic for our April Board meeting, and I expect you will see some initiatives in May to ascertain peoples' gifts and interests. It

is very hard these days to commit to open-ended volunteer jobs, so we are working toward a system in which a few people help to define specific tasks and more people then pitch in accomplish them. Working together for a common purpose is fundamental. The Coming of Age program is a superb example of that. A few coordinators, a number of mentors, and youth to teach and learn from: it doesn't get any better.

In community,

Gary Ezzell  
President, Board of Trustees

## Greetings from your Music Director

On May 13 the Valley UU Choir will join our choir for an All-Music Service. This year we are celebrating our musical African-American heritage by singing spirituals and music by African-American composers. Come prepared to laugh, cry, sing, clap and be inspired.

I am very sad to write this news to you. Our very talented and hard working pianist and accompanist for the choir, Ed Grobe has made the decision to retire from his duties at UUCP. Ed has devoted much time to our music program. He has accompanied the choir, played music for Sunday services, performed and accompanied musicians for Cabaret, composed numerous works of music and tutored the choir and myself on diction of French, Russian, Hungarian, Latin, to name a few. He is leaving us a valuable legacy set to music, in our files. We will always remember his dry sense of humor and warm smile. And we will miss hearing his beautiful music.

Ed, we appreciate all you have done. Thank-you, from the bottom of all our hearts. You will be sorely missed.

Connie Jahrmarkt

## To Seek Knowledge In Freedom . . . Adult Religious Education News

People are often confused about how an Adult Religious Education offering differs from a Covenant group and how a covenant group differs from other adult groups (such as the Outdoor Club or Women's Spirituality Circle).

The outline below attempts to draw some comparisons. It is by no means complete; I am sure that I am missing something in it! But, I thought I would include it this month as a way to help clarify these somewhat similar but distinctively different programs. You will note, I hope, that all three types of groups have "spiritual growth" as an aim.

In faith,  
Kim

### ADULT RE

- Curriculum Based
- Classes held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- Courses scheduled by ARE Committee
- Focused study, "educational"
- Specific topic but not format
- Classes last no more 6 weeks
- Facilitator plans class structure
- Spiritual growth a focus
- "To Seek Knowledge in Freedom"
- No limit on participants
- Focus UU tradition informs

### what is offered COVENANT GROUP

- Covenant based
- Self-directed in meeting times
- Scheduled by group
- Trained facilitator helps set focus
- Specific format but not topic
- Ongoing and open, but re-grouped each year
- Personal connections focus
- Spiritual growth a focus
- "Share strength in fellowship"
- No bigger than 10 members
- Provides community service as part of covenant

### OTHER ADULT GROUPS

- Interest based
- Self-directed in meeting times
- Sets own schedule
- Sets own focus
- Format and topic set by group, fluid
- Ongoing and fluid membership
- Social in nature
- Spiritual growth a focus
- Activities range from hiking, movie viewing, women's spirituality, etc.
- No limit on participants

### MAY GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

by Juli Harvey

Can one person make a difference when it comes to caring for the planet and its interdependent web of life? Good news! UU can "Be the change you want to see in the world!" The *carbon footprint* is determined by an individual's consumption of various types of food, travel, and power for his or her indi-

vidual use. Calculate your carbon footprint at--you guessed it--[www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.html](http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.html)

Think like Cinderella: the smaller the footprint, the better. To reduce your footprint, choose one thing at a time to change, and check back to

### To Share Our Strength In Fellowship . . .

#### THE MONDAY NIGHT COVENANT

Group has finished their discussion of the 7 Principles. We enjoyed our discussions and found that some were easier to discuss than others. Now we have moved on to other topics. There continue to be at least eight participants each time. We are appreciating getting to know one another and to be able to discuss our thoughts and ideas. As our service project, we hosted Coffee Hour on Commitment Sunday. Facilitated by Ellie Anderla.

#### THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON COVENANT GROUP

We have changed its meeting time to 11:30 am, and is now the first-and-third-Wednesday-of-the-month-lunch-together covenant group!

This change was unanimously agreed on to allow Pauline Gay to keep attending her exercise class. Another change: One of our members, Sally McDade, who is taking care of her daughter's infant son, will be bringing the baby with her, so it may be a bit challenging to keep our attention on the spiritual side of life. We think we can do it, though, and welcome any brave souls who would like to join us -- just contact

Ellie Murphy at [elliemur@cox.net](mailto:elliemur@cox.net)

#### FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP GOING STRONG

We have had many very interesting discussions about spirituality and religion. In one session, we talked about spiritual abuse and our personal experiences with spiritual abuse. We feel that many UUCP members would benefit from a frank, honest discussion about spiritual abuse and small group ministry format is an ideal setting for topics like this. One of the great benefits of being in a covenant group is having a safe place to discuss difficult issues. We encourage everyone to try it out. Our next topic is intellectual snobbery in Unitarian Universalism. Contact Jimmy Leung at [jcleung@cox.net](mailto:jcleung@cox.net).

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Susan Leung, Facilitator - The Sunday Parents Covenant Group is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month in Room H of the Annex. We meet from 9:10 to 10:15 a.m. New members can contact Susan at 480-551-2090 or [shbleung@yahoo.com](mailto:shbleung@yahoo.com). **Childcare is provided!**

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON

Gene Cherry, Facilitator - Our group meets on Mondays at 2:30 PM every other week in Annex B at the church. Please contact Gene Cherry, 480-983-7632 or e-mail at [escherry@juno.com](mailto:escherry@juno.com) if you'd like to join

#### TUESDAY NIGHT COVENANT

The group meets the 2nd and 4th

weeks of the month. Alan Levine & Natalie Summit, Co-facilitators. [alpha@dommy.com](mailto:alpha@dommy.com)

## Love is the doctrine of this congregation . . .

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 6 – Coming of Age Graduation Service
- May 13 – Mother's Day – NO CLASS – NURSERY OPEN
- May 17 – RE Appreciation Service Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m., sanctuary
- May 20 – Religious Education Ministry Celebration Service
- May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend – NO CLASS- NURSERY OPEN
- June 3 – YRUU service; Water Play Day (Pre-k-4<sup>th</sup> grade; 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in service)

### OUR FIVE PILLARS OF THE UUCP CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – CREWS:

- Community
- Ritual
- Education
- Worship
- Service

### CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

It's not too late to submit photographs for our May 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration! Get all pictures to Kim St. Clair by May 6, 2007, for inclusion. If you have taken or plan to take any pictures of special events around the UUCP or just our usual weekly wonderful community life, please send them to me! I would prefer them on a CD-ROM or memory stick as opposed to email. Please make sure to include your name and the event with the disc/memory

stick. Pictures of children's activities, adult classes and covenant group activities are especially needed. Thanks!

### KIDS & YOUTH NEEDED TO PERFORM!

It has become a wonderful tradition to involve the children and youth in the Religious Education Service through short skits and singing. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please contact Kim St. Clair at [redirector@phoenixuu.org](mailto:redirector@phoenixuu.org) if anyone in your household is interested in directing or performing.



## News from the EEC

The EEC would like to formally invite the church family to join the EEC family in a Musical Concert on Saturday, May 12 at 10:30 am featuring Tom Hunter. Tom is well known in the early childhood community for putting song into your feet through his music of simplicity, beauty and childlike wonder. Adults and children alike will “move to the music”, laugh and sing. After the concert, we invite you to take the opportunity to join us in a “potluck” lunch of sandwiches and finger food accompaniments (such as carrots, fruit, cookies, etc). So grab a child by the hand and join us in this joyous event!

May also brings this school year to a close and begins next year with the new parent gatherings. We have a very few openings for next year, so let your friends, family and co-workers know of this fantastic opportunity.

Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation of Phoenix



## Coming of Age Graduation 2007

The Honor of Your Presence is Requested

Sunday, May 6th, 2007

10:30 AM



*This is a ritual dance between parents and children. We are always both ahead of and way behind one another in our rites of passage. Everything we do in growing up has been done before. But it needs recognition and validation each time for each one us - public, private, and secret. The rituals must be observed. The rituals are cairns marking the path behind us and ahead of us. Without them we lose our way.*

~Robert Fulghum

### 2007 COMING OF AGE GRADUATES

Donovan Lockwood

Kelia Noonan

Mitchell St. Clair

China Rae Newman

Lyle Yanak

Celeste Allen

Arturo Deliz

Alec Featherston

Natalia Hankins

Gabe Hanson

Sierra Nelson

Robert Otting-Crandall

Garrett Scrivner

Cleo Van der Veen

Anali Venzor

Philip Dokes

## UU Pride at Pride Parade

On April 14, the UUCP contingent in the Phoenix Gay Pride Parade was somewhere between 50 and 60 strong, including seven from the Surprise Congregation. Ages 2 to 70+ yrs, traditional and non-traditional families. Lots of diversity but hope next year we have more people of color represented. Spectators cheered and applauded as we passed by, with the exception of one group of about 50. A man bellowed out "Here come those Unitarians who get along with everybody types." His vitriolic hatred paid us quite a compliment! We Unitarian Universalists stand accused of being types who promote getting along. Imagine that!

Thanks to many, but especially Sandy Weir, for her extraordinary PR skills, and Libby Walker for designing and sewing the most fabulously gay banner in the parade!

## Traveling 2nd Fridays

Mark your calendars the 2nd Friday of each month. It is held the sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

May 11: Northeast India by "Jeep": Himachel Pradish and Western Himalyans by Gretchen and Ray Manker,

In June 2005, Gretchen and Ray Manker joined their daughter, her husband, and their grandson to see rugged mountains, beautiful valleys and rushing rivers, interesting villages and cultures, and Hindu temples and Buddhist monasteries. They visited the Tibetan Govern-

ment in Exile and the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2nd Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at (480) 994-1452. Join us for this one-hour presentation and discussion.

## News From Singletarians

On May 5th the Singletarians are going to Wrigley Mansion, a landmark in Phoenix. We'll have lunch afterwards at the lounge located within the Wrigley.

On the 18th of May we will get together for our planning meeting (July-December events brochure) and desserts at the Gelato Spot, (location to be announced)

On May 27th we will hang out and play billiards. We will meet and car-pool at the UU after services on Sunday. Place to be announced by email in May. We will also have dinner afterwards at the Pita Jungle in Scottsdale.

If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to let us know now.

Marilyn & Judy  
Singletarians@phoenixuu.org

## Poetry Coffeehouse

### Meeting

We will hold our next meeting on Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 AM in Annex Room C. Please bring your original poetry or poems of a favorite author to share. Any writing of poetic quality is welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!

See you there!

John Williamson

Facilitator

480-607-9726



## POIKILOS Literary Journal

Tish Gauntt's painting "Blue Green Heaven" will go up for silent auction this month. Look for it in the back of the sanctuary or on the patio. Proceeds will go to producing **Poikilos**, the Congregation's literary journal of creative writing due to come out by July 1st. The painting is worth at least \$330, and the reserve price is \$50.

Let's support our writers!

John Williamson and Tish Gauntt  
Editors

## Calendar of Events....

### **Tuesday May 1**

7:00 PM Sunday Services Committee

### **Wednesday May 2**

2:00 PM Covenant Group

6:00 PM ARE Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday May 3**

6:30 PM Children's Ministry Meeting

7:00 PM Construction Committee

### **Friday May 4**

6:00 PM COA Graduation Rehearsal

### **Saturday May 5**

Singletarian Outing

9:00 AM Art Committee

### **Sunday May 6**

COA Graduation

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:00 AM Poetry Coffeehouse

9:10 AM Covenant Group

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

10:30 AM Children's Ministry

12:00 PM New Day Center Meal

12:00 PM YACM

### **Monday May 7**

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

7:00 PM Covenant Group Meeting

### **Tuesday May 8**

7:00 PM Amnesty International

### **Wednesday May 9**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday May 11**

7:00 PM Traveling 2nd Fridays

### **Saturday May 12**

Outdoor Group: Wet Beaver Creek

10:00 AM EEC Concert

### **Sunday May 13**

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

12:00 PM Social Action Committee

### **Monday May 14**

2:30 PM Covenant Group

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

### **Wednesday May 16**

2:00 PM Covenant Group

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday May 17**

6:00 PM RE Appreciation Rehearsal

7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Construction Committee

### **Friday May 18**

Singletarian Outing

### **Saturday May 19**

9:00 AM CIT

### **Sunday May 20**

Religious Education Appreciation Service

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

9:10 AM Covenant Group

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

12:00 PM Social Action Luncheon

### **Monday May 21**

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

7:00 PM Covenant Group Meeting

### **Wednesday May 23**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday May 24**

7:00 PM Board Meeting

### **Friday May 25**

9:00 AM All School Work Day

### **Saturday May 26**

Outdoor Group: 3rd Annual Party!

### **Sunday May 27**

9:00 AM Book Discussion Group

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service

12:00 PM Singletarian Outing

### **Monday May 28**

7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Circle

## **Calendar Submissions**

To add your UUCP event, meeting, or activity to the Horizon's calendar please email the office at [administrator@phoenixuu.org](mailto:administrator@phoenixuu.org) or call the office at 602-840-8400.

## Art Committee News

We will be hanging children's artwork from the UU Sunday School students and associated UU schools on Saturday, May 5th, from 10am-12pm. We would appreciate help in hanging the artwork. Many thanks to Diane Mote, Tish Gauntt, and Kim St. Clair, and teachers of the schools for coordinating this effort!

We will be having an open art studio in the summer, dates and times to be determined. Please contact Jen Nelson if you're interested.

Jen Nelson, Arts & Aesthetics Committee Co-Chair  
jennifer\_d\_nelson@yahoo.com  
623-434-0340

## Meet African UU's

The tour includes Unitarian services in Kenya and Burundi, meeting and interacting with many UU congregations, visiting the gorillas and Memorial Center in Rwanda, the Pygmies and fabric market in Burundi, and a safari in Kenya, all for \$1,950 land costs. Includes rooms, meals and transportation, including round trip ticket to Burundi.

For specific dates and more details please contact Janice Brunson at 480 596 0462  
janicebrunson@cox.net

## Outdoor Group on the Move

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH: WET BEAVER CREEK

**Where:** Sedona area

**Leader:** Julie Smart

480/502-1201

Sambasmart@cox.net

**Hike:** 6 mile hike in lush riparian area with deep swimming holes

**Meeting Time/Place:** Meet at 7:00 AM (for 7:30 AM departure) McDonald's, 2225 W. Deer Valley Road (just east of I-17 at Deer Valley exit).

SATURDAY, MAY 26TH: 3RD ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY!!

**Where:** At the home of Greg Holmberg & Toni Colotte, 4220 E. Rancho Tierra Drive in Cave Creek

**Leaders:** Greg & Toni

480/563-9020

**Activity Description:** Short hike, home cooked breakfast, swimming & socializing

**Meeting Time:** Come as early at 7:30 AM; hike departs at 8:00 AM

## A Different View

Rev. Walt Wieder, minister at the UU Church in Surprise hosts a weekly radio show on station 1480 KPHX and is inviting you to listen in! For more information about this show check out the show's webpage at [www.aaphx.com](http://www.aaphx.com).

# HELP WANTED

## Coffee Hosting

## Opportunities Abound!

Please call the office today to sign up for your date to take a turn facilitating the "UU sacrament". We still need hosts for March and beyond!

### WANTED:

Guides with warm smiles 8-) to introduce new visitors to the church just before (10:10-10:30 and after 11:30-12:00) the service. Sign up for one Sunday or an occasional Sunday to make our visitors feel welcome. First timers are paired with an "experienced" guide for hands on training. What a great way to make new friends!

Robin Storm  
602-277-8683  
robinars@aol.com

### WANTED:

"Usher" to serve with team, once every 4-6 weeks or more often as desired. Nine-fifty am to twelve on Sunday morning, includes precise drill team maneuvers, book handling, occasional counting, and pre-origami skills. 3 out of 4 qualifies you. Contact Libby Walker or Barbara Voth for interview (You interview Them) Pay: something you dream about.

602-840-8400  
administrator@phoenixuu.org

## From the Nominating Committee...

The Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate of well-qualified candidates for the following offices:

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### **Gary Ezzell**

##### **Board President nominee**

Gary works as a medical physicist at Mayo Clinic, providing technical support for radiation therapy treatments. He joined UUCP in 1999 after moving from Michigan, where he had joined a UU congregation two years previously. He has taught in the Children's RE program and chaired the Adult RE committee. He has served on the Board for the past four years, one year as Vice-President. He is currently President and has offered to extend his presidency another year. "This past year on the Board has been positive and productive. This next year the Board needs to make progress on implementing UUCP's strategic plan, with special emphasis on moving the renovation project to reality."

#### **Sarah Carlson**

##### **Vice President nominee**

Sarah moved to the Valley from Northwest Missouri when she was five. She has BA in History and a JD from Arizona State University. Since law school she has primarily worked for the U.S. District Courts in Phoenix and briefly in Reno as a judicial law clerk, capital case staff attorney, and currently, a pro se (prisoner civil rights) staff attorney. Sarah first attended UU services in Reno. Several years after returning to the Valley she became a

member of UUCP to connect with a community that shared similar values. Sarah has served as co-chair of the Social Action Committee and as a member of the Ministerial Search Committee, finding both experiences richly rewarding. Sarah has also participated in two Covenant Groups that have been valuable in becoming better acquainted with other members. "I believe UUCP's purpose is to facilitate the development of a spiritual focus and center, and to support aspirational goals such as service to one another and the broader community."

#### **Donna Featherston**

##### **Board nominee**

Grateful to have found UUCP in 1999 Donna has been involved in the Children's RE program for most of those years. She and her husband Jon celebrated their 25th anniversary this year. They have three sons, Alec (13), and twins Ryan and Reed (10). She is a nurse, owning a business as a legal nurse consultant (making sense of complicated medical issues for attorneys and juries). In college she fell away from her Baptist beliefs and became a UU because she couldn't believe God would send anyone to hell. UUism, its principles, the people and the ability to choose what I find to be sacred has been a wonderful experience. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve at UUCP and work with all of you."

Sandy Weir - Board nominee

Sandy has been a member of

UUCP for twelve years. She has chaired the Sunday Services Committee and co-chaired the Children's Ministry Committee. She has also been active in Membership, Stewardship and event planning. Her husband Don is a past president of the congregation. Their high school senior daughter Pam, and college senior son Greg joined UUCP after attending Coming of Age classes. Sandy believes in the Policy Board and strong Committee structure as two of the pillars of the congregation. Sandy works as a transportation planner.

#### **Jesse Hise**

##### **Past President nominee**

As a 48 year member of this congregation, Jesse has served in many roles: advisor of the high school youth group, teacher in RE program, Sunday Services Committee, and various special interest groups. Jesse has been a Board member at least three times, serving three years at two different times as president. He has chaired the annual pledge drive several times. "I hope that my experience can help us at this time of many challenges: building construction, exciting strategic plan and the arrival of a new minister."

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### **Pauline Peverly** **nominee**

Pauline has been a UU since the early '80s. She belonged to a church in Urbana, IL, a society in New Britain, CT, and a fellowship in Blacksburg, VA before moving to the Val-

ley in 1994. Since joining UUCP she has served as co-chair of Circle Dinners, co-chair of the Outdoor group, co-facilitated the Job Club and rotates at the Newcomers Desk. Pauline is retired and volunteers in the UUCP office.

**Susan Goldsmith  
nominee**

Susan Goldsmith has been an active member of UUCP for more than twenty years. She has served on numerous committees including RE, canvass, nominating and Committee on Ministry. She is a past Board president and was instrumental in starting a leadership training program. Susan is a community volunteer and a PhD candidate at ASU. She and Rich have been married 39 years and have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law.

**Jeff Newman  
nominee**

Jeff feels greatly privileged to be asked to serve on the nominating committee. He has been a member of UUCP for 10 yrs. He is the son of an American diplomat and an amazing Chinese woman who live in Tucson as does his sister. Born in Washington D.C. he spent the first 17 years living in Paraguay, Uganda, Bolivia, Taiwan, Chile and Brazil. He has been fluent in Mandarin and Swahili, and still speaks Spanish and Portuguese relatively well. Jeff and wife Andrea dote over children China Rae and Cayenne. Jeff is a self-employed computer consultant and database programmer. His priorities are family, youth, education and community. He loves

people, and "believes volunteerism is a force that will save the world." Favorite words are love, abundance, gratitude, commitment, respect, tolerance, diversity, inclusiveness and kindness.

**MINISTERIAL SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

**Jan Wise  
nominee**

After moving to Phoenix from the Midwest in the late 1960s, Jan attended UUCP for about five years, then left but returned in the late 1990s and joined the Congregation in 2000. Since that time, Jan has served on the Board of Trustees for three years. She was also was a member of the team that planned and implemented the combined capital and stewardship campaigns in 2005-06. She is currently on the Nominating Committee and volunteers in the office.

**Greg Holmberg  
nominee**

Greg attended a UU Congregation Devon, PA before moving to Cavecreek, AZ in 2001. He and Toni Colotte were married in Sept. 2000 in an outdoor ceremony at Camp Tochwagh, a UU retreat on Chesapeake Bay near Chestertown, MD. He is a member of the Outdoor Group, sanctuary sound and usher volunteer. He has been a Board member, as well as on the Adult RE and Universal Access committees.

**Sarah Henkel  
nominee**

A life-long UU, 24 year old Sarah moved from Indiana to Arizona in 2001 to pursue an undergraduate degree at ASU, graduating in 2005 with a BA in Spanish and minor in mathematics. She has attended UUCP for three years, becoming a member in May 2006. She has taught 3rd/4th grade and the Coming of Age class, joined the Children's Ministry committee and is a member of the Young Adult covenant group. Sarah welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Ministerial Search Committee and is eager to represent the young adult voice in the congregation.

## Membership News

By the time you read this in May, we will have welcomed (on April 29th) several new members who share our enthusiasm in supporting this faith community and its myriad opportunities for enhancing lives in this community and beyond. Thanks to all the members and leaders who reach out to welcome newcomers!

And thanks to all those who are planning opportunities for next year, from hiking to religious education, social opportunities of the Singletons, Mucho Gusto dinners, Fab Family Game Fridays, and the new crafting group. I felt welcome at that group, despite my ten thumbs! For details on their next projects and dates, see the Membership Information at Coffee Hour, or email [libndave@msn.com](mailto:libndave@msn.com).

To be notified of dates for the next "New UU" class, please email [membership@phoenixuu.org](mailto:membership@phoenixuu.org)

## UNICARE

Love and condolences go to Barbara Cawthorne and her family on the loss of her dear mother, Jeanette Green. Jeanette had lived in Phoenix since 1938.

Our dear Heidi Parmenter has lost her grandma Joyce Parmenter who was living in Portland, Maine. Heidi was able to fly back to Maine to be with her family there. We hope that the love and caring of friends and family will be a comfort to both Barbara and Heidi as they deal with their loss.

Do any of you know that we have several bright young high school grads who are looking forward to new adventures soon? Be sure to give them a high five and best wishes for a bright future. Grads, if you read this we would love to hear from you and get the details!!

Recently, I purchased a video entitled "How to Stay Safe in Your Home - Fall Prevention for Seniors" This video is available for anyone interested in viewing it. It will be kept in the Unicare drawer in office #2 and hopefully returned there after viewing. In the same drawer are catalogues for home care products from a local store. Most of the products can be tested out in their showroom.

Many thanks to all of our Unicars who take care of our UU community in their quiet way. You know who you are and you know how deeply we appreciate your caring.

## Buildings & Grounds

### Committee News

A warm welcome to newest members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee: Bill Mee, Terry Simmons, and John Gill. These three gentleman have jumped in and started on some very important B&G projects. Bill Mee has volunteered to do a monthly walk-through of the grounds to report necessary repairs and maintenance. Additionally he is doing research to see how we can add security monitoring to our "That Which Might Have Been" statues. Together, Bill and Terry have done research and devised a way to keep our Memorial Garden fountain clean and properly maintained. John Gill has been doing research on how we can deal with our nocturnal (and mainly summer) rat issue to prevent further damage to our building.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees and Heidi Parmenter have worked together, with the help of Andy St. Clair and Bill Mee, to secure a full service maintenance contract on our Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HV/AC) systems. Many maintenance repairs have been done lately (such as the new thermostats) and we are on our way to a reliable air controlled building. Blessed be!

To join our active Committee, or report a concern please email us at [bldgground@phoenixuu.org](mailto:bldgground@phoenixuu.org) or contact Heidi in the office at 602-840-8400.

### **Larry Agle**

Larry is Graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and was a Parish Minister. He has served as Chaplin of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Also a graduate of Smith College School of Social Work, he has served as a Psychiatric Social Worker. He notes his best job as having been Field Consultant for Family Service of America, but also was Executive Director of Family Service Agencies. Larry received a Presidential citation for work on the White House Conference on Families Outstanding United Way Executive for work on 1989 San Francisco Earthquake and Oakland Hills Firestorm. As Director of LifePlan Center he helped older people find employment and make life transitions. Larry is a retired gay man living with partner, Jeffery Falcon and has a daughter who lives in Santa Monica. His interest in Unitarian Universalist Church is the principle of pluralism, tolerance and space to develop one's own personal philosophy.

### **Kathy Baughman**

I am an adventurous, upper-Midwestern woman who moved to this otherworldly place, the desert, in September. I was transplanted here to take a position as a UU staff chaplain at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix. Instead of buying a sleek, red sports car during my mid-life crisis, I changed careers from a child/adolescent nurse therapist to minister. I started seminary at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities on 9/11 and nothing in my life has been the same since. I

left my very large family-of-origin (7 siblings, 1 stepfather, 22 nieces/nephews and 29 great nieces/nephews) back in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. I love children, reading, movies, nature, creative writing, bike riding, antiques and am an experienced consignment shopper. I have been involved since 1985 with UU congregations in Michigan, Kansas and Minnesota. I live in Scottsdale with my two cats, Chauncey and Maggie, in an apartment that my friends and family call "Kathy's B & B" for obvious reasons. I'm happy to have found my UU home in Phoenix at UUCP!

### **Gary Beals**

I was raised a Catholic, but drew away from the church during the Viet Nam war. I resented the church stance during the war, including its treatment of the Barrigans. Since then, I've been searching for a community compatible with my interests. I feel that UU provides such a community. I'm 73 and a widower. I'm also a working sculptor. As such, I've produced a considerable body of work, which is included in private and business collections throughout the U.S. I've also created two major pieces of Public art in Tempe and Albuquerque. I'm presently building a new home and studio in the Fairview Place Historic District in central Phoenix. I'm looking forward to joining the community and participating in its varied programs.

### **Joseph Gutierrez**

Joe moved here from Springfield,

Illinois some 20 years ago and found the desert quite different than the fertile flat lands where he grew up. Intrigued by the foothills, sunsets and vistas of Phoenix, Joe decided he'd stay awhile and work for the local phone company. After the passing of his mother and father, Joe became involved with social issues, particularly human rights because he remembered his father being very active in his church working for various civic groups, helping the underprivileged and the poor.

People seem to always ask themselves the question "Why are we here on Earth?" or "What is the meaning of life?" Joe's dad never directly told him what the answer to those questions were, but through his actions and example, Joe realized, at least to him, the meaning of life is to help and take care of your fellow human beings any way you can, and that our time here is short and how one uses that time on Earth is important and relevant to the lives of others. Every member and friend of the UUC Joe has met, have all been friendly, warm, kind and generous. Joe says his dad would of loved this congregation and would of been proud to belong here and Joe is too. Thank you for letting me be a part of this community.

### **Gavin Hornbuckle**

I currently teach US Government at Chandler High School and have been very involved in YACM. I would also like to thank UUCP for welcoming me to the congregation so warmly. I have been attending UUCP for about 7 months and have lived in the valley for 2 and 1/2

years. Favorite pastimes include traveling, scuba diving, learning languages and politics.

### **Carrie Anndean Jasberg**

Carrie has been attending the UU church for 5 years, and was a Member of the UU Church of Tucson. Although she is only just becoming "official" at our church today, she's been with us three years, during which time she's been involved in facilitating youth OWL programs, youth RE, and Family Fun Days. She describes herself as an "ideas" person, being drawn to explore why we do what we do as humans, and how we can live our best lives, to our wholest potential. She is a writer, a massage therapist of 10 years, and is working to complete her studies in psychology and sociology. Carrie is mother to 11-year-old Tallan Smith. Carrie and Tallan are a part of Phoenix's thriving homeschool community. Carrie says that if she were asked to sum up her core values in three words, they would be: education, wonder and joy.

### **Rosemary Kerwin**

I am happy to be with another good group of Unitarians. I find that no matter where I go I can always find kindred spirits when I attend a Unitarian service or event. I first joined the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Elgin, Illinois 36 years ago. I am a retired Illinois teacher and recently moved full-time to Scottsdale after being a snowbird for several years. I will miss my other children and grandchildren in Illinois, but I find it is easier to be optimistic in the sun-

shine. My passions are: family, travel, duplicate bridge, and reading. I am attempting to develop a passion for exercise but that has not yet become an addictive habit.

### **Sally McDade**

Born, raised, and lived early adult years in Chicago, I moved here from Akron, Ohio, where I was a member of the UU church for the last 12 years. Made the change because my daughter and her partner had decided to have a baby, with my daughter as the birth mother, and I couldn't stand the thought of being 2000 miles away. Jean teaches ballet and modern dance at Agua Fria High School in the West Valley and needs to return to work full-time in order to have health coverage for the baby, so I have signed on as the nanny. My family also consists of three sons: Bill in the St. Louis, MO area teaches K-5 vocal music; Bob, in Florida, works at the Power and Light Co. in order to do jazz and blues music the rest of the time; he has a 13-year-old son. Philip, in Madison WI, is a free-lance writer and editor, school board member, and house-husband for his three sons, ages 14, 11, and 7.

My college years were at DePauw in Indiana. I have worked as a church secretary, and I worked for 17 years with Planned Parenthood. With a Master's in Family Therapy, I have worked with a grant program trying to help troubled families. Most recently I have helped older women in a transitional housing program. I am delighted to be a part of UUCP. Special thanks to the choir for wel-

coming me so warmly!

### **Heidi Singer**

I've been a UU for over 10 years and a member of two previous UU churches - in Louisville, KY and in Tacoma, WA. Music is my primary spiritual expression so you can find me wherever music is happening. I'm a single parent with one child - my 6 yr old son Dante.

### **Clint Yost**

I was born and raised in southern California. I left California in 1992, lived a short while in Quincy Michigan and then moved to Tulsa Oklahoma where I went to college and earned an Airframe and Power plant license, and shortly thereafter earned my inspection rating. After working a few jobs I moved back to Michigan where I met my lovely wife Ruth. Thankfully I was able to convince Ruth to leave cold and snowy Michigan and head for a warmer latitude. Ruth and I have I child together named Cruz. As a family we enjoy taking our sailboat out to the lakes and enjoying the water. Other fun activities we enjoy together including flying, hiking, and biking. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being so open and kind during

**\*\*\*For your convenience pictures and contact information for our newest members are located on the insert of this month's Horizons. Please put the insert in your new photo directory for future reference.\*\*\***

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Our religious community aspires to:

- Embrace diversity as we engage in the passionate pursuit of Unitarian Universalist principals;
- Share ministry that promotes lifelong spiritual growth through Service, Worship, Ritual and Education thereby inspiring lives of joy and hope;
- Grow and be effective in the greater community.

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